

Sterling to be sworn-in as Carmel’s new police chief

The REPORTER

Carmel city officials invite the public to the official swearing-in ceremony of Police Chief Drake Sterling at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at The Tarkington Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts.

“The swearing-in ceremony for our Chief of Police stands as a cherished tradition within our law enforcement, and we extend a warm invitation to the entire com-

munity to participate,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “Chief Sterling’s appointment to guide our community is a source of pride for us all.”

Chief Sterling previously served with the Zionsville Police Department before his arrival to the Carmel Police Department (CPD) in February 2024. During his career, Chief Sterling served in a SWAT capacity for more than 10 years as well as in support services, investi-

gations, and uniformed services. He is a certified senior instructor through the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board specializing in firearms and emergency vehicle operations.

“The Carmel Police Department has long been recognized as the gold standard of law enforcement,” Chief



Sterling

Sterling said. “I am beyond excited to begin this role and work with some of the finest police officers in our profession. CPD’s goal is to continue to progress our partnerships with the community and protect all of our citizens with unmatched passion and dedication. The residents of Car-

mel should sleep peacefully at night, knowing that CPD has their safety and best interests at heart.”

The swearing-in ceremony is free and open to the public. Hear from Mayor Finkam and special guests on the importance of public safety and witness this historical change of leadership in Carmel. A reception with complimentary refreshments will follow for those in attendance.

Chief Sterling received a bachelor’s degree from Indiana State University and a Graduate Certificate from the University of Virginia. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Chief Sterling succeeds retiring police chief Jim Barlow. He currently lives in Boone County with his wife Sarah and two children. The family looks forward to making Carmel their new home.

BAND

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and publisher. He is also an adjudicator with the Central States Judges Association (CSJA).

HCCB, with its more than 80 volunteer members, was formed on Feb. 25, 2018, with a meeting between current Director Brian Swart, Noblesville Schools Band Director Eric Thornbury, and Director of the Fishers Community Chorus Marc Feeney. These three men saw a need for a true community concert band in Hamilton County.

“Our mission is to have a ‘FUN’ atmosphere that is inviting to all musicians,” Swart said.

HCCB performs multi-

ple concerts in and around the Hamilton County area. Rehearsals are held weekly on Sunday evenings at Noblesville High School.

Bring the whole family to experience the band’s spring season opener with Lead Director Brian Swart and Assistant Director Joe Pio at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 17 in the Noblesville High School Auditorium. A free-will offering will be collected to help with the purchase of new music and equipment.

HCCB also welcomes corporate sponsors. Information can be found at HamiltonCountyCommunityBand.com.

TAKE A TRIP

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The magazines were a pleasant discovery; for 121 years, at that time, *National Geographic* had been the undisputed biographer of our world. I couldn’t help but believe that my home’s former owner had bequeathed to me a great responsibility.

Suddenly, I became obsessed with Nat Geo, especially the issues dated before my birth in 1964. There was an excitement to looking at something that, for all practical purposes, was never intended for me to see. I get the same feeling inside museums – or reading other people’s letters. My snoopiness is innate.

Not that *National Geographic* content is intended to be secretive. It’s just that writers and photographers who sweated over their deadlines

probably did so to appease their contemporary public and collect a paycheck – too realistic, probably, to think that the particular crisp issue cradling their work would actually transcend a month’s stay on a coffee table, bypass the trash bin and wind up in the future attics of the yet-to-be-born.

Despite pleas from my then-wife to clean up my mess – likely, she wished I had found a collection of *Good Housekeeping* instead, thus discovering the wonderful world of neatness – the floor remained cluttered with magazines for weeks. I wasn’t through traveling the world.

The attic discovery turned me into an armchair adventurer. Closing my eyes, I randomly plucked an issue from the floor, returned to my chair, sorted through the pages, and imagined that I was actually jumping over geography to each documented destination.

When I opened my eyes to see the July 1973 issue in my hands, I was transported from my room to Iceland, where I witnessed firsthand how “a volcano’s eerie glow lights doomed houses in an Icelandic village.” (The hellish scene is framed by the trademark yellow border that has decorated the cover since 1910.)

The attic discovery turned me into an armchair

adventurer.

Each journey also included spending time in the advertisements. Even the ad space served as a dependable chronicler of a civilization’s progress: our TV sets keep growing (“The new 19-inch G.E. Big as you will ever want it. Super life-size,” claims an ad in the February 1951 issue); our electronic calculators no longer the size of washers and dryers; the back page of the January 1951 issue advertises Hormel Beans and Ham, with this special message at the bottom: “Hear music with the Hormel Girls, Saturday CBS. Sunday NBC.”

Clawing into the meat of July 1973, I went sailing on a yaw among the Ionian Islands of Greece; dodged magma and gas rocketing over an Icelandic fishing port; picked boniato and malanga with Cuban exiles; bathed in a canal with olive-skinned Bangkok women, their hair the color of black licorice; stared at the blood-red underbelly of a Peruvian frog glowing brightly with neurotoxins.

The next issue I blindly picked was the oldest of the bunch, January 1949, which lacks a photo or artwork on its cover (it wasn’t until 1959 that photos and illustrations became a mainstay on the front).

After scrutinizing an ad

for a DuMont television with a tiny, fishbowl screen (how in the world did people survive back then?), I flipped through the pages and went from sailing aboard a brigantine that stopped at exotic ports, including Easter Island to look at giant stone faces and Tahiti to lance spiny lobsters in the surf, to touring the Statue of Liberty, gliding aboard an airboat in the Everglades and making violins by hand in Bavaria.

My then-wife asked me what I planned to do with the magazines after I finally explored them all. I told her that I really didn’t have the heart to throw them away. I grew too appreciative of their pages and the gift they offered to our household: the world. I was certain that to trash a Nat Geo was a sin.

Eventually, I refilled the cardboard boxes with all 475 issues and returned them to the attic, paving the way for a future homeowner to eventually discover how the world has been patiently waiting for them.

Back then, this seemed like the right thing to do.

I still think so today – maybe even more so now.

Scott’s new collection of humor columns, *Quietly Making Noise*, is available on Amazon. He can be reached at scottsaalman@gmail.com.

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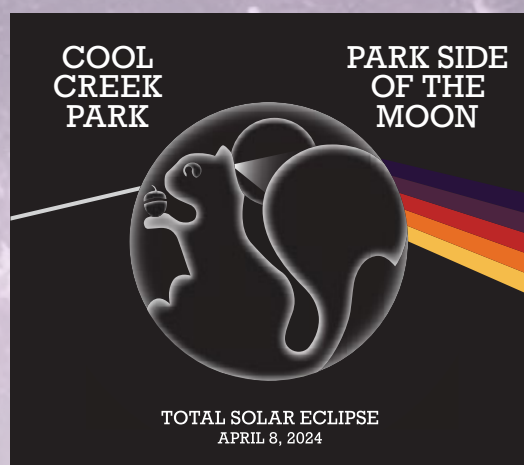
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A rare, total solar eclipse will occur in Hamilton County on Monday, April 8, 2024 and not be repeated in this area until 2153! Hamilton County Parks is staging two events that will entertain and educate, in celebration of this celestial spectacle!



Park Side of the Moon | April 8 10 AM - 5 PM | Cool Creek Park

\$10 (\$15 out of county)

Get your eclipse on with *Echoes of Pompeii A Tribute to Pink Floyd*. Broadcast personality Paul Poteet* will serve as host, joined by noted stargazers, Dr. Doug Balogh and Jeff Attebury. Enjoy fun activities, vendors, and for-purchase food and drink throughout the day.

Meet Paul Poteet!



Moon Market | April 8 12 - 5 PM | Strawtown Koteewi Park

\$5 (\$10 out of county)

Invited artisans will be selling crafts and wares while respected eclipse expert W. Keith Turner presents fascinating eclipse programming. Guitarist Robin Harrison will set the eclipse to music. Special activities and the Duke Energy Nature Education Trailer will be part of the celebration. For-purchase food and drink will also be available.

FREE eclipse viewing safety glasses will be issued to all attendees when entering the event grounds. Free parking for registered guests and the option to tailgate will be offered at both locations. Register online at MyHamiltonCountyParks.com or scan the QR code below. Hurry, attendance capacities have been set at both park locations!



The perfect way to remember this historic event!

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is offering commemorative eclipse merchandise online. A select number of the online items (viewing glasses, t-shirts and stickers) will also be sold at Cool Creek Nature Center until sold out. *These items will not be available at either park on the day of the events.* A portion of the proceeds will benefit Hamilton County Parks and Recreation.



Thanks to these valued sponsors for supporting these two very special events.

Scan for event registration or eclipse merchandise online store.



*Paul Poteet's hotel accommodations provided by Hotel Carmichael.
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- Hotel Carmichael Director of Sales and Marketing, Austin Campagna



A close-up of a calendar grid with a red pushpin stuck into it. The pushpin is positioned over the date 15. The calendar is slightly out of focus, showing dates like 9, 15, 16, and 17.

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Evans robbed as newest county court magistrate



On Thursday, Christopher Evans was officially robed at the newest magistrate likely in Superior Court 2 and 3. He replaces Judge Andrew Bloch, who recently became a Circuit Court Judge. Congratulations, Magistrate Evans!

Family Leisure brings fun & relaxation to Carmel with new luxury showroom

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Family Leisure, a leading provider of high-quality leisure products for over 50 years, announces the grand opening of its newest store in Carmel this April. Located at 2150 E. 116th St., the Carmel location marks the first new Family Leisure store in the state since 1985.

"We're ecstatic to bring the Family Leisure experience to Carmel," Owner Kevin Prefontaine said. "This new store exemplifies our dedication to delivering exceptional customer service, top-quality products, and a unique shopping environment that caters specifically to what the Carmel community is looking for."

The Carmel store will be

home to a carefully curated selection of top-selling products from leading brands, designed to cater to Carmel homes. The new 10,000-square-foot store will focus on swimming pools, spas, patio furniture, chemicals, and accessories. The Carmel location will also showcase a unique, fully functional fiberglass inground pool. Additionally, a condensed selection of pool tables, shuffleboards, arcade games, and massage chairs will be available to provide a glimpse into the wider range offered by Family Leisure.

The Carmel store serves as a pilot for a new store format that Family Leisure plans to implement across central Indiana and potentially in

other existing markets nationwide. This smaller-scale model provides a more intimate, community-centered, curated shopping experience.

Family Leisure is also proud to announce the grand opening of its new distribution center in Greenfield, Ind. This state-of-the-art facility will enable efficient handling of national e-commerce transactions and streamlined shipments to our stores nationwide.

The Family Leisure Carmel location will open in April.

[Click here](#) to watch the most recent Family Leisure television advertisement featuring the voice of Your Hometown Weatherman, Paul Poteet!

Last call: Tourism's Sarah Billman to speak at 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 Office & Networking event. Don't miss out on your chance to network with community professionals and gain valuable insight to this prestigious

OneZone Chamber announces 2024 Honors Award winners

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber has announced the 2024 Honors Award Winners.

The Honors celebrates long-standing members of the Chamber and their exemplary commitment to the work OneZone Chamber does to help businesses and communities thrive.

Throughout 2024, the award winners will be celebrated through social media, luncheons, blogs, and will be prominently displayed in the entrance of the OneZone Chamber office.

"We are thrilled to announce this amazing group of businesses who have invested in the vision of OneZone," OneZone Chamber President & CEO Jack Russell said. "We look forward to sharing their

stories and recognizing these organizations for the incredible impact on our chamber and community."

2024 Honors Award recipients

- Hamilton South-
Eastern Schools
- Delaware Township Trustee
- Sunlake Apartments
- Sunblest Apartments
- Fishers YMCA
- Don Hinds Ford
- Hawthorns Golf & Country Club
- Ivy Tech Community College



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 - Conner Prairie
 - Carmel Clay Parks
 - Carmel Glass & Mirror
 - Hamilton County Tourism
 - S&M Painting & Drywall
 - Carmel Clay Public Library
 - Flanner Buchanan
 - Janus Developmental Services
 - Katz, Sapper & Miller
 - Duke Energy
 - Community Health Network

THE HONORS

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho! To inspect the bus we go



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The safety of your children is the top priority of Westfield Washington Schools, so the transportation team recently conducted their regular bus inspections. Thank you, drivers, for everything you do. Thank you to mechanics Bob Grubbs, James Hartt, and Russ Bliss for your tireless work (no pun intended!). Thank you to Director of Transportation Larry Johnson for leading the team.

Don't give up on self-care

"If a big wind comes a tree must bend or be lifted up by its roots."
— Jeff Chandler as Cochise in the 1950 movie Broken Arrow

I often enjoy contemplating the wisdom of the Native Americans, those who had the right to claim this land as their own for centuries. Although my heritage is only 1/16 based on my Native American DNA, I believe that their relationship with nature provided them with some very appropriate analogies for our spiritual and physical health. This column does not usually address spiritual matters, so in keeping with that norm I will use the quote above to address our physical health and fitness. Most of us are blessed with relatively good health at least through our

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early adulthood. The "big wind" — or even a medium-sized wind — can come at any time. This wind may be in the form of a very serious diagnosis, a chronic illness that, while not serious, could be somewhat debilitating, an accident, or just the onset of compromised hearing, sight, or other age-related issues. How we relate to, and contend with, these issues will make a difference in our quality of life. Long-time friends from my youth and this writer are very diverse in the way that we have faced life and health challenges and whether these strong winds have bent us or lifted us up by the roots. We all know what happens when a tree is torn up by its roots ... it does not thrive and the outcome

is not favorable. Working with our health challenges to achieve the best we can be at this or any age is quite doable for most of us. Daily movement, good nutrition, and a positive attitude go a long way. Someone told me years ago that I should display a framed photo of myself from a time in my youth in which I felt really vibrant, healthy, and enjoying life the most. Maybe you were 10, 12, 18 — your choice. You are still that person (though hopefully maybe a little wiser!) and there is no reason why you cannot continue to thrive and feel good about your life. If you can't run, maybe you can walk or ride a bicycle. If walking is difficult, make sure you are including some form of stretching and movement daily. Get that guitar or trumpet out of the closet and have some fun. (I am still twirling my baton!) Watch an old movie that you

enjoyed as a child. Have you always wished to write about a subject you enjoy and publish? I did it and you can too! Substitute teaching can keep you connected to young people who may one day be working in public service and making decisions which hopefully make our world a better place. Contact a childhood friend and laugh about things you used to do — even if you got into trouble with the parents once in a while! Don't ever give up on self-care, no matter your age or circumstances. Bend when that big wind comes up, but don't let it lift you up by the roots! Sharon McMahon, CNWC *The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

White River Greenway north extension project soon underway

The REPORTER

On or after Monday, March 11, work will begin on the White River Greenway north extension project in Carmel. During construction, the greenway will remain open; however, trail users should be mindful of construction work and any posted signage. The project includes extending the greenway north to 146th Street as well as the construction of a river overlook, parking lot and year-round restrooms. Once complete, the White River Greenway will span over five miles in Carmel. The project is in partnership with Conner Prairie and is part of a regional effort to expand the greenway and turn attention toward the area's most significant natural resource: the White River.



Rendering provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

Improvements are funded by a \$4 million Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) grant as well as by the Park Board with over \$1 million in park and recreation impact fees. The READI grant, provided by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation through the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority, was awarded in 2022 to support expanding the greenway. Trails and connectivity contribute to ecological,

economic and health benefits in the community. The trail extension supports Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's goal to embrace the White River as outlined in the 2020-2024 Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan. March 11, the contractor will work to clear the necessary trees between the park and river. Bridge construction will follow beginning in May. Construction is expected to occur Monday through Saturday beginning at 7 a.m. The bridge is expected to be complete in August 2025.

Delaware Township to connect Heritage Park at White River and Carmel's Hazel Landing Park with a bridge over White River. This new amenity will provide enhanced connectivity between the two communities, as well as new recreational opportunities for residents. Beginning the week of

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Northern GOP invites you to meet County Council candidates

The REPORTER

The Northern Hamilton County GOP Club will hold its next dinner meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 18 at Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero. Please come meet your elected officials and Republicans running for office while enjoying a chicken dinner. The featured speakers this month are the candidates for Hamilton County Council. The cost of dinner is \$10 for nonmembers and free for members and sponsors. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to emily.pearson317@gmail.com by Saturday, March 16.

Club Goals

1. To make it easier for Republican men and women in Northern Hamilton County to meet and speak with Republicans holding and running for office.
2. Address concerns happening in the northern part of Hamilton County (Cicero, Sheridan, Arcadia and Atlanta), but all Republicans in Hamilton County are welcome.
3. Share information to help precinct committee people staff their polls and connect them with people who would like to work at the polls.
4. Inform people of upcoming events and inform them of volunteer opportunities.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Total closure coming to 106th Street in Fishers

Beginning on or after Tuesday, March 19, 106th Street between Cumberland Road and Hamilton Pass will be closed to all thru traffic for a bridge replacement project. That's about 1.5 miles east of the Interstate 69/106th Street interchange. The anticipated roadway reopening date is Friday, Oct. 18. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic should use the posted detour route of Cumberland Road, 96th Street, and Mollenkopf Road.

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Indiana Connections Career Academy opens enrollment for 2024-2025 school year

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Indiana Connections Career Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, is now enrolling students in grades 6-12 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students with a safe, engaging learning environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and career-focused courses for specific skill development and career exposure.

“At Indiana Connections Career Academy, we cultivate a dynamic learning environment that allows our students to gain real-world experience while pursuing a high-quality education,” said Colleen Gaard, principal of Indiana Connections Career Academy. “Through our STEAM and career-focused courses, students are able to explore and nurture their interests and passions.”

In its seventh year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy students utilize the same

long-standing and developed online curriculum and technology as its companion school, Indiana Connections Academy. The difference between the two high school programs is that Indiana Connections Career Academy students pursue graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma while also completing a career-focused program that prepares them for joining the workforce in one of Indiana’s high-growth fields.

Students work with a Career Coach who guides and supports them through interactions with college and industry partners/mentors, keep them on track to earn certifications and dual credit and help them update their portfolios in preparation for life after high school. High school students also have free access to Credly, an industry-recognized company that awards verified, shareable digital credentials recognized by many employers, to help them enhance their career options.

Indiana Connections Career Academy students who



complete qualifying courses with a passing grade or who participate in certain college- and career-related activities earn Credly digital badges.

Indiana Connections Career Academy offers many activities throughout the course of the year to help build community and relationships including numerous field trips, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and prom. The tuition-free full-time public virtual school also offers many course options for students, including core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies; extensive electives including foreign languages, digital technol-

ogy and career technical courses, as well as honors courses. The school also offers a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Career Academy’s 2024-2025 school year is open for students in grades 6-12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming **online information sessions** to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students.

For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy or to begin the enrollment process, visit IndianaConnectionsCareerAcademy.com.

Phone scammers portraying themselves as Indiana State Police

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police (ISP) has received several concerns from citizens reporting an apparent phone scam.

ISP receives numerous reports of phone scams each year, but this particular scam involves using the ISP General Headquarters phone number.

The scammer is using a Caller ID showing “Indiana State Police” with “317-232-8248.” The scammer then identifies him/herself as a State Trooper and tells them their identity has been compromised or stolen. The scammer then asks for personal information to “verify” that the person they are speaking to is actually one in the same.

The ISP does not cold call people and ask for personal or financial information and reminds all citizens that phone scammers are persuasive, convincing, and technically savvy. Scammers will often play on your emotions and fears in order to get your personal information and money.

The easiest way to protect yourself from being scammed over the phone is to either ignore unsolicited calls from unknown callers or just hang up when something doesn’t seem right. If you feel as though you have been a victim of a phone scam, immediately report the incident to your local law enforcement agency and alert your bank as soon as possible so the payment can be stopped, if you have provided that type of information.

As a reminder, never give out personal information such as date of birth, Social Security number, or bank/credit card numbers. Many of these scammers want you to make a hasty decision and may pressure you to get your personal information and/or money.

It is important for everyone to talk to their family about these phone scams and to have a plan in place should a scammer call you or someone you love. Being aware of potential scams is a great first step in protecting yourself from falling victim to one.

Company attracts 360 families so far by paying them to move to Indiana

By **ADAM PINSKER**
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Families can earn anywhere from \$5,000 to \$15,000 by moving to Indiana.

MakeMyMove.com is enticing people to move to 27 Indiana cities, from Evansville to South Bend.

Chief Executive Officer Evan Hock says his company also helps people move to 170 other cities, towns, and regions across the country.

“The places we recruit from most (are) places like California, New York, Illinois, Florida, and Texas,” Hock said.

Popular places in Indiana for relocation include Terre Haute, Muncie, Noblesville, and French Lick.

To be eligible, candidates must have a remote job, meet a certain minimum income threshold, and agree to live in that city for at least a year.

“These people tend to be in knowledge trades, so think engineers and salespeople and marketers, but they are highly paid and highly educated and they tend to bring families with them,” Hock said.

Much like buying a product online, users can select the city they want to move to and then see the amount of money offered for the move.

Depending on the city, other incentives include a yearlong pass to state parks, free coworking spaces, or

a membership to the local chamber of commerce.

“Things like board seats at local nonprofits is something that Bloomington is doing,” Hock said. “Tickets to local concerts is something that Noblesville is doing.”

Money to fund this program comes from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Hock says his company has attracted 360 families to Indiana over the past year and a half.

“These workers are moving for a variety of different reasons,” Hock said. “They are searching for quality of life, that might be they are looking for someplace affordable, they want someplace where they can connect to a local community, and Indiana has that in spades.”

Besides Indiana, other popular places people are moving to include eastern Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tulsa, Okla.

Editor’s note: The Reporter previously published a story about Noblesville’s “MakeMyMove” offering on June 26, 2023, followed by an opinion piece concerning the program on July 1, 2023.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/indiana-news/company-attracts-360-families-so-far-by-paying-them-to-move-to-indiana.

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Audiences treated to timeless classics

On Thursday night, Linda Purl visited Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel to perform an old school cabaret-style show in a venue perfectly suited to her music. Accompanied by pianist Tedd Firth, Purl did not disappoint. A near-capacity crowd enjoyed dinner, drinks, stories, some personal moments, and a few surprises along the way. Near the end of the show, a young lady celebrating her 13th birthday was called on stage as Purl led the audience in embarrassing – we mean celebrating – her with the song “Happy Birthday.” (Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt & Photos provided by Meg Osborne)



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Hamilton County encourages businesses to prepare for eclipse

Increased traffic & interruptions in cell service top list of concerns

The REPORTER

Hamilton County’s cities and towns are encouraging local businesses to adequately prepare for the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8. The celestial event will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area, impacting businesses across the county.

“The Total Solar Eclipse presents a unique opportunity for businesses to engage with the community and visitors,” said Sarah Buckner,

head of Hamilton County’s eclipse local organizing committee and assistant director of community engagement for Hamilton County Tourism. “Proper planning is essential to ensure a smooth experience for everyone involved.”

For businesses planning to close operations for the day, it is crucial to imple-



Buckner

ment safeguards for parking lots, buildings, and other spaces. With people expected to park, camp, and gather to witness the eclipse, security measures will be critical.

For those choosing to maintain normal operating hours, businesses need to consider the influx in visitors to the area. An increase in tourists could

require more supplies, cause potential delays in delivery of product, and create a need for additional staffing or alternative shift changes.

“Additionally, businesses should anticipate potential disruptions to internet and cell service, which may cause slowdowns or render some networks unusable,” Buckner warned. “Traffic may also become an issue for your employees, so if you can, you might consider having them work from home and postponing in-person meetings.”

Businesses eager to engage with the public during the eclipse are encouraged to sell eclipse merchandise, decorate storefronts, and offer special eclipse-related deals. Businesses should also consider updating their operating hours on Google and secure appropriate eye protection for any staff working outside during the eclipse.

To learn more about the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse and its impact on Hamilton County, visit VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

Westfield announces more eclipse activities

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield has announced additional activities surrounding the April 8 Total Solar Eclipse.

Eclipse Viewing Glasses

As of Friday, several businesses throughout Westfield now have certified solar eclipse viewing glasses available for pickup during regular business hours. Glasses are free and limited to four per family while supplies last. Residents are asked to show proof of address.

Locations include:

- Centier Bank: 3002 State Road 32
- Westfield City Services: 2728 E. 171st St.
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- Westfield Washington Public Library: 333

Hoover St.

• Wittler Orthodontics: 534 E. Main St.

Totality: A Multimedia Presentation

The Rotary Club of Westfield has partnered with Grand Universe to present a 45-minute experience at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St. Admission is free and suitable for adults and children. Reservations are not required but arrive early to secure your spot.

What is a total solar eclipse?

A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk; the sky will begin to change around 1:50 p.m. with totality at 3:06 p.m. The next total solar eclipse viewable from anywhere in the contiguous United States will be Aug. 23, 2044.

It has been 819 years since Hamilton County had a total solar eclipse.

For more details and to secure tickets, please visit WestfieldWelcome.com/solar-eclipse. More information will be added as the event approaches.

Hamilton County to host dozens of events & festivals for solar eclipse

Six signature events expected to attract thousands of visitors to the area

The REPORTER

Hamilton County businesses and city officials are busy preparing for the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8 by creating special events, educational opportunities, and safety plans.

The destination looks forward to welcoming visitors for the celestial spectacle that will create total darkness in the middle of the afternoon.

Major viewing locations in the county include:

Civic Square (Carmel)

Carmel’s official eclipse viewing location is at Civic Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees can enjoy a festival atmosphere featuring food and drink vendors, a variety of live music performers, educational information and live updates by eclipse experts. This is a free, public event. Visit CarmelEclipse.com for more viewing locations and details about the Total Eclipse in Carmel.

Conner Prairie (Fishers)

Conner Prairie’s eclipse festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and include live performances from musical acts and dance companies and enlightened talks from renowned experts who will shed light on the science behind this mesmerizing event. Hoosier astronaut Mark Brown will take the main stage as one of the featured experts, sharing captivating stories about his time at NASA. Paid tickets

are required for this event. Get them at bit.ly/3wm-LoUs.

Cool Creek Park (Carmel)

Guests can park on site and tailgate or stroll the grounds of Cool Creek Park for its eclipse event. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. there will be live entertainment on the pavilion stage, crafts and activities, food for purchase and a kids activity zone. Paid tickets are required for this event. Get them at bit.ly/3OFDY19.

Grand Park Sports Campus (Westfield)

Westfield will host solar eclipse festivities from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Attendees can enjoy food and drinks from food trucks, a concert with the 1985 Band, attractions and inflatables. Special guest Dr. Mark SubbaRao, director of NASA’s Scientific Visualization Studio at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center will be on hand. Grand Universe will also have viewing telescopes on-site to educate attendees about the solar eclipse and its history. Paid tickets are required for this event. Get them at bit.ly/49yWCmN.

Ruoff Music Center (Noblesville)

Ruoff’s eclipse celebration includes live entertainment, food trucks, a beer garden and more. Paid tickets are required. Get them at livemu.sc/316F8Tg.

Strawtown Koteewi Park (Noblesville)

The Taylor Center of

Natural History will hold a Moon Market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in celebration of the total solar eclipse. Moon Market vendors will sell a variety of a celestial-themed wares for purchase and the Taylor Center will provide eclipse themed crafts and educational opportunities. Paid tickets are required for this event. Get them at bit.ly/3OFDY19.

*** In addition to the major viewing locations listed above, Hamilton County offers numerous parks, restaurants, and businesses that will host smaller events and festivals.

“Hamilton County, Indiana, is thrilled to be a premiere destination for the total solar eclipse,” said Sarah Buckner, head of Hamilton County’s eclipse local organizing committee and assistant director of community engagement for Hamilton County Tourism. “We’ve been planning for this historic event for well over a year and are excited to celebrate it with a wide range of viewing options and amenities.”

It has been 819 years since Hamilton County last had a total solar eclipse and the next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will not be until Aug. 23, 2044. Additional events and information can be found online at visithamilton-county.com/eclipse.

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Learn more about the Total Solar Eclipse at: visithamiltoncounty.com/eclipse/eclipse-prep

Westfield Farmers Market opens May 30

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Westfield Welcome will kick off the highly anticipated Westfield Summer Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy, on Thursday, May 30.

The market will bring fresh produce, artisanal goods, and a vibrant community event to downtown Westfield at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

Scheduled to run every Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. through Sept. 26 – except for July 4 – the Westfield Farmers Market promises locally sourced fruits and vegetables, handmade artisan items, local meat and dairy farmers, and the return of food trucks. The Westfield Farmers Market is more than just a shopping experience; it is an opportunity for the community to connect with local farmers and artisans, fostering a sense of community and promoting sustainable living.

“We would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge and thank the Downtown Westfield Association for their tireless efforts over the years to establish and run the Farmers Market,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “We are honored to have the reins handed over to our Westfield Welcome team and are excited to build on their successes.”

Vendors interested in participating in the Summer Farmers Market can visit WestfieldWelcome.com to apply for consid-



eration. Applications opened on Tuesday, March 5. Businesses interested in sponsoring the Westfield Farmers Market can also visit WestfieldWelcome.com for more information.

The heart of the Farmers Market beats with the dedication and passion of all the incredible volunteers. Thus, event organizers announced the formation of a Farmers Market Volunteer Steering Committee. Comprising residents and individuals committed to fostering community engagement and supporting local agriculture, this committee will play a pivotal role in shaping the market's success.

If you are eager to contribute your skills, ideas, and time to the market, consider joining the Farmers Market Volunteer Steering Committee. More information can be found at WestfieldWelcome.com/get-involved.

Noblesville Creates welcomes John Cox at Stephenson House & Eclipse Exhibit at Noblesville City Hall

Submitted

Noblesville Creates is welcoming John Cox's *Natural Light* exhibit and Noblesville City Hall's *Total Eclipse: From Light to Dark* exhibit among its other artists for March.

Stephenson House John Cox

Born and raised in Indiana, brother John Cox has been honing his craftsmanship for decades.

Originally a sketch artist and photographer, Cox uses his eye for detail and passion to create beauty through the lens of his camera to build one-of-a-kind lamps. His evolution from the canvas and camera to designing and making artisan lamps allows him to incorporate his love for nature, the trademark el-

ement, into each piece. Cox's use of antique hardware and gorgeous wood components brings about a perfect marriage of his two passions, resulting in pieces that tell stories from the past, capture the beauty of nature today, and will inspire love long into the future.

The full *Natural Light* exhibit can be seen in the Stephenson House through March 30 Wednesdays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Noblesville Creates campus.

Noblesville City Hall Total Eclipse: From Light to Dark

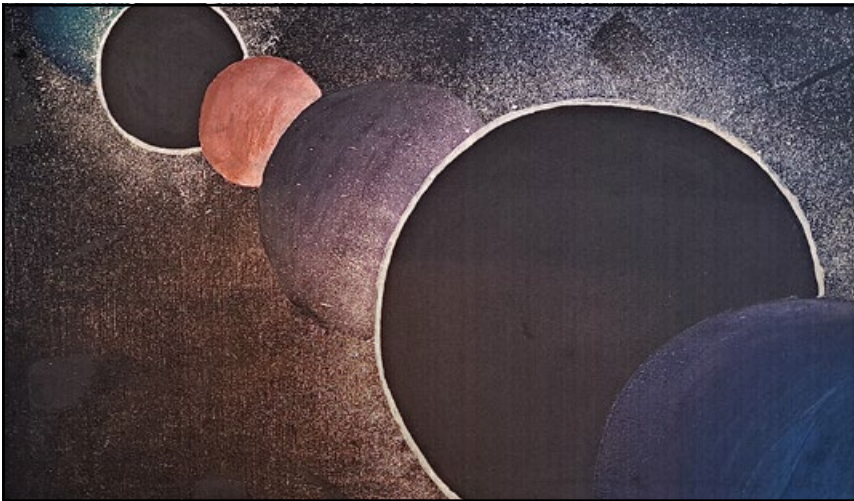
Locals and visitors alike can experience a once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse,



(ABOVE LEFT) "Pieces of Fate" by John Cox.

occurring Monday, April 8. Celebrate all things celestial with Noblesville City Hall's exhibit, *Total Eclipse: From Light to Dark*.

City Hall is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit will be on display through April 26.



(ABOVE RIGHT) "Noether's Theorem" by Mariah Davison.

Meyer Najem 8th Street Artists

See the full exhibit, *All Together*, in the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road, Fishers, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday now through March 29.

Four Day Ray Craig Mullins

The full exhibit, *MY INDIANA*, can be seen now through March 30 at Four Day Ray Brewing, 11671 Lantern Road, Fishers, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tuesdays through Thursdays, and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The reception is set for 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

Learn more about these exhibits at NoblesvilleCreates.org.

To dream the impossible dream

By CARRIE NEAL
A Seat on the Aisle

There's something irresistible about a quest. As theatergoers, we love to see characters go on emotional journeys, so when there's an actual physical journey as well, so much the better.

Man of La Mancha takes this concept to the next level, though, and has the protagonist go on both an emotional and physical journey inside his mind. For those unfamiliar with the story, Cervantes is imprisoned during the Spanish Inquisition and takes his fellow prisoners on an imaginary journey to help everyone forget their circumstances. This story-within-a-story has held an almost universal appeal since the musical's inception in 1965.

Director Marcia Eppich-Harris is one such individual for whom *Man of La Mancha* holds special meaning. She saw the show in the Shelton Auditorium as a teenager and was inspired to pursue a life in the arts. In a delightful full-circle moment, her theatre company is able to present what was a watershed production in her life on the very same stage.

And what a stage it is! Before we delve into the meat of the show itself, props simply must be given to the beautiful renovation of the Shelton Auditorium. In addition to lovely new carpeting, the previous agonizingly uncomfortable seating has been reupholstered, and it looks and feels like a dream.



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Anthony Nathan as Sancho and Paul Hansen as Don Quixote in a scene from *Man of La Mancha*.

The show gets off to a promising start with a lively, well-played overture led by conductor and music director Seth Young. An impressive four-member horn section plays some truly stirring melodies, and the percussion is notably excellent. (I was particularly taken with the castanets.)

Man of La Mancha is carried by its three leads, and Eppich-Harris has done a fine job with casting here. Anthony Nathan is a delightful Sancho, jaunty and with just the right kind of piercing tenor voice for the role. He's a perfect foil for the tragic optimism of Don Quixote. As Aldonza/Dulcinea, Jessica Hawkins is fiery and passionate, with a substantial mezzo voice that's very well-suited for the role. She's a perfect fit for this multi-faceted character that's a dream role for so many.

But the show really belongs to Paul Hansen as Cervantes/Don Quixote. He

has the challenging task of creating more than one character, and each of his characters is distinct, truthful, and completely believable. His gorgeous, crystalline singing voice draws us in and holds us captive all evening.

Unfortunately, the strength of the three leads is not matched by the ensemble that supports them. This problem is threefold: first and maybe most significantly, the ensemble just isn't large enough. Perhaps on a stage smaller than the Shelton, an ensemble of thirteen would be adequate, but they're swallowed up here. Secondly, there aren't enough male-presenting actors in the ensemble. This is a real problem during *The Abduction*, a scene which is supposed to be terrifying but instead falls flat despite the noble efforts of Hawkins as Aldonza. Thirdly, the vocals are lacking. There were several times when the end

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State Rep. VictoriaGarcia Wilburn explains her ‘no’ vote on HB 1338

Submitted by State Rep. Garcia Wilburn’s Press Office

On Wednesday, the Indiana House of Representatives concurred on [House Bill 1338](#), which is now on its way to the governor’s desk to be signed into law. This bill limits the scope and job security of the public access counselor, who is supposed to advise members of the public, government officials and government employees on meetings and records that should be

made public. “Sunshine, transparency and open access all make for healthy government, and right now, we have proof that our current processes work,” State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) said. “Last summer, several Hamilton East Public Library board members were accused of violating the Open Door Law. When



Garcia Wilburn

this happened, I had full confidence in the public access counselor to evaluate whether the majority of a HEPL board subcommittee convening at a coffee shop was a violation of the transparency statute. In the end they were found to have violated the statute, but public confidence was restored because the public knew there were enforced

standards to maintain government transparency. This bill will erode that confidence. Once again, the Indiana General Assembly is overstepping into local matters that are already being handled appropriately. “I voted against House Bill 1338 because all Hoosiers benefit when we have someone looking out for the public’s best interest without having to worry about blowback or retaliation for opinions issued in good faith.”

Indianapolis Jewish community applauds passage of House Enrolled Act 1002

Submitted
Editor’s note: The following statement from the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council was issued on Friday evening.
The Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is grateful to the Indiana General Assembly for standing with us in the fight against antisemitism. The bipartisan support demonstrates that hate is not a political issue. [House Enrolled Act 1002](#) formally recognizes

that antisemitism, whether expressed by an individual or through an institutional policy, is a prohibited form of discrimination in educational institutions in this state. The bill references the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism. JCRC is proud that Indiana now joins 35 states, the federal government, 45 countries and over 1,200 institutions around the world that have adopted this definition. We look forward to

continuing to work with Indiana’s governmental agencies and educational institutions to ensure the proper interpretation and implementation of the IHRA definition, including the context and referenced examples widely recognized as a critical component of its use. We are grateful for the Indiana House and Senate for listening to our community and for protecting Jewish Hoosier students across the state. We urge Governor Holcomb to sign this critical piece of legislation into law

as soon as possible.
About the JCRC
The Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is the public affairs, interfaith, and intergroup relations arm of the organized Jewish community. JCRC builds consensus on public affairs issues, and advocates on behalf of the Indiana Jewish community by building relationships and partnerships with civic leaders, public officials, and other faith and ethnic communities. Learn more at [indyjcrc.org](#).

Can you save too much for a rainy day?

“Save for a rainy day” is an old piece of advice – and a good one. But is it possible to save too much? To begin with, what defines a “rainy day” in terms of financial needs? It could be any number of things: a temporary loss of employment, a major home or car repair, a large medical bill, and so on. If you did not have the money readily available to pay for these types of expenses, you might be forced to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts, incurring taxes and possible penalties, as well as lowering the amount of money you’d have available for retirement. And that’s why it’s a good idea to build an emergency fund containing up to six months’ worth of total expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account that’s separate from



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the accounts you use for your daily spending needs. An emergency fund is valuable, but many people may be overfunding it. And while this isn’t the biggest financial mistake one can make, it could result in some missed opportunities. For one thing, when you keep money in a low-risk account, you can generally count on your principal being protected, which means the money will be there for you when you need it – but the flip side is that this money likely won’t grow very much, if at all. If you’re going to achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you need your investment portfolio to provide you with significant growth potential within the context of your individual risk tolerance. So, any excess dollars

kept in your rainy-day fund might be used to help fuel some growth-oriented investments. You could also use these dollars to help diversify your investment portfolio. If you only owned one type of investment, your portfolio could take a big hit if a market downturn affected just that asset class. But by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments, you can help reduce the impact of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can’t protect against all losses.) Still, before deciding on what to do with extra money you might have in your emergency fund, how will you know if you indeed have too much? Up to six months’ worth of total expenses may be adequate for most people – but everyone’s life is different. For example, if you have reason to believe your employment – or that of your spouse – may be in jeopardy

in the near future, or if you anticipate the need for some renovations to your home, but not for a year or so, you might want more than six months of expenses tucked away in your emergency fund. Also, once you’re retired, you may well want to keep a year’s worth of expenses in the fund. If you need cash, you don’t want to be forced to sell investments when their price may be down, especially since you have less time for them to recover. Ultimately, when thinking about how much to keep in your emergency fund, review your situation carefully and weigh as many variables as you can. And if you do decide your rainy-day fund is abundant, use any “overflow” in a way that can help you keep moving toward your financial goals. *This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Edward Jones, Member SIPC.*

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of a number had obvious wrong notes that were jarring to the ear. Despite these limitations, there are some strong actors who stand out in the ensemble (most ensemble members play support-

ing roles as well). Ashton Driscoll and Yolanda Valdivia are spot-on as Antonia and The Housekeeper in “I’m Only Thinking of Him,” and Amalia Howard is striking in her small role as Maria.

Though this production has its strengths and weaknesses, it’s a rarely done passion project that’s definitely worth seeing. *Man of La Mancha* runs at the Shelton Auditorium on Butler’s campus through March 17. Tick-

ets may be purchased online at [southbanktheatre.org](#), but due to hefty Ticketmaster fees, it is recommended they be purchased at the door. *Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at [asota.wordpress.com](#).*

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Who’s on my ballot for the May 7, 2024 Primary Election?

Note that * indicates the candidate is the incumbent for that office. To view precinct and district maps, please visit [hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps](#).
NOTE: Candidates for precinct committee and state delegates will appear in upcoming editions of The Reporter.

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Judith (Judy) A. Wesenberg

February 25, 1937 – February 15, 2024

Judith (Judy) A. Wesenberg, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. Judith Arline Zuber was born on February 25, 1937, to Ernest and Florence (Doolittle) Zuber in Davenport, Iowa.

Judy was a 1955 graduate of Davenport High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1959 from the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa (now known as the University of Northern Iowa). Following graduation, she was a math teacher at Williams Jr. High School in Davenport. In 1961, Judy joined other students on a summer excursion for a Social Studies Seminar to Europe where she took an ocean liner across the Atlantic Ocean from Montreal, Canada, to Liverpool, England. She spent the summer traveling through England, France, Germany, Austria, Holland, Switzerland, Poland, the Czech Republic, and the former Soviet Union.

Judy married Carl Wesenberg on June 15, 1963, at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Davenport. After living in Minneapolis, Minn., Keokuk, Iowa, then Burlington, Iowa, the couple eventually made their home in Urbandale, Iowa, in 1974, where Judy remained engaged in teaching as a substitute teacher at Urbandale High School and later as a private math tutor. The Wesenberg family were members of St. Stephens Evangelical Lutheran Church in Urbandale for 30 years. Judy relocated to Noblesville in 2004 and was a member at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church and a resident of Heritage Woods Assisted Living Center in Noblesville.

Judy enjoyed taking long walks around the neighborhood when her health allowed, always greeting the neighbors with a friendly hello and a quick chat about their family. She was a voracious reader, jigsaw puzzle expert, daily crossword puzzle fanatic, euchre old pro, and most recently, a bingo queen in her assisted living home. She was a lifelong Iowa Hawkeye and enthusiastically cheered on the Hawks in football and basketball. Her favorite color was red, and she appreciated all things with red cardinals. She loved her family fiercely and treasured her role as that of Grandma to her four grandchildren, while so many other friends fondly knew her simply as "Grandma Judy." She is truly cherished and will be missed every day. Love Till The End Of Time.

She is survived by her daughters, Wendy (Paul) Emerick of Wolcott, Conn., and Heidi (Scott) Motz of Noblesville; four grandchildren, Matthew Emerick (age 20) of Connecticut, Carly Motz (age 18), Brody Motz (age 15), and Ellie Motz (age 15) of Indiana; and many other nieces and nephews across the country.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Carl Wesenberg; her parents; and seven siblings, Dr. Arvid Zuber, Helen McVey, Richard Zuber, Dr. Ernest Zuber Jr., Lois (Jean) Hill, Thomas Zuber, and Stewart (Tony) Zuber.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift of a memorial contribution in Judy's name to the Noblesville Educational Foundation at noblesvilleschoolseducationfoundation.org. Condolences: randallroberts.com



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

"They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

Genesis 37:12-24 (NIV)

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, has been canceled.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in the second floor courtroom at the Historic Hamilton County Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville. Please enter using the west-side doors.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, has been canceled.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

—CICERO—

Notice of Public Hearing

Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)
The Town of Cicero will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron Street, Cicero, IN 46034. Cicero's engineering consultant, United Consulting, will present the recommended project, which will include expansion and upgrades to the existing Cicero Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project will be funded through a Wastewater State Revolving Fund (WWSRF) loan. Copies of the required Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) are available for public viewing starting March 9th through March 24th at the Cicero Utility Office, 331 E. Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034. There will be the opportunity for questions and comments from the public at this meeting. Written comments from the public will be accepted through March 24th. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged. If you will require special assistance at the meeting, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at 317-984-4900. Written comments regarding this project should be sent to United Consulting, 8440 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46250 (Emily Chung, emily.chung@ucindy.com) prior to March 24th. R4013 3/9/24, 3/11/24

Legal Notice

Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 21st, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition:

Docket No. BZA-0324-01-R3

A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 202 Alvor Court, Cicero IN 46034, to allow a fence taller than three (3) feet in the front yard; Whereas Article 7.21 FN-01 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Ordinance states that a fence shall not be taller than three (3) feet in the "R3" district.

Project Address: 202 Alvor Court, Cicero IN, 46034
Legal Descriptions: Acreage .26 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 TAMARACK Section 2 Lot 120 Irregular Shape

Parcel numbers: 03-03-01-00-06-018.000
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Planning Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to Ezawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
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Boys Basketball

Fishers, Guerin Catholic ready to rock at today’s regional games

The REPORTER

Today is regional day for Indiana high school boys basketball, with 16 gyms across the state hosting two games that will decide who wins championships – and also advances to semi-state.

Fishers will travel to the famous New Castle Fieldhouse, where the nation’s largest high school gym will host the No. 1-ranked Tigers and No. 4 Kokomo for the Class 4A Regional 3 championship. The game begins at 4 p.m.

Over at Greenfield-Central, Guerin Catholic will play Indianapolis Washington in the Class 3A Regional 13 championship. That game also tips off at 4 p.m. Both games are available to watch at ihsaatv.org

FISHERS REMATCH

The Tigers and the Wildcats played each other exactly three months prior to today’s regional game. That was Dec. 9 at the Forum Tipoff Classic at Southport. Fishers won that game 77-55 with a strong second half and an incredible amount of balance.

The loss to the Tigers was one of only three for Kokomo this season. The Wildcats also fell to Westfield on Nov. 25 and to Crispus Attucks in their first game at the Hall of Fame Classic on Dec. 30, which also took place at New Castle. But the Wildcats rebounded with an 87-58 win over Brownsburg in the third-place game later that night.

The victory was the beginning of a 16-game win streak for Kokomo, one which has carried the ‘Kats into the regional. Kokomo won its record 77th sectional title last week, beating Harrison 69-50 in the first

round, host Lafayette Jefferson in the semifinals 65-52 and Marion in the championship game 79-54.

The Wildcats have several scoring threats, none more so than senior Flory Bidunga, a McDonalds All-American and Mr. Basketball candidate. The Kansas commit has been the face of Kokomo basketball over the past three years and is having a sensational senior year, averaging a double-double of 18.9 points and 13.1 rebounds. He also blocks 4.4 shots per game and hands out 3.3 assists per contest.

Bidunga is the main man, but the Wildcats are more than Flory. Senior Karson Rogers adds 18.3 points and 8.5 rebounds per game and is one of the co-leaders in assists with 3.5 per contest. Junior Zion Bellamy also dished out 3.5 assists per game and is up there in scoring as well with 9.4 points.

Fishers is coming off its first sectional championship in school history – or its second, depending on how you look at it. The original Fishers won a sectional title in 1922; those Tigers also went on to win a regional title as well.

This year’s edition of Fishers is 25-1, with the Tigers’ only loss coming to Carmel, 54-46 on Jan. 27. Fishers reversed that result in the first round of the Noblesville sectional by beating the Greyhounds 54-41. The Tigers then beat rival Hamilton Southeastern 54-44 in the semifinals, then beat the No. 2-ranked host Millers 49-47 in an epic championship game.

Senior Keenan Garner, an All-Star candidate who



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers’ Keenan Garner averages 16.2 points and 8.3 rebounds per game for the Tigers, who play Kokomo this afternoon for the Regional 3 championship. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic’s Robert Sorensen is scoring 16.7 points per game for the Golden Eagles, who take on Indianapolis Washington for the Regional 14 championship.

is entertaining Division I offers, is leading the Tigers with 16.2 points, 8.3 rebounds per game and 1.4 blocks per game, as well as 3.7 assists. Junior JonAnthony Hall, a three-sport star with multiple D-I football offers, adds 11.2 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists. Freshman Cooper Zachary leads the assists category with 3.0 per contest.

DROUGHT BREAKERS

Guerin Catholic will play a Washington team that broke a 29-year sectional drought at Beech Grove last week.

The Continentals last

won a sectional trophy in 1995, right before the school closed for five years. Washington reopened in 2000 and began competing in basketball again during the 2004-05 season. The Continentals are 14-12, but put it all together for the sectional, beating Purdue Poly Englewood 63-50 in the first round and Christel House 67-48 in the championship.

Washington has balanced scoring, with five players averaging over nine points per game. Senior Dave Leye scores 11.7 per contest, followed by sophomore Roosevelt Franklin



contributing 11.4 points.

Three more seniors provide points as well: Malique Starks (9.8), Jordan Stratton (9.7) and Clem Butler (9.1). Butler leads the rebounds with 7.9 per game, while Starks collects 6.0 per contest and also hands out 3.5 assists.

The Continentals and the Golden Eagles played each other back on Feb. 8, with GC winning 60-39.

Guerin Catholic won its second consecutive sectional title last week in a championship game no one will ever forget. The 3A No. 6 Golden Eagles beat No. 1 Brebeuf Jesuit

75-74 in double overtime with a final play that has gone viral: Ben Grissom scrambled to grab a loose ball and threw it overhead to Malcolm Houze who laid it in at the buzzer.

Guerin Catholic beat Herron 78-17 in the first round and Bishop Chatard 54-36 in the semifinals. Senior Robert Sorensen averages 16.7 points per game, one of three double-digit scorers. Junior Bryson Cardinal scores 13.1 points and leads the rebounds with 7.9, while senior Dylan Murans adds 10.0 points. Senior Jack Cherry leads the assists with 4.2 per game.

Noblesville head baseball coach: ‘There is no nation like Miller nation!’

By PHIL SANCHEZ
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indiana high school baseball season is almost here, and the Noblesville Millers are looking to make some noise in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference this season.

“The HCC is tough every year,” said Noblesville head baseball coach Justin Keever. “Incredibly competitive and passionate. The league is filled with really good players and coaches who love their schools and have a tradition of success. This season may be the most talented the league has been from top to bottom, and I thought that same thing last year. The depth of electricity on the mound is unmatched.”

Keever, who also teaches math, has been the head coach of the Millers since 2004, after a few years of coaching at Avon High School.

“Multiple teams have

the firepower to win a state championship,” Keever said. “Five of us (Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Zionsville) must first work to get out of Sectional 8, which we also share with a very talented Carmel program. It’s a must-see event, which we have the privilege of hosting this year at ‘The Dunk.’”

Keever will be leaning heavily on seniors Nolan Decker and Lucas Stephan, as well as juniors Trevor Corbett, Aiden Ramsey, Joe Glander, and sophomores Aiden Reynolds and Becket Doane.

“Baseball in this state continues to grow in talent and popularity,” Keever said. “The depth of talent has improved tremendously in my 20 years and continues [to grow], especially on the mound. Schools are making investments in facilities, and you are also seeing large private indoor facilities going up, that provide more opportunities for players to develop.”

Keever grew up in Monticello and attended Twin Lakes High School, where he played baseball and basketball, and was an All-State quarterback. He would go on to play baseball at Butler University, and is passionate about coaching.

“The daily preparation for something bigger, serving something bigger than yourself,” Keever said. “Building relationships with the players, teaching them the importance and impact of loving and investing in others, while pursuing daily improvement to close their capability gap, and of course, you love the competition. We chase winning as a means to pursue excellence in all aspects of our lives and can’t get there unless we love and serve each other. Our job as coaches is to love the players. Their job is to love each other. The maturation of those relationships and seeing it in action makes coaching incredibly rewarding.”

“We have incredible assistant coaches including Kevin Fitzgerald who has been with me since 2007,” Keever said. “Also, Scott Henson (3rd year, former head coach at HSE) and Bryce Worrell (2nd year, former assistant at Manchester College), Quinton Miller (9th year, former pitcher in the Pirates organization), Ben Yoder (9th year, former pitcher at Anderson University, and former player of mine ’12), Riley Benner (4th year, former player at Saint Joseph’s College), Axel Doran (former pitcher at UIndy), and Jeff Neidlinger (7th year).”

Keever and his wife Nikki have three children: Eagan (23, graduate from Franklin University), Dylan (19, freshman pitcher at IU-Kokomo) & Reagan (18, senior at NHS). The family loves everything Noblesville.

“There is no place like Noblesville,” Keever said. “It is an awesome communi-



Photo provided
Noblesville head baseball coach Justin Keever.

ty that honors where it came from while embracing what can make it better. It has an incredible following for the Millers in all sports. I often say, ‘There is no nation like Miller nation!’ Our administration here at Noblesville Schools works to make the student-athlete experience

second to none and actively supports their coaches and programs. It’s a great place to live and work!”

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Hamilton County Reporter reveals 2024 all-county girls basketball team

Noblesville's Reagan Wilson earns recognition as Player of the Year

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Once again, it was another remarkable and unforgettable girls basketball season in Hamilton County. One-third of the teams in the county advanced all the way to the semi-state in their respective classes.

Sheridan (20-6) won its first regional championship in program history and second sectional (2015). The Blackhawks lost a heart-breaker in the Class 2A Shelbyville semi-state semifinal to No. 3 Eastern Hancock 62-54 in overtime.

Hamilton Heights (24-3) won its fourth consecutive sectional and second regional in a row. The No. 1 Huskies came up short in the Class 3A Huntington North semi-state semifinals to second-ranked eventual state runner-up Norwell (64-50). Heights also won the Hoosier Conference East Division (3-0) and the overall league title at home over West Division champ Rensselaer Central.

Noblesville (18-9) won its third sectional in the last four years and second regional crown in that span. The Millers fell in the Class 4A La Porte north semi-state championship to eventual state runner-up Lake Central, 52-36.

Hamilton Southeastern completed a 7-0 undefeated slate in the gritty Hoosier Crossroads Conference. The Royals also finished ranked No. 6 in Class 4A.

Senior **REAGAN WILSON** is the Reporter's Player of the Year. Wilson averaged 16.1 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 3.0 steals per game against the Sagarin-rated toughest schedule in Indiana. The Iowa State commit and Miss Basketball candidate finished her four-year career with 1,363 points, etching her as fourth all-time at Noblesville. She also made 69 three-pointers (205 career) for 34 percent and was a 79 percent (80 percent career) foul shooter this season. Over her four years, Wilson helped guide the Millers to an 85-22 record, including three sectional, two regional, two final four appearances and a state championship. The future Cyclone netted a career-high 37 against Zionsville as a junior.

Senior **CAMRYN RUNNER** was tops for Hamilton Heights with 26.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and four steals. The Evansville commit and Miss Basketball candidate scored a career-high 64 points against Tipton on January 13. Camryn shot 51 percent, including 67-for-186 (36 percent) from three this season, while sinking 91 percent of her free throws, 86 percent career. Runner is also now the all-time leading scorer (1,962) in Husky girls and Hamilton County girls basketball history. The upcoming Purple Ace steered Heights to an 80-17 record with four sectional and two regional titles, along with a pair of Elite 8 appearances the last two seasons.

MEREDITH TIPPNER led the Millers with 16.3 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 3.3 steals per contest. The junior all-state core sixer also shot 47 percent from the floor. Tippner sits at 1,156 points through her junior season, which is currently ninth on the all-time scoring list at Noblesville. She also posted 12 double-doubles this season and 27 through three seasons.

MAYA MAKALUSKY paced the Royals at 26.1 points, grabbed 5.6 rebounds, had 1.6 assists and 1.6 steals per outing. The Indiana Hoosier commit and junior all-state core six selection made 50 percent of her field goals, including 77-for-188 from three-point range for 41 percent. Makaluskus also made 83 percent of her free throws (153 of 185). Maya now has 1,315 points through three seasons ranking her third on HSE's all-time list.

KENZIE GARNER led Sheridan with 21 points, 9.8 rebounds, 4.9 assists, 4.2 steals and 2.2 blocks per game. The Ferris State University (Big Rapids, MI) signee was 79 percent from the foul line and made 47 percent of her two-point field goals for 41 percent overall from the floor. Being named to the junior all-state core six, Kenzie has 1,127 points through her junior season, which puts her fourth all-time at Sheridan heading into her senior year. Garner has also compiled 24 double-doubles in her first 68 games as a Blackhawk.



(TOP ROW) Reagan Wilson of Noblesville and Camryn Runner of Hamilton Heights. (BOTTOM ROW) Meredith Tippner of Noblesville, Maya Makaluskus of Hamilton Southeastern, and Kenzie Garner of Sheridan.

Hamilton County Reporter's All-County Girls Basketball Teams		
FIRST TEAM		
Name	School	Year
Reagan Wilson	Noblesville	Senior
Camryn Runner	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Meredith Tippner	Noblesville	Junior
Maya Makaluskus	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Kenzie Garner	Sheridan	Junior
SECOND TEAM		
Name	School	Year
Talia Harris	Fishers	Senior
Ava Shoemaker	Noblesville	Senior
Kennedy Holman	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Ella Hickok	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Ellie Kelleher	Westfield	Senior
HONORABLE MENTION: Kayla Stidham, Hamilton Southeastern; Katie Brown, Hamilton Heights; Cecilia Timme, Sheridan; Allison Scheu, Fishers; Izzy Shepherd, Carmel; Charlotte Conyers, University; Ava Bills, Guerin Catholic; Nova Cross, Sheridan.		



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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.

BOYS 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.

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Noblesville’s Samuel Rinker commits to Rose-Hulman



Photo courtesy Landon Denison, NHS Shadow Yearbook
Noblesville’s Samuel Rinker has committed to the Rose-Hulman Institution of Technology men’s cross country and track and field teams. (Front row, from left) John Rinker (father), Samuel Rinker, and Shawn Rinker (mother). (Back row, from left) Jon Glaub (Noblesville Boys Track & Field Head Coach), Jake Freske (Noblesville Boys Cross Country/Track & Field Assistant), Blake Dirksen (Noblesville Boys Track & Field Assistant), and Bill Kenley (Noblesville Boys Cross Country Head Coach).

INDYCAR & IMS, Global Medical Response extend title partnership

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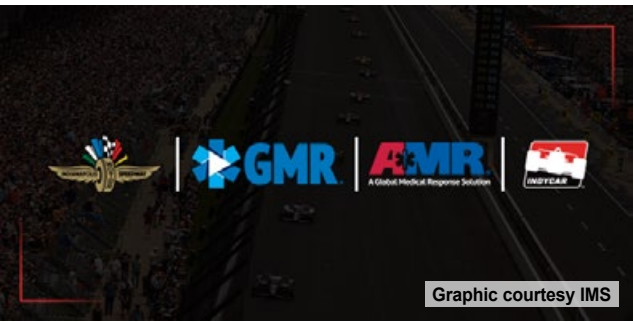
Global Medical Response (GMR) have announced a multiyear extension of its partnership with INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway. GMR, the parent company of American Medical Response (AMR), is proud to sponsor the AMR INDYCAR Safety Team, which consists of approximately 30 safety personnel, with a minimum of 18 attending

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“We are thrilled to extend our contract with the INDYCAR as GMR remains committed to motorsport safety,” says Randy Strozyk, senior vice president of Executive Operations for GMR. “Our team has a long partnership with the racing community, and we are honored to continue promoting on-track safety and innovation.”

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ing care provided by the AMR Safety Team is one way we continue to ensure the best outcome possible for drivers and fans alike,” IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “The premium care provided by our first responders at each event make our sport possible.”

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4:15 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs South Bend St. Joseph | Boys Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports Network

Sat March 9 - Music \ Band
7:30 pm Tyler Robling Duo | Live at Boathouse Kitchen & Swan Dive

Mon March 11 - Lacrosse
6:00 pm Fishers vs Bishop Chatard | Girls Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

Tues March 12 - Music \ Band and Government
7:00 pm Patsy's Pub Open Mic Night | Westfield, IN | Hamilton County TV
7:00 pm Noblesville Council Meeting March 12, 2024 | Hamilton County TV

Wed March 13 - Lacrosse
6:00 pm North Central vs Noblesville | J. Varsity | Boys Lacrosse | HCTV Sports
7:15 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Bishop Chatard | Girls Lacrosse | SSN Sports
8:00pm North Central vs Noblesville | Varsity | Boys Lacrosse | HCTV Sports

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