

TALKS

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“I think I met them – it was probably the first or second year we started Launch Fishers – they were one of our first tenants,” Fadness said. “I’ve seen Matt Wyatt and his crew continue to plot their course accordingly, and really have grown their company steadily and in a very difficult space.”

That space Fadness refers to is the medical device technology industry, which is a highly competitive market.

“It’s really fun to watch them grow,” Fadness said. “They left Launch Fishers ultimately and took some office space of their own and they’re continuing to grow and develop their company. So that’s one I got to see literally from one guy with an idea through to where they are today. Those are always fun ones to remember and reminisce about what they were when they first got started.”

Launch Fishers and the Internet of Things (IoT) lab

have faced many of the same challenges as the rest of the country during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We were really doing quite well leading up to COVID, and then when COVID hit a lot of people went home,” Fadness said. “So we had to stay the course and rebuild, and I think we’re back up to the numbers that we had prior to COVID, so that’s encouraging. And then there’s just kind of a general malaise, if you will, over the tech industry today in central Indiana. It’s not what it was 10 or 15 years ago. It’s a little bit different. It’s evolved, so we have to continue to adapt and evolve our programming in our facilities and our recruitment of companies based on that changing landscape.”

Even with those challenges, Fishers continues to attract technology companies to call the city home.

“I’m proud of the fact that we’ve sustained for as long as we have,” Fadness said. “We’re past 10 years now in operation and we still have strong numbers. We still have good companies that call Launch Fishers and the IoT lab home, and it’s still a key compo-

nent of the DNA of Fishers’ local economy.”

Fadness told The Reporter he believes he has a unique perspective on the sweeping changes and the massive growth Fishers has seen in recent decades.

“I probably have an odd perspective in that when I talk to a lot of people they remark at the pace of change, but it’s been my obsession for 15 years every single day trying to see that occur,” Fadness said. “So when people are like, ‘I cannot believe how much Fishers has changed so quickly.’ For me that’s a decade’s worth of my blood, sweat, and tears and my team’s. I think we have maybe a slightly different perspective, like it’s never fast enough, but occasionally you do take a moment and you take stock and you realize how far we’ve come.”

Fadness said he is keenly aware that Fishers would not have grown to be the tech-innovation leader it is without the work of all the people behind the scenes. He told The Reporter he feels lucky to have found people who like challenges and for whom “the run” is more important than the finish line. He said his job as largely about pointing the right people in the right direction and giving them the resources to get the job done.

At the same time, Fadness is well aware of the impact the pace of change in Fishers has had on many residents who have been living there since before the growth began.

“In the early days of this transformation it was much more pronounced – the people not liking the change – because it was new, and when things are new, there’s always apprehension and

Fishers shows strong at TechPoint Mira Awards

Eight Fishers entrepreneurs and tech companies are nominated for this year’s TechPoint Mira Awards. Winners will be announced during TechPoint’s Mira Awards gala on April 26. Fishers was recognized as the Mira Awards’ Rising Tech City in 2019.

- Rising Entrepreneur**
 - Ethan Rodriguez and Adriana Morales, KLOTOFY
 - Jean Ross, Primary Record
- TechPoint Resilience Award**
 - Ariel Relf, Fishers resident, Cummins
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- Innovation Service Partner of the Year**
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concern about what that will mean to them and the effect it will have on the community that they’ve grown to love,” Fadness said. “I don’t get as much of that anymore as I once did, and I would like to believe – I hope – that part of that is because people have become acclimated and they still very much enjoy the city they live in. Maybe they even enjoy going to the new restaurants or walking in the downtown and have found that, although it’s different from what they remember, in some regards it might be better or just something new.”

Fishers has changed from a small and mostly rural town outside the state capital into a city in-and-of itself – and it has done so in a very short time. The number of residents who lived in Fishers before the growth began are now a minority, many of whom struggle to come to terms with being city-dwellers. They speak to one another, to this newspaper, and to city officials of how they preferred the old Fishers to the new.

The Reporter asked Fad-

ness how he addresses these concerns from long-time residents.

“My response back is often the same in that you and I actually want the same things,” Fadness said. “We want a safe community. We want a vibrant community. We want a community that we can all be proud of. The difference is that I don’t believe the right strategy for the city was to do nothing and hope that it just remained the way it was in the 1980s and 1990s. The world is very much changing around us, and as much as many of us would love nothing more than to freeze it in a particular time, that’s not realistic. So we have to plot our course accordingly. Hopefully we’re making the right decisions that can still result in the same values we all want – which is a safe place to live, which is a vibrant place to live, which is a city you can be proud of. That’s my typical response to them. History will judge and time will tell whether we were right in picking this particular course for our city moving forward.”

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NHS Marching Band to perform in Dublin, Ireland's St. Patrick's Day parade



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Noblesville Schools has announced that the Noblesville High School (NHS) Marching Millers band will be performing in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland. The Marching Millers applied for this honor in 2021 and were selected as one of only 11 international bands invited to participate. Over 100 NHS students will be participating in the two-hour parade, which typically draws more than half a million spectators in Dublin and features pipers, dancers, bands, and street theater. The parade is set for Sunday, March 17 and begins at 6 a.m. Noblesville time. Fans can watch online at [this link](#).

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Bennett's musical journey began amidst legends like her father, Rosemary Clooney, Ella Fitzgerald, and Frank Sinatra. In 2023, she released the single "Right On Time," solidifying her status as a vocalist with captivating prowess and style. *The New York Times* hails her voice as a blend of Billie Holiday and Rickie Lee Jones, with a hint of Betty Boop.

"I perform songs from the Great American Songbook and my own original music," Bennett said. "With a proven track record, these songs have shaped the American musical landscape, and resonated with diverse audiences over the years. I ap-

proach my performance with the belief that there's something for everyone."

Smirnoff said audience members are in for a treat.

"Antonia Bennett is a unique vocal talent and performer," he said. "Antonia appeared frequently with her father during his career, and, on occasion, I had the great pleasure of sharing the stage with them both. I am thrilled that she will grace Carmel and the Carmel Symphony with her talent this April in our centennial birthday tribute to 'The Duke.' This shall be a special occasion."

**Get to know
Antonia Bennett**

Q: When did you start in your career?

A: I started my musical career while still in college.

Q: What's the biggest lesson you've learned?

A: Show up prepared.

Q: What's one tip you want to share with our audience?

A: Try to find joy in everything you do.

Q: What are you most proud of in your work?

A: I always look for the sincerity in the music and try to tell the story in a way that's accessible and truthful to me. My hope is to evoke emotions and inspire others, just as the music inspires me.

Q: Where do you want your work to be in one year?

A: Everywhere music is available. In one year, I will be working on new music and putting it out everywhere music is available today. I hope the release of

my new album will go well and plan to tour in support of it. Writing new music for the next album after that and pursuing new creative endeavors figure prominently.

Q: What's your favorite tool you use in your work?

A: My voice.

Q: What's your word for the year?

A: Stupendous.

Learn more about Bennett at [AntoniaBennett.com](#) and follow along on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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Sheridan & Westfield Post Offices to hold job fairs

The REPORTER

The United States Postal Service is hiring motivated and dynamic individuals to help "Deliver for America." Right now, USPS is looking for new team members to join the mission of service to local communities. Openings are available

for rural carrier associates at \$19.94 per hour, and city carrier assistants at \$19.33 hour.

Job fairs

- Sheridan Post Office, 107 W. 4th St.: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 9
- Westfield Post Office, 17520 Dartown Road: 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12

I'M FINE!

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Part of it is, we don't want to burden those around us with our troubles, because we know of something difficult that they are going through, or we don't want to come off as complainers who need to get it together. So, when asked how we are doing we say, "I'm fine!" Followed up by, "how are you?" often met with, "I'm fine, too!"

Having muscular dystrophy, it's hard to find a balance between not keeping all your frustrations bottled up, while also trying not to seem like a downer to everyone around you all the time. There could probably always be a complaint, or a frustration due to the lack of muscle strength that can make even the littlest things a huge or impossible task. Most of those frustrations are kept to myself. I must find ways to process all that daily frustration.

In a lot of ways, I do feel like I have things under control, as far as management of daily routines, but in some ways, it feels like I totally don't. Now, and into the foreseeable future, a lot of what happens regarding my disability is out of my control. Some days, I'm able to neatly put those scary feelings into a little box, and other days I can't get away from those thoughts of

"what does tomorrow hold for me?" Will it be the day I can no longer walk or do certain things independently that I'm used to doing?

The truth is, none of us knows what tomorrow holds, disabled or not. We are all facing challenges in one way or another, that's for sure.

Living humbly courageously with a progressive muscle disease can be challenging. I don't always feel so courageous when forced to face those difficult realities. I have come a long way in accepting my reality, but that doesn't mean that it doesn't terrify me. It does, and it can be difficult to relay those thoughts to someone who isn't faced with those same realities. I have many people in my life that do try to understand though, and for that, I am so grateful.

Until next time ...

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From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 124

We have much to celebrate this month when it comes to the arts (visual arts, music, theater, and dance) at Hamilton Heights. March has been designated by the National Dance Education Organization as “Dance in Our Schools Month,” by the National Association for Music Education as “Music in our Schools Month,” and by the National Theatre Association as “Theatre in Our Schools Month,” and by the Council for Art Education as “Youth Art Month.”

The district has long understood the benefit, value, and importance of arts education. We strongly believe that a well-rounded education, including the arts, helps to better prepare our students for success after graduation. The arts are more than an extracurricular activity; they are an essential element to a well-rounded education at



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Heights with each discipline bringing its own body of knowledge and skills. Arts education and enrichment program opportunities at Heights help increase student engagement, promote leadership, enhance creativity and intellectual skills, and support literacy and numeracy.

Beyond the intrinsic value of artistic expression, studies have consistently shown that students who participate in arts education demonstrate higher academic achievement, improved attendance, and increased civic engagement. The arts instill discipline and perseverance, teaching students the importance of dedication and practice in pursuit of excellence.

The arts at Heights are thriving with interest and participation thanks in large part to our arts educators and staff who inspire, engage, and help provide our

students with life-changing and far-reaching experiences throughout their journey at Heights. They include Mark Snelson (Band-HH-HS/HHMS), Billy Cox (Band-HHHS/HHMS), Jill Howell (Choir-HHHS/HHMS), Tara Mueller (Music-HHES), Kylee Woods (Amber Guard-HHHS), Brooks Myers (Theater-HH-HS), Cheri Trachtman (Art-HHES), Erin Goodman (Art-HHMS), and Taylor Myers (Art-HHHS).

I would also like to give a shout out to those in the community for their ongoing support of the arts at Heights through booster clubs, attending our live performances and concerts, and highlighting the works of our student artists in unique ways throughout the community.

Two businesses that stand out in their support for the arts are Iris Rubber in Cicero who proudly displays student artwork on the exterior of its building for residents and visitors to enjoy, and The Hamilton

County Reporter, which has launched a yearlong Banner/Masthead Art project showcasing the work of Hamilton County elementary and middle school students. Winning selections (top three from each school) will be featured for one week a month on the front and inside of the paper (January to December) along with a photo and special press release. Pretty cool for all the young artists featured and an added bonus for readers. Hamilton Heights’ artists will be featured in the paper this month and in April!

Our student’s involvement in the arts can be seen, heard, and felt in creative, imaginative, and colorful ways every day. The transformative power of the arts continues to shape the lives of our students, enrich the fabric of our community and is worthy of appreciation this month and throughout the year. Thank you for supporting our students’ intellectual development through all things’ art at Heights!

#WeAreHuskies

Driverless cars are here to stay

By TOM ADLER
Guest Columnist

A couple months ago my wife and I were leaving

the Warriors game in San Francisco, and we decided to catch a ride in a driverless car to the Sunset (district) to pick up our kids.

The Background

About 10 years ago while living in the Mission (district) I saw the first driverless car. At the time they were ugly. Usually with lots of protruding sensors and whirling gyroscopes on the roof and ALWAYS with a driver behind the wheel. At the time there was a lot of excitement about the future and how it was already here.

As all things do, everything changed. The startups behind the driverless cars were quickly bought or funded by the major car manufacturers in Detroit or the Computer Giants in Silicon Valley. The cars became much sleeker. They also became ubiquitous. On every corner there were different competing cars from Cruise (General Motors), Waymo (Google), Zoox (Amazon). All were racing to map the city and perfect the LIDAR computer vision on the cars. Sometimes these cars would drive in pelotons to gather data, which clogged an already congested city street. Most importantly the cars ditched their humans and truly became driverless.

The novelty wore off. Then, these marvels started causing problems. There were stories of driverless cars blocking fire hydrants during fires and firefighters taking the most brutal path through the car to serve as a warning to the car companies.

There were stories of cars running red lights or hitting someone and the cops not sure how to give a driverless car a ticket.

Most recently people of San Francisco shared online that if you took an orange traffic cone and placed it upon the hood of the driverless car it would render the car useless. Like flipping a turtle on its back, it just couldn’t figure out how to right itself.

This was the state of things as I asked my wife if she would hop in the driverless car with me. There were some eyes rolling but she knew how much I love stuff like this. So, away we went.

The Ride

I downloaded the app and put in the code for a free ride. We sat at a nearby restaurant and had a drink as we waited for our vehicle. Our car was named Poppy. You look at the map on your phone as the car got closer. The car pulled up and we discovered the hardest part of the journey was getting in. We started to move and the car moved as well. Doing a little dance as the car jerked forward each time we reached for the door. We ended up getting in about halfway through an intersection, which was dangerous and probably user error on our part.

Once in, you are greeted with a safety video on the screen in the back of the headrest. Cruise currently only lets passengers in the back seat, where Waymo allows someone to sit shotgun. From the backseat you

can change the radio and probably more importantly call for help via OnStar (since this is a GM vehicle).

It was raining, the streets were crowded, and our first true test came when a skateboarder zipped by us on the left-hand side. The car saw it before any human could have, slowed down, and prepared for the skateboarder. It was business as usual for the car, but my wife and I were still freaking out at this point of the ride. We took video of the first 10 minutes of the ride and you can hear us marveling at every aspect of the experience ... until the novelty wore off and we accepted the new reality. Just like you might not think twice when hitting an elevator button instead of having a “driver” in the elevator. You just trust it will take you where you need to go.

Then as we were crossing 19th Avenue in the Outer Sunset, our little car came upon an accident. While we thankfully were not involved in the accident, we were stuck because of it. The car’s brain couldn’t figure out how to safely maneuver around the accident so its directive was to stay put, which made the whole scene worse backing up traffic behind us and motivating others to operate outside of the painted lines which could have caused another car crash. After a few painfully long minutes someone from OnStar called us in the car to check and see how we were doing, and about as soon as that happened someone from somewhere took control of the car remotely and got the ship back on course.

Five minutes later we were getting out and greeting our kids.

The biggest take away from the journey was how fast it felt like any other taxi ride we had taken in the city in the last 10 years. At some point we trusted the car and the software and we were just taking a normal drive home. I can’t imagine how much easier it would be to perfect this tool in the grid and spoke system that Indianapolis is laid out in instead of the hills and curves of San Francisco.

Why tell you this now? Driverless cars are one of the ways AI is going to revolutionize our understanding of the world. You can’t fight it, and if you think about it you probably don’t want to. For example, how many of you churn your own butter, ride your horse to work, or write letters to a spouse when you need them to pick something up from the store? You could. No one is stopping you, but you don’t because you don’t have to.

Ten years from now, you’ll schedule a car for grandma to go get her groceries in town, and you may receive your packages from an autonomous truck. The world will keep on spinning ... but your wife may still roll her eyes at you.

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“The Science of Light & Sound” returns to the Palladium

The REPORTER

A generous gift is supporting the return of the Center for the Performing Arts’ free science presentations for local school groups.

“The Science of Light & Sound” is a fun and interactive 60-minute experience in which the Center’s skilled production technicians use the Palladium concert hall’s lighting and PA systems to demonstrate key terms and concepts in physics, reinforcing lessons from the classroom.

“This presentation really covered our standards in ways we have not been able to, given the materials we have on hand,” said teacher Elizabeth Bruder, who recently attended the program with the fourth graders of Allisonville Elementary School in Indianapolis. “It was also just an amazing opportunity for the students to be in the theater space, some of whom haven’t had the chance to experience that before.”

Designed to accommodate an entire grade level at once in the unique acoustic setting of the Palladium, the Science of Light & Sound was placed on hiatus when the pandemic led to limits on public gatherings. With the program’s revival in February, local schools already have booked a dozen of the available dates this spring.

The program’s updated

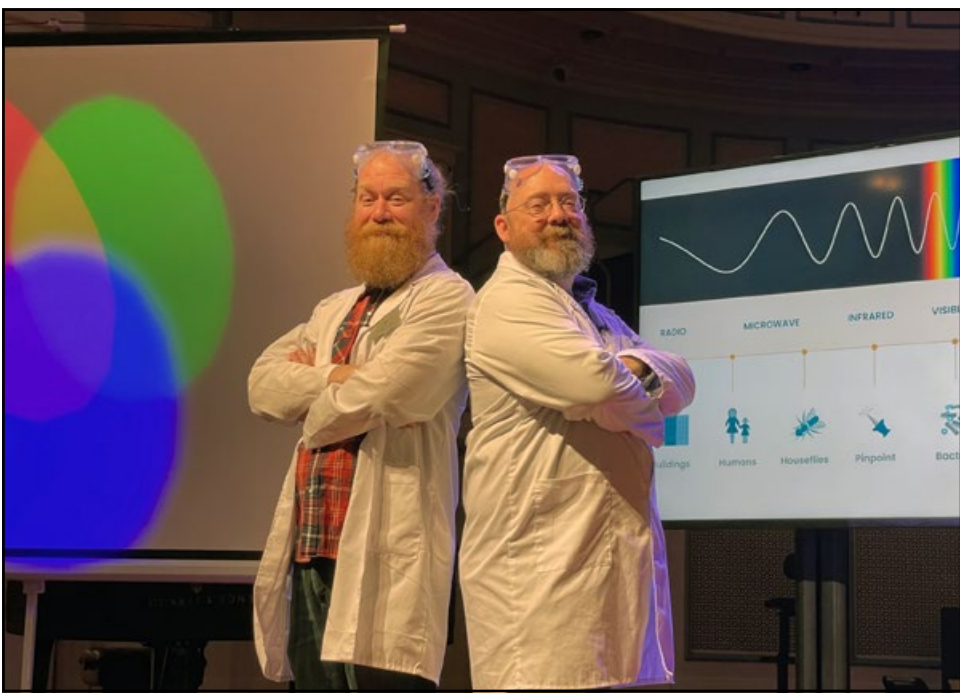


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Center for the Performing Arts production technicians “Dr. Brian” Coon (left) and “Dr. Rob” Glass dress the part in white lab coats and safety goggles when they present “The Science of Light & Sound,” an education program provided free to local school groups in the Palladium concert hall.

content aligns with the Indiana Academic Standards for Grade 4 Science, exploring basic properties of light and sound as forms of transferable energy, though presentations can be adapted for older students. Currently delivering the material onstage – dressed comically in white lab coats and safety goggles – are Lead Audio Engineer “Dr. Rob” Glass and Technical Director “Dr. Brian” Coon, a former high school teacher. Colleagues assist from the lighting booth.

Amid the relaunch, the Science of Light & Sound has received a boost in the

form of a \$5,000 grant from the Sciencetech Foundation of Indiana, a public charity that supports non-profit educational efforts in science, technology, engineering, medicine, and related fields.

“Awarding grants to arts organizations is not common for us, but we were impressed by the innovative nature of this program,” said Dr. Robert Yee, secretary for the Sciencetech Foundation of Indiana. “The Center is doing important work in making science principles and STEM career fields more compelling for local students.”

To make its educational offerings more accessible to students throughout central Indiana, the Center for the Performing Arts operates a Transportation Grant Program, funded by contributions from individual donors, to which school groups can apply for funding to reimburse the cost of bringing students to events.

More information on the Science of Light & Sound and the Transportation Grant Program is available at TheCenterPresents.org or by emailing School-Programs@TheCenterPresents.org.

Carmel announces Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Arts

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam officially introduced the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Arts.

This commission is set to play a crucial role in advising the mayor on matters such as the allocation of funds to non-profit arts organizations, the procurement and installation of public art and the development of arts programming across the city. The City of Carmel has gained national recognition for its outstanding public art installations and vibrant performing arts scene.

“The establishment of the Arts Commission marks the realization of my commitment to fostering increased community engagement in our arts initiatives and public art acquisitions,” Mayor Finkam said. “I am delighted to announce that Laura Campbell, a for-

mer city council member, will be assuming the role of chair for this commission. With her extensive experience in overseeing our city’s public investment in the arts and her genuine passion for the arts as a patron, Laura is an excellent choice to lead this endeavor.”

Campbell will guide a team of seven appointees within the commission, with four individuals chosen by Mayor Finkam and three by the Carmel City Council. This commission will serve as the successor to the Public Art Advisory Committee, distinguishing itself from the Carmel Arts Council, which operates in-

dependently as a 501(c)(3) organization.

“The seven members of the commission bring varied and talented backgrounds together to focus on this important initiative,” Campbell said. “The arts are a major economic driver in the City of Carmel, and Mayor Finkam’s commitment to receiving input from the community is essential to the continued success of the arts organizations in Carmel.”

Mayor Finkam signed an executive order in February creating the Advisory Commission on Arts whose responsibilities include:

- Reviewing annual arts

- grant applications and recommending grantees based on budget and need
- Developing a master plan for public art
- Working with city departments and art consultants to determine future acquisitions and locations for public art
- Providing feedback on arts programming
- Receiving and reporting input from the city on public art throughout Carmel

Those appointed to the Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Arts include:

- Laura Campbell*
- Jill Dunn*
- Beth Glynn**
- Tina Mangos**
- Chandrika Patel**
- Julia Saltgaver*
- Ashley Ulbricht*

(*) indicates Mayoral appointment
(**) indicates City Council appointment



Campbell



Finkam



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Feinstein’s welcomes American Idol winner Maddie Poppe

The REPORTER

On March 17 and 18, Feinstein’s will welcome Maddie Poppe, an American singer-songwriter musician and the season 16 winner of *American Idol*.

She is a multi-instrumentalist and plays the guitar, piano, and ukulele. She received a People’s Choice Award in the category of Competition Contestant for her *American Idol* performance.

The Iowa native has captured the attention of fans with her folksy singer-songwriter style. Following her *Idol* victory, Poppe had a No. 2 hit on the iTunes Pop Charts and went on to become a guest on *The Kelly Clarkson Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, *LIVE With Kelly & Ryan*, and *Good Morning America*.

Last fall, Poppe toured with Joshua Radin. Radin is known for his many songs that have been used in films and television series including *Scrubs*, *Grey’s Anatomy*, *One Tree Hill*, *Shameless*, and others.

“Her [Poppe’s] voice is very unique,” Radin stated in *People Magazine*. “There are so many people that can sing. I mean, I walk down the street and I hear people busking on the street, and I’m always like, ‘Wow.’ But then, there’s certain people that have a tone of their voice that’s more unique. And that’s what I love about her voice.”

In the midst of touring with others, Poppe has also headlined her own tours, including a Christmas run that has become a seasonal “must” for her fans.

Now, you have the opportunity to see the very talented Maddie Poppe in person. You can get tickets to her March 17 and 18 Feinstein’s shows by visiting this link.

Poppe toured the country, opening for Ingrid Michaelson. Michaelson, also an American singer-songwriter, performed in the Broadway musical *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*. The Emmy-nominated performer recently was writing music and lyrics for the musical adaption of *The Notebook*. ABC Hot AC had a statement from Michaelson prior to their tour: “She’s so talented and kind and I can’t wait to hear her every night.”

Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947. Consider having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein’s. For groups of 10 tickets or more, email sales@hotelcarmichael.com.



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Sun King Brewery named first tenant in Westfield’s Union Square

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield and Old Town Companies have announced Sun King as the first tenant in the Union Square development located at State Road 32 and Union Street.

The development plan was approved at Monday evening’s Advisory Plan Commission (APC) meeting.

Known for its commitment to brewing excellence and community engagement, Sun King has been a staple in the Indiana craft beer scene since 2009. The decision to open a Westfield location aligns with Sun King’s mission to share its passion for craft beverages with even more Hoosiers.

The new Sun King location in Westfield will feature a spacious and inviting taproom and an expansive outdoor patio to create a welcoming space for craft beverage enthusiasts and families alike. The taproom will showcase Sun King’s diverse range of award-winning craft beers, including their signature

core and seasonal releases, along with experimental beers and handcrafted signature cocktails.

“Sun King is excited about being a part of the Westfield community,” Sun King Co-founder Dave Colt said. “The design of Sun King’s taproom and food hall will offer guests a welcoming indoor space and a stunning outdoor patio and upstairs deck that share picturesque views of Grand Junction Plaza. Our fans will be able to enjoy pints of Sun King beer, signature cocktails, and non-alcoholic drinks, all while enjoying local dining options.”

Sun King’s Westfield location will boast more than 400 seats, including nearly 200 patio seating options overlooking Grand Junction Plaza.

“We are thrilled not just for the Sun King team but also for the residents of Westfield, as they will have an outstanding addition to downtown,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “We are looking forward to seeing Sun King as an anchor of Union



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Square and how this will help spur future development.”

About Sun King Brewing Co.
Sun King Brewing Co., an independent brewery in Indiana and Florida, was founded in 2009 by professional brewers Dave Colt and Clay Robinson.

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Sun King takes great pride in partnering with hundreds of community organizations throughout the places where its beverages are sold to help them raise awareness and funds for great causes. Learn more at SunKingBrewing.com and follow along on social media.

OneZone Chamber to welcome Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt for “Morning Brew”

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber will soon welcome County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt for March’s Morning Brew.

Morning Brew is a networking event in Northern Hamilton County.

Those in attendance will hear updates from across the county from Commissioner Heirbrandt. He was elected in 2013 to represent District 3, which includes Adams,

Fall Creek, Jackson, Washington, Wayne, and White River townships, along with the municipalities of Arcadia, Atlanta, Cicero, Sheridan, and Westfield.



Heirbrandt

This event will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 28 at Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St., Arcadia. Registration is required by Monday, March 25. Reservations can be made at OneZoneChamber.com or by calling (317) 436-4653.

Westfield Chamber talking local government finance with Oscar Gutierrez of Bondy Consulting

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the March Luncheon featuring Oscar Gutierrez on Thursday, March 21 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham hills Blvd., Westfield.

As the Founder and Principal of Bondy Consulting, Gutierrez brings with him over a decade of public finance insight and value to his clients. His public service includes serving as the City of Fishers’ first Controller where he oversaw its Town-to-City financial transition and earned Fishers the unique distinction of operating as the only Indiana city with a ‘AAA’ credit rating from Standard and Poor’s. Before his time at Fish-

ers, he held the same position for the City of Lawrence, where he increased cash reserves by 200 percent and helped upgrade the city’s credit rating.

Before Bondy, Gutierrez served as the Senior Director of Facility Strategy and Financing for The Mind Trust and Adjunct Associate Faculty at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Gutierrez currently serves on the executive board of Bosma Enterprises, the executive board of Quality Connection of Indiana, the Supervisory Commit-



Gutierrez

tee for Everwise, and most recently joined the board of Student Impact. He was formerly a trustee for the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library and the commissioner for the Indiana War Memorials. He has been recognized as *Indianapolis Business Journal’s* “40 under 40,” as well as Indy’s Best and Brightest winner in the field of Government by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana.

In his free time, Gutierrez enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife, Madeline, and three children, Darwin, Kenley, and Oscar.

During the luncheon, Gutierrez will cover the state of local government finances. He will cover property taxes and growth at the city and county levels with an in-depth comparison to Hamilton County’s peers around the state.

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 meet with different companies’ display tables. Guests will then enjoy a delicious lunch. Remarks will begin at 11:45 a.m.

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Hamilton County Tourism announces 2024 Tourism Gives grant recipients

The REPORTER

More than 30 Hamilton County non-profit organizations will share \$95,000 in grants from Hamilton County Tourism's (HCT) 2024 Tourism Gives program. This program provides grants to tourism-related county-based organizations such as those that provide experiences in the arts, special events, festivals, and history.



Myers

HCT launched its Tourism Gives program in 2006 and has provided more than \$15 million in grants and special project support since its inception.

"We want to support those nonprofits that provide unique experiences for both residents and visitors," HCT President/CEO Brenda Myers said. "They are one of the many reasons why our community is such a great

place to live and visit." For the 2024 cycle, HCT updated its guidelines for grants to match new initiatives around Inspire Hamilton County, an umbrella program that gives back to the community that warmly welcomes approximately 6 million visitors a year. Each grant is centered around one of the following areas: planet, prosperity, people, or place.

"We are honored to be a recipient of the Tourism Gives grant program," said Maria Rosenfeld, CEO and president of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, which attracts nearly a half million visits each year. "As a nonprofit, we rely on grants like these to fund so much of what we do year over year, and we are grateful for the support we have from Hamilton County Tourism."



- Other recipients of the 2024 Tourism Gives grant program include:
- Carmel Arts & Design District/ City of Carmel
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Tickets available for Westfield Chamber golf outing

The REPORTER

Get ready to tee off with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's 21st annual Golf Outing on May 13, presented by **Abbott, Bondry Consulting, Community First Bank of Indiana, the City of Westfield, and Community Health Network** at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st.

This event is open to all companies in Hamilton County, with a special discounted rate for Westfield Chamber Partners. The Golf Outing is much more than just a chance to hit the links. It's an opportunity for community and business leaders to network, discover what makes Westfield thrive in central Indiana, and learn about the businesses that serve the community.

About the course

The Bridgewater Golf Club facilities feature a challenging Pete Dye-designed 18-Hole Championship Course, a 9-Hole Executive Course, a 23-acre practice range, a 6-acre short game area, covered & heated hitting stalls, an indoor hitting and putting room, and state-of-the-art high-tech equipment.

Their members can put their skills to the test in a wide variety of Juniors, Couples, Women's & Men's golf tournaments offered throughout the season.

Golfer information

There are a limited number of spots available to participate as a golfer in this year's outing, so please [register soon](#).

Prices include a round of golf on the 18-Hole Championship Course. Additionally, golfers have two-hour access to the practice range

before the Golf Outing begins, two golf carts per foursome, a free Bloody Mary Bar, a lunch buffet before the shotgun start, complimentary beverages throughout the day, and a ticket to the 19th Hole Reception at the end of the day, where golfers will have the opportunity to win excellent prizes from the 18-hole sponsors. It is also where the first-, second-, and third-place winners will be announced and presented with a cash prize, as well as the prized Dimple Cup to the winning team. Proceeds from this event support the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

Available packages

- **Foursome Team** (\$1,600 Partner / \$2,600 Non-Partner): four players included; two golf carts
- **Three Player Team** (\$1,200 Partner / \$1,950 Non-Partner): three players included, plus one golfer assigned to the team; two golf carts
- **Two Player Team** (\$800 Partner / \$1,300 Non-Partner): two players included, plus two golfers assigned to the team; two golf carts
- **Individual Golfer** (\$400 Partner / \$650 Non-Partner) one player included; will be assigned to a



team to create a foursome. Shared golf cart.

[Click here](#) to golf. Email info@westfieldchamberindy.com with any registration questions.

Sponsorship opportunities

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

Volunteer at the outing

There's an opportunity for the non-golfers in your office to participate. To pull off a successful Golf Outing, the Westfield Chamber needs more than two dozen volunteers on the day of the event. Volunteers will be needed to help people check in, help to marshal the sponsors to their holes, driving volunteers on the course, ground support across the course, 19th Hole

Reception set up, and much more. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer.

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Indiana State Police seeks officers for Capitol Police Section Selection Process

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police Capitol Police Section is accepting applications for traditional and lateral applicants.

Individuals interested in beginning a rewarding career as a Capitol Police Officer may apply online at in.gov/isp/career-opportunities/capitol-police. This website provides a detailed synopsis of the application process and information on addition-

al career opportunities with the Indiana State Police.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on Sunday, March 31.

The starting salary for a Capitol Police Probationary Officer is \$62,327 a year. After the first year of employment, the salary will increase to \$64,472.

The starting salary for Retired or Police Officers in good standing with their

agency having 20 or more years of experience as a Tier I or Tier II Officer is \$75,431.

Basic Eligibility Requirements for Traditional Applicants

1. Must be a United States citizen.
2. Must be at least 21 years of age when appointed as a police employee. (Traditional Recruit Graduation/Appointment Date: Sept. 21, 2024)
3. Must meet a minimum vision standard (corrected or uncorrected) of 20/50 acuity in each eye and 20/50 distant binocular acuity in both eyes.
4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.
5. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED).

Lateral Applicants

Must be a merit law enforcement officer with an Indiana Law Enforcement Tier I or Tier II Certification. Out-of-state law enforcement officers are eli-

gible if their certification is determined to be equivalent to the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board standards. A finishing school will begin on June 24, 2024.

The Indiana State Police Capitol Police Section also offers an excellent health care plan, including medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy coverage for current and retired employees and their families. The State maintains short-term and long-term disability plans for full-time employees after six months of continuous employment. As an Indiana State Police Capitol Police Officer, you are automatically enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement Fund (PERF), and the State will contribute to your retirement account.

Interested applicants can obtain additional information about a career as a Capitol Police Officer by visiting in.gov/isp/career-opportunities/capitol-police. Applicants can also contact a recruiter at isprecruiting@isp.in.gov.



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AG Todd Rokita suing SEC over new climate rule on U.S. companies

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a lawsuit against the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) due to a rule that places new climate requirements on U.S. companies.

AG Rokita says that by implementing the rule, the SEC moves from its role as an independent federal agency enforcing laws against market manipulation to become a “partisan purveyor of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.”

bureaucrats extending the regulatory tentacles of ESG nonsense into every facet of the economy.”

The new rule compels companies to compile and disclose material related to their greenhouse-gas emissions and how their activities may affect climate change.

“Companies have a legal fiduciary duty to maximize returns to shareholders,” AG Rokita said. “Costly ideological requirements with no proven effect only drive up the price of goods for everyday Hoosiers and reduce value for shareholders. The only winners here are big business and the radical environmentalists with a vendetta against capitalism.”

The lawsuit against the SEC asks a federal appeals court to strike down the SEC’s new rule as unlawful.



Rokita

“Hoosiers rightly expect the SEC to be focused on protecting investors and financial markets rather than making companies bend the knee to radical environmentalism,” AG Rokita said. “This is one more disturbing example of leftwing

Westfield student graduates from Morningside University

The REPORTER

Morningside University in Sioux City, Iowa, has announced 52 students graduated with bachelor’s degrees and

53 students earned graduate degrees in December 2023.

Courtney Fey of Westfield was among those graduates. Congratulations!

Fishers student makes honor list at Missouri University of Science & Technology

The REPORTER

The Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo., recently announced the names of students who made the honor list for the Fall 2023 semester.

Wesley Moore of Fishers,

a senior majoring in nuclear engineering, made the list.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had a grade-point average of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.



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What happens at Miller-Palooza stays at Miller-Palooza, just like Las Vegas

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF) will soon hold its largest annual fundraiser, Miller-Palooza, on Friday, March 15, at Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

This historic school spirit themed fundraiser supports all 10 Noblesville Schools and will further the Foundation's mission of promoting and investing in Noblesville Schools through grants, scholarships, strategic partnerships, and volunteer support.

Miller-Palooza starts at 6 p.m. and will feature dueling pianos with Felix & Fingers, food stations, spirits, a large auction, magician Josh Cecil, and awards honoring partners of Noblesville Schools. Mayor Chris Jensen will be the master of ceremonies. The dress code is casual school spirit, and vintage or throwback items are encouraged.

NSEF volunteers are hoping to beat last year's numbers and raise over

\$90,000 to support all 10 Noblesville Schools.

This is a 21-and-over event and tickets start at \$125 each. Tickets can be purchased at bidpal.net/millerpalooza24.

The Foundation expects an estimated 375 attendees and will feature many local businesses as sponsors. The top presenting sponsor of the event is Blades Audio Video Security. Gold level sponsors are Ed Martin Automotive, Noblesville United Soccer Club, and T&T Sales and Promotions.

About NSEF

The Noblesville Schools Education Foundation was created in 1987 to support Noblesville Schools by investing in academic excellence. NSEF is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission of funding grants, awarding scholarships, and expanding resources for Noblesville Schools. Learn more at NoblesvilleSchoolsEducationFoundation.org.



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
Superintendent Dan Hile and Mayor Chris Jensen don the "N" and belt out the hits in super-star fashion.



Photo courtesy Ghostbusters of Detroit

But you said crossing the streams was BAD, Egon . . .

The REPORTER

This month, Imagine Noblesville, 13825 Norell Road in the Hamilton Town Center, will invite some special friends to join in on the fun. All month long, guests can take part in these fun, family-friendly visits and make lasting memories at Imagine.

Tickets for all movies are available at Imagine-Entertainment.com or through the Imagine App.

Kung Fu Panda Martial Arts visit

Get ready for *Kung Fu Panda 4* as it hits theatres on

Thursday, March 7. Local area martial arts locations will visit Imagine Noblesville to provide guests with information about their program. Several of the locations will play host to demonstrations in the theatre lobby for attendees.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, visit with Master Yoo's Tee Kwan Do, who will have a table on-site and will do in-theatre demonstrations.

Ghostbusters visit

Visit Imagine Noblesville to celebrate the release of *Ghostbusters: Frozen*

Empire on Thursday, March 21. Come dressed in your *Ghostbusters* apparel and join in with the local *Ghostbusters* crew as they host a fun and exciting event. Take photos with team members, in front of their Ectomobile, and maybe even try on their Proton Pack.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, meet the Circle City Ghostbusters at Imagine Noblesville.

For a full list of locations, films and showtimes, visit Imagine-Entertainment.com. On sale dates may vary.

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Tourism's Sarah Billman to speak at next Westfield Young Professionals meeting

The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St., for an exciting networking event featuring Sarah Billman.

Billman has been at Hamilton County Tourism (HCT) since 2012. She started as a temporary, part-time Sports Assistant, which turned into full-time, and later expanded to supporting Group Sales' efforts as well. After a few years, HCT created a new department, Visitor Experience, and she has led that

ever since.

Visitor Experience focuses on welcome, hospitality and fulfilling contracts for all sporting events, conferences and meetings that come through HCT's Sports and Group Sales departments. Visitor Experience also oversees brochure distribution and coordinate HCT's hosted events.

Billman is a native of



Billman

Indianapolis and went to school for sports management. She never knew the tourism side until starting at HCT.

Register now and bring your coworkers for the March YP Coffee & Networking event. Don't miss out on your chance to network with community professionals and gain valuable insight into this prestigious program.



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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH'S DREAMS

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Genesis 37:3-8 (NIV)

Jackie D. Hodson

September 7, 1935 – March 5, 2024

Jackie D. Hodson, 88, Noblesville, passed away unexpectedly on March 5, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on September 7, 1935, in Arcadia to Kenneth and Margaret (Hahn) Hodson.



Jack graduated from Jackson Central High School and enlisted in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He went on to serve in the Air Force in Vietnam and retired as a Master Sergeant. Jack married Carolyn Sue (Fitzgerald) Cornelius in 1982. He worked for Allison Transmission for 24 years before retiring from there. Jack was a member of First Christian Church in Noblesville and the Noblesville VFW Post #6246.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sue; three sons, Larry (Debbie Hilton) of Noblesville, Leonard (Kim) of Lexington, N.C., and Lee (David) of Birmingham, Ala.; four stepchildren, Julie (Jim) Crask, JR (Dottie) Cornelius, Shelly Sherrill, all of Noblesville, and Bill (Nancy) Cornelius of Washington, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Carol Rushton, Dion (Donna) Hodson, and Jimmy (Sherry) Hodson, all of Arcadia.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Leah Michelle.

Per Jack's wishes, there will be no services. The Hodson Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Jackie's care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over the Monday, March 25, 2024, meeting.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. View the agenda at secure2.hamilton-county.in.gov/agendas.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

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Track & Field

Build this team together: Millers ready to prove their power in 2024

By **RICHIE HALL**

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After winning a first-ever state championship in 2023, Noblesville's girls track team is hoping to build more success in 2024.

The Millers definitely have the talent and the personnel to defend their trophy. Fourteen of the 18 athletes that competed on the Noblesville state team last season are back, there are some freshmen that are already performing well, and the Millers have some newcomers to the team.

"This is a special team for anyone to be a part of," said Noblesville coach Jim Pearce. "As coaches, we are very fortunate to have the chance to guide these young women to greatness. The collection of talent on our team is deep and impressive. However, there are no guarantees at any time. We have to see ourselves in the position of chasing everyone else. We need to, as Reggie Wayne of the Indianapolis Colts used to do, put on our construction hard hat and go to work every single day. The way to reach our goals is this hard work, determination, and the teamwork we can all offer one another."

Pearce said Noblesville is excited to have the opportunity to defend its state championship. He called the 2024 season "an exciting time."

"Our focus is always oriented around team and team performance, rather than individual accolades," said Pearce. "We always talk about being humble and just getting better each and every day. Since we rely on one another, there is no pressure on any one individual."

Seven key seniors are part of the Millers team, starting with Hannah Alexander, the defending state champion in the discus. Alexander won that event with a personal record of 158 feet, 8 inches and also finished third in the shot put. She threw 45 feet, 8.5 inches in that event, but has a PR of 47-4.25.

Delaney Teachnor returns a fourth-place finish in the pole vault; she cleared 12 feet at state and has gone as high as 12-6. Freshman Amelia Smith could make an impact in the pole vault in her first year; Pearce said Smith has already reached 12-6.

Senior Maya McDonald, who finished on the podium at the state swim meet last month (third in the breast-stroke), is competing in her second season of track and field. Pearce said McDonald "threw a PR in the discus at nearly 91 feet" and also tried the high jump – where she cleared 5 feet.

Over on the track, senior Summer Rempe placed sixth at state last year in the 800 with a time of 2 minutes, 13.16 seconds. Her PR



Kent Graham / File photo

Noblesville's Hannah Alexander (center) won the discus event last year at state and helped the Millers to a first-ever team state championship.

in that event is 2:12.72, and she has gone under 5 minutes in the 1600 and under 11 minutes in the 3200 run.

The Millers have their usual strong distance group, with seniors Nadia Perez and Kennedy Applegate and juniors Brinkley Cooper and Riley Flynn all returning. Senior Maddie Coates and junior Mya Baker return back as solid sprinters. Cooper, Flynn and junior Kate Rollins were part of a state-qualifying 4x400 re-

lay. Sophomore Ansley Applegate will contribute in the distance events.

Two more freshmen are getting attention. Tae Gates already has some notable results, going 16-8 in the long jump and clearing 5-4 in the high jump. Gates will also run in the 100 dash, with Sophia Shields a possible 400 star.

"We know that this year, challenges will come from Warren Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Carmel,

Brownsburg, and Heritage Christian at the State level. We run in the highly competitive Hoosier Crossroads Conference, in Hamilton County, in the HSE Sectional, and the Lafayette Regional. We are grateful to be in these places because it provides us with top-level competition. There are no breaks from facing the best and this makes us better," said Pearce.

"In order for us to continue our success, we need

to stay focused within ourselves. When a team wins a State Championship, they draw everyone's best in each competition. There is also a great deal of noise -- people who want to break us down, people who want to make comments. We tell our athletes to take no part in the noise -- to ignore it -- it's just part of who we are and where we are right now. All we can do is do what we do. We know when we just do what we do, it will be excellent."

HSE boys win HCC indoor meet, Noblesville girls take second

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys track and field team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference indoor meet, which took place Wednesday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

The Royals were led by their relays, with two of them placing second. Deagan Baker, Will Henning, Mason Schmitz and Ian Ross were the 4x800 runner-up, as was the 4x200 relay team of Chandler Weston, Mason Alexander, Liam Boyd and Christian Ortiz. Relays count for double points at the meet. Josiah Bird was second in the shot put and Connor Langsford was the pole vault runner-up.

Fishers won three events. Tyler Tarter was first in the 60 hurdles, Sam Quagliaroli paced the 3200 run and Joel Gates won the shot put. Noblesville distance medley relay team of Jack Strong, Luke Mumaw, Alec Moor and Caden Click won that event.

In the girls meet, Brownsburg won with 123 points. Noblesville finished second with 94 points and won three events. Delaney Teachnor was first in the pole vault, Hannah Alexander won the shot put, and the 4x800 relay team of Ansley Applegate, Riley Flynn, Gretchen Graham and Brinkley Cooper was also victorious.

Fishers' Maya Taylor won the 60 dash, while Westfield's Lucy Hauser triumphed in the 60 hurdles. Southeastern's 4x400 relay team of Ciara Kepner, Maya Etheredge, Camryn McKinney and Addison Smith was also a winner.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Brownsburg 123, Noblesville 94, Avon 69.5, Fishers 68, Franklin Central 66, Westfield 57, Hamilton Southeastern 57, Zionsville 48.5.

60 hurdles - Finals: 1. Lucy Hauser (W) 9.20, 3. Anna Williams (F) 9.68, 5. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 10.26, 8. Lauren Linville (W) 11.93. **Prelims:** 10. Eliza Springer (N) 10.76, 11. Amiyah McMullen (HSE) 10.81, 12. Micaiah Bullock (HSE) 10.88, 15. Brielle Siefert (N) 11.20.

60 dash - Finals: 1. Maya Taylor (F) 7.67, 6. Mya Baker (N) 7.91. **Prelims:** 9. Mireya Benjamin (F) 7.99, 10. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 8.11, 12. Trynati Hoosier (W) 8.26, 14. LeBraya Warren (W) 8.35, 15. Ava Kashani (HSE) 8.45.

3200 run: 3. Nadia Perez (N) 11:34.48, 4. Ava Powers (HSE) 11:36.98, 5. Kennedy Applegate (N) 11:37.31, 7. Catey Campbell (HSE) 11:43.71, 8. Abby Lotter

(F) 11:47.26, 9. Emily Loiselle (W) 11:53.84, 14. Ella Bozarth (W) 12:18.14, 15. Tanvi Pothuri (F) 13:01.12.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville (Ansley Applegate, Riley Flynn, Gretchen Graham, Brinkley Cooper) 9:31.13, 4. Southeastern (Maggie Powers, Elise Herman, Anaya Lammie, Elizabeth Butler) 9:54.04, 6. Fishers (Addison Kane, Grier Swaim, Kate Sheidler, Elise Bryan) 10:31.07, 7. Westfield (Angelina Abrani, Gianna Ferreri, Ava Britton-Heitz, Ena Durbin) 10:33.81.

4x200 relay: 2. Fishers (Taylor, Benjamin, Brianna Geren, Zinnia Pineda) 1:45.91, 3. Southeastern (Bullock, Anissa Lammie, Ava Kashani, Chloe Senefeld) 1:46.14, 6. Westfield (Linville, LeAsia Warren, LeB. Warren, Hoosier) 1:50.32, 7. No-

blesville (Baker, Aleigh Heavy, Addison Scott, Maddie Coates) 1:58.99.

Distance medley relay: 2. Noblesville (Applegate, Cooper, Summer Rempe, Flynn) 12:30.63, 6. Westfield (Maggie Naas, Katelyn Eblen, Jordyn Landrum, Alivia Lozier) 12:59.79, 7. Fishers (Isabella Murch, Scarlett Olson, Aaliyah Hayes, Ashley Wright) 13:19.82, 8. Southeastern (Anna Irish, Kayla Brinley, Kate Evans, Raegan Hissong) 13:26.03.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Ciara Kepner, Maya Etheredge, Camryn McKinney, Addison Smith) 4:05.07, 3. Westfield (Naas, Abbi Van Bibber, Landrum, Hauser) 4:07.52, 4. Noblesville (Cooper, Coates, Sophia Shields, Rempe) 4:10.66, 6. Fishers (Rylan David, Williams, Devyn Day, Marina Agapios) 4:12.34.

High jump: 5. Kixmiller (F) 5-0, 6. Julia Syljebeck (W) 5-0, 9. Eliza Springer (N) 4-10, 11. Charlotte Lawrence (F) 4-10, 12. Chloe Sutake (W) 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-6, 3. Amelia Smith (N) 11-9, 7. Scarlett Olson (F) 9-3, 8. Natalie Yoder (HSE) 8-9, 9. Paige Lemieux (W) 8-3, 10. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 8-3.

Long jump: 2. Gracie Czubik (W) 17-1.25, 6. Baker (N) 16-5, 7. Hoosier (W) 16-1.75, 8. Madison Paciorek (F) 15-8.5, 10. Geren (F) 15-3.5, 12. Lydia Powers (HSE) 14-1, 13. Callie Vasiento (N) 13-3.5.

Shot put: 1. Hannah Alexander (N) 46-9, 2. Macey Miller (F) 40-4.5, 4. Jada Henson (W) 36-0, 5. Katie Wooden 34-9, 7. Marielle Fitch (N) 32-5.5, 8. Mame Fall (HSE) 31-2.5, 10. Mia Tobias (F) 30-6.

BOYS MEET

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 96, Brownsburg 92, Zionsville 82.5, Avon 76, Franklin Central 68, Fishers 63.5, Noblesville 54, Westfield 53.

60 hurdles - Finals: 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 7.91, 3. Jack Huisden (W) 8.68, 6. Elijah Adams (HSE) 8.92, 8. Harold Williams (HSE) 9.18. **Prelims:** 13. Angel Wilson (N) 9.20, 14. Kor-tez Foster (F) 9.29, 15. Gavin Woodrum (N) 9.43, 16. Leonel Cruz (W) 9.47. **60 dash - Finals:** 3. Mason Alexander (HSE) 6.96, 4. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 7.03, 5. Dario Torres (N) 7.04, 7. Cade Parker (W) 7.12. **Prelims:** 10. Carsen Elmos (F) 7.17, 11. Cato June (W) 7.25, 12. Carter Imes (F) 7.34, 14. Mobareji Abejide (N) 7.62.

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Guerin Catholic’s prayer answered with double overtime miracle

By ANGELA MORYAN
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

It was a weekend full of thrilling sectional championship matchups across the state, but one game in Hamilton County was an instant classic.

Guerin Catholic hit a game-winner at the buzzer to beat rival Brebeuf Jesuit in double overtime. But, it wasn’t just a normal buzzer beater.

“I’ve never been a part of a game like that before,” Guerin head coach Bobby Allen said.

Down one with less than three seconds left, Golden Eagles senior Ben Grissom threw up a Hail Mary behind his back and found junior Malcolm Houze unguarded under the basket. Houze brought down the house when he made the game-winning layup at the literal last second.

“I’m not going to lie. The play that happened is not what we drew up at all,” Allen said and laughed.

“Originally, when the ball went over Ben’s head, I thought we were about to lose,” senior Rob Sorensen said. “Then he chunked it overhead and Malcolm was wide open.”

What went through Houze’s head in that moment was simple.

“Don’t smoke it. Don’t

smoke the layup,” Houze said and laughed. “I don’t know. People have asked me (what was going through my head). I don’t even know what to say. I mean, I’m sitting there under the rim with 3-point-something seconds left in the sectional championship and I don’t even know what I’m thinking, and it’s just ‘Got to make it.’”

“I mean, I was in disbelief,” Grissom said. “I just imagined the clock going off before it even touched anything when I threw it up, and then I turned around and saw him catch it and put it in. It was just amazing.”

The celebration that followed was just as big as the shot.

“It was just excitement and joy, and I tackled Malcolm,” Sorensen said. “We were at the bottom of the pile. It was great.”

Allen gave his team 24 hours to celebrate, then it was back to practice for regionals.

It’s a moment this team will never forget, but the Golden Eagles are still four wins away from the ultimate goal: winning a state championship.

“This group of seniors, they experienced the state finals last year. We came up a little short, and it was one of their goals to make



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic coach Bobby Allen celebrates after cutting down the net last Saturday at the Eagles Nest. The Golden Eagles beat Brebeuf Jesuit in double overtime in the Sectional 27 championship game; Ben Grissom made an overhead throw to Malcolm Houze, who laid the ball in at the buzzer.

sure we did our part to give ourselves an opportunity to return there,” Allen said.

Sorensen said, “We just need to stay locked in, stay focused these next four days knowing that, although that was a great play and although it was a fascinating game, we need to refocus and gather ourselves for Saturday.”

The road to that state championship will continue Saturday against Indianapolis Washington at Greenfield-Central High School.

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3200 run:

1. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:16.70, 2. Sam Rinker (N) 9:30.68, 5. Riley Schamp (HSE) 9:37.53, 6. Nate Thomas (F) 9:40.31, 7. Andrew Smith (HSE) 9:46.40, 9. Ty Conner (W) 9:50.45, 11. Ronnie Neal (N) 9:57.58, 14. Owen Mohler (W) 10:22.06.

4x800 relay:

2. Southeastern (Deagan Baker, Will Henning, Mason Schmitz, Ian Ross) 8:02.77, 3. Westfield (Caleb Haney, Will Snedeker, Carson Ackley, Landon Jones) 8:10.40, 4. Noblesville (Banner Barnes, Jude Naville, Cooper Click, Jack Shinneman) 8:14.47, 5. Fishers (Parker Melling, Declan Mohr, Nate Thomas, Bryson Slagle) 8:14.59.

4x200 relay:

2. Southeastern (Chandler Weston, Alexander, Liam Boyd, Ortiz) 1:31.18, 5. Westfield (Parker, June, Connor Seagrave, Deacon King) 1:32.22, 7. Fishers (Makell Wiggins, Tristan Capps, Leo Morrow, Carter Imes) 1:32.73, 8. Noblesville (Torres, Sidney Weaver, Josh Jensen, Wilson) 1:33.03.

Distance medley relay:

1. Noblesville (Jack Strong, Luke Mummaw, Alec Moor, Click) 10:24.94, 4. Fishers (Matthew Kim, Gage Sturgill, Parker Melling, Quagliaroli) 10:40.31, 6. Southeastern (Nick Vega, James Wells, Ian Ross,

Liam Powers) 10:48.90, 7. Westfield (Ian Porter, Anthony Sulewski, Drew Neely, Jack Loiselle) 11:00.20.

4x400 relay:

2. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Landon Jones, Mikeah Webster, Will Snedeker) 3:29.60, 5. Noblesville (Torres, Wilson, Josh Moller, Bradyn Livingston) 3:31.55, 6. Fishers (Wiggins, Morrow, Tarter, Ty Burrell) 3:31.60, 8. Southeastern (Jaxon Wanza, Hunter Hoeft, Weston Muller, Omar Elsayed) 3:34.75.

High jump:

T3. Mark Riley (HSE) 5-10, 6. Blake Braden (HSE) 5-10, T7. Austin Geesaman (F) 5-10, 10. Jensen (N) 5-8, T12. Riley Sturgill (F) 5-6; Henry Reno (N) 5-6, 14. Kaleb Johnson (W) 5-6.

Pole vault:

2. Connor Langsford (HSE) 14-3, 5. Alex Wilson (W) 13-3, 7. Evan Senefeld (HSE) 12-3, 8. Lucas Bland (W) 11-9, 9. Colin Swain (F) 11-9.

Long jump:

3. Dylan James (HSE) 20-9.5, 6. Braden (HSE) 20-3, 8. Denkota Fletcher (F) 19-7, 9. Cayden Gearhart (W) 19-5.75, 11. Beau Braun (W) 19-1.75, 13. Weaver (N) 16-11.75.

Shot put:

1. Joel Gates (F) 52-7.5, 2. Josiah Bird (HSE) 52-5.5, 7. Sam Setmeyer (N) 43-7.5, 11. William Goodvine (W) 40-8, 12. Isaac Cole (W) 38-8, 13. Mason Rose (N) 33-3.

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Reporter announces all-county girls swim teams

Alexandra Shackell named Hamilton County Reporter's Girls Swimmer of the Year

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Reporter is naming Carmel junior Alexandra Shackell as its 2023-24 Girls Swimmer of the Year.
Shackell was again a force for the Greyhounds, winning four individual events while helping Carmel extend its record state championship streak. Shackell set two records in the butterfly event, first setting a new mark in the prelims before breaking that record hours later in the finals. She also won the backstroke and was part of the championship medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Hamilton County Reporter's All-County Girls Swim Teams

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Year
Lynsey Bowen	Carmel	Junior
Audrey Crawford	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Grace Dougherty	Carmel	Senior
Maya McDonald	Noblesville	Senior
Alexandra Shackell	Carmel	Junior
Avery Stein	Fishers	Senior
Molly Sweeney	Carmel	Sophomore
Emily Wolf	Fishers	Freshman

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Year
Kayla Barr	Carmel	Junior
Lucy Enoch	Carmel	Sophomore
Claire Francis	Fishers	Junior
Faith Gorey	Carmel	Freshman
Emma Schumacher	Fishers	Junior
Alyssa Street	Carmel	Senior
Alexandra Ward	Carmel	Junior
Kiley Zoeller	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior

HONORABLE MENTION:

Addyson Czarnecki, Carmel; Helena Gibson, Carmel; Julia Kiley, Hamilton Southeastern; Melaina Munson, Carmel; Emma Schwertfeger, Fishers; Haddie Vohs, Noblesville.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel's Alexandra Shackell is this year's Hamilton County Reporter Girls Swimmer of the Year. Shackell won four events while helping the Greyhounds to continue their record state championship streak.

Noblesville's Nolan Decker commits to Troy University baseball team



Photo courtesy Landon Denison, NHS Shadow Yearbook
Noblesville's Nolan Decker has committed to the Troy University baseball team. (Front row, from left) Jamie Decker (mother), Nolan Decker, and Adam Decker (father). (Back row) Justin Keever (Noblesville Baseball Head Coach).

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Thursday, March 7 GIRLS LACROSSE Center Grove at Fishers, 6:30 p.m. Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD Hamilton Heights vs. West Lafayette, 5 p.m. at Purdue University
Friday, March 8 BOYS LACROSSE Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD Sheridan at Taylor University HSR Qualifier, TBA
Saturday, March 9 BOYS BASKETBALL Regional 3 at New Castle Fishers vs. Kokomo, 4 p.m. Regional 13 at Lebanon Guerin Catholic vs. Indpls. Washington, 4 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:30 a.m. Carmel at Louisville St. Xavier, 1 p.m. South Bend St. Joseph at Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Evansville North, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Carmel at Evansville North, 11 a.m. Perry Meridian at Carmel, 11 a.m. Homestead at Westfield, noon Carmel at Evansville Memorial, 3:15 p.m. Northridge at Westfield, 4:30 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD Carmel, Hamilton Heights at Indiana Wesleyan HSR Qualifier #2, 10 a.m. Carmel boys, Guerin Catholic at Pike 2024 Individual Championships, 10 a.m. at University of Indianapolis University at McCutcheon HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. VOLLEYBALL Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m. Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral Hilltop Tournament, 9 a.m. Monrovia at Westfield, 9 a.m. McCutcheon at Westfield, 11 a.m.
Sunday, March 10 BOYS LACROSSE Guerin Catholic at Evansville Memorial, 1 p.m.
Monday, March 11 GIRLS LACROSSE Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 6:30 p.m. Bishop Chatard at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Fishers at Franklin Central, 7 p.m. Roncalli at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12 BOYS LACROSSE Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Cathedral at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Penn at Westfield, 8:15 p.m. TRACK AND FIELD Fishers boys at Carmel, 5 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 5 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson, 6:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7 p.m. Noblesville at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m. Fishers at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. <i>Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.</i>

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