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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly sunny. Not as windy. Morning chills in the upper teens and 20s.
Tonight: Mostly clear evening. Partly cloudy overnight.
HIGH: 44 **LOW:** 32



Carmel prevails against state in local income tax lawsuit

Court ruling stops transfer of certain city tax revenues to Fishers

Submitted by City of Carmel
 On Tuesday, the City of Carmel prevailed in the lawsuit filed against the State of Indiana to challenge the law that transfers Carmel's local income tax dollars to Fishers.

Local income tax dollars are used to fund essential city services and infrastructure projects that are beneficial to residents of Carmel, and includes funding for public safety, resident programming, street paving and sidewalk reconstruction, among others.

According to Carmel officials, this unconstitutional law has harmed the city and its residents since 2020 by taking Carmel's local income tax dollars

and transferring them to Fishers.

"I am thrilled this violation of the law has been settled and would like to thank the Honorable Judge John M.T. Chavis, II for striking down this unconstitutional special law and affirming what Carmel already knew; this special law unfairly targeted only one city in the entire state - Carmel," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "If we had not prevailed it would have resulted in approximately \$56 million of revenues moving from Carmel to Fishers, dollars that would have deprived our residents of critical infrastructure needed for our city."



Finkam

The Court stated in its Order that, "Curing the evils of special legislation was the very reason why the Constitutional Convention of 1851 was convened. The Defendants have no cognizable interest in enforcing an unconstitutional law just as Fishers has no cognizable interest in receiving LIT Funds under an unconstitutional law."

With this ruling, the State of Indiana, through its Department of Local Government Finance, must now once again follow the state's general law and begin distributing local income tax funds through Hamilton County to Carmel and Fishers in the same manner as it had for decades until 2020.

The Court held that, "Whether labeling it the Defendants' failure to carry its burden to show that a general law cannot be made applicable or calling it Carmel's successful demonstration that the specified class's characteristics are not defining enough, the Fishers Transfer [of local income tax dollars] violates Article 4, Section 23."

"We strive to have cooperative relationships with neighboring cities," Mayor Finkam said. "However, when special laws are passed that overstep legal bounds and harm our community, we will act."

Strong because I am weak

A few weeks ago, I was once again headed to my regular neurology appointment. I dread those appointments because it's a hike from the car to the office. Often, I have someone with me and use my scooter.

Occasionally, I like to prove to myself that I can still do it on my own. I'm stubborn like that. I can do it, but gosh it's so difficult.

Sometimes, I start to count my steps to take my mind off the sheer difficulty of what it takes me to get up there. One, two, three, four, five and then I often get distracted and think of something else. "Don't trip, don't trip, don't trip," I silently repeat.

This most recent time, I thought to myself, how ironic is it that the thing I want most in life and fight the hardest for every darn day, which is to keep walking, is also the most difficult thing for me physically? Why don't I just throw in the towel completely? It's a crazy mind game. Yet, I can't help but be grateful I can do it. I'm fortunate.

Usually, on the walk up to the office, I pass others who are in a similar situation to me. We lock eyes as we pass by one another, and it seems like a hundred unspoken words are shared in that fleeting moment. As if to say to each other. "I get you. I know how

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Forest Park Aquatic Center & Ivy Tech forge dynamic collaboration

The REPORTER

The Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville and Ivy Tech Hamilton County have begun an innovative partnership aimed at empowering students and fostering community engagement.

Through this collaboration, both organizations are set to offer a wide array of opportunities spanning internships, co-marketing initiatives, career advancement avenues, educational workshops, scholarships, discounted memberships, and volunteer engagements.

The Forest Park Aquatic Center and Ivy Tech will join forces to provide internship opportunities to Ivy Tech students in fields such as management, human services, and information technology. With a structured program designed to deliver meaningful learning experiences, interns will gain valuable insights into their chosen fields.

The first intern, Mackenzie Nigh, will launch her work and learn experience in this summer.

The Forest Park Aquatic Center will collaborate with Ivy Tech to post job openings on Ivy Tech's student hiring platform, Hire Ivy. Ivy Tech, in turn, will facilitate participation in career fairs, enhancing avenues for professional growth and development. A special career fair day for the Forest Park Aquatic Center will be held from 11



Photo provided

The Forest Park Aquatic Center is one of the oldest recreational and competition swimming facilities in the country.

a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.

Through a collaborative effort, the Forest Park Aquatic Center and Ivy Tech will offer CPR training workshops conducted by certified instructors at Forest Park's



facilities. Ivy Tech will offer crosswalk credit where programmatically applicable for completing the training.

The Forest Park Aquatic Center will extend scholarships to Ivy Tech students through

two avenues: traditional scholarships determined collaboratively with Ivy Tech, or scholarships directly awarded by the Forest Park Aquatic Center's Board of Directors. These scholarships aim to support students based on various criteria, fostering academic excellence and opportunity.

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68 pearls clasp oval & rounded on the ends

Pearls. When my mother was a baby, her dad took a long string of natural pearls as payment for a debt a local jeweler could not pay. My mom told the story this way.

I wanted to wear them when I was married but no one was wearing long strings. My mother said get them restrung, so a jeweler made a short string with a double front. I always wore them when I dressed up. In 1948, my mother died. Not many keepsakes. She had said give her wristwatch to Verna. So I had the pearls restrung with a knot between each Pearl, two equal length strands and bought a new sterling clasp for the ones I gave Ruth.

Plate, blue trim on edge, was also a keepsake. It was the last piece of a set my folks bought when I was a baby. They used to say they averaged about a set per baby. I remember two or three sets after we were all good-sized. One set had bluebirds. They were pretty.

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COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

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



Buckner

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/3wmLoUs.

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.

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Easter Express will soon roll out of Noblesville

The REPORTER

All aboard for an egg-citing Easter train ride on the Nickel Plate Express (NPX). This family experience will allow kids of all ages to enjoy a springtime adventure on March 23, 24, and 30.

Passengers will ride historic railroad cars as they help the farmer find his missing eggs. This interactive on-board story with a farmer and an Easter Bunny is sure to entertain all ages. In addition to the fun on-board experience, passengers will get a springtime treat, a special drink, and an opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny.

"This ride has become a springtime favorite among passengers who love the springtime scenery and fun storyline," NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds said.

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STRONG

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hard this is." And for some reason, that gives me the strength to get to my destination on the third floor. Once I'm at the check-in desk, I feel like I've crossed the finish line of a marathon, except no one is waiting for me at the end to say, "good job!" and hang a medal around my neck. It's then not lost on me that I must do it all again on the way back down. Back-to-back marathons.

I wouldn't have it any other way. I'm beyond grateful for the ability and independence.

The mental strength I get each time I accomplish something that most people wouldn't bat an eye at is unmatched. What else is going to keep me going? Accomplishing hard things makes us stronger. It's never easy, but in my experience, it is always worth it. Our challenges in life are largely what form us as individuals. It's not the easy things. It's the difficult things. As frustrating as it is, I just think there is a lot of truth in that. For me anyway, and I imagine many of you can relate.

Sharing vulnerabilities birthed from our weaknesses produces great strength. Being vulnerable is intimidating. Sometimes, I almost

let that hold me back, but then I remember how much I needed someone like me when I was growing up. There are many who are disabled in the same way as I am. They need someone, too. If I can be an example to a younger person of what it can look like to successfully navigate life with a disability into the adult years, then I need to do it. To me, it's an act of service. Helping a fellow human being who may need a lifeline.

Much of my life I spent trying to make myself small and didn't want to be seen as my true self. I'm not willing to live like that or do that to myself anymore. Let's try to see people just as they are and respect them. Most people have more than they can handle on their plates. Let's try and just accept one another right where we are.

We are each strong in our own ways because of our weaknesses. Let them shine!

Until next time ...

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

AQUATIC

Recognizing the importance of physical well-being and community engagement, the Forest Park Aquatic Center and Ivy Tech will establish a discounted membership program. This initiative offers Ivy Tech students, staff, and faculty access to the Forest Park Aquatic Center at reduced rates, promoting holistic wellness and a sense of belonging.

The Forest Park Aquatic Center will provide volunteering or service-learning opportunities for Ivy Tech students, faculty, and staff, enabling active participation in community service initiatives and fostering a spirit of giving back.

This collaboration marks a significant step forward in enhancing educational opportunities, community engagement, and professional development. The people of the Forest Park Aquatic Center and Ivy Tech Hamilton County are excited to embark on this journey together, com-

mitted to shaping a brighter future for all.

"For Ivy Tech Hamilton County, this partnership was very natural as we both have missions rooted in serving our community," Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Dr. Rachel Kartz said. "Forest Park Aquatic Center is an essential space for gathering and wellness in addition to a favorite pastime for many generations. I look forward to growing this partnership and together supporting our students and community."

Forest Park Board President Greg Conner shared Kartz's sentiment.

"This unique and creative partnership between Ivy Tech Hamilton County and the Forest Park Aquatic Center is something that will benefit the entire community," Conner said. "Higher education and practical, hands-on experience are vital to success of future generations. We look forward to working with Ivy Tech Hamilton Coun-

ty on the many initiatives and opportunities that have been identified."

About Friends of Central Pool

The Forest Park Aquatic Center is a premier recreational and competition facility located in Noblesville's historic Forest Park. Opened in 1931, the facility is one of the oldest in the country. Amenities include an Olympic-sized (50 meters by 25 yards) competition swimming pool, a world-class diving pool complete with one- and three-meter springboards as well as five-, seven- and 10-meter platforms. A splash pad and zero-entry toddler pool offer fun for the whole family. One of the facility's most recognizable attractions is its waterslide, commonly referred to as "Fast Freddy."

Many organizations call the Forest Park Aquatic Center home. These included the Noblesville Swim Club, the Noblesville Adult Swim Team, the Indianap-

olis Water Polo Team, Rip-Fest Diving Academy, Noblesville Learn To Swim, in addition to many other community groups and organizations. Olympic gold medalist David Boudia learned to dive at the Forest Park Aquatic Center, and it is estimated that over 100,000 people through the years have learned to swim at the facility.

The Forest Park Aquatic Center has been operated by the not-for-profit group "The Friends of Central Pool" since 1997. This group works tirelessly to ensure this world class facility continues to serve the citizens of Noblesville and the surrounding area.

About Ivy Tech Hamilton County

Ivy Tech Hamilton County is committed to providing accessible, affordable, and high-quality education, empowering students to achieve their academic and career goals while making a positive impact within their communities.

PEARLS

Large meat plate. Dad's sister Emma & Roy Mallory went to housekeeping with this. Never had children so eventually they gave the plate to Dad. After he gave it to me, I put our Christmas & Thanksgiving turkeys on it several times. You children liked to watch your dad carve them at the table.

Emma Mallory was married by my father to D. Hutsler when Verna &

Raymond were small; we happened to be there. It was the first wedding they attended. Small upholstered rocker. 1938 antique store in Crawfordsville. Dealer said, "Quite old." Gate leg table-1938 Crawfordsville. Kitchen table - from Grandma Adler. She & Carl were married 11/22/13 [1913]. Stayed with her folks until spring. Went to house-keeping third house north of Harry Beaver. Had this

table. We've used it since about 1967. The only thing we could find to remove the old varnish was Sal Soda. Bob Zwick's wife used Sal soda in hot water. We tried it & it worked like magic. He didn't say too, but I rinsed it with clear water & dried it with clean rags. Then we propped it up in the garage until thoroughly dry. Dad worked on the legs & finished the table with gym seal. It has lasted well.

A few years later Dorothy I. moved into her new house on Debeney Dr. She needed a kitchen table as her old house had a built-in breakfast nook. In the old summer kitchen on DI's farm (the old Stoneburner place west of us) someone had discarded a table. Dad & I offered to fix it up for temporary use. We stripped it & found a beautiful bird's eye maple table. Quite valuable.

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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/30FDY19.

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 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 visithamiltoncounty.com/eclipse.



NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE, THERE IS AN ECLIPSE EVENT FOR YOU!

On April 8, get ready to be mesmerized by a celestial masterpiece as the communities of Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield and the Northern Towns become the perfect stage for the Total Solar Eclipse, when the moon gracefully dances in front of the sun and casts its shadow across the landscape.

Witness the magic of the cosmos with friends and family at official viewing locations like Carmel Civic Square, Conner Prairie, Cool Creek Park, Grand Park Sports Campus, Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center and Strawtown Koteewi Park.

Grab your Eclipse glasses, set up your cameras and join Hamilton County in this celestial celebration—it's guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience!

THE SKY WILL BEGIN TO CHANGE AROUND 1:50 P.M. WITH TOTALITY AT 3:06 P.M.

Hamilton County is in the narrow path of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse. These communities will be some of the best places to experience prime views of the epic event.

Arcadia	3m 6s	Fishers	3m 39s
Atlanta	2m 56s	Noblesville	3m 27s
Carmel	3m 29s	Sheridan	2m 51s
Cicero	3m 15s	Westfield	3m 19s

Learn more about photo op and mural locations at VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE EVENTS ON APRIL 8, 2024 (times may vary)

- 1 CARMEL CIVIC SQUARE**
Festivities from 10am-5pm
- 2 CONNER PRAIRIE**
Festivities begin at 10am
- 3 COOL CREEK PARK NATURE CENTER**
Festivities from 10am-5pm
- 4 GRAND PARK SPORTS CAMPUS**
Festivities from 10am-6pm
- 5 RUOFF HOME MORTGAGE MUSIC CENTER**
Festivities from 10am-5pm
- 6 STRAWTOWN KOTEEWI PARK**
Festivities from 10am-5pm
- 7 A TOTAL ECLIPSE EVENT AT WOOLLY YAK RANCH & WINERY**
Woolly Yak Ranch & Winery
- 8 BLACK OUT (ECLIPSE 2024)**
Mercantile 37
- 9 CLAY TERRACE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY**
Clay Terrace
- 10 DAY OF THE SON ECLIPSE VIEWING**
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
- 11 ECLIPSE PARTY**
Bier Brewery - Carmel
- 12 FREE ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY & BEER RELEASE**
Grand Junction Brewing Co. Tap Room - 181st St.
- 13 HUNT CLUB DISTILLERY ECLIPSE PARTY**
Hunt Club Distillery, LLC
- 14 KING JUGG BREWING COMPANY VIEWING PARTY**
11110 Lantern Rd., Fishers
- 15 PINHEADS & ALLEY'S ALEHOUSE**
13825 Britton Park Rd., Fishers
- 16 SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY AT URBAN VINES**
Urban Vines Winery & Brewery
- 17 SUN KING CARMEL TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY**
Sun King Carmel
- 18 SUN KING FISHERS TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY**
Sun King Fishers
- 19 TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE FARM**
Stuckey Farm Orchard and Cider Mill
- 20 TOTAL ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY**
Country Moon Winery
- 21 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING AT THE BALMORAL HOUSE**
The Balmoral House

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EASTER EXPRESS

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Photo provided by Nickel Plate Express

The Easter Express offers families the perfect chance to celebrate the season.

This family fun ride is available two weekends in March. Excursions will depart from Forest Park at 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30 p.m. on March 23 and 30, and at 1 and 3 p.m. on March 24. Tickets start at \$28 per person for this ride. Rides are 65 minutes long and will board

from Hobbs Station inside Forest Park in Noblesville.

Tickets can be purchased online at NickelPlateExpress.com.

About the Nickel Plate Express

The Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Rail-

road, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate Track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority.

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NICKEL PLATE EXPRESS

Easter Express

A farmer has misplaced some eggs and is pretty sure they are somewhere on the Nickel Plate Express!

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March 23, 24 and 30

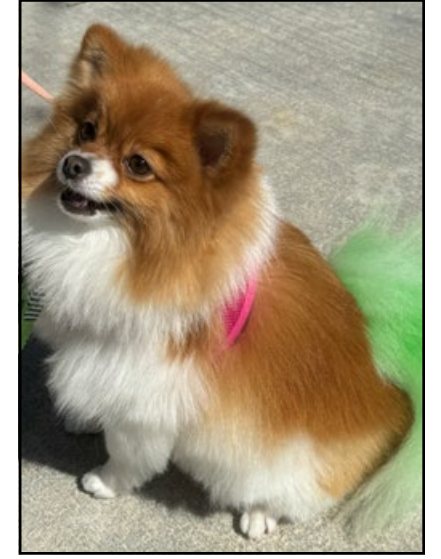
Tickets at NickelPlateExpress.com

Westfield survives deluge of falling shamrocks

Nearly 1,000 guests decked out in green gathered at Grand Junction Plaza on the beautiful spring afternoon of March 16 for Westfield Welcome's fourth annual Shamrock Drop. Attendees enjoyed food, drinks, crafts, games, and prizes. Kids and adults alike hoped for the luck of the Irish as around 400 shamrocks bearing their names were dropped from a giant pot of gold into five smaller pots, and one name was drawn from each pot to win prizes valued at more than \$500. (Reporter photos by Amy Adams)



(ABOVE, from left) The Parliament family grabs a photo with The T.A.G. Art Company leprechaun. The official Shamrock Drop leprechaun, from The T.A.G. Art Company, helps Westfield Parks and Recreation Director Chris McConnell drop 400 shamrocks. The Fischer and Finnegan families play a game of "lucky duck" checkers.



(ABOVE, from left) Adrienne Maynard with Fabulously Fun Company paints a design on Stella Tucker's arm. The Ohi family came out for a beautiful afternoon at Westfield's Shamrock Drop at Grand Junction Plaza. Gidget Contreras is ready for the Shamrock Drop.



(ABOVE, from left) Krista Porter and her daughter Morgan make green beaded bracelets inside the Grand Junction pavilion. Madison and Joshua Julian are decked out with prizes from games at Westfield's Shamrock Drop. Graham Harrell aims to give the official leprechaun a run for his pot of gold. The Shamrock Drop leprechaun, from The T.A.G Art Company, randomly selects a winning shamrock.

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Crafts, activities & more at Noblesville Creates Fairyville

The REPORTER

The 12th annual Noblesville Creates Fairyville alights on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus and all over Downtown Noblesville from April 17 to 20, with crafts and activities for all ages and most events free. Sponsors include J.C. Hart Company and the City of Noblesville.

This year, Noblesville Creates Fairyville is themed around the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, placing a heavy emphasis on outdoor, nature-themed activities while highlighting the Noblesville Cultural Arts District and connecting people throughout Hamilton County.

There will be scheduled events throughout the festival, including a Fairy House Contest, Fairy Tea Parties, the Fairyville Parade, and, for adults, Fairyville After Dark and the Fairy Ball. Self-directed nature-themed activities will also be available in celebration of Earth Day.

Noblesville Creates' partners and other local businesses throughout downtown Noblesville will also offer various specials, events, and activities during Noblesville Creates Fairyville that are open to the public.

**Noblesville Creates Fairyville Events
Fairy House Contest
April 17 to 20**

The full collection of fairy houses made by local artists of all ages will be on display on the Noblesville Creates campus Wednesday, April 17 through Thursday, April 18 and moved to the Fairy Trail on Friday, April 19. Voting can take place Wednesday through Saturday at noon, in person and on Facebook.

Winners will be announced on Saturday, April 22.

Registration for the Fairy House Contest is open through Saturday, April 13. [Click here](#) to register.

**Fairy Friday
Noon to 9 p.m., April 19**

Walk the Fairyville Trail, encounter real-life fairies, and explore activities and entertainments for all ages. After 6 p.m., live fairies and entertainment will begin to emerge.

**Fairyville After Dark
6 to 9 p.m., April 19**

Enchanting entertainment specifically for grownup fairies. More details coming soon.

**Fairyville vendors
6 p.m., April 19 to
5 p.m., April 20**

Fairy-inspired wares will be sold on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus and around Noblesville Courthouse Square.

Registration for Fairyville Vendors is open through Monday, March 25. [Click here](#) to register.

**Fairyville Trail
April 19 to 5 p.m., April 20**

The full collection of fairy houses made by local artists of all ages will be on display and open for voting along the Fairy Trail the afternoon of Friday, April 19 through 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.

**Sprite Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 20**

Participate in nature-themed crafts and activities led by Noblesville Creates and other partners around Noblesville Courthouse Square.

Crafts and activities will range from \$7 to \$10.

**Fairyville Tea Parties
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., April 20**

Bring your young



Photo provided

Get ready, Noblesville! Countless real-life fairies will soon flock to and flutter around downtown.

fairy-lovers to the Birdie Gallery to drink tea, learn about fairy etiquette, and meet some real-life fairies. Your ticket includes food and drinks, an activity, and special interactions with the princess fairies. Each tea party runs approximately 45 to 60 minutes. Advance registration is required. (\$20 per person; each child must be accompanied by a paying, participating adult.) [Click here](#) to attend.

**The Sun & Shade
Fairy Dance Parade
1 p.m., April 20**

All fairies and humans can join the Mayor of Fairyville on this parade to celebrate the Eclipse. Along the parade route, the Mayor of Fairyville will tell a favorite fairy story about the sun and moon and teach everyone the Eclipse Fairy Dance.

**2nd annual Fairy Ball
7 p.m., April 20**

An immersive theatrical experience featuring variety

acts by talented performers from around central Indiana. Expect the unexpected, fun, and weird. This event serves as a fundraiser for the Noblesville Creates Fairyville event and a fun time for adult fairies.

Noblesville Creates Fairyville is free to attend; some special events have costs and requirements. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets and learn more about the Noblesville Creates Fairyville event.

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BeholdTheLamb.com

Fishers opens nonprofit grant application for 2024

The REPORTER

The 2024 Fishers nonprofit grant application is now open through 4:30 p.m. on April 24.

The Fishers City Council established the Nonprofit Committee to manage the city's grant disbursement process. Final awards are subject to Council approval.

The Fishers Nonprofit Committee oversees the Nonprofit Grant Program, which awards funding to local organizations that create a sense of place, public interaction, or additional educational opportunities for Fishers residents. The City Council has allocated \$250,000 to nonprofit support for 2024.

"Every year, we witness the incredible impact these grants have on our community, empowering local nonprofits to further their missions and enhance the quality of life for residents," said Cecilia Coble, president of the Fishers City Council and chair of the Nonprofit Committee. "The Nonprofit Grant Program exemplifies our city's commitment to fostering a vibrant, engaged, and inclusive community."

For more information and to apply for the grant, visit FishersIN.gov/NonprofitGrant.

Grant eligibility

- Applying organization must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit or have a fiscal sponsor.
- Organization must be located in Fishers or serve Fishers residents.
- Priority will be given to organizations that make a large impact on Fishers residents.
- Learn more about Grant Guidelines at [this link](#).

Grant criteria

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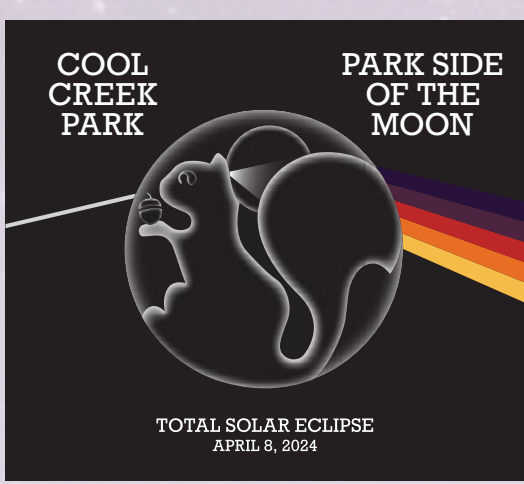
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A rare, total solar eclipse will occur in Hamilton County on Monday, April 8, 2024 and not be repeated in this area until 2153! Hamilton County Parks is staging two events that will entertain and educate, in celebration of this celestial spectacle!



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.



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!



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 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. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Hamilton County Parks and Recreation.



Scan for event registration or eclipse merchandise online store.

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



*Paul Poteet's hotel accommodations provided by Hotel Carmichael. "We love being Paul Poteet's hotel of choice! It is always a pleasure having him stay with us. Paul and all of our guests are incredibly important to us." - Hotel Carmichael Director of Sales and Marketing, Austin Campagna



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Sun Moon Earth: a virtual author talk with Tyler Nordgren through Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

On Monday, April 8, millions of Americans will experience an awe-inspiring phenomenon: a total eclipse of the sun. Hamilton County will be in the path of totality.

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) invites you to prepare for the upcoming eclipse by joining Tyler Nordgren, author of *Sun Moon Earth: The History of Solar Eclipses from Omens of Doom to Einstein and Exoplanets*, for a virtual author visit and talk from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 23.

In *Sun Moon Earth*, astronomer Tyler Nordgren illustrates how this most seemingly unnatural of natural phenomena was transformed from a fearsome omen to a tourist attraction. Ten attendees will be randomly selected to win a signed copy of *Sun Moon Earth*. Virtual attendance to

this program will earn attendees a pair of free eclipse glasses. (Winners must pick up their prize and attendees must pick up their glasses in-person at the Noblesville Library or Fishers Library.)

Dr. Nordgren is a professional astronomer and artist. He holds a Ph.D. in Astronomy from Cornell University. For two decades he was a professional astronomer at the U.S. Naval Observatory, Lowell Observatory, and the University of Redlands in California.

Since 2007 he has worked with the National Park Service to promote dark skies education and outreach, writing the book *Stars Above, Earth Below: A guide to astronomy in the national parks*. As an artist, his vintage-style "Half the park is after dark" posters are on sale in state and national parks across the country.

For the 2017 "Great

American Eclipse" Dr. Nordgren wrote the book, *Sun Moon Earth*, describing the vast array of social and scientific influences eclipses have had throughout history. His "See the Sun and Moon align with You" posters for the 2017 eclipse were acquired by the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in 2020.

Dr. Nordgren's work has also appeared at NASA Headquarters and the White House where he designed the poster for President Obama's White House Astronomy Night in 2015. His work also appears on Mars as a member of a small team of scientists and artists that turned NASA's Spirit, Opportunity, and Curiosity Mars rover camera calibration targets into working sundials. He lives in Ithaca, N.Y., and is currently busy creating artwork for the "Great North Ameri-

can Solar Eclipse" on April 8, 2024. His work can be found at SpaceArtTravelBureau.com.

"HEPL is delighted to offer this virtual author visit with Dr. Tyler Nordgren," said Kelsey Sweet, Director of Marketing and Communications at HEPL. "While the library will be closed on April 8, 2024, we aimed to engage our community with several fun and educational opportunities leading up to the solar eclipse."

This event is open to teens and adults, and **registration with email is required** to receive Zoom webinar invitation. Don't miss this remarkable opportunity to learn more about the upcoming total solar eclipse.

For more information about this program and other upcoming solar eclipse themed programs, please **visit the blog at hamiltonneastpl.org**.

Join Feinstein's in an unrivaled celebration of pop music's one true King: Michael Jackson

Submitted

Who's bad? Not this band of professionals who relentlessly elevate the legacy of pop music's King in

Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience. In fact, they are fantastic as they continuously push themselves to be more

precise in their emulations of Jackson. They aspire to raise the level of excitement and awe, while embodying Jackson's mission to bring people together of all races, genders, and cultures through music.

Whether you idolized the Jackson 5, fell in love to "Human Nature" or learned to moonwalk to Billie Jean, *Who's Bad* is the optimum music-and-dance driven Michael Jackson homage. In this ultimate Michael Jackson experience, every MJ fan feels the adrenaline, screams at the sight of that unmistakable silhouette and succumbs to a surefire Michael Jackson sing-along.

Click here to check out just a bit of what you will see.

Since 2004 hundreds of thousands of fans have witnessed the excitement of *Who's Bad* Music productions on stages around the world. Dedicated to recreating authentic live experiences, *Who's Bad* was

originally founded by Vamsi Tadeepalli in 2003 as a tribute to Michael Jackson's musical legacy.

The show is designed through unparalleled study of Jackson's original performances and infused with new energy, so that he can be brought to life for fans.

Who's Bad: The Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience will take place at Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel for two nights, April 5 and 6. Both shows are at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. each evening. Come early to enjoy a lovely dinner and drinks to get you ready for the show.

The energy is purely magnetic, the music is first-rate, and the dance moves are inspiring. *Who's Bad* is a tribute befitting a King and their high-octane execution of MJ's music and dance has catapulted them to the exclusive rank of ultimate! Get your tickets at feinsteinsbc.com.

The Habitat Organization hires Josh Bleicher as Regional Representative for Indiana & Kentucky

The REPORTER

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever introduce Josh Bleicher as the incoming regional representative for Indiana and Kentucky.

In his new role, Bleicher will work directly with local chapter networks to actively improve public and private lands conservation efforts for pheasants, quail, and other wildlife.

"Josh's passion for the outdoors is unsurpassed," said Jerry McDonald, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's director of chapter and volunteer services. "I am confident he will be off to an unwavering start building relationships and strengthening chapters in his region."

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever empower county and local chapters with the responsibility to determine how 100 percent of their locally raised conservation funds will be spent – the only national conservation organization that operates through this grassroots structure. As a result, chapter volunteers can see the fruits of their efforts locally, while belonging to a larger national organization with a voice on federal and state conservation policy. Bleicher will help guide local chapters to achieve the organization's mission in Indiana and Kentucky.

Bleicher has a B.A. in advertising from the Illinois Institute of Art, and most recently, he worked as field support for the Fishers Parks

Department. Throughout his career, he has gained 15 years of experience in customer service and campaign management.

"I'm a lifelong hunter and upland enthusiast," Bleicher said. "Combining that with my experience in sales and marketing has prepared me to support local chapters, continue creating a strong culture within the upland community and become an official advocate for the mission of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever."

For more information about Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Indiana or Kentucky, please contact Josh Bleicher at (219) 308-9659 or jbleicher@pheasantsforever.org.

About Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever make up the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. This community of more than 420,000 members, supporters and partners is dedicated to the protection of uplands through habitat improvement, public access, education, and advocacy. A network of 754 local chapters spread across North America determine how 100 percent of their locally raised funds are spent – the only national conservation organization that operates through this grassroots structure. Since its creation in 1982, the organization has dedicated more than \$1 billion to 580,000 habitat projects benefiting 26.5 million acres.



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Vivek Ramaswamy to speak at Hamilton County Lincoln Day Dinner

Submitted by Hamilton County GOP

Hamilton County Republican Chairman Mario Massillamany has announced that Vivek Ramaswamy, former Republican presidential candidate, will be the featured speaker at the upcoming Hamilton County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, May 2 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

With a VIP reception including photo opportunity commencing at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30

p.m., the evening promises insightful discussions and networking opportunities for attendees.

Ramaswamy's presence at the event underscores his significant influence within conservative circles, particularly in shaping discourse around the anti-woke movement and combating ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) initiatives. Referred to as one of the "intellectual godfathers of the anti-woke movement" by Politico, and labeled "the right's leading anti-ESG crusader" by Axios and Bloomberg, Ramaswamy's

contributions have left an indelible mark on mainstream conservative thought. *The New Yorker* even dubbed him "The C.E.O. of Anti-Woke."

Chairman Massillamany expressed his enthusiasm for Ramaswamy's participation, saying, "Vivek Ramaswamy's insights and leadership have been instrumental in shaping conservative discourse on critical issues facing our nation. We are honored to host him as



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our featured speaker at the Hamilton County Republican Lincoln Day Dinner."

The event promises to be the largest Republican event in the state of Indiana. Tickets are available for purchase at HamiltonCounty-GOP.org.

Reps. Spartz & Sherman introduce four bills to address China risk in the U.S. stock market

Submitted

On Wednesday, co-chairs of the U.S. House CPA Caucus, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) and Congressman Brad Sherman (D-Calif.-32), announced the introduction of four pieces of legislation to mitigate the strategic, commercial, and national security threats posed by China to the American economy and financial markets.

This package of bills will end tax breaks for Chinese stocks, restrict sanctioned Chinese companies' access to U.S. capital markets, increase transparency on risks to American corporations, and reduce exposure to these risks for retail investors and other Americans saving for retirement.

"As a former Big 4 auditor of multinational publicly traded companies, I understand the risks to financial markets and American investors posed by the lack of transparency and proper auditing of Chinese operations," Congresswoman Spartz said. "Congress has a duty to the American people to protect their hard-earned money from foreign adversaries like China by demanding transparency and eliminating perverse incentives. I am proud to introduce with my co-chair of the CPA caucus, Congressman Sherman, a legislative package to protect public interest

and the U.S. economy from the significant security threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party."

"We provide the capital gains tax subsidy to encourage Americans to invest and build our economy," said Congressman Sherman. "It makes no sense to forgo U.S. tax dollars to encourage Americans to invest in China's economy. It's also unfair, because China provides tax incentives to Chinese investors but not to those who invest in American stocks. The package of bills also requires American public companies to describe their China risk, and steps they are taking to reduce it. Another bill prohibits buying stocks of companies that are such an anathema that we already prohibit buying their products. Finally, we keep Chinese stocks out of index funds, because those funds do no research into the risks these companies pose."

Each of these four bills address a different threat posed by China to our capital markets. The package of legislation includes:

No Capital Gains Allowance for American Adversaries Act

This bill would eliminate the capital gains tax break for investments in



Spartz

companies based in China, Russia, Belarus, Iran, and North Korea. It also eliminates a related tax break, the "step-up in basis" at death, for investments in such companies.

The SEC will require disclosure that no tax breaks are available for these stocks.

China Risk Reporting Act

Investors deserve to know the degree to which the American and foreign companies they invest in are dependent upon China and the related risks.

This bill would require publicly traded companies that file any reports with the SEC to discuss in their annual reports: (1) the degree to which the company is dependent upon China and the risks China poses, such as supply chain disruptions, intellectual property theft, or nationalization of assets, and (2) the steps the company has taken to reduce its China risk.

This bill will force companies competing for capital to reduce their exposure to China. If China invades Taiwan, Congress should be able to impose sanctions, knowing American companies have insulated themselves from the rupture. Hopefully, this will deter such an invasion.

PRC Military and Human Rights Capital Markets Sanctions Act

A recent report identified 144 Chinese companies, or their affiliates, whose practices were so adverse to U.S. interests that it is illegal for Americans to buy their products. Most of these companies have been found to violate human rights. Others play an integral role in the China military-industrial complex. While buying the products of these companies is illegal, it is still legal to buy their stock.

This bill would prohibit Americans from investing in the stock of companies that appear on such sanctions lists or have an affiliate on the sanctions list.

No China in Index Funds Act

Index mutual funds minimize their expenses by simply investing in all the companies in a certain market sector, without looking closely at the individual companies. There are unique difficulties in evaluating the risks of investing in Chinese companies. Americans should not invest in these companies without carefully evaluating the risk.

This bill will keep these hard-to-evaluate Chinese stocks out of index mutual funds.

[Click here](#) for more information on these bills.

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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Candidates for Indiana governor pitch their small-business plans

By GARRETT BERGQUIST WISH-TV | wistv.com

Eight candidates from three parties said Tuesday that Indiana hasn't done enough to support small businesses, though they differed on what they would change.

Tuesday's forum by the National Federation of Independent Businesses and Americans for Prosperity Indiana brought together all six of the candidates on the Republican primary ballot - Mike Braun, Brad Chambers, Suzanne Crouch, Eric Doden, Curtis Hill, and Jamie Reitenour - plus presumptive Democratic nominee Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian nominee Donald Rainwater.

The forum's questions focused on the problems facing small businesses.

Health care costs and education figured prominently in the discussion. Chambers and Reitenour said they would push lawmakers to abolish non-compete agreements for doctors while Rainwater said excessive health insurance regulations are driving many of the costs. McCormick said voters need to undo 20 years of Republican supermajority policies that allowed hospital monopolies to arise.

On the education front,

Chambers, Reitenour, Crouch, and Doden said they would focus on building career pipelines while in school and encourage students to seek apprenticeships after high school. Braun said schools should provide parents and students with more information about jobs that don't require a college degree. Hill said schools should go back to the basics of teaching subjects such as civics and history and ensure vocational opportunities are available early.

The candidates showed arguably the most difference in taxation. Crouch has made her call to abolish the state income tax a cornerstone of her campaign and returned to that promise several times during Tuesday's forum. She said eliminating the state income tax would encourage more people and more businesses to come to Indiana and it would encourage people already in the state to spend more, thus adding to the economy.

Hill said he would rather first eliminate the gas tax than state lawmakers added in 2018. Reitenour, Braun, and Doden all said they want to investigate the possibility of reducing or eliminating property taxes, particularly for seniors. McCormick said while she would support reviewing Indiana's existing

tax system, the real issue is hidden taxes stemming from what she characterized as improper spending priorities.

"That is happening because the system we have built is not paying attention to our expenditure priorities," McCormick said.

Rainwater said he would support eliminating the state income tax as well as capping property taxes.

One business owner told News 8 afterward, seeing and hearing the candidates lay out their plans caused him to reconsider his voting plans. Brandon Reeve said he had largely made up his mind going into the forum but wasn't so sure afterward. He said he felt voters have several good candidates to choose from and that's a good thing.

"I really was very impressed with quite a few people," he said. "Read and definitely do your research. Don't just vote based on names."

The primary is on May 7. If you want to vote in the primary and are not registered to vote, you have until April 8.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/politics/candidates-for-indiana-governor-pitch-small-business-plans.



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Carmel City Councilor Jeff Worrell endorses Gutrich for State Representative, District 24

Submitted

Carmel City Councilor Jeff Worrell has announced his endorsement of Bill Gutrich for Indiana State Representative, District 24.

Worrell recognizes Gutrich's leadership, business background, and his commitment to representing the best interests of District 24 residents as es-

sential qualities that will drive positive change and progress for our community.

"Bill and I both lean on our conservative values during our approaches to finding common sense solutions and serv-



Gutrich

ing the community. He would make an excellent advocate for Carmel and the rest of House District 24," said Worrell.

Gutrich has an extensive background in corporate leadership, small

business ownership, and deep community involvement. His vision includes advocating for effective government, lower taxes, strong schools, and smart development.

For more information about Bill Gutrich's campaign for State Representative, District 24, please visit GutrichForIndiana.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR'S WIFE

From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the Lord was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Genesis 39:5-6 (NIV)

Dewey Humes, Jr.

May 25, 1932 – March 19, 2024

Dewey Humes, Jr., 91, Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on May 25, 1932, to Dewey and Clarice (White) Humes in Kentucky.



Dewey was a United States Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. After retiring from Indiana Lumberman's Mutual Insurance Company, he enjoyed golf and motorcycles. Dewey was a member of the Elks, the Moose, and the American Legion. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sharon Faye Humes; son, Dave Humes; grandson, Sean Austin Humes; and granddaughter, Courtney Humes Purslow.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Mark Alan Humes; and brothers, Charles Humes and Richard Humes.

Services will be held at noon on Monday, March 25, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor John Knaack officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial with Military Honors will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Rescue Boutique, 1155 Main St., Zionsville, IN 46077.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

DNR stocks Carmel's Meadowlark Park pond with 100 channel catfish

The REPORTER

By this weekend, the Indiana DNR will have stocked more than 2,000 channel catfish ranging in size from 10 to 14 inches (average 12 inches) in the following locations:

- **Meadowlark Park Pond (Carmel – Hamilton County) – 100 catfish**
- Krannert Lake (Indianapolis - Marion County) – 225 catfish

- Washington Township Park Pond No. 2 (Avon – Hendricks County) – 100 catfish

- Dubarry Park Ponds (Indianapolis – Marion County) – 200 catfish
- Garvin Park Lake (Evansville – Vanderburgh County) – 200 catfish
- Diamond Valley Park Pond (Evansville – Vanderburgh County) – 225 catfish
- Dobbs Park Pond

(Terre Haute – Vigo County) – 200 catfish

- Northeast Lakeside Pond (Fort Wayne – Allen County) – 300 catfish
- Munger Park Pond (Lafayette – Tippecanoe County) – 150 catfish
- Robinson Park Lake (Hobart – Lake County) – 300 catfish

These lakes are stocked every spring with catchable-size channel catfish, receiving three total stockings between mid-to-late March and the first week of June. DNR's urban fishing program

offers an exciting and safe way for Hoosiers to experience the fun of fishing close to home. To find out more about urban fishing opportunities and upcoming stockings, visit bit.ly/INUrbanFishing.

The catfish daily bag limit per angler is 10, and there are no size restrictions. Anglers ages 18 and older must have a valid Indiana fishing license to fish at these locations. Anglers ages 17 and younger do not need a fishing license. Licenses can be purchased at on.IN.gov/INhuntfish.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet for a work session from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.

A regular board meeting will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the same location.

Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, March 25, 2024, in the Commissions' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

Softball



(LEFT) Westfield's Chloe Tanner was one of several Shamrocks to get two hits during their win over Carmel on Wednesday. (RIGHT) Carmel freshman Emily Goddard had two hits for the Greyhounds.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Roundup: Heights opens with win, HSE takes down North Central, Guerin Catholic & Sheridan fall

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The Hamilton Heights softball team won its season opener on Wednesday, beating Frankton in a road game 8-4.

The game was scoreless for the first three innings before the Huskies had a five-run outburst in the fourth inning. Kassidy Schakel batted in the first run, scoring Lily Roush who led off the inning with a single. Heights loaded the bases, then Hannah Dent scored after Hailey Hall was hit by a pitch.

Morgan Ottinger came up next and her fielder's choice scored two runs with no Huskies called out. Isabel Morrow and Schakel both got home. Addie Doak then scored Hall with an RBI groundout.

The Eagles scored a run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Roush got the run back in the top of the fifth by stealing home plate; she led off with a double. Frankton cut the Heights lead to 6-4 in the bottom of the fifth.

The Huskies completed their scoring in the top of the seventh when a Schakel double brought in Dent and Mariyah Sexton. Schakel finished her day at the plate 3-for-4, with Roush going 2-for-3. Roush was also the winning pitcher, tossing 13 strikeouts over six innings against two hits.

Heights plays Friday at Lapel.

Hamilton Southeastern rolled past North Central 11-1 in a five-inning home game on Wednesday.

The Royals scored four runs in the second inning, including a two-run single from Jenna Chase. Ava Kiemeyer and Megan Wincek both smacked RBI doubles in the third inning, during which time Southeastern scored three runs.

Kiemeyer blasted a two-run home run in the fifth inning, and Chase hit another

two-RBI single to score Lani Wyrick and Makenna Selm and finished the game.

Chase was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, with Kiemeyer driving in three runs. Chase and Keira Lodes also hit one double. Grace Swedarsky pitched three innings for the win, striking out seven.

The Royals are 2-0 and host Greenfield-Central on Tuesday.

Guerin Catholic dropped its season opener to Lebanon at home Wednesday, 18-8.

The Tigers scored four runs in the top of the first inning. The Golden Eagles got a run back in the bottom of the inning when an RBI fielder's choice from Lillian Everts scored Anna Mauch.

Guerin Catholic surged ahead in the third inning, putting up six runs to take a 7-5 lead. Lucy Kemp doubled to get on base, Kate Brady reached on a fielder's choice, then a single from Natalie Eiler scored Kemp and Brady. Rilee Kluesner then smacked a two-RBI hit to score Brooklyn Fritsche and Eiler, while Harleigh Abbott and Lauren Brady got home after Madi Cain reached on error.

Lebanon jumped ahead 8-7 in the top of the fourth inning, then put up five runs each in the sixth and seventh innings. Fritsche scored a run in the bottom of the seventh after Kluesner reached on error. Kemp totaled two doubles.

The Golden Eagles host Lapel this afternoon.

Sheridan fell at North Montgomery 10-0 in five innings on Wednesday to open its season.

The Chargers scored two runs in the fourth inning, then put up eight runs in the fifth inning to finish the game. Ali Pickard and Maelei Casler both had one hit for the Blackhawks.

Sheridan hosts Western Boone this afternoon.

'Rocks roll past 'Hounds

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL — The Shamrocks kept their bats going Wednesday night, as the Westfield softball team improved to 2-0 with a 9-5 win over Carmel at the Greyhounds' Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The game was close for the first two innings before the 'Rocks got some big hits in the third and fourth innings. Westfield added two more runs in the seventh inning to clinch the game.

The Shamrocks scored their first run in the first inning when Makayla Watson got home on Chloe Tanner's RBI groundout. Carmel freshman Ellie Goddard replicated that in the bottom of the first inning, scoring on Paxton Law's RBI groundout.

It was Grace Feltz's turn to get an RBI groundout in the top of the second. That resulted in a run for Avery Banas to put Westfield up 2-1. The Greyhounds answered

when Katherine Warren got home after Emily Smith reached on a wild pitch.

The score was 2-2, but the Shamrocks changed that in the third inning with three runs. Cara Snedeker led off with a double and moved to third base on Ava Kainrath's left field hit. Annika Lawrence came in to run for Kainrath, and both she and Snedeker were soon home after Tanner hit a left field line drive. Sofia Easterhaus later doubled Tanner home.

"Like last night, we did it again tonight," said Westfield coach Brian Revercomb. "We made a lot of adjustments at the plate. Hitters are starting to get some timing down." The coach said it was "nice to see" that the Shamrocks hitters were making those adjustments on their own.

Jayden Kleiner hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the third to score Goddard, bringing Carmel within 5-3. But the score was soon 7-3

in favor of Westfield: Snedeker got on base with a two-out single, then Kainrath hit a center field home run to bring everyone home.

"Ava worked really hard in the offseason," said Revercomb. "She's stronger. She's a little faster. Just going to be a really key player for us this year."

Mia Fleming helped keep the Greyhounds in the game with a two-RBI single in the fifth inning that scored Kleiner and Goddard. But the 'Rocks got those runs back in the seventh inning. Easterhaus hit a bunt single to score Tanner, then freshman Sydney Jordan's line drive brought in Grace Fanelli, who earlier hit a double.

Snedeker, Kainrath, Tanner and Easterhaus all finished with two hits. Shea Vohs pitched five innings for the win, tossing four strikeouts.

"I thought she did a great job," said Revercomb. "Another kid that worked really hard in the offseason.

Picked up about three or four miles an hour on her pitches overall."

Goddard finished with two hits, including a double. Chelsea Bennett struck out four in four innings.

"I think our pitchers did what they needed to do," said first-year Carmel coach Stephanie Kleiner. "We needed a few other things to fall our way and they just didn't. We need to string more hits together to be more effective offensively."

The Greyhounds are a young team this year, with Goddard and Grace Sharp playing varsity as freshman. Avery Cline is a sophomore, as are pitchers Bennett and Smith, neither of whom played last year because of injuries.

"So, this is their first time playing high school ball," said Kleiner. They are doing great. They're leading us on the mound."

Westfield hosts North Central on Friday. Carmel is 0-2 and hosts Plainfield on Monday.

Boys Volleyball



Photo provided

The University boys volleyball team won its first match of the season Wednesday.

Royals sweep Perry Meridian, 'Blazers get first win of season

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The Hamilton Southeastern boys volleyball team picked up a straight set sweep of Perry Meridian on Wednesday, 25-23, 25-23,

25-18.


The Royals host Carmel tonight. The junior varsity match starts at 6 p.m. with the varsity to follow.

University won its first match of the season on Wednesday, beating Lafayette Jefferson in a road contest 25-17, 25-12.

This was the second

match of the year for the Trailblazers, who were edged out by Kokomo in their season opener on Tuesday in five sets, 24-26, 25-18, 15-25, 25-22, 16-14.

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4.5% Price Increase 2/23 vs. 2/24	Months of Inventory Change 0% 2/23 vs. 2/24	Interest Rates 30-Year Fixed 7.0% With an APR of 7.164%


TOP COUNTIES
Hendricks Co. Sales Up 22.3%
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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 21 GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.
North Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Center Grove at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Lapel at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Western Boone at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

New Palestine at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 22 BOYS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at Forest Hills Central (Mich.), 12:30 p.m.
Westfield at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Center Grove, 7:45 p.m.
Carmel at Forest Hills Central (Mich.), 8 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at East Grand Rapids, 8 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.
North Central at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

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Rock legends George Thorogood & The Destroyers to headline Miller Lite Carb Day concert May 24 at IMS

Special guest Gin Blossoms to open; full day of entertainment includes Kid Quill

Submitted by IMS

George Thorogood & The Destroyers, who have been rocking together for more than five decades, will headline the Miller Lite Carb Day Concert on Friday, May 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway as part of a full day of on- and off-track action and entertainment.

George Thorogood & The Destroyers will be joined by special guest Gin Blossoms, who will open the show. The Carb Day concert gates will open at 2 p.m. this year, allowing for additional entertainment, including Indianapolis recording artist Kid Quill.

Tickets are on sale now at IMS.com, by calling 317-492-6700 or by visiting the IMS Ticket Office at the IMS Administration Building.

All general admission, concert pit and VIP Deck concert tickets include admission to the concert and to on-track activities that day at IMS, which include the final practice for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and the INDYCAR Pit Stop Challenge.

"Carb Day is the unofficial start to summer and the kickoff to race weekend for many of our fans; they take the day off from work and spend it at IMS," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "From on-track action like the final practice and

Pit Stop Challenge to hip DJs and cool rock concerts, it's a day like no other at the Racing Capital of the World. George Thorogood & The Destroyers, as well as Gin Blossoms and Kid Quill, are a great addition to a full day of entertainment."

George Thorogood & The Destroyers got their start on a small bandstand in Lane Hall at The University of Delaware on the evening of Dec. 1, 1973. Though the three-piece band – consisting of a guitarist, a drummer and their rhythm guitarist – had barely rehearsed, guitarist George Thorogood and drummer Jeff Simon had been bashing out covers of songs they loved – including "No Particular Place To Go," "Madison Blues" and "One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer" – in suburban Wilmington, Delaware, basements since they were teens.

The Lane Hall audience was wary at first. "Then it was like somebody flipped a switch," Simon said. "Everybody hit the dance floor all at once."

Five decades, 15 million albums and more than 8,000 performances later, few bands can still rock the house like George Thorogood & Destroyers. And for Thorogood, Simon, and longtime Destroyers Bill Blough, Jim Suhler and Buddy Leach, their Bad All Over The World – 50 Years of Rock Tour is a celebration like no other.

Gin Blossoms have undoubtedly left their mark



Graphic courtesy IMS

on the rock music map. The Grammy-nominated band's fusion of melodic rock, pop, folk and country elements has helped pave the way for the modern rock of today.

Boasting record sales of over 10 million, fans around the world are very familiar with Gin Blossoms' five-time platinum breakthrough album, *New Miserable Experience*, containing gems like "Until I Fall Away," "Found Out About You," "Hey Jealousy" and "Allison Road."

Those hit tracks were followed by the Empire Records platinum soundtrack hit, "Til I Hear It From You." In 1996, the singles "Follow You Down" and "As Long As It Matters" hit the radio again in a huge way, making their *Congratulations I'm Sorry* record another platinum success. Their latest release, 2018's *Mixed Reality*, shares that same timeless feel, packed with 15 songs.

Kid Quill's sound is a hybrid of hip-hop, pop and alternative. He has grown a core fan base from touring throughout the early stages of his career. Over recent years, he's performed at festivals such as Firefly,

Electric Forest, Breakaway and Lollapalooza, where he broke the record for highest attendance at the BMI Stage.

As an independent artist, Kid Quill has amassed more than 200 million streams, became a global ambassador for the Indiana Pacers and was selected for Soundcloud's First On Soundcloud Class of 2021. He will release new music leading up to his highly anticipated upcoming album scheduled for spring 2024.

Miller Lite Carb Day general admission tickets start at just \$45. A limited number of concert pit package upgrades that include general admission are available for \$75. A very limited supply of exclusive VIP platform tickets also is available for \$275, including concert pit access, snacks, two complimentary drinks and dedicated bars. Ticket prices will increase as the concert draws closer, so fans are encouraged to buy now.

The 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 26. Tickets are on sale at IMS.com or by calling or visiting the IMS Ticket Office.

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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
8:00 pm YES! Gaming Presents: The Super Smash Open LIVE Weekly Bracket

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

Thurs March 21 - Volleyball
6:00 pm **Guerin Catholic** vs **Noblesville** | Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
6:45 pm **Hamilton Southeastern** vs **Carmel** | Boys Varsity | SSN
7:00 pm **Guerin Catholic** vs **Noblesville** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports

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