

History takes flight over Hamilton County

See & touch World War II aircraft today & Thursday

The REPORTER

Last October, some readers may recall when Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt was stuck in the 1920s and, among other 1920s experiences, **he flew in one of the world's first commercial airliners**, a Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT, a plane flown by both Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh.

Thanks to an invitation from Experimental Aircraft Association President Nick Boland, we sent our extremely acrophobic publisher into the skies again this week to commemorate the 79th anniversary of D-Day in the very troop transport that led the invasion over Normandy on June 6, 1944.



Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt

“That’s All ... Brother,” the very C-47 which led the Allied Invasion at Normandy, sits at Indianapolis Executive Airport until Thursday afternoon. Don’t miss your chance to see this amazing piece of American history.

Touch history

When: Today and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: First Wing Jet Center (Jet Access), Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville.

Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under 12, free for WWII and Korean War Veterans. Living history flight experiences (rides) range from \$100 to \$385 depending on selected aircraft.

Websites: thatallbrother.org and gulfcoastwing.org



Krammerer told The Reporter. “The plane ended up becoming the lead aircraft of 821 planes that went across the channel dropping over 11,000 para-

troopers on the night of D-Day.” “Bell of Birmingham” was originally slated to be the lead

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Sheridan graduates 79 Blackhawks

Class of 2023 recognizes late classmates Timmy Kinkead & Gavin Petro, honors Macy Mullen ‘13 as Alumnus of the Year for her work with NASA

By **MARY ROBERSON**
For The Reporter

Sheridan High School (SHS) held its 135th commencement ceremony, graduating 79 students last Saturday morning at Larry Hobbs Memorial Hall.

Following the procession and “Star Spangled Banner” by the SHS band and chamber choir, respectively, Class President Grant Ferren welcomed friends, family, and classmates.

Principal Rick Davis introduced co-valedictorians, Chaney Smith and Emily Weddington, who addressed their classmates and the full gymnasium.

Smith talked to the class about how she wants to be remembered, ending her remarks by saying to her classmates, “I hope that you go out there and live your best life, approaching every day the way you want to be remembered.”

Weddington shared in her remarks that her parents hand-picked Sheridan for the advantages of a smaller, close-knit



Photo provided by Sheridan School Corporation

The Sheridan High School Class of 2023 graduated last Saturday.

school. She said the decision “paid off” as she went on to praise her time at SCS and the many opportunities she has experienced. She used her favorite subject, science, as an analog

gy for life, pointing out among other comparisons, “Life is an experiment.” She concluded by talking about how scientists need to collaborate and thanked classmates and other people

who helped her meet her goals. Sheridan’s band and choir both performed. Under the direction of Patrick Cronin,

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Noblesville Schools opens applications for Miller Ambassador program until July 1

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Applications are now open for the Noblesville Schools Miller Ambassadors program.

The Miller Ambassadors program is an engaging, nine-month learning experience for select Noblesville community leaders and school district parents to enjoy a deeper understanding of Noblesville Schools.

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To learn more, visit noblesvilleschools.org/miller-ambassadors.

Apply by July 1 at [this link](#).

Noticing the remarkable

I have always enjoyed the change of seasons. There is something about this time of year that you can physically see the demeanor of people change.

I feel more energized and lighter. More people are out and about as I drive home from work, the sun stays out, and bedtimes begin to relax. The stalks on my irises and daylilies are taller each day. We eat out less and our grill becomes our primary appliance. I love the aroma of someone else grilling when you’re out for a walk in your neighborhood. This is the time of year when our patio becomes our dining room. I love the baby animals I see all over my yard.

Things are less complicated this time of year and the normal day-to-day grind is slowly replaced with leisurely days.

I love seeing the little squirrels chasing each other and the little nest the mama bird has entrusted her eggs in the lilac bush. I love the baby bunnies that begin to emerge and venture around my garden, only to quickly scamper back to their safe places when they hear a human or one of my dogs.

I love seeing the blooms on the trees, the aroma of my sweet-smelling roses, and making bouquets from my own garden. I treasure my trips to the flower nurseries like a child being taken to the ice cream shop. I nearly salivate when I get my veggies planted and I love how my nails look with dirt under them. I will spend the next two months barefoot, and I love it.

This is the time of rebirth and revitalization. It is a time to slow down and take a breath; a time of renewal, warmth, green, blossoms, and growth. It is the great awakening in our garden as we usher in summer. It is the return of bumblebees, dragonflies, and butterflies.

I have a two-year-old and a four-year-old. The simple excitement of being outside and drawing with sidewalk chalk, walking to our neighborhood playground, spreading a blanket for a family picnic, seeing the first hummingbird of the season, blowing bubbles, playing catch, and riding bikes is pure joy for them.

I treasure the moments spent in the car with my children when one of them notices the blooms on the trees or looks up at the buzzing of the hummingbird on our feeders.

Everything through their eyes is magical. They have such an appreciation for the ordinary things we as adults stop noticing and take for granted. The idea of planting a seed and a flower germinating is truly remarkable to my children. I’m not sure why so many of us adults stop noticing and relishing the miracle of nature.



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

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Get tickets now for White River Wind Symphony’s July 2 concert in Fishers

Submitted

The White River Wind Symphony, which is the professional concert band in Fishers, announces its seventh annual Sounds of America concert on 5:30 p.m. on July 2 at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers.

The theme of this year’s concert, comprised entirely of American music, is “The Sound of Music,” and it includes selections of music from all the places in life we hear the sounds of music: Broadway (from the show with the theme name of the concert), film, TV, parade, circus, church, ballet, radio, armed forces, and more.

Guest soloist Mindy Root, an exceptionally gifted professional singer, will perform an extended version of the National Anthem to kick off the concert. The concert will conclude with the national march of the United States of America, John Philip Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever.” Peter McMonigle will serve as narrator.

The concert will be conducted by Dr. Keith Kunda, music director of Fishers Music Works, which is the parent organization of the White River Wind Symphony and the White River Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Fishers-MusicWorks.org. Anyone under 18 may obtain a free ticket at the same website.

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Photos provided by Megan Rathz
Megan Rathz's garden is full of nature's remarkable beauty, like this iris (left) and a robin's nest in a lilac bush (right).

May this season afford the opportunity for you to notice the remarkable in nature. Instead of focusing on our dandelions and thistle, lawn mower tuneups, and cleaning the air conditioner and gutters, find a reason to stop and take in the magic of this season.

Author Ruth Stout summarizes this season when she said, "I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose, I would always greet it in a garden."

I could not agree with

her more. Nature is speaking to us. Is it inviting us to step back into our gardens this season and make room for new growth, new habitats, and new opportunities for beauty in our own backyard. More than anything, nature is affording us the chance to take in the magic of this season happening all around us. Are you paying attention?

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.



Photos provided by Sheridan School Corporation
(Above) Principal Rick Davis addresses the class. (Top right) Dr. Dave Mundy addresses graduates. (Bottom right) Alumnus of the Year Macy Mullen '13 poses in front of the periodic table of elements that she painted at Sheridan High School as a student over 10 years ago. With her is her high school chemistry teacher John Terhune.

the band performed "The Phantom of the Opera Medley."

In honor of deceased classmates, Timmy Kinkead and Gavin Petro, the choir under the direction of Libby Doublestein performed "Memories" arranged by Beck. In addition, as allowed by the State of Indiana, a posthumous diploma was presented to the family of Gavin Petro.

Graduating seniors selected Macy Mullen as the Alumnus of the Year. Mullen graduated from SHS in

2013, and after graduating from Purdue with a major in chemistry, began work at NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida. She has worked as a principal investigator for the NASA Investigative Chemistry Laboratory for five years identifying unknown contaminants from spacecraft, satellites, launch pads, or rocket systems using microscopy and other chemical analysis techniques.

In her introduction, Principal Davis shared that students are familiar with



Mullen because during her time at SHS, she painted the periodic table that still graces the west hall. In addition, he stated, "She has been recognized at the Kennedy Space Center with an Engi-

neering Excellence Award, multiple on the spot awards in support of the Artemis and Commercial Crew Programs, and was most recently recognized in a group achievement award by NASA Headquarters. Her favorite investigations so far have been characterizing re-entry combustion products from Boeing's Starliner spacecraft and NASA's Orion spacecraft after its journey around the moon."

Mullen talked about her path to NASA and told graduates.

"You know to seize opportunities but be prepared for them to not look like what you expected," Mullen said. "When you are uncomfortable, you are learning, growing, and improving." She ended her remarks by quoting her NASA mentor who encourages her: "Work hard; play hard."

Principal Davis addressed the class with words of encouragement before he and Dr. Melissa Hampton presented students with their diplomas. Davis encouraged students to "not settle for less than your potential, discover your gifts and share them with the world, shine brightly, be a positive light for others, and finally, follow YOUR dreams to success."

Graduate Emma Sutton gave a class history before she and Dr. Dave Mundy conducted the tassel ceremony. Davis commented that it was fitting that Sutton provide the class history given that her future plans are to attend Ball State to become a history teacher.

Following the ceremony, graduates and families gathered on the front lawn for pictures and conversation, as students said their final goodbyes to high school.

Following graduation Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy commented, "Graduation is a great day for the SCS board, administration and staff. We are grateful for our time with this exceptional group of students and wish them all the very best. We know they will do great things."

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aircraft, but it didn't have the advanced equipment needed to follow the pathfinders which had been laid out for the pre-dawn D-Day flight.

According to Krammerer, most C47s carry 14 or 15 paratroopers, but “That's All ... Brother” held less because of the weight of the extra tracking equipment and the size of the crew.

“That's All ... Brother” was named by the crew as a message to Hitler. After the end of WWII, it was forgotten and slated to be scrapped in an aircraft boneyard until someone researched the tail number and realized this was D-Day's lead plane.

Neither the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, nor the Smithsonian were willing to take on the job of restoring it, so CAF stepped up and held a fundraiser to bring it back into service.

“They spent two and a half to three million dollars restoring it, completely stripped it down to bare frame,” Krammerer said. “Everything was inspected so basically it was a new plane built and started building in 2015.”

In 2019, “That's All ... Brother” returned to Normandy to fly at the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

The restoration process included sourcing or re-manufacturing all the original equipment and even the original paint job. This includes an error on the nose. On one side of the nose, the opening quotation mark in the name, “That's All ... Brother” is missing, as it was in 1944.

The black and white “invasion stripes” were a way to allow Allied anti-aircraft to identify friendly planes. That paint scheme was kept secret until two days before D-Day, when all 821 planes needed to be painted before the allied invasion. In the rush and with limited supplies, the stripes were painted with brushes, rags, mops, and anything else



Reporter photos by Stu Clappitt

(Top) If you look closely, you can see a patch of the stripe behind the door on “That's All ... Brother” is unpainted, just like it was on D-Day 79 years ago. (Above) A view from behind the cockpit while flying in this historic plane on the anniversary of D-Day.

available.

“That's All ... Brother” has intentionally messy edges on the invasion stripes, and the restorers even left a small patch of green on the left side of the plane, just behind the door, that was missed in the rush job in 1944.

Gulf Coast Wing's C-45

“Our C-45 from World War II was painted in Navy colors, so the Navy would have called it a JRB,” Brian Kossier told The Reporter.

The Beechcraft Model 18 (C-45) is a twin-engine, low-wing, tailwheel light aircraft manufactured by the Beech Aircraft Corporation of Wichita, Kan. Continuously produced from 1937 to November 1969, over 9,000 were built, making it one of the world's most widely used light aircraft.

“We have it set up as

an Admiral transport, so it's the nicest warbird ride you could ever take, with a leather interior,” Kosier said. “These were a very, very versatile aircraft. They could be used as trainers. When the cadets got out of the AT-6s – single-engine trainers – and wanted to fly something heavier like the C-47 or the B-17s, they would go into this aircraft for multi-engine training.”

The C-45 was also used in other training roles, aside from pilot training.

“They could also be used for long-distance navigation training,” Kosier said. “They could be modified, put a glass dome, or a glass nose on, and they would use for bombardier training. They could also put a turret on the top, about midship, and they would be used for air gunnery practice.

So they filled lots of training roles, as well as moving cargo and small amounts of troops around. The plane allowed them to get in and out of short runways, as well as moving high brass to base to base.”

The C-45 Beechcraft can take up to five passengers. Four people can ride in the back for \$100 each and a co-pilot seat is available for \$200.

Through Thursday, June 8, you can book flights in advance at gulfcoastwing.org or in-person at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville.

Our acrophobic publisher was not quite up for a ride in the AT6 Texan/SNJ, but if you take that flight, The Reporter would be happy to talk to you about your experience.



Reporter photo by Stu Clappitt

Mark Zunk spoke with The Reporter and posed for this photo after a flight on “That's All ... Brother” taken in memory of his uncle.

A personal connection to D-Day

By STU CLAPPITT | news@readthereporter.com

On Tuesday morning, only hours from the moment 79 years ago when American paratroopers were jumping from the C-47A named “That's All ... Brother,” The Reporter was among those flying in that same aircraft, sitting in the same seats as those soldiers, hearing the same engine sounds they did.

On that flight there was a man names Mark Zunk, whom The Reporter found holding the wings that belonged to his uncle, Harry Brown, PFC, 501st Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Brown was one of the men who did not come home from D-Day.

“His plane went down on the way in,” Zunk told The Reporter. “He didn't come home. His personal effects came home.”

Brown's U.S. Army 101st Airborne Wing pin was among those effects.

“He had three sisters and no brothers,” Zunk said. “My mother had his wings years ago. She gave them to me and said, ‘I'm giving these to you because you're the one who will remember.’”

Zunk did remember, and when he learned the lead aircraft from D-Day was coming to the Indianapolis area, he knew what he had to do.

“I saw they were coming to Indy. I said, ‘wow,’” Zunk said. “And when I saw it was going to be June 6th, I said, ‘this is a sign.’”

Zunk lives in Indianapolis, as did his uncle.

“My uncle also was from Indy, attended Washington High School, and was an all-city football player,” Zunk said. “Now he's buried in Calvary Cemetery. His parents had his remains brought home when the time came to close the American Cemetery in Normandy, where the government said, ‘We're not going to remove any more remains. This is the time if you want them.’ His parents had his remains brought home.”

Zunk told The Reporter this flight was something he felt he needed to do.

“It was something I wanted to do for him, and it just meant a lot,” Zunk said. “It was very emotional.”



Reporter photos

(Top left) Jason Spartz, CAF pilot Jim Ryan, and Sid Davis take a moment for a photo after flying over Hamilton County on June 6. (Top right, from left) Sam Sachs, Jim Ryan, Samantha Comar, Cameron Beck, and Cody Horn were the first to fly out of Indianapolis Executive Airport in the Beechcraft Monday afternoon, June 5. (Above left) Publisher Stu Clappitt and CAF pilot Jim Ryan kick back after a flight on June 6. Clappitt looks pretty calm now that he's back on solid ground. (Above right) Gulf Coast Wing's C-45 is available for flights through Thursday.

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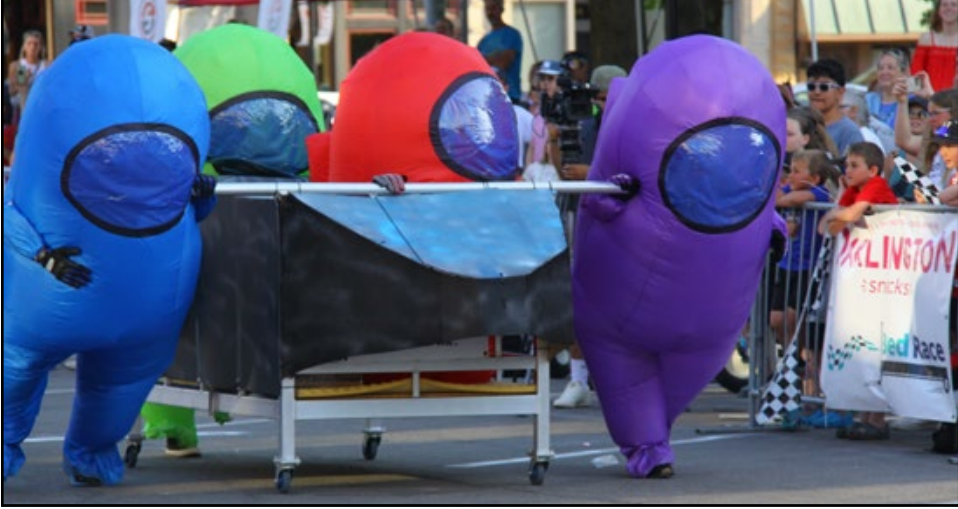


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Grilling & dunking & music, oh my!

Noblesville's Race Weekend 2023 drew crowds for a plethora of reasons: the Noblesville Lions Grillin' on the Square, the Darlington Bed Race, the Noblesville Main Street Rubber Duck Race, live entertainment, vendors, a dunk tank ... to paraphrase children's author Mike McClintock, this list could go on all day and night. It could you know, and it just might! (Reporter photos by Nik Roberts)



Take me to the river of rubber duckies

For the last two years The Hamilton County Reporter has thrown down that feathered gauntlet to support Noblesville Main Street's (NMS) Annual Duck Race, and both times we have been proud to see our duck call answered! The following are the businesses & individuals who bought 100 Duck Race tickets each and the non-profits promised the donations if they won:

Hamilton County Reporter (supporting The Feeding Team), **Johnson & Company** (supporting Nickel Plate Express), **CCHA** (supporting Noblesville Main Street), **Noblesville Magazine** (supporting Fifty Club), **Dick & Margaret Gordon** (supporting Bridge of Flowers), and **Adam Grubb Media** (supporting Noblesville Youth Assistance Program).

In the end, NMS, itself a non-profit, was the biggest winner of the day. Not only did they get the proceeds not wing-marked for prizes, but a pair of local philanthropists who asked to remain anonymous to our readers had Saturday's fastest rubber duck and gave all the money to NMS. What the flock!? How did such a good organization get so lucky?

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(Above, from left) The Rubber Ducky Wranglers: Charlotte Brewer, Matt Brewer, and Chris Johnson.



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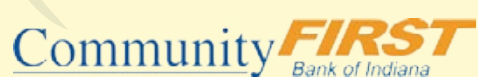
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First surprised at 65



June 3, friends gathered – or rather, conspired – at DeLullo's Trattoria, 230 W. Jackson St., Cicero, to make sure Emily's Pearson's 65th birthday was one she will never forget. Pearson said several times that no one had successfully thrown a surprise party for her before. Someone tried once, but word got out. All this one took was a conspiracy between the media, law enforcement, government employees and private citizens. Now that's a public-private partnership we can endorse! Happy birthday, Emily, from all your many friends across Hamilton County.

Reporter photo



Photo provided
Sheridan Lion Bob Boone (left) was recognized for 35 years of membership.

Sheridan Fish Fry will return to town's Community Center

By **CHUCK GODBY**
For The Reporter

It was once considered one of Sheridan's premiere social events until COVID forced changes to the local Lions Club Fish Fry. It went from an annual packed house at the Community Center to a drive-thru on Main Street.

Now, the Sheridan Lions have joined forces with the Sheridan Fire Department to continue the tradition in a new, old-fashioned way.

At the May 3 meeting, the Sheridan Lions Club voted once again to join with the fire department, but return the Fish Fry to the Community Center where people can once again enjoy all-they-can-eat Alaskan Pollock and the company of

neighbors, friends and family.

This year's Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday, June 10.

Also during the meeting, the Lions heard Chad Able speak of The Hoosier Burn Camp, a place in Brookston, Ind., where young burn victims attend a one-week summer camp. The Sheridan Lions Club donates money to the camp where it costs nearly \$1,000 per camper. The camp has grown to as many as 75 campers.

At the May 17 meeting, the Club enjoyed a visit from District Governor Eric Schuman, who recognized the local service club for its 5 percent increase in membership. Schuman also honored Lion Bob Boone for his 35 years of membership.

Community News

Atlanta's Town-wide Rummage Sale

Atlanta Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Farley announced Thursday that the Town of Atlanta will hold its annual town-wide rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 10.

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Heathers: The Musical uses dark comedy to illustrate human flaws & imperfections

By **DANIEL SHOCK**
A Seat on the Aisle

One of the joys of parenthood, for me, has been curating my children's movie education. *Heathers* has a special place – a raw, darkly funny tale of teenage life that I introduced when they were on the brink of adulthood themselves.

The movie *Heathers* was released on March 31, 1989 – the same year that I graduated from high school and started college. I don't know if I have ever been more perfectly positioned to love a movie as I was to love that particular one.

Recently, I made my way to The Phoenix Theatre with my 20-year-old daughter Gloria. We were there to wit-

ness a unique blend of past and present: Eclipse's production of *Heathers: The Musical* – Laurence O'Keefe's and Kevin Murphy's stage adaptation of the film *Heathers*, which earned two Drama Desk nominations in 2014. As part of the Summer Stock Stage, the Eclipse program has been nurturing young artists since 2017, infusing the Indianapolis theatre scene with refreshing energy and creativity.

In the seemingly average Westerberg High School of 1989, 17-year-old Veronica Sawyer (Taryn Feuer) finds herself navigating the treacherous waters of social hierarchy. Veronica's old friend, Martha Dunnstock (Kallie Ann Tarkleson), suffers at the hands of the



Photo by Zach Rosing

(From left) Veronica Sawyer (played by Taryn Feuer) joins the *Heathers* – Heather McNamara (Kha'Lea Wainwright), Heather Chandler (Isabella Agresta), and Heather Duke (Micah Friedman).

school's jocks, Ram Sweeney (DaSean McLucas) and Kurt Kelly (Hayden Elefante), while the school is reigned over by the notorious *Heathers*: the submissive Heather McNamara (Kha'Lea Wainwright), the

image-conscious and insecure Heather Duke (Micah Friedman), and the queen bee, Heather Chandler (Isabella Agresta). Veronica's knack for forgery earns her a place in their inner circle, providing a front-row seat to the harsh realities of teenage life.

The arrival of the enigmatic and rebellious Jason "J.D." Dean (Charlie Steiner) stirs the pot further. His cryptic remarks and dismissive attitude toward the school's social structure captivate Veronica. Their relationship intensifies, leading them down a dark path that tests their morality and loyalty. Their actions shake the school to its core, amplifying the complexities of teenage angst and societal pressures.

As the school reels from the aftermath of Veronica and J.D.'s choices, the remaining characters grapple with the consequences. The adults, portrayed by Eric J. Olson and Jared McElroy, are largely oblivious to the turmoil, while Ms. Fleming (Emily Ristine), a guidance counselor, tries her best to mediate the escalating tensions. An unexpected shift in power, brewing resentments, and escalating tensions lead to a series of confrontations, revealing hidden layers and ugly truths.

Movie-to-stage adaptations are not a sure thing. Would the dark satire translate to the stage? Could the cast capture the iconic vibe of the original? I need not have worried. I was blown away by the show's performance. It wasn't just a faithful adaptation of a beloved film; it was an engaging experience that expanded

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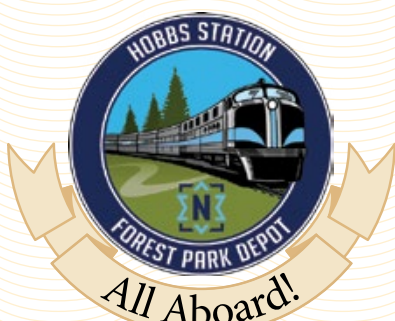
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cover Marienplatz, Munich celebrated market squares. Finally, travel to Stuttgart, home to the head offices of Mercedes Benz and Porsche. You'll conclude your journey by returning to Frankfurt and seeing the old town of Heidelberg.

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HEATHERS

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(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Kurt Kelly (played by Haden Elefante), Veronica Sawyer (Taryn Feuer), and Ram Sweeney (DaSean McLucas). (ABOVE RIGHT) Jason "J.D." Dean (played by Charlie Steiner) in a scene with Veronica Sawyer (Taryn Feuer).

upon the story and actually improved it.

Taryn Feuer as Veronica and Charlie Steiner as J.D. were fantastic in the lead roles. Feuer's Veronica was simultaneously vulnerable and determined; her rendition of "Seventeen" and "Dead Girl Walking" were both moving in their longing and resignation. Steiner's J.D. brought an engaging complexity to his brooding bad boy role, particularly in "Brain Freeze," effectively embodying the enigmatic rebel.

The three Heathers – Isabella Agresta, Micah Friedman, and Kha'Lea Wainwright – were absolute show stealers. They electrified as soon as they made their entrance ... attitudes and costumes were on point! Their performances of "Candy Store," "Never Shut-Up Again," and "Lifeboat," respectively, were some of the brightest spots in the show, delivering on the vicious charm and multifaceted personalities of their characters.

The endearing Martha Dunnstock, brought to life by Kallie Ann Tarkleston, was a heartfelt performance that tugged at the heartstrings. Her number, "Kindergarten Boyfriend," was a standout moment of vulnerability and resilience.

Emily Ristine portrayed the well-meaning but obliviously inappropriate Ms.

Fleming with a perfect balance of comedy and sincerity. Hayden Elefante and DaSean McLucas excelled as the detestable jocks Kurt and Ram, bringing the right mix of absurdity and menace. Eric J. Olson and Jared McElroy's rendition of "My Dead Gay Son" was another moment of comic perfection.

The ensemble, including Cora Lucas, Ben Holland, Elijah Baxter, Olivia Broadwater, and Jane Kaefer, was first rate. Each contributed to success of the whole. I loved watching their faces when they were not the center of attention because they were engaged and contributing at all times.

Heathers: The Musical was a stunning production that lived up to, and perhaps even surpassed, the movie. The cast made it their own. I will not soon forget the experience of this show.

Director Maria Amenabar Farias, in collaboration with her production team, has created a memorable experience in *Heathers: The Musical*. Choreographer Sean Blake, Costume Designer Allison Jones, Sound Designer Zach Rosing, Music Director Jericho Hughes, Set Designer Nick Kilgore, and Lighting Designer Tim Dick have all contributed to this compelling rendition. The standout elements were undoubtedly the costuming and the inventive lighting

design which showcased the iconic "Heathers Colors."

Despite its comedy, *Heathers: The Musical* explores dark themes with a satirical edge, providing a critical commentary on societal norms and human imperfection. As such, it is intended for a mature audience. The show is not a manual for life but rather an artistic representation that illuminates human flaws and invites audiences to reflect on, and even laugh at, our worst instincts and behaviors.

The production contains adult language, substance abuse, suicide, murder, and bullying themes. These elements, while potentially shocking or upsetting, are crucial to the narrative and its thematic exploration. Hence, viewer discretion is advised to ensure that audiences can appreciate this dark comedy's intended messages while being aware of its challenging content.

Heathers: The Musical is currently running at The Phoenix Theatre, located at 705 N. Illinois St. in downtown Indianapolis. The show's schedule and tickets purchases are available by contacting the box office at (317) 635-7529 or online at phoenixtheatre.org/buy-tickets.

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Columnist Fred Swift has worked in newspapers for decades. He has been sharing his opinions in the pages of *The Reporter* since it began. Email him at swift-fred19@gmail.com.



Beckwith

with “During these turbulent times, the people of Indiana deserve a Lt. Governor who is more than a ceremonial appointment or yes person,” Beckwith said. “They need a proactive Lt. Governor who will fight for our constitutional rights, lead the war against the woke culture and get the politics out of the classroom. As a father, I want my children to grow up in a free democracy, not a socialist society. I am not going to sit

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Beckwith is a proud father, devoted husband, pastor, and small business owner. He and his wife, Susan, and their two children have been serving Hamilton County and surrounding areas for over 15 years. He is a graduate of Huntington University with a degree in business and economics.

Currently, Beckwith teaches a high-school constitutional literacy class for a Christian school in Carmel. He also co-hosts the popular podcast *Jesus, Sex and Politics* with Pastor Nathan Peternel. Beckwith is an inspirational speaker and has served as the keynote speaker for several not-for-profit and community groups, and over the past year he has toured the state as an advocate for healthcare freedom. He currently serves in leadership positions for several organizations, including Noblesville Campus Pastor

on the sidelines and hope for the best. I am stepping forward to do my part in saving our state and build a brighter future for every child."

In the past, the gubernatorial nominee has picked a Lt. Governor who is then appointed at the Republican Convention by the delegates. Beckwith says he believes that the people deserve a choice. That's why he is breaking with tradition and running for Lt. Governor.

"The voters need a say in who will be second in charge of our state," Beckwith said. "It should be the choice of the people not just one person. Like the position of Governor, I believe that a candidate must present their case to the voters, so I am launching an 11-month job interview with my fellow Hoosiers for the position of Lt. Governor. They are going to know why it will be better with Beckwith."

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How local businesses can maximize dollars & results with digital marketing

In today's digital landscape, all businesses seek to stand out and resonate with their target audience.

One of the most effective ways to increase exposure with a specific market

is through strategic digital marketing efforts. Even if a business only has a limited budget to work with, digital marketing may be the best use of a company's time and dollars, especially if they're looking to quickly generate revenue, customers, and awareness.

Digital marketing can effectively and efficiently meet an organization's marketing goals, when executed correctly. With strategic selection of channels, platforms and tactics, digital marketing can accomplish almost any marketing objective throughout the funnel. There is no one-size-fits-all approach, but the four tips below will help you achieve the best return on investment (ROI) on your next digital marketing campaign.

1. At the start of the campaign, identify and understand your goals, target audience and messaging.

To be successful, it's necessary for local businesses to first determine their goals. Sometimes, reaching a specific audience is a primary objective. If so, identifying and researching where you can reach your audience is the first step. Your entire digital strategy will stem from your goals.

It's also important to ensure your message is customized for your target audi-



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ence. Determine what you want your audience to learn about your product or service or identify what action you want them to take. Every organization is unique, and highlighting what sets your organization apart from the competition will assist with messaging and goal setting.

2. Keep messaging & content consistent, clear and strong.

Keeping user experience consistent with messaging is key throughout a digital marketing campaign. Even if it's a small piece of creative content associated with a digital ad, it needs to look and feel like your brand, so customers associate the messaging, color, and creative design with your company. This helps to establish trust and recognition for your business.

Building concise and clear content to engage your audience is also important, since jargon won't engage your audience and can fizzle a campaign quickly.

Put in the effort before launching a digital campaign to ensure your brand and user experience is strong, with an easy-to-navigate website or landing page that will drive conversions and a value proposition that centers around your buyer and how it solves their biggest problems.

3. Consider the channels.

Digital campaign success comes from a strong strategy rather than a large budget. Your target audience will use many channels, so

it's important to determine which channel aligns with your strategy and will lead to awareness, conversions, and the nurturing of prospects.

There are several different options your business can utilize, including: search engine optimization (SEO), search engine marketing (SEM), social media marketing, content marketing, email marketing, video marketing, podcast advertising and more.

The timeline you have set for results will impact which channels are selected. With a limited budget, consider the following:

- How quickly do I need results? What are your short and long-term goals?
- What type of creative is needed for each platform?
- Do you have resources that can support asset creation, landing pages, and website development?

Answering those questions will help determine the right channels for your campaign and whether that should include organic or paid advertising.

4. Set up effective measurement and reporting.

Throughout a campaign, ensure your established goals are properly tracked. This can be done through Google Analytics. Use the goals you have set as key performance indicators (KPIs) in Google Analytics to know what success looks like. Reviewing the data allows you to recognize wins and identify opportunities for improvement.

For example, targeting your specific audience is essential, but using analytics to ensure your limited bud-

get is being spent wisely is an important KPI.

Also, determine if your conversions moved into new opportunities for sales. These ratios can forecast the value of your pipeline and how much new revenue to expect from your marketing campaign.

There is limitless potential for companies to increase their ROI through digital marketing efforts. By identifying clear goals, target audiences, the proper channels, a comprehensive strategy and KPIs, local businesses can set themselves up for success in the digital realm.

About the Author

Julie Warnecke is the Founder and CEO of **Found Search Marketing**, an agency specializing in performance digital marketing. Before creating FoundSM, she was the fourth employee at Google on the AdWords Ad Operations team from 2001-2006. During her tenure, she worked on initiatives such as launching AdWords Select, a new CPC platform that changed the digital landscape forever and the industry changing AOL syndication deal, which helped to assist an advertiser support infrastructure.

In 2006, Warnecke's passions for helping businesses grow through data-driven and results-oriented advertising sparked a new venture, and she created Found Search Marketing. With a client retention rate of 95 percent year after year, she and her team at FoundSM have mastered the formula to continuously deliver outstanding results for clients.

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CareSource launches first dental home model for Hoosier providers & members

The REPORTER
CareSource, a nationally recognized managed care entity, has announced the launch of Indiana’s first dental home program for Indiana Medicaid members and providers.

The model will formally pair more than 175,000 CareSource members with a dental provider, who is responsible for coordinating their dental care. This innovative model ensures a member’s oral health care is managed in a comprehensive, accessible, culturally competent, and family-centered way, by a trusted, licensed primary dental provider.

The dental home model will encourage and support positive and lasting relationships between dentists and patients through regular access to dental care for members and their families. Members of the Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy In-



diana Plan programs will have the option to select any Indiana Medicaid-enrolled dental provider or have one chosen for them by CareSource based on claims history, family history, and/or geographic location.

“It can be a struggle to know where to begin when it comes to locating and selecting dental providers,” said Dr. Kimberly Koch, market dental director for CareSource Indiana. “We are thrilled to bring the dental home model to our Hoosier members and help them build strong relationships with their dentists while placing a greater focus on the importance of preventative dental care.”

Research on the use of the dental home model has pointed to several member benefits. In 2015, a study published by Health Affairs showed higher rates of preventative dental services and fewer instances of emergency dental visits among Medicaid-enrolled children connected to care through the dental home model. Additional research published by the Journal of Public Health Dentistry and The American Journal of Public Health has shown that the dental home

model has been linked to lower rates of untreated dental problems among children and increased access to preventative services such as fluoride treatments and dental sealants.

“Proper access to dental care is essential, particularly for children,” Dr. Koch said. “This enhancement is just one of the many ways in which CareSource is making lasting differences in our members’ lives.”

[Click here](#) for more information on CareSource’s dental care or to learn more about the dental home model.

38 Hamilton County students make Dean’s List at Wabash College

The REPORTER
Wabash College has announced that 38 Hamilton County students are on the Dean’s List for the spring 2023 semester.

They are:

- Vincent Alexander, Carmel
- Thomas Alexander, Fishers
- Stuart Anker, Carmel
- Joseph Barnett, Westfield
- Patrick Beam, Westfield
- Caden Beckwith, Fishers
- Jehan Boyers, Carmel
- James Daniken, Carmel
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- Nolan Ring, Carmel
- Augustin Sanchez, Carmel
- Justin Santiago, Westfield
- Aidan Walker, Noblesville
- Benjamin Wallace, Westfield
- Jacob Weber, Fishers

These students are among the 371 Dean’s List students who maintained a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale.


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Four local students make Dean’s List at Iowa State

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More than 9,800 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester Dean’s List.

Four Hamilton County students are among them. They include:

- Ella Pauline Case, Fishers, year 1, Biology (AGLS)
- Morgan E. Reigeluth, Fishers, year 4, Interior Design
- Zachary T. Steinmetz, Fishers, year 4, Genetics (AGLS)
- Isabelle Woodward, Carmel, year 3, Entrepreneurship

Students named to the Dean’s List must have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Two Hamilton County students make Dean’s List at Bucknell University

The REPORTER
Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., has released the dean’s list for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. They are:

- Ava Aguilar of Fishers, Class of 2025, is studying political science.
- Colin Lasek of Carmel, Class of 2026, has not yet declared a major.

A student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean’s list recognition.

Two Westfield students make Dean’s List at Morehead State

The REPORTER
Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky., has released its Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. Two students from Westfield were on the list: Peighton Lee Isley and Kinsey Elizabeth McAfee.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average for the current semester.

To view the full list, visit moreheadstate.edu/deanslist.

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| The Carmel Police Department Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023. | TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville. |
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Local artists to perform at the Palladium in Carmel

The REPORTER

Now in its second season, New Works: An Arts Commission Project is an initiative by the Center for the Performing Arts to promote and sustain central Indiana's working artists and arts communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works across all performing arts disciplines.

The three winning proposals selected by the judging panel will be presented on stage at the Palladium, with a talkback discussion following the performances. The performances are set for 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. **Suits by Emily Franks & En Pointe Indiana Ballet**

Suits is an original dance piece incorporating various styles and techniques, including ballet, contemporary, Graham and jazz, to be

performed by 19 pre-professional student dancers from Noblesville-based En Pointe Indiana Ballet.

Franks, an En Pointe instructor and former dancer with Dance Kaleidoscope, is choreographing a story based on her own career transition from professional dance to office-based work. The narrative is a mystery about a stolen document, set amid the human dynamics of corporate culture.

Open Heart Surgery by Jamey Guzman

Open Heart Surgery is a contemporary opera modeled after a TV medical drama and featuring three singers and several live musicians from Bloomington-based New Voices Opera.

Composer Guzman, who explores themes involving historically under-represented communities, is

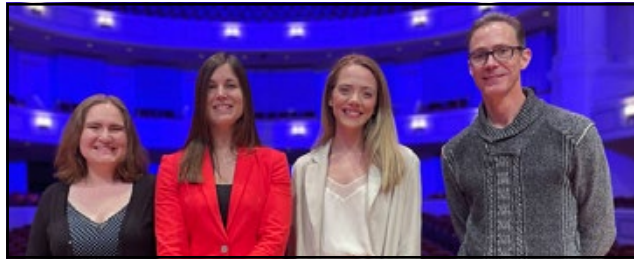


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This Saturday, June 10, you can see all three 'New Works' performances for free at the Palladium.

collaborating with librettist Caroline Cao to tell the story of a young doctor caught between her dreams of working in film and her immigrant family's expectations of a career in medicine.

Boon Bestowed by Cecily Terhune

Boon Bestowed is a four-movement work for solo classical saxophone and electronic looper pedal, composed by Katie Madonna Lee and performed by Carmel-based musician

and music educator Cecily Terhune.

Each movement will feature one instrument from the standard saxophone quartet – soprano, alto, tenor and baritone – and each will represent a powerful female archetype: nurturer, leader, activist and teacher. A projected slideshow of images will accompany the music.

Click here to get your free tickets for these performances.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:4-7 (NIV)

Jane Autumn (Herrin) Miessen

June 17, 1932 – November 2, 2022

Jane Autumn (Herrin) Miessen joined her daughter, Connie Moore, and her husband, Kenneth Miessen, in heaven along with several other family members on November 2, 2022.



Jane was born in Indianapolis to Orville and Geneva Herrin on June 17, 1932. In 1956, we moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. She had several jobs during her life. Two of her favorites were being a babysitter and many years at AT&T as an information operator. She was so proud to have reached her 90th birthday. If you asked her how she was, it was always, "Peachy."

Jane was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Miessen; daughter, Connie Moore; a son-in-law, Greg Chipman; a brother, Gene Herrin; sister-in-law, Joan (Herrin) Estes; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Donald & Ruth Miessen and Raymond & Crystal Miessen.

She is survived by her three daughters, Beth & Kevin Hannig and children, Holly (Jason) Olsen and Casey (DJ) Perzanowski; Lou Anne Chipman and children, Ben (Lexi) Chipman and Matt Chipman; and Diane (Kay (Butch) Weeda and children, Christin (Rob) Prokopy, Kay (Wendy) Weeda III; and son-in-law, Tom Moore and children, Quixada Moore-Vissing and Christopher Moore-Vissing.

She also had nine great-grandchildren, Morgan Doane, Ashleigh McComb, Kaden and Rylan Olsen, Robert and Keira Prokopy, Beau and Kyla Perzanowski, and Ruby Chipman.

Jane had several nieces and nephews, Rob Herrin, Julie Muncy, John Herrin, Denny Miessen, Becky Barnes, and Don (Richard) Miessen.

Jane's funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023, at Aldersgate UMC Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 4301 Ambrose Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525; or the American Cancer Society Michigan, P.O. Box 10069, Detroit, MI 48210.

Indiana Grown highlights Hoosier products

The REPORTER

Indiana Grown, the state's agriculture branding initiative, held its first annual June Marketplace on Saturday. This event welcomed hundreds of Hoosiers to the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center to sip, sample, and shop from over 50 Indiana Grown member businesses.

"It was a wonderful experience to welcome so many Hoosiers and over 50 Indiana Grown members to the Indiana State Fairgrounds today," Indiana Grown Director Caroline Patrick said. "We are so excited for this event to continue to grow alongside our program."

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Indiana Grown initiative was created to promote products that are grown or made by Hoosiers, for Hoosiers. From fresh food grown from Hoosier soil to

artisan goods crafted with care, this program is here to help Hoosiers discover what Indiana has to offer.

June Marketplace visitor Cuauhtemoc Gomez from Westfield said, "This was a great experience for a first-time event. I loved the variety."

Mary Hobbs, owner of Beehive Body Company from Mount Summit, Ind., said she was thankful for the community support.

"We're thankful for the community coming out and embracing new things," Hobbs said. "Without the community we couldn't do what we do every day. We live a dream."

Indiana's diverse agricultural landscape spans nearly 19 million acres of farms and forests. More than 56,000 farming operations make Indiana the eighth largest farming state in the nation.

By allowing members to



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Hamilton County's own Becky the Baker was one of many Hoosier businesses on hand last Saturday at the first Indiana Grown event. Click here to see more photos from the event.

use the Indiana Grown logo on their products, the initiative aims to form a clearer designation of which products truly come from Indiana. Additionally, the Indiana Grown logo also helps Hoosiers easily identify and buy these local products.

The June Marketplace was a one-stop shop for finding Hoosier-produced jams and jellies, wine, body care, plants, art, pottery, and more.

Visit IndianaGrown.org for more information about Indiana Grown and its members.



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Boys Golf Sectionals

It's all coming together for Royals

Southeastern's Upchurch & Warner lead way for team at Noblesville sectional

The REPORTER

The “old” Royals on the Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team are leaving a legacy, the young Royals are making their mark, and it’s all coming together to bring success for Southeastern.

The No. 3-ranked Royals triumphed at the Noblesville sectional, which took place Monday at Harbour Trees. Southeastern won its first sectional since 2015 (and fifth overall) with a strong team score of 292. The host and No. 14 Millers finished second with a 304, while Tipton placed third with a 316. All three teams will advance to the Muncie Central regional Thursday at the Players Club.

Two Southeastern youngsters led the way for their team at the sectional. Freshman Mattingly Upchurch and sophomore Kai Warner both carded 72s, which made them part of a three-way tie for second place individually. Tipton’s Maverick Conaway scored a one-under par 70 for medalist honors.

The veteran players were also consistent as well, with senior Cole Starnes scoring a 73, placing him fifth individually and giving the Royals three of the top five individuals. Junior Nate Benson adding a 75 and senior Lane Zedrick scoring an 81.

Royals coach David Young uses the word “transference” when it comes to the senior class and the legacy they are passing along to the younger golfers on the team. “They’ve heard me say it a lot,” said Young. “It doesn’t matter what you can do. It also matters what you can leave behind. Transference is our graduating senior class. What can you leave behind in the younger players? So that’s a big focus of our team very simply is, what is it about work ethic, about how we approach invites, about how can we take all of this knowledge and experience that you have, so that it makes everybody behind you even that much better and stronger.”

Upchurch and Warner both made five birdies for their rounds, with Starnes and Benson both draining four and Zedrick making one.

Noblesville had a solid day on the course with a 304. The Millers were led by Will Barnes, who scored a 72 to earn a spot in the three-way tie for second. Alex Peck added a 74, with Cooper Claussen and Brady Mangin both adding 79s. Drew Decker scored 80. Peck and Barnes both drained three birdies, Mangin made two, and Claussen and Decker both had one.

“Will Barnes played great today,” said Noblesville coach Gary Deakyne. “And Alex Peck brought it back after struggling a little bit to start. So we’re really happy with they way everybody played today and happy to be going into Thursday.”

Fishers finished fourth as a team with a 317, just one stroke shy from third place. The Tigers will have an individual at regional: Sam Keithley scored a 77, making one of the three golfers not on an advancing team to move on.

Keithley had one birdie in his round. Jonathan Ash made two birdies, while Tommy Klinker, Ryan Stewart and Jonathan Ash all had one.

Hamilton Heights placed sixth with a team score of 346. Nathan Cox was the Huskies’ low man with a 79; he made one birdie. Ethan Millsaps also drained one birdie.

AT HARBOUR TREES
Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 292, Noblesville 304, Tipton 316, Fishers 317, Pendleton Heights 321, Hamilton Heights 346, Frankton 346, Lapel 352, Anderson 400, Elwood 403, Daleville 412, Alexandria 415.

Medalist: Maverick Conaway (Tipton) 32-38=70.

Southeastern scores: Mattingly Upchurch 35-37=72, Kai Warner 32-40=72, Cole Starnes 37-36=73, Nate Benson 38-37=75, Lane Zedrick 41-40=81.

Noblesville scores: Will Barnes 34-38=72, Alex Peck 39-35=74, Cooper Claussen 39-40=79, Brady Mangin 36-43=79, Drew Decker 38-42=80.

Fishers scores: Sam Keithley 39-38=77, Tommy Klinker 41-38=79, Ryan Stewart 40-39=79, Jonathan Ash 39-43=82, Carson Peters 38-49=87.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(Above) The Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team won its first sectional since 2015 Monday at Harbour Trees. The Royals scored a 292, had three golfers finish in the top five individually and advance to Thursday’s regional at the Players Club. (Below) Noblesville placed second at the sectional with a 304 and qualified for the regional at the Players Club.



Hamilton Heights scores: Nathan Cox 41-38=79, Kole Kirtley 41-45=86, Ethan Millsaps 45-43=88, Vincent Harley 48-45=93, Josh Steffen 50-57=107.
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Westfield hosted the sectional at Ulen Country Club in Lebanon Monday. With four of the top 10 teams

competing, it is arguably the toughest sectional in the state.

The top-ranked Shamrocks rose to the occasion, running away with the team championship. Westfield scored a 282, finishing two over par as a team and defending its title for last year. The ‘Rocks have won sev-

en sectional championships overall.

No. 6 Zionsville was the runner-up with a 295, and No. 2 Guerin Catholic scored a 301 for third place and a spot at Friday’s Harrison regional at Coyote Crossing.

The Shamrocks had three golfers finish in the top

five, led by medalist Alec Cesare with a one-under par 69. Cesare started off with back-to-back bogeys, but quickly regrouped, making a birdie on the third hole. He kept things in perspective – “Last time I started bogey-bogey, I won the golf

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tournament,” he said – and would go on to finish with four birdies and a one-stroke win.

Westfield coach Josh Bryant said that his team has talked about how finishing strong is important. “Anything can happen in those last four holes, especially at Ulen,” he said. “He definitely took advantage of some good play.”

Cam Kooi and Will Harvey both had even-par 70s, which put them in a four-way tie for second place. Jake Cesare added a 73 and Matt Shull scored 78. Kooi eagled the 14th hole, in addition to making four birdies. Jake Cesare had five birdies, Harvey four and Shull one.

“For a sectional at Ulen, that is the best score we’ve had in any year,” said Bryant. “It was a great day. We played good on the front and awesome on the back. It was fun to see them perform when the lights were on.”

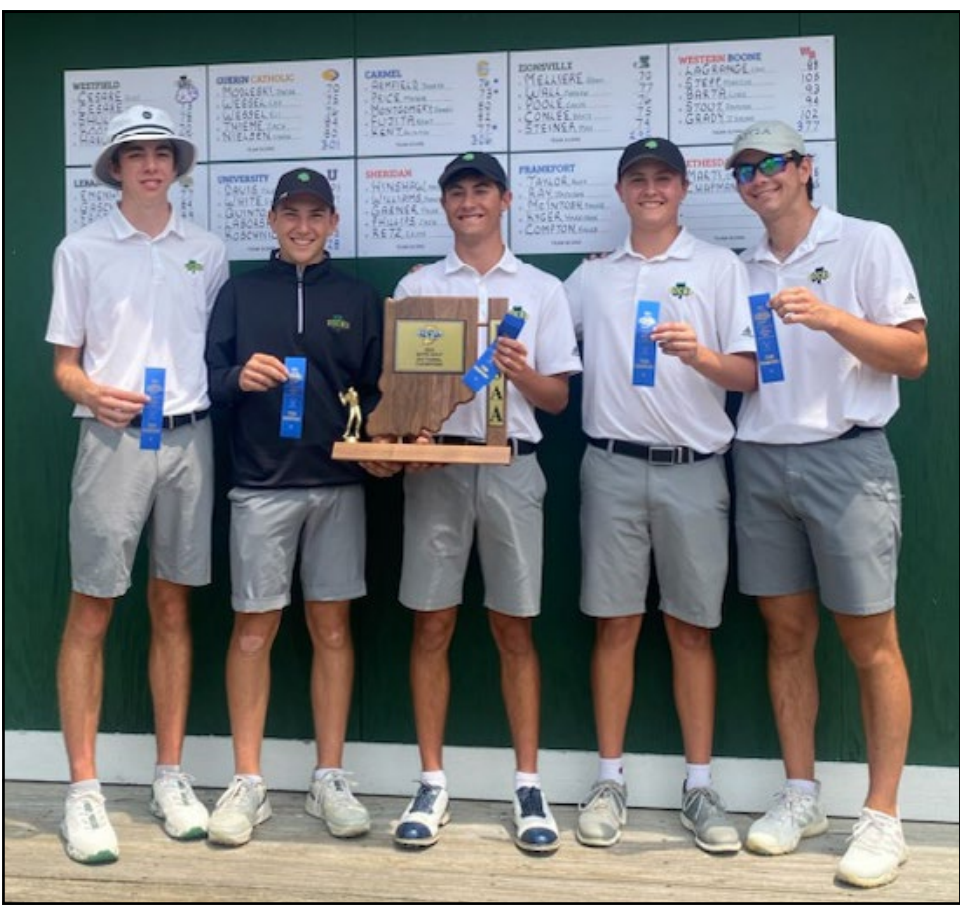
Guerin Catholic was led by Jacob Modleski, who carded an even-par 70 to place himself in the tie for second. Modleski made four birdies, including three in a row on the back nine.

Leo Wessel scored a 75, making an eagle on the third hole in addition to three birdies. Eli Wessel scored a 76 with one birdie, while Zach Thieme and Owen Nielsen also both made one birdie.

No. 10-ranked Carmel placed fourth as a team with a 306. The Greyhounds will have some representation at the regional, as they claimed all three of the individual advancing spots. Mason Price scored a 73 (one birdie), Joseph Armfield carded a 76 (two birdies) and Austin Kent had a 77.

Sheridan scored a 408 as a team. The Blackhawks were led by Nathan Hinshaw, who carded a 96 and made one birdie. University totaled a 428. Emmette White and Tyler Davis both had 101s.

Team scores: Westfield 282, Zionsville 295, Guerin Catholic 301, Carmel 306, Lebanon 351, Western Boone



(Top) The Westfield boys golf team defended its sectional title at Ulen Country Club Monday, scoring a 282 and advancing to the regional at Coyote Crossing. (Above) Guerin Catholic finished third at Ulen and qualified for the regional at Coyote Crossing.

377, Sheridan 408, Frankfort 411, University 428.

Medalist: Alec Cesare (Westfield) 36-33=69.

Other Westfield scores: Cam Kooi 35-35=70, Will Harvey 38-32=70, Jake Cesare 36-37=73, Matt Shull 42-36=78.

Guerin Catholic scores: Jacob Modleski 37-33=70,

Sheridan 408, Frankfort 411, University 428.

Carmel scores: Mason Price 35-38=73, Joseph Armfield 39-37=76, Austin Kent 36-41=77, Daniel Montgomery 39-41=80, Kent Fujita 42-40=82.

Sheridan scores: Na-

than Hinshaw 47-49=96, Zach Phillips 52-51=103, Parker Williams 53-51=104, Tyler Garner 51-54=105, Erich Retz 59-57=116.

University scores: Emmette White 49-52=101, Tyler Davis 50-51=101, Nicholas Quinto 52-59=111, John Koschnick 60-55=115, Kendrick Laborsky 60-62=122.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Tennis

Three county players head to state tourney

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County tennis players will participate in this weekend’s IH-SAA individual state tournament at Park Tudor.

Fishers sophomore Misha Briggs (27-1) is one of eight players competing in the singles tournament. Briggs plays a quarterfinal match with Providence sophomore Riley Trinkle at 2 p.m. Friday. The quarterfinal winners play in the semifinals at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the championship at 2 p.m. Saturday.

In the doubles tourna-

ment, there are six teams competing, including the Carmel pair of seniors Ali Griffin and Alexa Lewis (25-1). The Greyhounds team received a bye into the semifinals, and will play at 10 a.m. Saturday against the winner of a Friday quarterfinal match between the North Central team of senior Rachel Grissom and junior Caroline Robinson and the Oldenburg Academy team of seniors Mimi Wilder and Evelyn Storms. The championship match is also set for 2 p.m.

Heights boys basketball camp starts next week

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger is hosting his annual Summer Camp next week.

The camp is for boys who are entering grades 5 through 8 this school year. The camp takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 26 to 29 at the Hamilton Heights High School gym. Enter through Door H, on the north side of the gym.

The cost is \$35, with a family discount of \$5 for each additional child. If any boy cannot afford to pay the

camp fee at this time, call Ballenger at (765) 438-2016.

“The basic requirement in developing a strong basketball program is to instill in all our boys a desire to improve themselves so that some day they can become part of the Husky Basketball team,” said Ballenger. “This can be best accomplished by developing the proper fundamentals and pride in themselves and their school at an early age.”

For more information, contact Ballenger at cbal-lenger@hhschuskie.org.

Tourism arm estimates ‘a healthy nine figures’ from 2023 Indy 500

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway does not do a yearly economic study on the money the Indianapolis 500 brings into the area, but at the last check, the city’s tourism arm postulates this year’s total was upwards of \$300 million.

Visit Indy, in some years, has found the tally has reached as high as \$330 million.

Nate Swick, the senior communications manager with Visit Indy, told News 8 on Tuesday that the money spent this year would be on par with years past. “The last one they did said we bring in \$300 million from this event alone, so it’s a healthy nine figures no matter if it’s that or it would be more than that if anything.”

Many amenities around the city were at capacity because of the race. “The hotels downtown are at a virtual sellout. Hotels downtown, it’s hard to get a reservation. It might take a little longer to get an Uber,” Swick said.

Surrounding counties also could benefit from tourism dollars, Swick said.

“The Indianapolis 500 obviously impacts downtown

more than anything else, or the town of Speedway more than anything else,” he said. “But it not only impacts downtown, Speedway, but it is hard to get a hotel room in any of our suburbs. It pushes out to our doughnut counties, and most of our doughnut counties are at a virtual sell-out as well.”

Swick said Indianapolis International Airport had a record-breaking weekend for air travel this year.

“This is our biggest international event of the year as well, so we get more international visitors for this event than we do for any other event year-round,” Swick said.

Swick said the team at Visit Indy describes the Indianapolis 500 as the area’s yearly Super Bowl.

“If you’re in Indianapolis during race weekend, you can feel it,” he said. “It’s a great way to kick off the summer here in Indianapolis. It’s a start to that summer tourism, summer travel.”

Swick said central Indiana will get a double tourism boost next year with the NBA All-Star Game in February and then the 108th running of the Indianapolis 500 in May.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 8

BOYS GOLF REGIONALS

Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at the Players Club, 9 a.m.

Friday, June 9

BOYS GOLF REGIONALS

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Coyote Crossing, 9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Individual state singles, 2 p.m. at Park Tudor

Saturday, June 10

BASEBALL

Semi-state at La Porte

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Homestead, 11:30 a.m.

Penn vs. Lake Central, 2 p.m.

Championship, 8 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Individual state singles & doubles, 10 a.m. at Park Tudor

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Noblesville's Sam Divis signs to play soccer at Northern Illinois University



Noblesville's Sam Divis has committed to play on the Northern Illinois University men's soccer team. (Front row, from left) Sharline Divis (mother), Sam Divis, and Troy Divis (father). (Back row, from left) Naomi Divis (sister) and Ken Dolaske (Noblesville Boys Soccer Head Coach).

Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Savannah Dixon commits to Ball State University cheerleading team



Noblesville's Savannah Dixon has committed to join the Ball State University cheerleading team. (Front row, from left) Carrie Dixon (mother), Savannah Dixon, and Jeremy Dixon (father). (Back row, from left) Ali Alvey (Noblesville Cheerleading Co-Head Coach) and Crystal Scott (Noblesville Cheerleading Co-Head Coach).

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