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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers end in the early morning. Mostly cloudy, and not as warm.

Tonight: Clearing and cooler.

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Girl Scouts pepper mayor with questions about city

By POOJA THAKKAR
For The Reporter

On Tuesday, March 12, I had the privilege of bringing over 30 Girl Scouts from various local troops under the Manuka service unit to Noblesville City Hall for a unique experience.

Our purpose was to earn their democracy badge, and what better way to do so than by leading a city council meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and meeting our esteemed local mayor, Chris Jensen?

The evening was truly wonderful as our young girls delved into the world of civic engagement, gaining insights into the responsibilities of different tiers



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

See Scouts . . . Page 3 The Girl Scouts opened the Common Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heights accepting nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2024

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations from the public for the Class of 2024. Nominations are being accepted through March 31.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was created to recognize and honor Hamilton Heights High School athletes, coaches, teams, and athletic program contributors for their achievements and/or contributions to the Hamilton Heights High School athletic program.

Created in 2019, the Hall of Fame is an opportunity for the school district to recognize graduates and other individuals for their contributions to the district and achieve-

ments inside and outside the community. The committee selects inductees not only for their athletic achievements at Heights but because they demonstrate the values of good character and citizenship.

Categories and nomination criteria are included on the application and can found online on the high school athletics page of the corporation website, hhschuskies.org. Applications can be submitted electronically to Mitch Street, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, at mstreet@hhschuskies.org, or mailed to Hamilton Heights High School, P.O. Box 379, Arcadia, IN 46030.



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The Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame was created to honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, coaches, and supporters of athletic programs of not only Hamilton Heights but the schools that ultimately fed into Hamilton Heights: Atlanta, Jackson Central, Walnut Grove, Arcadia, and Cicero.



20th Taste of Carmel raises over \$80,000 for student support

The REPORTER

Last Friday, the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) celebrated the 20th annual **Taste of Carmel** at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel.

The theme of the event, Starry Nights, was the perfect backdrop to showcase over 40 local food and beverage establishments, a raffle featuring an Indy Facets necklace custom designed to commemorate the 2024 solar eclipse, two Pedego electric bikes, and a 2025 Taste of Carmel VIP Package.

Over 1,200 guests attended the event, representing CEF community partners, Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) educators and parents, and many other friends of CEF. A special thank you to all the Premier Sponsors. For the third year, Coasterstone provided custom car and table coasters and State Bank hosted the First Taste VIP Party. 185 Promotions and Apparel sponsored the Last Taste After Party for the second year in a row. Other Premier partners were Fanning Howey, the City of Carmel, and Ed Martin Automotive, all of whom are engaged with CEF in multiple ways.

Guiding guests throughout the evening were emcees Jeff Worrell, Good Day Carmel and Carmel City Council member, and Jack Russell, President of OneZone Chamber of Commerce. This dynamic duo represented the collaboration between CEF and the community.

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CCPL & CSO partner for women's history month panel

The REPORTER

As part of Women's History Month, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation have teamed up to present "Preparing for Competition and Handling Pressure and Passion in our Work: Perspectives from Female Musicians and Community Leaders" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17 in the library's Community Room.

On March 3, the discussion will focus on "Navigating Mental Health and Valuing Self-care in the Arts and Corporate World." On March 17, the topic is "Preparing for Competition and Handling Pressure and Passion in our work: Perspectives from Female Musicians and Community Leaders."

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register online at [this link](#).

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TODAY: deadline is here for Portee Leadership Connection Scholarship

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel has announced the second annual Portee Leadership Connection Scholarship.

Due to the continued generosity of Danny Portee, this scholarship will again be made available to five students in central Indiana. The success of last year's Leadership Connection in the community led The Rotary Club of Carmel to match Mr. Portee, so the size of each scholarship has doubled.

Eligible applicants must be a senior from one of the participating Leadership Connection High Schools. The Leadership Connection schools are located in both Carmel and Indianapolis. They include Carmel High School, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School (Indianapolis), and the ProAct Indy Program.



This scholarship will be awarded to five students and will include a laptop and \$2,000 that can be used for tuition at a college, university, community college, or trade school.

Selection of the five scholarship recipients will be made by a review committee at Professional Management Enterprises, a nationally recognized staffing company based in Indianapolis led by Danny Portee. Scholarships will be awarded with equal emphasis on merit and need.

Students are required to explain why they desire to continue their education. They must state the college or trade school where they have been accepted. They also must provide a brief description of what a \$2,000 scholarship and laptop would mean to them.

Application deadline for the scholarships is TODAY, March 15, 2024. Recipients will be notified no later than May 1, 2024. Recipients and one accompanying adult will be honored at the June meeting of the Rotary Club of Carmel

with Danny Portee addressing the recipients and the Club.

To apply, contact Clarissa Nowlin at cnowlin@pme-indy.com.

Leadership Connection is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel in partnership with iTeam Think Tank, Carmel-Clay Schools, Carmel Fire Department, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, and Pro/Act Indy.

Since its inception in 2021, Leadership Connection has impacted more than 350 Carmel and Indianapolis inner-city high school juniors and seniors in tandem with 100 business, community, and non-profit executives and leaders.

The mission of Leadership Connection is "We connect today's leaders to ignite future leaders in building a stronger community."



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“CEF is an integral part of our community – we create partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and community members to provide resources to students, staff, and families of Carmel Clay Schools,” CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix said. “While we rely on the financial generosity of companies and individuals, we really focus on building relationships with people who care about our schools. Many volunteers serve on CEF committees

or the board and are integral in connecting our mission to others. Jack and Jeff were the perfect representation of the connection between CEF, the business community, and our city as a whole.” More than \$80,000 was raised to support CEF’s mission of supporting Carmel Clay students in academic achievement and lifelong learning. Funds will be used to support the ACHIEVE Initiative which provides equitable and accessible programs focused on work-

force preparation to district-wide grade levels, the Great Idea Grant Program, and the state’s largest public education foundation scholarship program. Penix attributes the success of this event to a dedicated group of volunteers who worked tirelessly in the planning along with the enthusiastic support of the CEF board of directors and assistance from Detail and Design. Special guests of the evening were three students

and their teachers, who received a student-led grant from CEF in 2023. Their grant, titled Color our Community with Culture, funded a collection of bilingual books that have been used to engage multilingual learners in peer reading, benefiting all students at Forest Dale Elementary. Alison Wren, Forest Dale teacher, and one of the three teacher sponsors for this grant, shared that “the students who received this grant have gained incredible confidence and leadership skills by applying for this grant and seeing how successful it is with their peers.” When the students took center stage to share their story, the smiles on the faces of guests were testament to what the foundation is all about: inspiring learning in future leaders. A special thank you to all of additional sponsors:

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soring or planning Taste of Carmel 2025, or with Carmel Education Foundation in any capacity, email Jennifer Penix at jpenix1@ccs.k12.in.us. **About the Carmel Education Foundation** One of the oldest foundations of its kind, the Carmel Education Foundation was created to help Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. Since 1966, the Foundation has awarded over \$2,100,000 in college scholarships to Carmel High School seniors and over \$1,000,000 in education grants to inspire lifelong learning for Carmel Clay students. CEF is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation’s mission by funding grants, awarding more than 80 scholarships annually and expanding resources for Carmel Clay Schools.

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WOMEN

The event will begin with opening remarks by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, followed by a CSO woodwind quintet performing the museum of Valerie Coleman, Amy Beach, and Florence Price. CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain will moderate a panel discussion featuring Rachael Cohen, associate librarian, Indiana University; Suzette Bewley, law clerk

for the Honorable James M. Carr and former Executive Director of Alpha Chi Omega; conductor Rebecca Tong; and CSO bassoonist Kara Stolle. “Some of the questions we’re going to tackle include how we handle the struggles and obstacles we face as artists and leaders in our work, and how we can better thrive in our workplaces with confidence,

especially if we find ourselves feeling unsupported,” Chastain said. “Audience members can also expect candid conversations regarding depression, our need for finding support, and addressing power dynamics in the arts and the workforce. I expect a wide-ranging and fascinating conversation.” [Click here](#) for more information.

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SCOUTS

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of officers and accessing community resources. Mayor Jensen graciously fielded a myriad of questions from our diverse group of girls, patiently addressing each one and valuing their feedback and suggestions. It was heartwarming to see him promise to discuss their ideas among his leadership team.

In recognition of their participation, each Girl Scout received a City of Noblesville pin, symbolizing their pride and belongingness to our Miller commu-

nity. As a Girl Scout troop leader, Girl Scout of Central Indiana county Representative, proud mom, and Miller Ambassador Alumna, I was filled with joy witnessing these young leaders, eager to serve and look up to Mayor Jensen as their role model.

I have no doubt that they will be active members of the Mayor Youth Council and contribute to community action projects while pursuing their Girl Scout bronze, silver, and gold awards.



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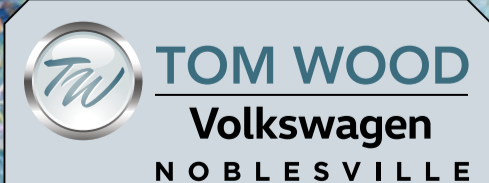
For one week each month this year, The Hamilton County Reporter is giving young artists at local schools the chance to design the banner at the top of the first three pages in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper.

This Week

Heights Elementary School
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Next month, winning artists from another Hamilton County school will be featured in the pages of The Hamilton County Reporter.

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Young Rocks’ (a.k.a. pebbles) art on display at Statehouse all month

The REPORTER

Westfield students from Maple Glen Elementary School, Shamrock Springs Elementary School, and Washington Woods Elementary School displayed their art at the annual Youth Art Month Celebration at the Indiana Statehouse. Their art will be on display for all to see in the Rotunda through-

out the month of March.

The following students have artwork displayed:

Maple Glen

- Owen Nelson
- Scarlet Germain-Robin
- Sawyer Gould
- McKenna Czubik
- Henry Rader
- Haven Edmonds
- Owen Delagrang
- Bryn Burns

- Hannah Grogan
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- Charlotte Ingram



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Are we really always “fine” at work?

As we continue to examine how to be more joyful at work, I want to pause for a moment and discuss something fellow columnist Amy Shinneman brought up recently. It’s how we typically respond to the question, “How are you?”

Amy pointed out what so many of us know – that when someone asks us “how are you?”, nine times out of 10, they’re not expecting to REALLY hear how we are. So, we smile and say, “I’m fine,” or “good” or “great,” even when we’re truly not. It’s just a polite question and answer thing that so many of us do automatically.

Her column got my wheels turning. Yes, I’m writing a series about bringing joy to the workplace. But we’re not always feeling joyful or happy, are we? Yet, so many times, we’re

expected to plaster on a smile and act that way in our professional lives.

As a business owner, I began to wonder... what if we each took 60 seconds when our workday starts, or when we begin a meeting, to truly express how we’re doing? To let our boss and coworkers know that maybe we don’t have it all together, we’re a little sad, or we’re just “meh.”

I think this could help us all bring more joy to our workplaces. Stay with me here.

I actually feel relief when someone tells me that their life isn’t perfect, or that things are hard, or that something is bothering them. Why? Because it shows me that I’m not alone!

Two things can happen when you hear someone share that they’re struggling with something. One,

it gives you the chance to listen, empathize, and lift them up in some way. And I see it as an opportunity to spread some joy to that person, whether you work with them or not.

I love to do this anonymously if possible. When you know someone you work with is down, leave their favorite candy on their desk the next day. Drop off an “I’m thinking of you” card later that week. Order some flowers to be delivered to them. And say some prayers for them if that’s your thing.

If you can’t spend any money, share a poem that made you think of them. Offer to do a project for them to lighten their workload. Or just ask “would you like a hug?” if this person is a friend of yours and it is appropriate.

Two, when you hear someone is struggling, maybe you can share what you did in a similar situation and how you overcame it. Just make certain it truly is

identical. For example, I’ve heard stories about people hearing that someone lost a relative and explaining how they “understand” because they’ve lost a pet. Not the same thing.

Amy’s column has inspired me to ask my partner if we can open our team meetings with “How are you REALLY?” and take a minute to truly listen to our team members. I think just sharing what we may be struggling with can lift a bit of weight off our shoulders and help us be more productive.

Remember, employees are human beings, people who feel a range of emotions. When we can be “real” with one another in private situations, we can lift each other up and spread joy in the workplace!

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

The Reporter: All local, all the time!

Aaron Starr recognized with highest honor by F.C. Tucker

The REPORTER

F.C. Tucker Company has awarded real estate agent and F.C. Tucker Noblesville Office co-manager Aaron Starr with its highest honor.

Starr has received the Tucker Senior Award, recognizing those who exemplify the high standards and time-honored traditions initiated by the F.C. Tucker Company's founder, Fred C. Tucker Sr.

Starr is well-known within both the F.C. Tucker family and Noblesville community as someone who's always offering a helping hand during tough times. Whether he's assisting impoverished families, helping a single mom find a home for her family, or participating in groups that support and encourage members to become better men, he does

it all with impeccable character and a servant's heart.

Starr's colleagues emphasize that he is always looking for opportunities to help others and that he positively impacts everyone he interacts with both in his personal life and in business.

"Aaron Starr lives his life with passion and has a big heart that is evident to everyone. He truly understands his purpose in life is helping others succeed both professionally and personally," F.C. Tucker Company CEO Jim Litten said. "Aaron's unique hands-on approach to mentoring, training and helping those in need truly represents what it means to be both a business and servant leader in our community."

Learn more about F.C. Tucker Company at talkto-tucker.com.



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Noblesville & Hamilton County sees strong residential real estate market in February

The REPORTER

Both Noblesville and Hamilton County residential real estate markets were strong in February with inventory continuing to increase and homes selling at a steady pace.

In Hamilton County for February:

- Available housing inventory increased 24.7 percent.
- The average sale price increased 4.1 percent to \$486,520, which was the

highest average home sale price in central Indiana in February.

- February pending home sales decreased 1.4 percent compared to this time last year.

In Noblesville for February:

- The average sale price decreased 2.6 percent to \$383,833; however, the average price per square foot increased, up 1.7 percent to \$152.30.
- The number of closed



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home sales decreased 4.1 percent.

- Homes remained on the market one day longer than this time last year, selling in 44 days on average.

"A strong February residential real estate market bodes well for an active

spring in central Indiana," F.C. Tucker Company President Jim Litten said. "With mortgage interest rates remaining steady and inventory increasing, we can expect to see a robust market well into the first half of 2024."

Don't miss jazz drummer Sammy Miller for "JazzTalk"

The REPORTER

Don't miss your chance to get tickets for these great events coming up soon at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

JazzTalk: A Conversation with Sammy Miller

Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Online – free!

On Monday, March 25 join in for an engaging live conversation with Sammy Miller, who is bringing his NYC-based band The Congregation to the Palladium on April 19 for a [Student Matinee](#) and an [all-ages evening performance](#) in the Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series.

With a witty and theatrical approach that has drawn comparisons to Ben Folds and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Sammy Miller and The Congregation are "on a mission to put the generosity back into jazz and bring art back to the people." Led by Grammy-nominated drummer Miller, the seven-piece group is a community of adventurous and charismatic musicians who are conservatory-trained but have not lost their childlike wonder and awe for playing music. Since its inception, the Congregation has played nonstop around the world, including Lincoln Center, the White House and the Newport and Monterey jazz festivals.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Luminaries: Making it Up with Brandon Wilson

Tuesday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

The Palladium

One of the best ways to understand your place in an ever-evolving world is to step outside your comfort

zones and create.

For Brandon Wilson, a singer-songwriter and life/business coach, making things up is a way of life. But navigating his relationship with creativity has been quite a journey, one that kept him in trouble for most of his younger years, took him to Nashville to make a go of a career in music, and so much more.

Join Wilson as he sings songs, shares stories, and talks about the power of creating. Who knows, you might walk out with the beginnings of your own song!

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Live at the Center: Bullet Points

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The Palladium

A local indie rock supergroup comprising members of the Lemonheads, Extra Blue Kind, State, Beta Male, and Coolidge, Bullet Points released its debut EP in 2016 and began touring throughout the Midwest, appearing on WFYI's Small Studio Sessions.

In 2020, the band delivered its first full-length project, *Paso Doble*, and reached the finalist level of the MOKB Presents Battle of the Bands. More recently, the group has been heard on WTTS-FM's *The Beat with David Lindquist* and seen on WISH-TV's *All Indiana*. More information is available at [Facebook.com/BulletPointsBand](https://facebook.com/BulletPointsBand).

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Local GOP legislators welcome Carmel student pages to Statehouse

The REPORTER

Local legislators recently welcomed Carmel students to the Statehouse where they participated in the Indiana House Page Program during the 2024 legislative session.

“This learning opportunity provides students the chance to spend the day at the Statehouse and interact with their local leaders,” State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) said. “It’s always exciting for me to meet young Hoosiers from our community and see them so engaged.”

As pages, the students assisted lawmakers and staff with daily duties, toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse,

and joined lawmakers on the House floor to witness and learn about the legislative process.

“The House Page Program is one of the best opportunities for students to go behind the scenes and learn how state government impacts their lives,” State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said. “These students were able to meet their state representatives and better understand how their elected officials work for not only their communities, but also the entire state.”

These Carmel students served as pages during the 2024 legislative session:

- Walker Lasbury, who attends Creekside Middle School.
- Chloe Lutz, who at-



(From left) Walker Lasbury with State Rep. Goodrich, Chole Lutz with State Rep. Torr, Ethan Morgel with State Rep. Schaibley, and Anika Veerapaneni with State Rep. Torr.

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tends Creekside Middle School.

- Anika Veerapaneni, who attends Clay Middle School.

State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) said students aged 13 to 18 should consider participating during the 2025 legislative session.

“Paging is an easy way for young Hoosiers to get involved in state government,” Goodrich said. “Experiencing the legislative session from the House Chamber is a unique experience, and I encourage students in our

area to sign up for this exciting and educational program next year.”

Contact Torr at h39@iga.in.gov, Schaibley at h24@iga.in.gov, or Goodrich at h29@iga.in.gov for more information on the Indiana House Page Program.

What to know if you’re visiting a DNR property for eclipse

The REPORTER

Much of Indiana will be in the zone of totality for the total solar eclipse on April 8, including 54 properties managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that will provide an excellent vantage point for viewing the once-in-a-lifetime event.

“We look forward to welcoming thousands of Hoosiers and guests to see and feel the effects of this amazing astronomical event with the wonderful backdrop our public lands provide,” DNR Director Dan Bortner said. “We have guests coming in from across Indiana, the country, and the globe to camp, stay at our inns, or spend the day with us. As you prepare your eclipse-day plans, we want you to be prepared to make the most of your time with us.”

If you plan to visit a state park, state forest, fish and wildlife area, or state-managed nature preserve within the zone of totality, expect to have a lot of company, plus the long lines and traffic that come with it – and plan for a full day enjoying



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the outdoors in spring’s often fickle weather.

If you live in the zone of totality (on.IN.gov/eclipse), you may want to view the event from your own backyard to avoid some challenges.

Some tips:

- **Arrive early and stay put.** Entrance gates (where they exist) open at 7 a.m. When parking areas are full, gates will close to cars and pedestrians. If you leave before the eclipse, you may not be able to get back in.
- **Bring your Annual Entrance Pass.** Properties with entrance gates will charge gate fees. Cash or credit cards will be accepted, but showing your pass will help the lines move more quickly.
- **Bring cash.** Wireless communications in the zone will likely be slow, so bring extra cash for food, drinks, gate entrance, and commemorative items that may be for sale, just in case.
- **Pick up ID tags.** Free ID wristbands for kids will be available at or near entrance gates at most properties.
- **Bring lawn chairs and a picnic.** The eclipse actually begins between noon and 1 p.m. depending on where you are, but you’ll want to arrive long before that. Some but not all locations may be selling food.
- **Fill your gas tank before you come.** People from all over the world will be visiting, and gridlock may ensue as you head home.
- **Pack your car and your patience.** Bring extra snacks, water and first aid supplies/medicines and a backpack of car games, videos, or other entertainment for the kids to enjoy during travel.
- **Monitor traffic at IN-DOT TrafficWise or 511IN.org.**

See more at on.IN.gov/eclipse-tips.



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The NHS Singers will perform their *Back to the Future*-themed competition set as exhibition during Saturday’s Indiana Show Choir Championships.

Take a trip through time with Noblesville High School Show Choir

Submitted

The Noblesville High School Choral Department will play host to NHS’s first Indiana Show Choir Championships on Saturday, March 16, at NHS, 18111 Cumberland Road. Join these choirs for an exciting day celebrating the excellence of high school show choir in the state that started it all. NHS choir directors John Neubauer and Julianne Fowler say they are excited to bring this championship to

NSH where 19 choirs from 11 schools will compete all day long with awards in the evening. NHS expects more than 800 high school students as well as more than 1,500 adults from around Indiana and the Indianapolis area to attend. Descending upon NHS will be show choirs that hail from Austin High School in Austin, Ind. in Scott County in southern Indiana; Ben Davis High School on Indianapolis’ westside; Bishop

Luers High School in Fort Wayne; Center Grove High School in Greenwood in Johnson County; Franklin Central High School on Indianapolis’ southwest side; Jay County High School in Portland, Ind.; Lafayette Jefferson High School in Lafayette; Lakeland Junior-Senior High School in LaGrange, Ind.; Northridge High School in Middlebury in northern Indiana; Northrop High School in Fort Wayne; and Warren Central High School on Indianapolis’ eastside.

NHS show choirs – NHS Singers, New Dimension, and Sensation – will perform exhibition shows during the Indiana Show Choir Championships at NHS. The NHS Singers, the school’s oldest show choir, has been a key component of the NHS Choral Music community since the 1970s. Tickets are \$20 for the day at the door. Souvenir programs are \$5. Food will be available for sale. For more information visit noblesvillechoirs.org.

Governor walks into a bar, brings back ‘happy hour’

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Why did Indiana’s governor walk into a bar Thursday? To make it “happy hour” again. Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb turned **House Bill 1086**, known by some as the “happy hour” bill, into a law during a 2:30 p.m. Thursday visit to the Whistle Stop Inn. The downtown restaurant and bar sits at the corner of South Illinois Street and West South Street, just a block east of Lucas Oil Stadium.

“Happy hour” will return to the state July 1 now that Holcomb has signed the bill. That will mean the return of reduced drink prices for four hours a day, not to exceed 15 hours per week. The seller would decide the times. The bill says the four hours per day can be consecutive or nonconsecutive, as determined by the alcohol permit holder. However, price reductions can’t happen from 9 p.m. local time to 3 a.m. local time the following day. Permit holders also could reduce prices for an entire day. They could also

increase prices during, for example, special events or live entertainment. In another nod to alcohol sellers, the legislature agreed to expand what places can provide alcohol to-go and how to do it in properly sealed and labeled containers. Finally, the measure will allow hotels to sell alcohol to only registered guests in areas outside the accommodations’ bars. Indiana banned “happy hour” in 1985 and joined other states that passed laws to stop the selling of cheaper drinks during special hours, usually when most people’s workdays ended. Proponents back then cited a spate of drunken driving incidents, some leading to deaths. Many of those states that created bans in the mid-’80s have already reversed course. As of last summer, these states still banned “happy hours”: Alaska, Indiana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont. * * *

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/governor-to-walk-into-a-bar-bring-back-happy-hours-in-indiana.



Holcomb

Spring into conservation with native plants & rain barrels

The REPORTER

Spring rains, sunshine, and blooms are on the horizon. Plan ahead for your property by ordering your native plants and rain barrels from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. SWCD has all the tools you need to conserve water and support pollinators like bees and butterflies with beautiful native plants. Native plant kits allow you to take the guesswork out of plant selection by providing a set of plants that will be perfect for your yard. Each native plant kit contains 50 native plant plugs for \$135. There is a kit for all areas of your yard including pollinator, rain (for wetter areas), shade

and prairie grass. Rain barrels are also available for pre-order for \$85. These re-purposed barrels capture rainwater from your downspout and roof and hold it for later use. Rain barrel water is great for watering plants and gardens or even washing the car. In peak summer months, a rain barrel can save around 1,300 gallons of free, naturally soft water for your use. Pre-pay for your barrel and choose between grey, black, and terra cotta 55-gallon rain barrels. Accessories like diverters systems for easily installation, wooden stands, and linking hoses are also available. Carmel residents are eligible for a \$50 to \$75 rebate from the City Stormwater



Photos provided

Plan ahead and order your native plants and rain barrels now from Soil & Water Conservation District.

Program after installing a rain barrel. Information on this program is available at rainonmain.com/carmel-rain-barrel-subsidy.html. Plant kit and rain barrel

pre-orders can be placed online at hamiltonswcd.org. Orders for plants are due Thursday, March 28 and rain barrel pre-orders are due May 16. Rain barrels can be picked up on May

22 in Noblesville and plants the week of June 4. All proceeds support conservation projects and education in Hamilton County. More information on native plants and rain barrels

can be found at hamiltonswcd.org. Questions regarding the sales or SWCD resources can be directed to at soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or (317) 773-2181.



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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.

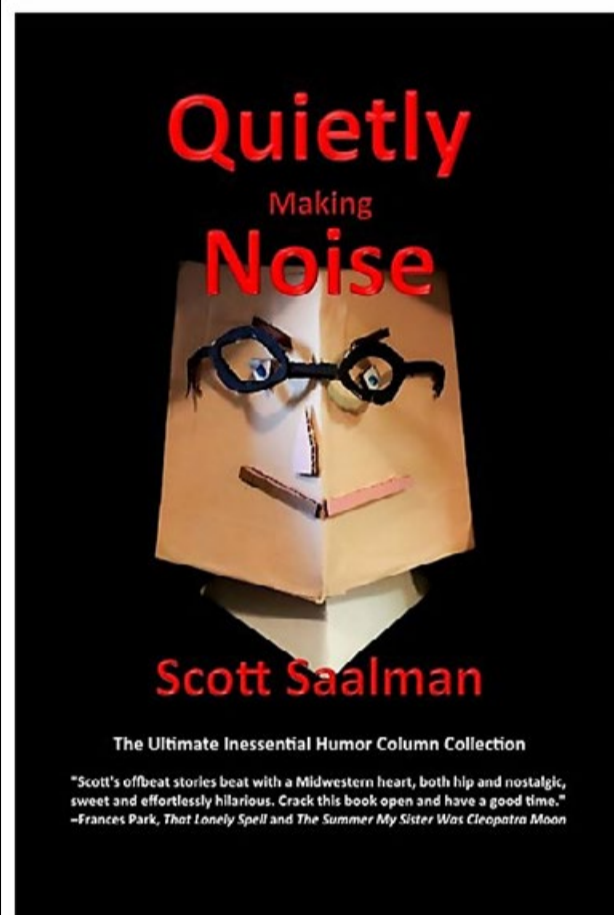
"Hamilton County, Indiana, is thrilled to be a premiere destination for the total solar eclipse," said Sarah Buckner, head of Hamilton County's eclipse local organizing committee and assistant director of community engagement for Hamilton County Tourism. "We've been planning for this historic event for 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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Get ready for the eclipse with WFIU & WTIU

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In anticipation of the upcoming total solar eclipse on April 8, WFIU Public Radio and WTIU Public Television in Bloomington, Ind., are creating multiplatform content for WFIU and WTIU's broadcast, digital, and social media channels to help audiences learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime event and how it can be experienced.

WFIU and WTIU's short-form videos cover a wide variety science and safety topics, answering questions such as:

- How can you keep your eyes and camera safe during a solar eclipse?
- What bizarre behavior do animals show during an eclipse?
- What kind of phenomena can you see even if it's cloudy?

Other short features explore eclipse-related folklore surrounding eclipses as angry gods, acts of romance, Greeks "tricking" the sun, and more.

The first set of videos have launched on WFIU and WTIU's [YouTube channel](#) and [Eclipse 2024 website](#), with new videos releasing each weekday through April 4. These videos will also appear on WFIU and WTIU's Facebook and Instagram accounts and WTIU's broadcast channel. Companion audio segments developed from the video content will air on

WFIU's broadcast channel.

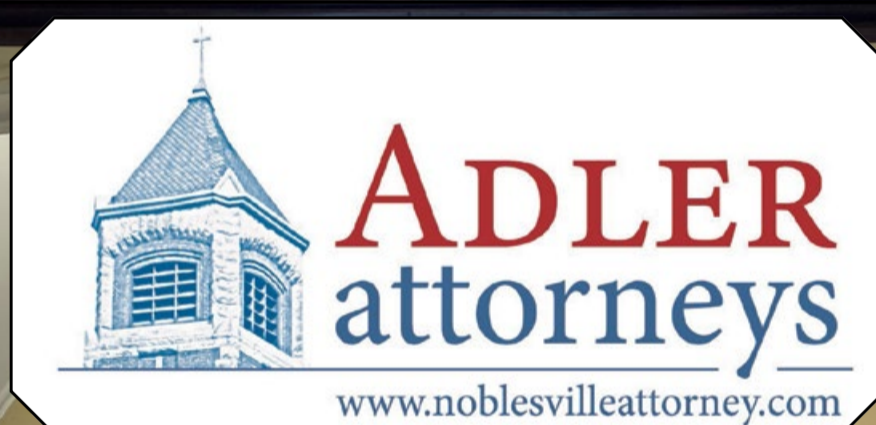
In addition to the science, safety, and folklore videos, the WFIU/WTIU News team is providing coverage of the eclipse through online and on-air features and eclipse-themed news programming. *Noon Edition*, the news team's weekly public affairs radio series, will host a live broadcast from WonderLab in Bloomington to discuss the upcoming eclipse. The program will air at noon on Friday, April 5 on WFIU.

WFIU and WTIU's eclipse programming series culminates in a half-hour live special produced by the WFIU/WTIU News team airing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8 on WFIU and WTIU. The news program will recap the day's events, featuring reporting from multiple locations across south central Indiana.

Videos, news stories, and resources for the eclipse are available on WFIU and WTIU's Eclipse 2024 website: indianapublicmedia.org/eclipse.

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AG Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit Indiana Unclaimed to see what gold awaits this St. Patrick’s Day

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](https://www.in.gov/unclaimed) to see if they have any money waiting for them this spring.

“May the luck be with you this St. Patrick’s Day,” AG Rokita said. “One of our top missions in the office is to reunite hardworking Hoosiers with their unclaimed property. This green holiday is a perfect time for Hoosiers to find a pot of gold.”

After decimating the prior record set in 2014, Rokita’s office returned over \$81 million in unclaimed prop-

erty to its rightful owners in 2023. Over \$1.5 MILLION is returned to Hoosiers every week, and hundreds of millions are just waiting to be claimed.

Some property owners in the Unclaimed Property Division’s database include such holiday-appropriate first or last names of Ireland, Gold, Clover, Shamrock, and Green.

Here are the types of property that might go unclaimed this St. Patrick’s



Rokita

Day that are even better than finding a four-leaf clover:

- Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safety deposit box contents
- Savings and checking accounts
- Refunds
- Overpayments such as credit card balances, cell phone bills, and BMV payments

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Divi-

sion conducts an aggressive outreach effort to locate the rightful owners or heirs. Individuals and businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Are you feeling lucky this St. Patrick’s Day? Why not try the luck of the Irish and search for unclaimed property? Visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](https://www.in.gov/unclaimed) or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmil@atg.in.gov.

Former Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger endorses Raju Chinthala

Submitted by Raju for Congress

In a recently posted video message, former Indiana Secretary of Commerce Jim Schellinger endorsed Raju Chinthala in the Fifth District Congressional Race.

Schellinger currently serves as the Ambassador of Global Relations in the Office of the President at Butler University. He previously served as President of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and as Chairman/CEO of CSO Architects, one of Indiana’s largest architectural firms.



Chinthala

tiatives that provide opportunities for every family in Indiana.”

Schellinger joins an esteemed group of community leaders who have endorsed Chinthala’s campaign, including former Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, businessman Bharat Patel, and Pastor Jerry Zehr.

You can read more about these endorsements and see Schellinger’s endorsement video at [RajuForCongress.com](https://www.in.gov/unclaimed).

About Raju Chinthala

Raju Chinthala, a native of Indiana since 1996, is a successful speech-language pathologist, Hoosier businessman, International Economic Advisor, and politico. He is the Treasurer of the Hamilton County Republican Party and has served as Senior Advisor for India at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and as Founder and President of the Indiana India Business Council.

Chinthala has been honored by President Biden with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 and has received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from both Governor Pence and Governor Holcomb. He lives in Carmel with his wife Dr. Prasanna Chinthala, their son Anoop, and their dog Snowball.

Learn more about the candidate at [RajuForCongress.com](https://www.in.gov/unclaimed).

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Letter to the Editor

Congress must act to save Affordable Connectivity Program

Dear Editor:

It’s not hard to understand why a program that connects lower income Hoosiers to the internet has improved their quality of life.

Without access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet – and the digital skills needed to use it – too many older Hoosiers are not able to fully participate in today’s economy. They risk missing out on opportunities like online learning, accessing important services, and keeping social connections crucial to their well-being. They can’t shop online for essentials like groceries and may not be able to virtually see their doctors or health care specialists, who may be located miles away.

Unfortunately, the lack of accessible and affordable high-speed internet also serves as a barrier for many who find themselves increasingly isolated and without many options for maintaining these vital connections.

That’s why AARP fought for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a federal program designed to help eliminate some of the financial barriers to high-speed internet access. The ACP provides internet discounts of up to \$30 a month for qualifying households, or up to \$75 for those living on tribal lands. Right now, almost 426,000 Indiana households receive a discount on their internet bill thanks to the ACP, and nearly 40 percent of those households are aged 50 and older.

But now this important program is in jeopardy. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and internet service providers are already beginning to wind down the program by contacting enrollees. The good news is there is bipartisan support for extending the ACP. But unless Congress acts now to continue funding for the ACP, it will run out of funding in April 2024. Those who are currently enrolled in the program will no longer receive a discount on their internet bill.

Time is running out to protect hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers from losing their internet access. Without this program, many lower income residents will lose their Internet access and be cut off from jobs, medical appointments, friends, and family.

That’s why AARP is urging Congress to support the bipartisan bills to fund the ACP and help adults aged 50 and older access affordable and reliable high-speed internet.

Residents who are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program now are encouraged to contact their internet service providers or call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575 to learn more about how this could affect them.

Visit aarp.org/ACP for more information.

Linda Dunno
AARP Indiana State President

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Report: inflation crisis still hurting Hoosier households

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, the Joint Economic Committee released inflation reports for all 50 states. Indiana's report found Hoosiers are still struggling under the weight of the inflation crisis.

President Biden this week released his proposed budget, a more than \$7 trillion proposal that quickens the pace of the country on the path to \$52 trillion in debt.

"Hoosiers don't need economists to tell them that everything has gotten more expensive since President Biden started his historic inflation bomb spending spree, but the numbers are staggering," U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) said. "I've been the loudest Senator warning about what this spending would do to Hoosier household budgets, and I've been proud to vote

against the Biden spending binge every time."

Here are the key findings from the JEC Indiana Report:

- Using the February 2024 Consumer Price Index data release by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) State Inflation Tracker estimates that the average household in Indiana is paying **\$876 more per month** to purchase the same basket of goods and services as in January 2021.

- Cumulatively, the average Indiana household has **spent \$20,974 more** due to inflation since January 2021.

- Compared to one year earlier, the average Indiana households needs to spend **\$147 more per month** to



Braun

maintain the same standard of living. Here are key findings on increases in household food expenses, shelter expense, energy expenses, and transportation expenses:

- Compared to January 2021, the average household in Indiana is **spending \$143 more on food** per month. This is \$19 more each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in Indiana has spent \$3,164 more on food due to inflation since January 2021.

- Compared to January 2021, the average household in Indiana is **spending \$169 more on shelter per month**. This is \$57 more each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the av-

erage household in Indiana has spent \$3,078 more on shelter due to inflation since January 2021.

- Compared to January 2021, the average household in Indiana is **spending \$91 more on energy per month**. This is \$9 less each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in Indiana has spent \$3,751 more on energy due to inflation since January 2021.

- Compared to January 2021, the average household in Indiana is **spending \$252 more on transportation per month**. This is \$19 more each month than one year ago. Cumulatively, the average household in Indiana has spent \$8,064 more on transportation due to inflation since January 2021.

[Click here](#) to read the full report, which also includes charts.

TONIGHT: Noblesville resident & star of *Thorns* to introduce film at Emagine Noblesville

The REPORTER

Thorns, a horror film shot entirely in Michigan and created by Michigan-based independent filmmakers Doug and Julie Schulze, premiered at the Emagine Royal Oak Theatre in Michigan last month.

The film's release has expanded and opened on Thursday at Emagine Noblesville, located in the Hamilton Town Center.

To celebrate opening weekend at Emagine Noblesville, actress Cassandra Schomer, who plays Sister Agnes, will be on-site tonight, Friday, March 15 to introduce the 9:20 p.m. film to the audience.

Tickets are available online at [Emagine-Entertainment.com](https://www.emagine-entertainment.com), at the Box Office, or on the Emagine

App.

In *Thorns*, Archbishop Jenkins (played by Doug Bradley) mentors an ex-priest working for NASA who is sent to investigate a remote observatory that went silent after receiving a mysterious radio signal from deep space. Upon arrival, he discovers the signal opened a portal unleashing a thorned monster. The former priest must now summon his lost faith to stop the signal from spreading hell on earth.

Schomer, who plays the prophetic and mute nun Sister Agnes in *Thorns*, has over 35 years of experience playing challenging roles both in film and on stage. She has been the principal actress in numerous regional TV commercials and



Photo courtesy *Thorns*

Sister Agnes, played by Noblesville's own Cassandra Schomer.

corporate training videos. She is an accomplished on-camera and voice actor known for such roles as deputy secretary Gina (*Desperation Road*), lead prosecutor Wendy Carr (*Noble Vision*), missing persons Detective Toni Parmeter (*A Trail's End*), and neurotropic scientist

Dr. Helen Vaughn (*Verity Weaver* – podcast based out of London, England). In her youth, she also sung in Carnegie Hall in New York City with an elite choir comprised of select U.S. and Japanese women's ensembles. She currently resides in Noblesville.

This film is rated R.

\$15 million available for small meat processors in low interest loans via Department of Agriculture

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, alongside the **Indiana State Department of Agriculture** (ISDA) announced Thursday that small and very small meat processors in need of funding can apply for a loan via ISDA.

"This loan program is a first of its kind for our Indiana State Department of Agriculture and I am excited to support them in this unique opportunity for Hoosier agribusinesses," Lt. Gov. Crouch said. "We know that more and more Hoosiers are shopping local for meat products and our small meat processors are struggling to keep up with demand. Additionally, some traditional business loans can be hard to secure for this industry, so this low interest loan program will go a long way in ensuring our local meat processors can expand and Hoosier customers get the products they are seeking."

The **Indiana Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program** (MPILP) is a \$15 million revolving loan program that assists Indiana meat and poultry packers and processors with access to affordable capital for meat expansion projects. This intermediary lending program addresses critical meat expansion needs, which developed and have continued since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program will support local livestock producers by allowing their mar-

ket-ready livestock to be processed within their communities and help to reduce processing delays. ISDA will be working closely with the **Indiana Economic Development Corporation** (IEDC), who will serve as the intermediary lender. ISDA is also partnering with the **Indiana Small Business Development Centers** (ISBDC) who will assist in development of meat expansion projects and loan packages with local meat packers and processors.

"This program is a big step forward in allowing farmers to process their livestock locally," **USDA Rural Development** Indiana State Director Dr. Terry Goodin, said. "It shows the importance of investing locally and allows rural Hoosier livestock producers to send their market-ready livestock without delays."

Meat expansion projects will add local job opportunities and tax revenues for local communities and the State of Indiana.

"We are thrilled to announce this first-ever loan program through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture," ISDA Director Don Lamb said. "Traditional bank funding for agribusinesses can be challenging, especially for meat processors, so we are excited to work hand in hand with our partners to ensure this needed funding is available to our Hoosier businesses."

Eligible entities include small meat processors looking to expand or entrepreneurs who would like to

open a new facility.

Loan Terms:

- 3 percent interest rates for scalable loans from \$100,000 up to \$5 million;
- 2 percent interest rates for wastewater projects; and
- Up to 15-year loan terms.

ISDA is working closely with the **Indiana Bankers Association** (IBA) to encourage local bank participation in the meat expansion revolving loans that will result in blended interest rates while preserving local bank relationships.

Eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase/upgrade of equipment, infrastructure and technology, including installation;
- Purchase or construction of a new facility;
- Start-up costs, working capital, fees or expenses related to meeting federal or state standards;
- Increasing packaging and labeling capabilities; and
- Pollution control and abatement including wastewater and transportation.

The Indiana Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program will open for applications on April 1. For information regarding the Indiana Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program, please contact David Coates at dcoates@isda.in.gov.

This funding was from the **USDA Rural Development** Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program with the goal of increasing meat and

poultry processing capacity, which in turn increases competition, supports producer income, and strengthens the food supply chain to lower costs for families and create jobs and economic opportunities in rural areas.

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 committeement and state delegates will appear in upcoming editions of *The Reporter*.

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- Cicero Market
- Cool Creek Park – Nature Center
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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

JUDAH AND TAMAR

When Tamar was told, “Your father-in-law is on his way to Timnah to shear his sheep,” she took off her widow’s clothes, covered herself with a veil to disguise herself, and then sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that, though Shelah had now grown up, she had not been given to him as his wife.

When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. Not realizing that she was his daughter-in-law, he went over to her by the roadside and said, “Come now, let me sleep with you.”

“And what will you give me to sleep with you?” she asked.

“I’ll send you a young goat from my flock,” he said.

“Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?” she asked.

He said, “What pledge should I give you?”

“Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand,” she answered. So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. After she left, she took off her veil and put on her widow’s clothes again.

Meanwhile Judah sent the young goat by his friend the Adullamite in order to get his pledge back from the woman, but he did not find her. He asked the men who lived there, “Where is the shrine prostitute who was beside the road at Enaim?”

“There hasn’t been any shrine prostitute here,” they said.

So he went back to Judah and said, “I didn’t find her. Besides, the men who lived there said, ‘There hasn’t been any shrine prostitute here.’”

Then Judah said, “Let her keep what she has, or we will become a laughingstock. After all, I did send her this young goat, but you didn’t find her.”

Genesis 38:13-23 (NIV)

James “Jim” Eldon Ottinger
February 13, 1947 – March 8, 2024

James “Jim” Eldon Ottinger, 77, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024.

He was born in Indianapolis on February 13, 1947, to the late Gareld and Dreama (Pearson) Ottinger.

On July 27, 1968, Jim married Cassandra “Casey” Kunkle, and they shared 55 years of marriage.

Jim attended Fishers High School and was a part of the graduating class of 1965. After high school, Jim proudly served in the United States Army. Upon being discharged from service, Jim went to begin his career as a carpenter. He was employed by Butz Lumber Company for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2008.

Jim was a member of Wood Carvers Special Interest Chapter (CIWW) and the American Legion Post 777 Indianapolis. He enjoyed being outside, bird watching and bird feeding, playing guitar, and listening to music – especially John Denver, bluegrass, and gospel. He loved to stay busy with projects, hiking, and fishing. Jim also loved the time spent with Casey. They traveled to the state parks, went antiquing, and did their weekly shopping together. They loved to go eat breakfast before their weekly shopping and spend the morning together. One of Jim’s greatest joys was hanging out with his grandson, Orion. He is going to be missed by many.

James “Jim” is survived by his wife, Cassandra “Casey” Ottinger of Noblesville; son, Stefan Chris (Esta) Ottinger of Westfield; daughter, Emily Ottinger of Noblesville; grandson, Orion Ottinger of Westfield; brother, Joe (Patti) Ottinger of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Gareld & Dreama Ottinger.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Adam Colder officiating. Burial will follow in the Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home. Family and friends may donate to the Indiana State Parks or charity of choice.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-homes.com.



Frederick “Fred” Norman Miller
October 16, 1938 – March 10, 2024

Frederick “Fred” Norman Miller, 85, Atlanta, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Fred was born in Tipton on October 16, 1938, to the late Howard and Ruth (Holsinger) Miller.

On February 14, 1960, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Sue Lane, and they shared 64 years of marriage.

Fred attended Jackson Central High School and was a member of the graduating class of 1957. Fred was a farmer by trade and loved his profession; he farmed for over 40 years. After retiring from farming, Fred was in charge of the grounds at Crownhill Cemetery in Arcadia and was a member of the board of directors until his health no longer allowed him to serve.

He loved to be outside whether it was to mow, work on tractors, raise the cattle or sheep, or just go for a drive to see what the local farmers were doing in the fields. Sometimes on those drives, he and Marilyn would venture over to Elwood to their favorite ice cream store, Taylor’s Dairy! They always laughed because the staff there knew Fred’s order by heart. Fred was also a history enthusiast and many of the trips the family took included going to historical sites around the United States.

When Fred was not outside, he enjoyed watching and talking about sports, especially Colts and Chiefs football. Fred was also a devout member of East Union Christian Church where he served as a Deacon, sang in the choir, and was the trustee for a period. His favorite thing in life was his family and their company, he especially enjoyed it when everyone would come over to celebrate his birthdays. Fred leaves a strong legacy through his family but is going to be missed dearly by many.

Fred is survived by his wife, Marilyn Sue Miller of Atlanta; daughters, Brenda Miller-Blank of Northbrook, Ill., Rebecca “Bekah” (David) Martinez of Carmel, and Beverly (Dana) Hotte of Noblesville; grandchildren, Andrew Blank of Northbrook, Ill., Austin (Sarah) Olvey of Indianapolis, and Megan Hotte of Noblesville; great-grandson, Noah; sister, Jeannie (Allen) Dunn of Tipton; and several nieces and nephews.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Howard Miller and Ruth & Lowell Brehm; brothers, James “Jim” Miller and Laurence Brehm; and sisters, Louise Webb and Carolyn Burket.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th St., Atlanta. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at East Union Christian Church, with Mark Knapp officiating. Burial will follow in the Crownhill Cemetery, Arcadia.

Memorial contributions may be made to East Union Christian Church.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-homes.com.



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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

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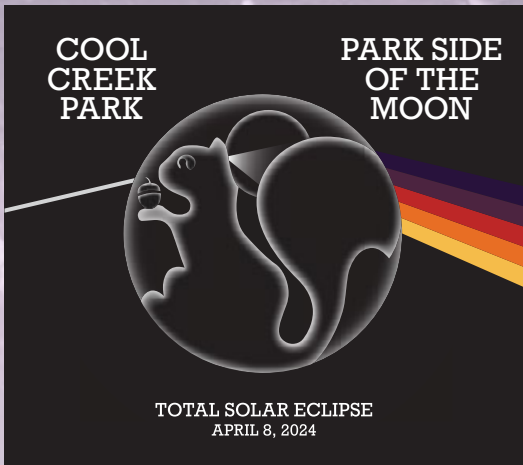
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Boys Basketball

Fishers & Guerin Catholic ready to hit the road for semi-state championship

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Once school gets out this afternoon, the Fishers and Guerin Catholic boys basketball teams will be going on road trips.

These are business trips for the Tigers and the Golden Eagles, with the main objective being a championship trophy and a chance to play in the state finals. Fishers travels to the Class 4A north semi-state at Elkhart, while Guerin Catholic is headed to Seymour for the Class 3A south semi-state.

Four teams play at each semi-state, which means one must win two games for the championship. The 4A No. 1-ranked Tigers take on Crown Point in the first semifinal, while the Golden Eagles play Danville, also the first semifinal game. Both contests tip off at 10 a.m.

First time

This is the first time Fishers has played in a boys basketball semi-state, be it the old Tigers or the new Tigers. The original Fishers won a regional championship in 1922, but advanced directly to a 16-team state tournament. The “semi-final” round was added to the tournament in 1936; it became known as semi-state in 1957.

The other semifinal at Elkhart features Fort Wayne Wayne and Mishawaka, and it tips off after the Tigers’ game with the Crown Point Bulldogs. None of the four teams playing have won a semi-state championship before.

Crown Point is 20-5

this season. The Bulldogs came out of the Chesterton sectional, winning there by beating Kankakee Valley 68-39 in the first round, Valparaiso 55-51 in the semifinals and the host Trojans 68-36 in the championship.

Crown Point stayed in Chesterton for the regional, where it beat Warsaw 55-42 in a crazy game. The Bulldogs led 42-33 before the Tigers came back to tie it at 42-42 at the end of regulation. Crown Point then shut out Warsaw in the extra period to win its first regional since 1998 and its second overall.

“They’re very well-coached,” said Fishers coach Garrett Winegar. “Coach Swan does an excellent job.” Clint Swan has coached the Bulldogs since the 2006-07 season.

Winegar said Crown Point is “pretty balanced” and has good depth. “They’re going to be patient and get good shots,” he said. “Defensively, they do a lot of different things. Man to man, 2-3 zone and half-court trapping.”

Two sophomores led the way for the Bulldogs in the regional game. Mason Darrell scored 14 points and Kingston Rhodes added 11 points. Senior Jack Svetich scored 26 points in Crown Point’s sectional championship win.

Winegar is familiar with the Bulldogs because they play several common opponents with Fishers, including Carmel, Noblesville and Brownsburg.

“Crown Point’s a team that took Noblesville to OT



Photo by Julie Brown



Photo by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers junior JonAnthony Hall is averaging 11.2 points per game for the Tigers, who play in their first-ever semi-state on Saturday at Elkhart. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic’s Bryson Cardinal averages 12.8 points and 7.9 rebounds for the Golden Eagles, who head to Seymour for the Class 3A south semi-state.

in (the Millers’) holiday tournament,” said Winegar. “We have a lot of common opponents, and for them to have so much success against those teams, obviously we know how talented and how good they are.”

Fishers, now 26-1 for the season, is coming off an emphatic win over No. 4 Kokomo in the regional, 66-52 in front of 8,500 fans at New Castle last Saturday. Senior Keenan Garner leads the Tigers with 16.1 points, 8.3 rebounds and 1.4 blocked shots per game. Junior JonAnthony Hall adds 11.2 points. Freshman Cooper Zachary leads the assists with 3.8, followed by Garner with 3.7 and Hall with 3.0.

Loaded at Seymour

The Seymour semi-state is loaded with three top 10 teams in the Associated

Press poll, with the fourth, Evansville Bosse, receiving votes. Guerin Catholic is No. 6 and Danville is No. 3; they face off at 10 a.m., with No. 4 Scottsburg to play Bosse afterwards.

“I would say that we’re confident that we’re going to be prepared and we’re going to give a great effort,” said GC coach Bobby Allen. “There’s three other really, really good teams at Seymour and whoever comes out of that group is going to earn it.”

The Danville Warriors are 22-3, only losing to Plainfield twice and Avon once. Danville triumphed at the Lebanon sectional, beating Western Boone 75-34 in the first round, Crawfordsville 65-53 in the semifinals and Tri-West 57-49 in the championship.

The Warriors, coached by Brian Barber for the past 25 seasons, took care of Northview 61-39 to win the regional, which also took place at Lebanon’s Rosenstihl Gymnasium. Danville averages 62.6 points per game and has only been held under 50 points twice this season.

“They score a lot of points,” said Allen. “They have a great inside presence.” Allen is referring to senior Evan Lawrence, who is averaging a double-double of 13.2 points and 11.0 rebounds per game.

“They have some great guards and shooters that surround him,” said Allen. “They have five guys that could score at all times on the court.”

Junior Jace Scrafton adds 11.2 points and 4.6

rebounds per game, with sophomore Elijah Tricker right behind at 11.1 points and 4.2 rebounds. Tricker leads the assists with 5.1 per contest, and senior Lukas McMahon dished out 3.8 per game.

The 21-7 Golden Eagles claimed their second consecutive regional (also at Lebanon) by beating Indianapolis Washington 56-39. It’s the sixth regional title in Guerin Catholic’s relatively young basketball history.

Senior Robert Sorensen is the top Golden Eagles’ scorer with 16.7 points per game. Junior Bryson Cardinal adds 12.8 points and is the top rebounder with 7.9 per contest. Senior Dylan Murans contributes 10.1 points, while senior Jack Cherry leads the assists with 4.3 per game.

Lacrosse

Roundup: Noblesville boys, Carmel girls get victories

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys lacrosse team picked up another win Wednesday night, beating North Central 9-8 in a home game.

Zach McMichael and Hayden McCaslin each scored three goals for the Millers. Charlie Boe added two goals and Gage Bass scored one goal. Brighton Kojetin had two assists, with McMichael and Logan White both handing out one.

Noblesville was strong on ground balls, with Monty Atkins collecting six of them. Carter Montgomery and Brighton both picked up four ground balls, with Charlie Zink, Shep Coyne and Boe each getting three.

The Millers also won the junior varsity game 14-2.

Noblesville is 2-0 and plays tonight at Fishers and Wednesday at Park Tudor.

The Carmel girls team



Photo by Julie Montgomery



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Photo by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville’s Monty Atkins collected six ground balls during the Millers’ victory over North Central on Wednesday. (ABOVE CENTER) Hamilton Southeastern’s Sarah Gastineau scored three goals for the Royals during their Wednesday game with Bishop Chatard. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers’ Amy Cooke, shown here during the Tigers’ game with Heritage Christian, scored one goal and picked up four ground balls during Fishers’ Monday game with Bishop Chatard.

improved to 5-0 by beating Brebeuf Jesuit 12-0 on Monday.

Breckin Hare scored three goals for the Greyhounds. Sophie Mock, Riley Putnam, Elizabeth Tomalia and Ellie Espey all added

two goals, and Mallory Wingenroth scored one. Avery Goehl dished out two assists, followed by one each for Tomalia, Reese Keetle and Espey. In goal, Sophia Anthony made four saves and Brookelyn Jenkins had

three.

Carmel was playing Thursday night at Guerin Catholic, but the game was halted three minutes in due to weather. It has been postponed to May 2. The Greyhounds’ next game is Saturday, March 23 at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy.

The Hamilton Southeastern girls team dropped a 12-8 game to Bishop Chatard on Wednesday.

Sarah Gastineau and Sidney Sloan both scored three goals for the Royals, with Evelyn Armstrong and Reagan James each adding one goal. Armstrong and Edie Fisher each made two assists, followed by one each for Gastineau and Reese Bradley.

Norah Brandenburg collected three ground balls. Emma Johnson had seven goalkeeper saves and Ellie Philhower had two saves.

Southeastern plays two games in Evansville on Saturday, taking on Castle at 11 a.m. and Evansville Memorial at 3:30 p.m.

Fishers’ girls dropped two games early this week.

The Tigers fell to Bishop Chatard 18-2 on Monday. Amy Cooke and Zoey Newell both scored one goal. Greta Scott picked up five ground balls and Cooke collected four.

Fishers lost to Heritage Christian 20-4 on Thursday. Stats were not available at press time.

The Tigers are 0-2 and host Lawrence North on Monday.

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Lacrosse

Noblesville girls start season with win

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Girls Lacrosse program started the season with a strong showing against Cathedral Tuesday Night.

The Millers varsity got the season started with a win, beating Cathedral 16-14. After trailing 5-4 at the end of the first quarter, the Millers took the lead in the second quarter and never looked back.

Noblesville had a balanced scoring attack with seven players scoring goals. Nataley Blackburn led the scoring with five goals, Hannah Miller had three, Chloe Barnett had two goals and two assists, Emma Hammond and Lydia Dumas each contributed two goals, Marisha Woehler had one goal and two assists, and Ashley Ralph contributed a goal and an assist.

Hammond led the team on the draw with seven

draw controls while Blackburn had eight ground balls. Both goalkeepers had a solid performance on the night with Lauren Fischer collecting two saves in the first half and Kate Scott with seven saves in the second half.

Noblesville's junior varsity Black team started the night off by defeating Cathedral 12-2. The Millers were able to control the offense, winning 14 of 17 draws controls, led by Avonmore Wheatley with 10 and Kaleigh Moller contributing the other four.

The balanced scoring attack was led by Wheatley with four goals and two assists. Katelyn Etchison had three goals. Clara Peters had two goals and two assists while Renee Garrett, Selby Jackson, and Moller each contributed a goal. Emersen Leo led the defensive stand for the Millers with two ground balls and three forced turnovers.



Noblesville's Nataley Blackburn gets ready to shoot on goal against Cathedral. Blackburn led the scoring with five goals in the Millers' season-opening victory against the Irish.

Noblesville is back in action on Saturday. The Millers' JV Gold team starts its season with two games, playing Carmel at 9 a.m. and Leo at 10 a.m. The Noblesville varsity plays Avon at noon.

Holmes, Cheatham receive Wooden Legacy Award for 2023-24

Bloomington South coach, former Scottsburg and Southwestern (Hanover) coach cited for long tenures of excellence

The REPORTER

One current and one former Indiana high school basketball coach have been recognized as the Indiana honorees of the John Wooden Legacy Coaching Award presented by the National High School Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Thursday (March 14).

J.R. Holmes, the current boys' coach at Bloomington South, and Donna Cheatham, a former girls' coach at Scottsburg and Southwestern (Hanover), are the 2023-24 honorees from the Hoosier state as nominated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The two coaches are among those recognized from across the nation in an NHSBCA program coordinated with the Wooden Family.

The award honors scholastic basketball coaches from around the country who are educators and have achieved excellence on the floor, in the classroom and in the community that further embody the characteristics and legacy of the late John Wooden. Honorees may be current or retired coaches. The criteria for the award are rooted in the ideals of education, longevity, character, service and excellence.

Holmes, who recently completed his 54th season as a varsity coach, is the state's all-time leader in boys' basketball victories with a 911-372 record. Cheatham, who retired from coaching in 2020 as the state's all-time leader in girls' basketball victories, posted a career mark of 730-274 in a combined 45 seasons at Scottsburg and Southwestern (Hanover).

Holmes guided the Bloomington South boys to a 15-11 record in 2023-24. He became the state's first coach to reach 900 victories on Dec. 15, 2023, and his overall mark includes a 768-254 ledger in 42 seasons with the Panthers.

That record includes 18 conference championships, 22 sectional trophies, eight regional crowns, two semi-state titles and Class 4A state championships in 2009 and 2011. Bloomington South has been a "final four" team six times and an "elite eight" squad 10 times during Holmes' 42 seasons at the school.

Holmes has coached 10 players – including his son Jonathan in 1999, 2009 Mr. Basketball Jordan Hulls and 2020 Mr. Basketball Anthony Leal – who were chosen to the Indiana All-Star team, and he was the Indiana All-Star team coach in 2001. His other All-Star players were Chris Lawson in 1989, Kyle Hankins in 2001, Cole Holmstrom in 2006, Erik Fromm in 2010, Dee Davis in 2011, Tucker Blackwell in 2016 and Chance Coyle in 2018.

In addition, Holmes was named IBCA District 5 Coach of the Year in 1999 and an IBCA District 3 Coach of the Year in 2008 and 2019. He has earned numerous local and conference Coach of the Year honors, was named USA Today's National Coach of the Year in 2009 and was recognized with the national Wilson/Outstanding High School Coach Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches in 2021.

Among his former assistant coaches who have

become head coaches is Garrett Winegar, the current Fishers boys coach.

Holmes was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Cheatham, 78, directed Scottsburg to a 14-10 finish in 2019-20 to complete her 45-year career as a girls' varsity coach with a 730-274 slate. That included a 379-80 mark in 22 seasons at Scottsburg from 1972-94, a 198-92 record at Southwestern (Hanover) from 1997-2009 and a 153-102 mark from 2009-2020 in a second tenure at Scottsburg.

As a varsity coach, Cheatham's teams won 21 sectionals, 11 regionals, five semi-states and two state championships – 1989 with Scottsburg and 2002 in Class 2A with Southwestern. The 2003 Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee was Indiana's first girls basketball coach two guide teams to state championships at two schools, and her 1988 and 1989 Scottsburg squads both were ranked 13th nationally by USA Today. In addition, her teams twice were state runners-up – 1986 with Scottsburg and 2003 in Class 2A with Southwestern. Scottsburg also qualified for the four-team IHSAA State Finals in 1988.

Cheatham's teams posted 40 winning seasons during her career, and she has been recognized with various "Coach of the Year" accolades on 39 occasions. Among those are IBCA District 5 Coach of the Year in 1988, IBCA District 4 Coach of the Year in 2002 and ICG-SA Class 2A State Coach of the Year in 2002.

Such success meant that Cheatham guided numerous outstanding players. Among the standouts were:

Eight players who were chosen to the Indiana All-Stars headlined by 1989 Indiana Miss Basketball Renee Westmoreland. Cheatham's other All-Star players were Pam Jones (1976), Cindy Piet (1977), Roxanne Cox (1983), Sheryl Bonsett (1985), Leslie Ferrell (1986), Cara Gullion (1988) and Brianna Howard (2002).

Two IHSAA Mental Attitude Award winners – Tadge DeBerg (1986) and Brian-

na Howard (2002).

Cheatham also twice served as head coach of the Indiana All-Stars in the annual home-and-home series with Kentucky (1986 and 2002), one of only two people to lead

the girls' All-Stars twice. In addition, Cheatham coached in the 1989 HBCA All-Star Classic, the 1990 East/West Indiana All-Star Classic and the 2002 North/South Indiana All-Star Classic.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 15 BOYS LACROSSE

Cincinnati St. Xavier at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

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7:15 pm **Hamilton Southeastern** vs Bishop Chatard | Girls Lacrosse | SSN Sports
8:00pm North Central vs **Noblesville** | Varsity | Boys Lacrosse | HCTV Sports

Wed March 13 - E-Sports

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Thurs March 14 - Lacrosse

6:50 pm **Carmel** vs **Guerin Catholic** | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Fri March 15 - Lacrosse

6:50 pm St Xavier vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Boys Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Mon March 18 - Lacrosse

6:00 pm **Fishers** vs Lawrence North | Girls Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

Tues March 19 - Music

7:00 pm Patsy's Pub Open Mic Night | Westfield, IN | Hamilton County TV

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