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on Saturday. You can meet the artists of this exhibit at their free public reception during the Noblesville Creates February First Friday event from 6 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 2 on the Noblesville Creates campus.

Meyer Najem
8th Street Artists

See the full exhibit, *All Together*, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, now through March 29. You can meet the 8th Street Artists at their free public reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 8 at Meyer Najem.

Four Day Ray
Craig Mullins

The full exhibit, *MY INDIANA*, can be seen at Four



Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
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Noblesville Creates champions the arts as an

essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and central Indiana. As Noblesville's local arts agency, NC catalyzes opportunities for the arts and local creatives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in central Indiana. NC is also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the

Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. NC cultivates classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with Noblesville Creates: they'll help you connect and flourish.

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scarlet fever I ever saw.” She felt miserable and didn't care whether it was pretty or not. In those days no one knew that scarlet fever and strep throat were caused by the same germ. Strep was not quarantined but scarlet fever patients were quarantined for two weeks along with all the exposed family members. The patient was required to stay in an extra 10 days.

During the isolation period no one was supposed to go in or out of the house. In our case the first and third sons were allowed to take their clothes and leave. They found a place to room and board in town. The second son was away at college. Father was permitted to use a bedroom which had an outside door. He could not come into the other part of the house. That left mother with children aged about 13, 11, 9, and 5.

After two weeks the doctor removed the quarantine sign from our door. Parents were given instructions about fumigating our house. Formaldehyde had to be used. The next day my parents took me to Father's grocery store. He had very few customers that day as the neighbors were all afraid of me. I presume the other three went to school as I can't remember them being at the store. Next day Dr. Kirk came again and tacked the sign up. Leslie had broken out. Two more weeks! Then another fumigation, and how stinky the house

was! That time we spent the day with Aunt Dora.

Before bedtime Owen was sent home to fire up the old Florence heater. The rest of us waited a little so the house would be warm. (Dad must have been at the store.) When we got home, Owen was lying on the floor behind the stove, and broke out all over! Mother said, “I'm not going to call the doctor tonight. No one will come to see us anyway.”

Scarlet fever was a dreaded disease. There wasn't much one could do but let it run its course. Owen had to learn to walk after he got well. All three of us “peeled off” and practically got a new skin. Ruth didn't feel well most of the time but didn't have a rash. My Grandpa Howard was the only one brave enough (except Dr. Kirk) to come to our house. Of course he couldn't come inside.

When Russell came home for Christmas vacation, he probably stayed with Uncle Will and Aunt Dora. I remember Mother opening our front door so he could see our big, beautiful tree. He laid a handful of coins on the floor for me.

One marvels that a mother with so many sick ones could take time for a tree.

That's enough of growing older tonight. Perhaps another day I may feel equal to another episode. By Dorothy Howard Adler

WORTH

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what my doctors thought of me, or really what anyone perceives me to be as a disabled woman. I'm not sure those moments will ever not sting, but I can try my best not to let them have a lasting impression on my mental state. It's hard to hold your head up high and continue on when you've been repeatedly diminished as a person over the course of a lifetime.

I will tell you though, it is possible. Feel the feel-

ings and then move on. Don't stuff, feel. Educate where you can. Know your own truth and believe it wholeheartedly. You are worth it.

Until next time ...
Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.



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Bar Association turns out to show support at Bloch party



Reporter photos

Nearly the entire Hamilton County Bar Association visited Kathryn Burroughs' law office in Carmel to show their support for the continued service of Andrew Bloch for Hamilton County Circuit Court. He was recently appointed by the governor to fill the term of Paul Felix who was promoted to the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Local student named candidate in U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

The REPORTER

Danya Rimawi, a graduating senior at Eman Schools in Fishers, has been named one of more than 5,000 candidates in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2024.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of the nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community.

The program was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, cre-

ative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year's senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select approximately 600 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

U.S. Presidential Scholars are honored for their accomplishments during the National Recognition Program each June. To commemorate their achievement, the Scholars are awarded the Presidential Scholars Medallion.

Danya the child of Ms. Jumana Rimawi and Dr. Hazim Rimawi.

Learn more about the program at ed.gov/psp.

Don't miss your chance to meet Westfield's new mayor

Submitted by Westfield Chamber

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the February Luncheon featuring Mayor Scott Willis. The luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Prairie Waters Event Center. Seats are still available, so [click here](#) to purchase your tickets now.

On Nov. 7, 2023, Willis was elected to his first term as Westfield's mayor.

Mayor Willis' deep passion and vision for Westfield is displayed through his community-focused work. He is committed to diversifying Westfield's tax base, identifying new businesses and jobs, being fiscally responsible and transparent,

and strategically growing the city.

As a decorated U.S. Marine Colonel, successful businessman, and 19-year Westfield resident, Willis has brought a new and unique voice to the community. He has served the community in various capacities, such as Westfield City Councillor, Westfield Washington Public Library board member, Student Impact board member, Westfield YMCA steering committee member, the President's Council for Purdue University, past Chairman of the Westfield GOP Club, and is involved in several Veteran organizations including the VFW, American Legion, and Marine



Willis

Corps League. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Marine Foundation and Operation Job Ready Veterans, a non-profit organization that supports veterans transitioning from the military to corporate America.

Willis and his wife, Stacey, have three children and enjoy family vacations, Purdue sports, and volunteering in the community.

Mayor Willis has hit the ground running – literally and figuratively – since officially taking office on Jan. 1. He is looking forward to discussing future developments in the city and initiatives focused on

local businesses. He will also share his vision for the revitalization of Downtown Westfield. This is a great opportunity to hear directly from the mayor himself and learn more about his plans for the city.

The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with the opportunity to network with other attendees and businesses. You will also have the opportunity to meet with different company's display tables. Guests will then enjoy a delicious lunch. Remarks will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available. [Click here](#) to reserve your seat or corporate table.

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Winter Women's Wellness event benefits Women for Riley

Organizers hope to raise \$500 for nonprofit during event

The REPORTER
Team Rehabilitation Carmel 2 and **Rangeline Chiropractic** are joining forces to invite women from across central Indiana to come together for a Winter Women's Wellness event.

The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 at BASH, 1235 Keystone Way, Carmel.

Guests who attend will enjoy an evening of relaxation, rejuvenation, and self-care, with vendors showcasing the latest in women's wellness, from organic skin-care to fitness, and more. Complimentary snacks and drinks are included.

This event is being organized by Katelin Koontz, Owner of Team Rehabilitation Physical Therapy Carmel 2, and Hillary Hushower-Jones, CEO of Rangeline Chiropractic, two women who have spent their careers as advocates for women's health and wellbeing. They encourage women to prioritize self-care by attending this event which aims to help women renew and refresh themselves in

the new year. Women are asked to register to attend at [this link](#). Tickets are free with a donation of any amount to **Women for Riley**, an organization whose mission is to support Riley patients and families through volunteering, a grants program, and its signature Riley Cancer Center Prom event.

Virtuosic voices: see Mariachi Herencia de México at the Palladium

The REPORTER
Do you love mariachi music? The Center for the Performing Arts will welcome Mariachi Herencia de México at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 at The Palladium.

The history of mariachi music is rooted in cities such as Guadalajara and Mexico City, but as the ever-evolving genre spread, it reached Chicago and birthed the Mariachi Herencia de México.

Emerging from a student music program in the Chicago Public Schools, the energetic, virtuosic group scored a Latin Grammy nomination with its 2017 debut release



Photo provided

and has continued to top the streaming charts with a string of albums, most recently 2022's Herederos. The

13-piece band consists of five violins, three trumpets, three guitars (including the Mexican vihuela), one bass,

and one harp, with the musicians doubling as singers.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Want to yeet your ex's name into a tornado? (And how is this not already a country song?)

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
WISH-TV | [wish.tv.com](#)

Looking for closure after the end of a relationship? Or maybe looking for sweet, sweet revenge against those who've wronged you?

For this Valentine's Day, the Indiana Storm Chasers are offering a uniquely "twisted" way to help make that happen.

For five bucks, you can have the name of your ex (or a family member you don't like, a teacher who failed you in the seventh grade, your boss, etc.) carved into a biodegradable weather probe and launched into a tornado, storm, or any other flavor of severe weather possible.

The Chasers spread word of this offering on **social media**, including the Nobel Prize-winning poem: "Roses are red / Violets are blue / Tornadoes suck / and your ex does, too!"

While the probes deco-

rated by the unfortunate letters of your enemy's name might not be thrown into a tornado, the Chasers say they guarantee "(the probe) will meet its demise and be chewed on by a severe thunderstorm somewhere in Indiana during the 2024 Chase Season."

To help sustain the environment, each probe is made of water-soluble clay and packed full of wild-flower seeds native to the Midwest. When the probes get torn up in the storms, not only will they collect data, but also scatter the seeds across the land.

"It's the final chance for your ex to do something useful (even if it took you doing it for them...again)," they said.

Additionally, the Chasers say money from the fundraiser will help purchase instrument packs for Chasers to use while out analyzing storms, calling it a "massive win for the environment, you, and the In-



Photo provided by Indiana Storm Chasers via Facebook

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"We look forward to using your ex (in spirit) as **tornado food** soon," the post concluded.

If you would like to donate and launch your ex into the troposphere, follow the Indiana Storm Chasers on their [Patreon](#).



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Tickets at [NickelPlateExpress.com](#)



See Rep. Spartz in Tipton on Feb. 9

The REPORTER

Coming off her first round of town halls last week, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-In.-05) announced on Wednesday her second series of 2024 town halls to provide updates on her work in Washington, D.C., and hear directly from her constituents on the issues important for them.

Here is the schedule for next week's town halls:

- **Thursday, Feb. 8,** 5 to 7 p.m. at InerG Impact Center, 2629 Lindberg Road, Anderson (Madison County)
- **Friday, Feb. 9,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tipton County Foundation, 1020 W. Jeffer-



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son St.

- **Saturday, Feb. 10,** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kokomo Public Library, 220 N.

Union St. (Howard County)

Keep up to date and connect with Rep. Spartz at spartz.house.gov.

Hittle promoted to Westfield Fire Department Lieutenant



Photo provided by Westfield Fire Department / Facebook

Congratulations to Westfield Firefighter Tyler Hittle on his recent promotion to Lieutenant. Lt. Hittle has been with WFD for nine years and will be assigned to Engine 81 A shift. Recently retired Lt. Lamp got the chance to present Lieutenant Hittle his new helmet and shield.

McNally joins Moms Demand Action at Indiana Statehouse



Photo provided

Dozens of Hamilton County volunteers attended Indiana Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's Advocacy Day on Tuesday at the Indiana Statehouse. Over 130 attendees from across Indiana met with numerous legislators to discuss gun safety in Indiana. (From left) Tricia Owens and Carolyn Blackmore of Noblesville, Christine Dworkin, Indiana House District 39 candidate Matt McNally, Beth Sprunger, and Henry Winckler of Carmel.

Letter to the Editor

BREAKING NEWS: Shaffer praises direction of Carmel government

Dear Editor:

After several letters criticizing Carmel City Hall operations, it's high time I wrote you commending folks over there.

In the first few weeks of the newly elected administration and city council, sweeping changes have occurred.

While I would like to assume these were in response to my pleas for change, I can take no credit.

The new organization, the focus on taxpayer services, the moves to independent audits and even an honest-to-Pete purchasing agency are but a few of the new breezes rampaging through city hall.

Congratulations to the new mayor and council for taking first steps forward to an evidence-based and taxpayer-centric government.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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See works of Salvador Dalí at THE LUME at Newfields

The REPORTER

This March, THE LUME at Newfields, 4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, will officially re-open with the iconic artwork of Salvador Dalí.

The exhibit will showcase four large, vibrant watercolor paintings by Dalí himself that haven't been seen in over 45 years.

Guests can get lost in the 30,000 square feet breathtaking exhibition in his world of mysterious landscapes, melting clocks, fascinating creatures, and more. Also included:

- The brand-new digital content of Salvador Dalí's mesmerizing works displayed in all three digital gallery spaces.

- Opening of the new café concept, El Mercado Surreal, where guests can also enjoy a selection of Spanish-inspired small bites by Newfields' culinary team.

- The four Dalí paintings originally designed for the



Photo provided by THE LUME at Newfields

opera *The Spanish Lady and the Roman Cavalier* will make their collective museum debut for the first time

since they were acquired in 1973.

Newfields members can purchase tickets now

[on the Newfields website.](#)

The general public can purchase tickets beginning Tuesday, Feb. 6.

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn's bill to clarify state code regarding fentanyl testing strips passes House

The REPORTER

House Bill 1053, authored by Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers), passed out of the Indiana House of Representatives on Tuesday.

HB 1053 clarifies in state code that drug test strips do not constitute drug paraphernalia, bringing Indiana into alignment with 30 other states, including Ohio, Kentucky, and Mississippi.

"Let's be clear: Drug test strips do not enable drug use," Garcia Wilburn said. "Removing this language regarding the legality of test strips allows Indiana to embrace harm-reduction strategies and open access to critical federal funding to the tune of \$977.5 million and counting that can

be used for substance use disorder recovery and other behavioral health initiatives. Having access to this

federal funding allows our mobile crisis teams and crisis stabilization units to be supported without tapping into law enforcement funds. I am thankful to the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney

Council who helped perfect the language and those who came out to testify in favor of HB 1053, including recovery providers, peer recovery coaches as well as the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police.

"I also want to thank my co-authors: Reps. Jennifer Meltzer, Sharon Negele, and Kyle Miller, as well as Rep. Wendy McNamara for giving this bill a hearing."



Garcia Wilburn

Attorney General Todd Rokita helps Hoosiers protect themselves during Identity Theft Awareness Week

The REPORTER

Monday, Jan. 29 kicked off Identity Theft Awareness Week, and Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging all Hoosiers to beware of cyber criminals and how to protect their personal information.

"We rely heavily on technology these days, and while it often makes life easier, it also puts every-

day Hoosiers at greater risk," AG Rokita said. "Cyber-attacks happen far too often, and our identities are vulnerable with any online activity. The best thing Hoosiers can do is educate themselves and stay on high alert."

Cyber-attacks do not



Rokita

According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, there were more than 353 million victims of ID theft in 2023.

The Office of the Attorney General suggests all Hoosiers read the following to avoid, detect, and respond to this crime:

Tips to protect yourself & your family

- Do not conduct any sensitive transactions, including purchases, on a public Wi-Fi network.
- Create a unique password for each online account and change often.
- Don't click on anything in unsolicited emails or text messages.
- Be careful with the information you and your

family share on social media. Sharing things like pet names, schools, and family members can give scammers the hints they need to guess your passwords or the answers to your account security questions.

- Place a security freeze on your credit reports to block an identity thief from opening a new account or obtaining credit in your name and keep new creditors from accessing your credit report without your permission.

Common clues someone has stolen your identity

- Bank account transactions you can't explain.
- Unfamiliar accounts or charges on your credit report.
- Medical bills for services you didn't use.
- A health plan won't cover you because your medical records show a condition you don't have.
- The IRS notifies you that more than one tax return was filed in your name, or that you have income from an employer you don't work for.

What to do right away if your identity is stolen

- Call the companies where you know the fraud occurred.
- Place a security freeze and request a free credit report with all three credit unions, Experian, Transunion, and Equifax.

Any Indiana resident can request a credit freeze free of charge. There is no fee for Indiana residents to place, temporarily lift, remove or request a new password or PIN.

Contact Attorney General Rokita's office if you believe you are a victim of identity theft by [clicking here](#) or calling 1-800-382-5516.

For additional tips, you may also visit [identity-theft.gov](#), a site maintained by the Federal Trade Commission.

Early Learning Indiana announces competitive grant opportunity

The REPORTER

Early Learning Indiana (ELI) announced Wednesday a second competitive grant opportunity through the **Early Years Initiative**, a program designed to help organizations in Indiana meet the developmental needs of infants and toddlers and surround Hoosier families with the resources to make the most of these crucial years of learning. The \$50 million Early Years Initiative is generously funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

"We only have a few short years to set our youngest Hoosiers on a path to thrive in life, and we are committed to ensuring they have opportunities for the best possible start," ELI President & CEO Maureen Weber. "This second round of the Early Years Initiative grants will continue to accelerate the scaling of proven programs and bring innovative practices to Indiana – developing stronger and more resilient children who are ready to learn."

Studies show that a child's brain is hardest at work during the first three years of life, busy creating the foundation for all future learning capacity, social-emotional development, and mental and physical health. Through the Early Years Initiative, ELI already awarded 86 organizations \$31 million in grants of up to \$500,000 each to fund programs and projects that influence healthy brain development in young children and other aspects of their physical, social-emotional, and cognitive wellbeing. This second round of grants aims to fund the same kinds of programs and projects.

ELI expects to award grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$500,000 to support programs and projects that will be implemented during a grant period of up to three years. Organizations eligible in this initiative include social service providers, faith-based organizations, community foundations, United Ways, child care providers, school districts,

higher education institutions and other not-for-profit organizations.

Eligible organizations can submit proposals to address a range of needs as varied as those of the infants and toddlers they serve. Examples may include strengthening families through home visits, ensuring access to supportive child care, bolstering development through early detection of developmental needs and disabilities and responsive interventions, and cultivating essential skills through early language programming, among others. The Early Years Initiative has a focus on the needs of children in low-income households, children from communities of color and children who are multi-language learners.

"The environment and experiences of a child's first three years of life substantially influence cognitive, social, emotional and physical development and often affect long term academic success and quality of life," said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment's vice president for education. "They are especially important for children in economically disadvantaged households whose families often lack access to supportive programs and information about child development, both of which can make a big difference for parents and their children."

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2024. ELI plans to announce funding decisions by Sept. 30, 2024. Learn more about the initiative and the application by visiting [EarlyYearsInitiative.org](#).

The Early Years Initiative launched in March 2023, funded by a \$55 million grant from Lilly Endowment, which included \$50 million for grants and \$5 million to help ELI administer the competitive initiative and provide technical assistance to organizations funded through it. Learn more about previously awarded organizations at [earlylearningin.org/early-years-initiative/grantees](#).



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Man caught in Fishers suspected of stealing \$90K of Target goods from stores nationwide

By **DAJA STOWE**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Milwaukee man accused of stealing \$90,000 worth of items from at least a dozen Target stores across the country was arrested Sunday by Fishers police.

Fishers Police Department officers were called to a Target located at 11750 Commercial Drive on a report of a theft, police said in a release Wednesday. Target's Asset Protection told dispatch a theft had occurred and the suspect left the store.

Asset protection described the suspect and his vehicle, quickly leading officers to arrest 34-year-old Frank Covington.

Officers searched Covington and found a device commonly used to disable anti-theft devices in stores inside his pocket. During the search of Covington's rental car, they found:



Covington

- 23 Texas Instrument TI-84 Plus calculators
- Two Texas Instrument TI-84 Plus calculators
- One Texas Instrument TI-Nspire CX 2 calculator

Target's Asset Protection Team told officers that Covington is listed as a suspect in multiple Target cases throughout the U.S. with an estimated value of \$90,000. Covington had 10 active warrants from several states with crimes ranging from burglar to theft and shoplifting.

James Evert Spelbring I April 18, 1936 – January 31, 2024

James Evert Spelbring I, 87, Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital in Carmel. He was born on April 18, 1936, to Elmer and Martha (Stewart) Spelbring in Westfield.



James proudly served in the United States Navy. He was a Westfield Fire Fighter for over 20 years. James enjoyed fishing, bowling, and going to the casino.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen Spelbring; son, Jim (Debbie) Spelbring; daughter, Jana (Russell) Smith; grandchildren, James Paul (Kari) Spelbring, Alicia (Zach) Penrod, Brandon Spelbring, Klark (Lauren) Culp, Jessie (Zach) Watters, Greg (Abby) Hart, and Jessie (Kurt) Magoteaux; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother, Jerry Spelbring.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the funeral home, with Pastor Doug Kizer officiating. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB PREPARES TO MEET ESAU

He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds."

He instructed the one in the lead: "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?' then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.'"

Genesis 32:13-18 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at COhatch Carmel, 38 W. Main St., Carmel.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Joint Board of Trustees and Capital & Construction Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at the TriCo Office, 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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Franciosi & 1996-97 basketball team join Millers Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

Noblesville High School inducted a legendary athletic trainer and one of the Millers’ best-ever teams into its Athletic Hall of Fame last Friday during halftime of the Noblesville-Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball game.

The first inductee was Jeff “Doc” Franciosi, the athletic trainer for the Millers from 1985 to 2009. Franciosi was named the Indiana High School Athletic Trainer of the Year in 1992 and was inducted into the Indiana Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame last year. He is currently an athletic trainer at Guerin Catholic.

Franciosi also is a teacher at NHS and his sports medicine class has produced numerous student assistant trainers who have gone on to become physicians, physical therapists and other medical professionals.

The Millers also inducted the 1996-97 Noblesville boys basketball team into



The Noblesville High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted longtime athletic trainer Jeff Franciosi and the Millers’ 1996-97 boys basketball team last Friday during halftime of the Noblesville-Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball game.

their Hall of Fame. In the last year before class basketball, the Millers compiled a 22-5 record. Noblesville won the Olympic Conference championship before claiming its own sectional (over Sheridan 82-50, Carmel 69-62 and Hamilton Heights 64-53).

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Indiana Fever’s Wheeler & Hull sign autographs at HSE’s sectional game

The REPORTER

The Indiana Fever is a presenting sponsor of the IHSAA girls basketball tournament, and two members of the team graced Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern on Tuesday. Erica Wheeler and Lexie Hull were on hand during the game to sign autographs for fans; they also graciously smiled for the Reporter’s camera.

Wheeler and Hull have been busy all this week representing the Fever during girls basketball sectional week. They attended a practice at Connorsville on Monday. Wheeler also stopped by the Bridgewater Healthcare Center near 146th Street and Carey Road Tuesday afternoon, where she led residents in a workout.

Hull and Wheeler made stops at Brookside School 54 in Indianapolis on Wednesday for lunch, then went to the Pike sectional later that evening. Hull will visit Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital on Thursday before making an appearance at the Cathedral sectional on Friday.



Indiana Fever players Erica Wheeler (left) and Lexie Hull signed autographs for fans who attended the Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball sectional on Tuesday.

Basketball—Huskies blast through New Castle on way to sectional semifinals

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team sailed into the semifinals of Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown with a 64-9 victory over New Castle in a Wednesday first-round game.

The 3A No. 1 Huskies led 17-4 after one quarter. Camryn Runner scored seven points, while Katie Brown added five, including the first of her three 3-pointers.

Heights accelerated through the other three quarters. The Huskies never allowed the Trojans more than two points in a period for the remainder of the game. At one point, Heights went on a 30-0 run that bridged halftime. The Huskies scored the first 12 points of that run in the second quarter, leading 34-6 at halftime.

Heights scored 18 straight points to begin the third period until New Castle made a free throw with 2:07 left in the quarter. The Huskies led 56-7 at the end of the third.

Seven different players scored for Heights. Runner finished with 19, while Ella Hickok had 16 points. Brown totaled 11. Hadleigh Cherry had a solid game with seven points.

The Huskies are 21-2 and play Frankton Friday in the second semifinal game at Yorktown, which starts around 7:30 p.m. Delta and Jay County face off in the first semifinal, which begins at 6 p.m.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 64, NEW CASTLE 9				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	6	2-3	16	0
Katie Brown	3	2-3	11	0
Camryn Runner	9	1-2	19	3
Kassidy Schakel	1	0-0	2	3
Hadleigh Cherry	3	1-2	7	0
Kennedy Cherry	2	0-0	4	1
Kamryn Rhoton	2	0-0	5	0
Taylor Harley	0	0-0	0	0
Norah Reiger	0	0-0	0	0
Presley Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Vivian Lynch	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	26	6-10	64	7
Score by Quarters				
New Castle	4	2	1	2-9
Hamilton Heights	17	17	22	8-64
Heights 3-pointers (6) Brown 3, Hickok 2, Rhoton.				

Gymnastics—Shamrocks win at Shelbyville, Millers place fifth at Western

The REPORTER

The Westfield gymnastics team won a three-team meet last Saturday at Shelbyville.

The Shamrocks scored 100.25 points, just ahead of Roncalli’s 99.30. The host Golden Bears scored 61.025.

Isa Galan was an event winner for Westfield, placing first in the vault. Galan finished third in the floor exercise and was fourth on the uneven bars and the balance beam, placing third in the all-around.

Elianna Reynolds finished second in the all-around, also getting runner-up on beam and the floor exercise. Reynolds also took third in the vault and bars. Sara Borek placed third on beam. Madie Doran was fifth on floor and sixth on beam, while Avery Mason was fifth on vault.

The Shamrocks compete in Rushville this weekend. * * *

Noblesville placed fifth at the Western Invitational last Saturday.

The Millers put together a team score of 92.825. Kylie Lotridge finished eighth in the all-around with a total of 31.925 and had Noblesville’s highest score of the meet with an 8.55 on the floor exercise.

Valorey Bittles had the Millers’ best individual place by taking fifth on the uneven bars (7.90), while Emmerson Leckrone was sixth on the bars (7.70).

Noblesville’s scores now follow. The Millers’ next meet is Saturday, when they compete in the Lafayette Jefferson Invitational, which takes place at Linwood School.

All-around: Kylie Lotridge 31.925, Valorey Bittles 31.10, Emmerson Leckrone 29.50.

Vault: Lotridge 8.25, Bittles 8.00, Leckrone 7.95, Lydia Blackwell 7.45.

Uneven bars: Bittles 7.90, Leckrone 7.70, Lotridge 7.50, Alina Skryabnev 4.90.

Balance beam: Lotridge 7.625, Bittles 7.325, Ethan Rivers 5.90, Leckrone 5.60.

Floor exercise: Lotridge 8.55, Leckrone 8.25, Bittles 7.875, Skryabnev 7.325.

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Star-Studded lineup announced for 2024 Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit

Headliner Excision joined by Dom Dolla, Gryffin, Sullivan King and Timmy Trumpet May 26 at IMS; tickets on sale

Submitted by IMS

DJ, producer, and festival creator Excision will headline an all-star lineup of global electronic music artists at the Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit on Sunday, May 26 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Dom Dolla, Gryffin, Sullivan King and Timmy Trumpet also will perform at the Race Day concert during the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. Performances begin early in the morning on the stage located in the infield adjacent to Turn 3 of the IMS oval, with specific set times to be announced.

“The Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit is one of the most epic parties of Race Weekend,” IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “Experiencing the Indy 500 from the Snake Pit is unforgettable and is a May highlight for many of our fans. This incredible lineup is can’t-miss for music enthusiasts from all over.”

General admission and VIP tickets for the Snake Pit are on sale for \$55 and \$160, respectively, at [ims.com](https://www.ims.com). VIP amenities will include access to a raised viewing platform located beside the stage, a private cash bar and private air-conditioned restrooms.

All Snake Pit ticketholders must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid Indy 500 general admission or reserved seat ticket. Ticket holders should be prepared to show proper identification to enter the concert.

Packages that include Race Day general admission tickets are available. A package featuring general admission to the Indianapolis 500 and Snake Pit is \$100, while a Race Day general admission and Snake Pit VIP package is \$205.

Snake Pit concertgoers are encouraged to buy tickets now, as prices will increase as May approaches and limited quantities of admission wristbands are available.

Jeff Abel, known as Excision, resides at the epicenter of an ever-expanding

realm of bass music. Hailing from Kelowna, British Columbia, Excision is a longstanding pioneer of the North American dubstep scene, cultivating a huge, passionate community of fans over 17 years of relentless touring. His expansive discography traverses a wide range of bass sounds across five full-length studio albums, 17 fan-favorite mixes and a list of countless EPs and singles, amassing well over 2 billion streams globally.

Under Excision’s event production arm Excision Presents, hundreds of thousands of headbangers attend his events each year. He has created world-renowned music festivals Lost Lands, Bass Canyon and Paradise Blue, along with major regional concerts like The Thunderdome of Seattle, The Armory in Minneapolis, Mile High in Denver and more. Wider audiences catch Excision headlining legendary festivals like EDC Las Vegas, Ultra, Tomorrowland, Electric Forest, Lollapalooza, Shambhala and more.

Dom Dolla, Australian rising star DJ and producer, has received industry recognition from BBC Radio 1’s Pete Tong as a “Future Star,” *Billboard* Dance’s “One to watch” and Dancing Astronaut’s “Break Through Artist of the Year.” He has nominated by the International Dance Music Awards for “Breakthrough Artist of the Year.”

Following a succession of releases like “Take It,” “San Francisco” and “Pump the Brakes,” Dom’s unique blend of house music has amassed more than 300 million streams, Platinum-certified records, ARIA Award for Best Dance Release, back-to-back Beatport No. 1s, U.S. *Billboard* Dance top 10s, triple j’s hottest 100 and Shazam and Spotify Global top 100 charts.

LA-based producer Gryffin has a magnetic take on electronic music. His debut album *Gravity* topped *Billboard*’s Dance/Electronic Album Chart and amassed

more than 1 billion streams on Spotify. The album featured *Billboard*-charting hits like “Tie Me Down,” “Body Back,” “Remember” and “All You Need To Know” that would go on to top the dance radio chart. Gryffin achieved RIAA Gold certification on “Whole Heart,” “Nobody Compares To You” and “All You Need To Know” and RIAA Platinum certification on “Feel Good” and “Tie Me Down.” His catalog of music has surpassed 2.4 billion streams on Spotify.

Sullivan King – producer, guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter – defies boundaries as he fuses dubstep and rock, carving a place for himself within both the electronic and metal scenes. His unique live show blends shredding guitar riffs, vocals, DJing and pit dives and has been showcased at festivals, including Tomorrowland, Lollapalooza Paris, Hard Summer and Ilesoniq.

After wrapping his “Thrones of Blood” tour, which celebrated the release of his sophomore album of the same name via Monstercat, Sullivan King is heading back on the road to support metalcore band Avenged Sevenfold on their arena tour. Most recently, Sullivan King dropped an official remix for rock band Asking Alexandria and has several collaborations on the horizon with heavyweight

names in both the electronic and hard rock worlds.

Timmy Trumpet, an award-winning, multiplatinum recording artist, has forged his way to the top as an explosive electronic music performer. His breakthrough release, “Freaks,” has more than 1 billion streams, accompanying a string of singles to break the 100 million barrier on Spotify. From performances on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* to the most streamed set at Tomorrowland, Trumpet’s music career boasts an extensive 20-year resume including early beginnings as a classically trained jazz musician.

In 2022, Trumpet threw out the first pitch for the New York Mets-Los Angeles Dodgers’ game and performed his track “Narco” while pitcher Edwin Diaz walked out to the mound. The iconic moment clocked more than 200 million views on social media in 48 hours and sent “Narco” to No. 1 on Spotify’s viral chart in the United States. To add to his impressive list of achievements, Trumpet became the first instrumentalist to perform in zero gravity, thanks to a partnership between BigCityBeats and the European Space Agency.

Tickets for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 26 and the Sonsoi Grand Prix on Saturday, May 11 are available at [ims.com](https://www.ims.com).

FAME

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The Millers won the Frankfort regional by beating Brownsburg 60-53 in the semifinals and the host Hot Dogs 64-63 in the championship. Noblesville won the first game of the Lafayette Jefferson semi-state at Mackey Arena over Gary West 92-78. The Millers’ run came to an end in the final against La Porte 69-59; it was only the second time in Noblesville boys basketball history that a team reached the Final 8.

Team members at the ceremony were Tom Coverdale (the 1998 Indiana Mr. Basketball), Mike Chappel, Jeff Chapman, Ben Fonde, A.J. Head, Todd Lawson, Ryan Murray and Matt Pogue. Assistant coaches attending were John Atha, Kurt Gassensmith, Jeff Bragg and Dwayne Brashers. The team was coached by Dave McCollough, with Scott Radeker an assistant. Jeff Franciosi was the team’s athletic trainer.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 1
BOYS BASKETBALL

Frankton at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.
Lawrence North at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Herron, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMS

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
University at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Fishers at Shelbyville, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2
GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern
Zionsville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Noblesville vs. Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 24 at Yorktown
Delta vs. Jay County, 6 p.m.
Frankton vs. Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard
Shortridge vs. Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.
Guerin Catholic vs. Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 43 at Park Tudor
Park Tudor vs. Sheridan, 6 p.m.
Covenant Christian vs. University, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Indiana Fever announces 2024 preseason schedule

The REPORTER

The Indiana Fever has announced the team will play two preseason games ahead of the 2024 regular season:

- Friday, May 3 at Dallas Wings - 12:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 10 vs. Atlanta Dream - 7 p.m.

Tickets for the home preseason game against Atlanta at Gainbridge Fieldhouse and the entire 2024

regular season home schedule will go on sale at a later date. Additional information can be found by visiting feverbasketball.com/tickets.

The 25th Indiana Fever regular season will tip off on the road at the Connecticut Sun on Tuesday, May 14 at 8 p.m. The 2024 home schedule at Gainbridge Fieldhouse will begin two days later on May 16 against the New York Liberty at 7 p.m.

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