

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy morning. Mostly sunny afternoon. Wind gusts to 30 mph by afternoon.
 Tonight: Mostly clear.
 HIGH: 44 LOW: 26



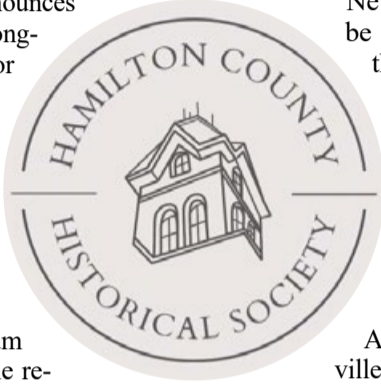
Historical Society announces retirement of long-time director

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Historical Society, located on the square in Noblesville in the Old Sheriff's Residence and Jail, announces the retirement of long-time Museum Director Diane Zeiss Nevitt.

Nevitt first became involved at the Historical Society over 30 years ago and served in several roles on the board before becoming the Museum Director in 1999. She retired at the end of 2023.

During Nevitt's tenure, the society offered programs, tours, and experiences for all ages. Many guests say they remember getting a tour from her in fourth grade, then coming back



as adults, sometimes with their own children. She also managed volunteers and provided research services for history and genealogy questions.

Nevitt's impact cannot be measured here, so the Historical Society invites the community to a retirement reception in her honor.

Please plan to attend the reception from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28 at the Noblesville Township Community Center, 388 S. 8th St., Noblesville. There will be light refreshments and remarks at 2:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to info@hamiltoncoihhs.com or by calling (317) 770-0775.



Photo provided
Diane Zeiss Nevitt, HCHS Museum Director Emeritus, served the society for over 30 years.

My steel-toe summer

The other day, I noticed someone wearing steel-toe boots. Such formidable footwear signifies one thing in my mind: hard, physical work.

Manual labor has been a foreign concept to me, except for one summer when my toes were made of steel. Yes, I donned a pair of steel-toe boots way back between my junior and senior years of college as summer help at my father's aluminum plant.

Let me sugarcoat that experience as best I can: the aluminum plant was hell on earth.

We formed a line our first day – a couple dozen college kids – and were led by the HR manager into the belly of the beast. The noise was deafening, incessant, scary. Mastodon-like metal stamping machines boomed, rattling our teeth and bones. "This is the entrance ..." (boom) (boom) "... into plant one ..." (boom) (boom) ... "make sure your safety glasses are on" (boom) (boom) ... "Hey, is that a tooth?"



COLUMNIST
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Through the Australian Outback-like heat and tornado-in-a-can-like drone, we passed massive machines with daunting names like Embosser, Leveler, Crusher, and Slitter used by our swing-shift fathers.

We hesitant college students on summer break were paraded down aisles past the machine operators, frenzied foremen carrying clipboards and hard-hatted workers lifting giant aluminum coils with hand-operated cranes. We'd mysteriously lose a summer helper or two at each stop, as if he or she had been handpicked and pulled, unseen, into the jungle of machinery by some savage supervising the start of their summer enslavement. The stronger-looking students were picked first, as if being drafted for a kickball team. There were hoots and catcalls and whistles. It was like we had wandered onto some nightmarish post-Apocalyptic planet. We dodged forklifts and management's golf carts under a steel girder sky where the dinosaur of manual labor never became extinct. This was madness, my own personal *Apocalypse Now*.

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Fun fact: Lions do love pancakes!



Photos provided by Sheridan Lions Club / Chuck Godby

The exact numbers have yet to be calculated, but the Sheridan Lions Club concluded this year's annual Mark Sims Memorial Pancake Breakfast was a success. No exact head count was kept as only free will donations were accepted, but from 7 to 10 a.m. last Saturday, the line of people on hand for scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, and, of course, pancakes, was steady. The breakfast was held for the first time in the Sheridan High School cafeteria, and the local Lions praised the assistance of Kim Phillips, who was instrumental in keeping things running smoothly. In other Lions news, the local service organization voted to change its scholarship program and this year will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to a couple of Sheridan's graduating seniors bound for either college or trade school. The Sheridan Lions are always on the lookout for new members.

(ABOVE LEFT) Vance Wallace (left) and Steve Bilby greeted breakfast goers at the door and accepted donations. (ABOVE CENTER) Tyler Henning makes sure the cooking surface is hot and ready to make pancakes. (ABOVE RIGHT) Aaron Gatewood makes sure there are plenty of clean trays.

Hamilton County Health Department to hold Poison Prevention webinar

Experts to provide tips for preventing accidental poisonings at home

The REPORTER

March is Poison Prevention Month, a great time to raise awareness about the dangers of accidental poisoning and educate the public about the prevention of poisoning incidents, particularly among children.

That's why the Hamilton County Health Department is partnering with the Indiana Poison Control Center (IPC) to host a free webinar at 6

p.m. on Wednesday, March 27.

"More than 90 percent of poisonings happen in the home," said Jim Ginder, Health Education Specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department. "Our goal is to educate parents and caregivers about common household hazards, effective child-proof-



Ginder

icologist and IPC Director. "Calling IPC is fast, free, and confidential, and can prevent

ing techniques, and what to do in case of an emergency."

"Most poison exposures are not life-threatening and can be handled at home with the help of a specialist," said Adam Overberg, Clinical Toxicologist and IPC Director. "Calling IPC is fast, free, and confidential, and can prevent

unneeded visits to urgent care or an emergency room. But ultimately our goal is to prevent those exposures by creating a safe space for children."

Registration for the webinar is free and open to the public. Go to tinyurl.com/poisonpreventionwebinar to register.

If a parent suspects their child has ingested a harmful substance, they should immediately call Poison Control (1-800-222-1222) for guidance.

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Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) will soon hold its 2024 Local Author Fair at the FORUM Events Center in Fishers.

The Local Author Fair is a free, open house-style event for all ages. Support local storytelling with nearly 60 local authors and literary organizations from Fishers, Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield, Cicero, Indianapolis, New Palestine, Avon, Bargersville, and other central Indiana areas who will have exhibit space for the public to meet and mingle, with opportunities to purchase their books.

Authors will also be available for book signings. There will be many chances to win book bundles and other prizes for those who attend.

New to the fair this year are storytimes and short readings featuring participating authors throughout the afternoon.

The forum will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Entry and parking are free, and registration is not required.

The FORUM Events Center is located at 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers.

For more information, [click here](#).

HAMILTON EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

HEPL to bring dozens of writers to local author fair

ALUMINUM & STEEL

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I recalled a prison documentary from the '70s, *Scared Straight*, during which a group of juvenile delinquents are forced to spend time with hardened convicts who deliver tough, foul-mouthed talk to encourage the kids into going straight and staying out of aluminum plants ... I mean, federal penitentiaries.

To survive the first day, I fantasized that the whole summer help thing was simply a guise concocted by our parents, in cahoots with plant management, to make

us appreciate and not take for granted our cushy college lives, for surely it was illegal to allow students to be in such a harsh working environment.

I imagined the HR manager losing his poker face, smiling grandly, and saying, "This is all a ruse, kids. Ha. Ha. Ha. You all can go home now. Leave your safety glasses, ear plugs and steel toes in the office. We hope you learned your lesson. Now get out of here you little scamps. Indulge in the hedonism of your last sum-

mer of freedom, for you are entitled to do so as incoming college seniors."

Then, I really stretched the scenario, imagining our fathers overtaking the aisle in chorus line fashion, tossing hard hats into the stale air like graduation mortarboards and singing in unison, "Cause they say two thousand zero zero / Party over; oops out of time / So tonight I'm gonna party / Like it's 1999."

We were led past signs proclaiming so-and-so days since the last lost-time acci-

dent. I never saw a number in double digits on the signs.

We children of swing-shift parents began to sweat. Not the same sweat that formed during intramural, coed softball on campus. Not the same sweat that formed as we took a test that covered chapters that we couldn't keep our eyes open for while cramming the night before. This was our fathers' sweat. The hourly wage sweat. The hellish, have-to, hard-work sweat. The end-of-the-innocence sweat.

You don't know "hot" until you are a crew member on Heat Treat, a thermal process that cooks aluminum. It was 120 degrees near the furnace. We manhandled the heavy metal sheets slickened by mineral spirits and attached them to

hangers on an overhead conveyor that fed into the oven. Forklift cages, hammers and heavy-duty clamps were involved. After a load cooked, it was lowered into a pool of the darkest water I've ever seen. Steam rose with hellish hiss, engulfing us.

We became dependent on No Doz during the midnight shift. We cursed the flesh-raking itchiness of blue jeans sticking to our sweaty thighs at 2 a.m. We cursed our burning eyes, each eye-blink a cactus bite. The plant was a haze of metal dust.

The sweat. The hiss. The zero days since the last lost-time accident. The hard work. The dinosaur stomps of the stamping machines boosting our heartbeats. We were destined to never forget the dirge of our lost, last, free

summer, that initiation into a swing-shift world that we all grew up with but never cared to hear the specifics of.

We were scared straight. The aluminum plant taught me to appreciate college more, as well as the post-grad succession of air-conditioned offices to which I remain exiled. Looking back, I have come to appreciate the blood, sweat and tears of that steel-toe summer, to have had a taste of a tougher life, a lesson learned. I am a proud summer help Heat Treat survivor.

But please, don't send me back out there.

Scott's new humor collection, *Quietly Making Noise*, is available on Amazon. Contact him to be a guest speaker at one of your gatherings. Contact: scottsaaalman@gmail.com.

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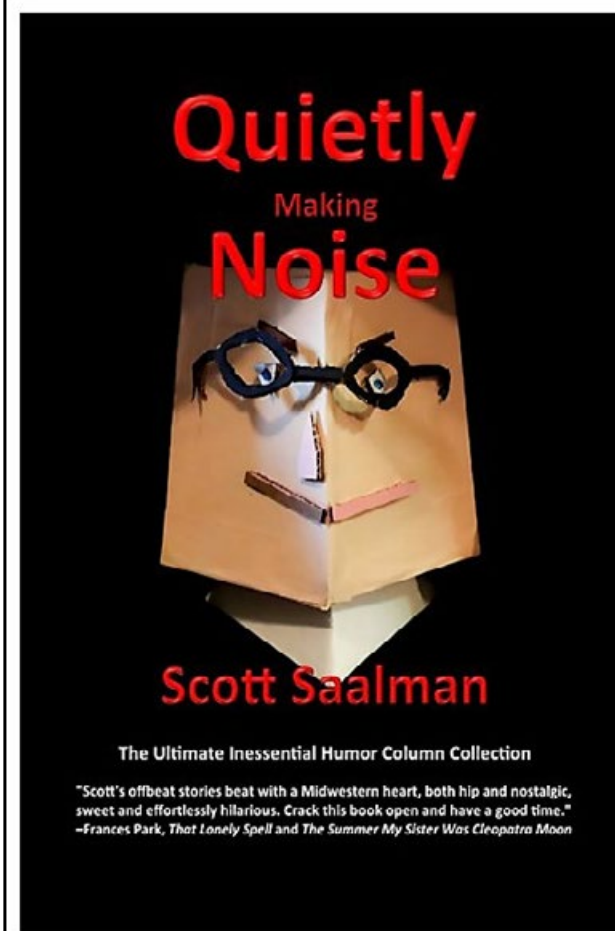


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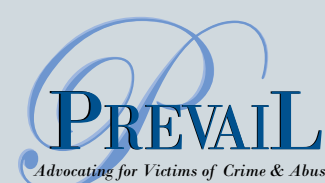


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Noblesville & Carmel Lions clubs volunteer manpower serving Gleaners



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll

On Thursday, the Noblesville and Carmel clubs helped Gleaners with food service. The Gleaners mobile food pantry comes to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds on the third Thursday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. The Carmel and Noblesville Lions are proud to volunteer their manpower and time to assist Gleaners with the distribution of food to those in need. All volunteers were kept very busy! (From left) Lions Lane Sims, Bob Yunker, Joe Arrowood, Matt Best, Ed Shea, Dale Unger, Gary Hipes, Steve Craig, Walt Scheid, Larry Jacobi, and Rom Williamson. *Not pictured are Jeff Kozicki and Joe Connerley.*

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Portion of Oak Road in Westfield to close Monday



Graphic provided by City of Westfield

A section of Oak Road between 161st Street and Oak Way Trace will be closed for approximately two weeks beginning Monday, March 25. Local traffic will need to access from the south, via 151st Street, including residents directly along Oak Road and the neighborhoods of Maple Ridge and Oak Park. Oak Park residents can also access their neighborhood via the 161st Street entrance. This closure is related to a Citizens Energy Group sanitary sewer improvement project.

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Easter Express

A farmer has misplaced some eggs and is pretty sure they are somewhere on the Nickel Plate Express!
Come share in a little rail adventure as you roll through Hamilton County's northern countryside to see the trees in bloom while enjoying a snack and a springtime story.

March 23, 24 and 30
Tickets at NickelPlateExpress.com

Noblesville's own Quinn Conrad: National Merit Scholar Finalist



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School senior Quinn Conrad was recognized at a recent school board meeting as a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Less than 1 percent of students across the country who qualify for consideration are ultimately chosen as finalists. He has a 4.2 grade-point average, is involved in the coding club, National Honor Society, AI Club, and 4-H, and plans to attend Purdue University to study computer science.

The 2024 Hamilton County Passion Play

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Performing Arts Center

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Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 pm
Friday, March 29 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 30
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BeholdTheLamb.com

Demand for April hotel rooms in Hamilton County up 45 percent compared to 2023

The REPORTER

April demand for hotel rooms and short-term stay rentals in Hamilton County is higher than in 2023 and outpacing Indiana as a whole, according to data provided by data aggregators TravelClick and AirDNA.

Much of the demand increase is driven by interest in the upcoming total solar eclipse on April 8.

"Hamilton County may not be the epicenter of the upcoming solar eclipse, but it definitely is seeing interest due to wonderful programs being offered by our community partners," Hamilton County Tourism President and CEO Brenda Myers said. "Hamilton County Tourism's eclipse-focused digital and social media campaign targets areas of Indiana, Chicago and Michigan, and we're optimistic we will see economic benefit."

Demand for hotel rooms is up 45 percent year-over-

year, and short-term stay home rentals are also well above average for April. In total, 75 percent of listings for home rentals are booked for the month of April, or more than 13 percent over 2023.

Much of those additional rooms are booked by leisure travelers, and not just by those here on business or group sports visitors, although that demand does increase later in April. These leisure travelers in early April include eclipse watchers and spring breakers, as well as sports, group, and business travelers.

Sarah Buckner, Hamilton County Tourism's assistant director of community engagement, noted the co-



Myers



Buckner

operation among county and city partners is unprecedented, and the community is ready to make the phenomenon safe and enjoyable for all.

"This community is ready," Buckner said, "for not only the eclipse, but for all that's happening during a very busy April."

About Hamilton County Tourism

Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than four million visitors to Hamilton County each year.

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EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31ST
10:00 AM

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fpc-noblesville.org

Palm Sunday
March 24
10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday
March 28
7:00 PM

Celebrate Holy Week with Sheridan First Christian Church

The REPORTER

Sheridan First Christian Church has announced its schedule for Holy Week.

The Parade of Palms to celebrate Jesus' triumphant parade into Jerusalem will occur at 10 a.m. this Sunday, March 24.

On Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday services will be held during which the congregation will remember the night of the Last Supper.

Good Friday Services

will be held at noon on March 29, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary. At 7 p.m. that same evening will be the "Office of Tenebrae," which means darkness. It allows one to reflect on Christ's arrest, crucifixion, death, and placement in the tomb.

Sheridan First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is located at 107 W. Third St. For more information, please call the office at (317) 758-4569.

Sheridan Public Library

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23rd

9:30-11:30am

- Visit the Easter Bunny
- Hunts begin every 15 min
- Ages 10 & under

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WHO IS JESUS...

The Devil rebelled and with his lies deceived Adam and Eve and the whole world was broken

People gather at Christmas because of Jesus' birth to bring Hope and Joy.

Jesus' birth would mean nothing if He did not complete His mission of Good Friday and Easter

Jesus taught us to Love God and Love your neighbor as yourself.

Greater love has no man than this: to lay down ones life for his friend. John 15:13.

Not only did Jesus die for us, He overcame death and Satan. He rose from the dead and still lives! To those who believe in his name, He gave the right to become children of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. For Jesus was sacrificed to set us free. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Week

Mar. 24th Palm Sunday Service 9 a.m.
Mar. 25th - 27th Mon. - Wed. Prayer Services offered at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Mar. 28th Maundy Thursday Service offered at 7 p.m.
Mar. 29th Good Friday Service offered at 7 p.m. with communion
Mar. 30th Saturday Service of the great Vigil at 7 p.m.
Mar. 31st Easter Sunday:
Sunrise Service (Matins) at 7 a.m. Breakfast following...
Easter Festival Service at 9 a.m.

— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Did men really live into their 900s before the flood?

Author's note: On occasion I receive letters from readers with questions. Sometimes I answer them privately, but sometimes the question is of such a nature that I feel a wider audience might find it interesting. This column is in response to a question.



JOHN A. SMITH
Think on These Things

Death a result of sin

The lifespans of the antediluvians averaged over 900 years (912 to be exact) suggesting that environmental conditions were vastly superior to our age.

Adam and Eve were created to live eternally. The introduction of sin brought on death (Romans 5:12). However, the degenerating processes had only begun to take place with them and their immediate descendants. This could also account for their longer life spans.

For those who reject the inspiration of the Bible, the lifespans of man prior to the flood, as recorded in Genesis 5, provide rich fodder for their skepticism and full rejection of the text. Man living into his 900s is unknown to anything we have ever witnessed or known. That being the case, what is recorded in Genesis 5 must be a Jewish myth, or so critics argue.

I must admit at the outset that I cannot prove anything regarding the lifespan of man in the antediluvian world, but I can raise some possible explanations that are reasonable conjectures.

As with many things in the Bible, we must walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:10). God chose not to explain the lifespan of man prior to the flood, and we must accept it as He revealed it to us.

A variety of explanations have been offered through the years. Some have suggested that the numbers in Genesis 5 are months and not years. However, if this is the case Seth fathered his first child around age 5. Others have suggested that the genealogy is not meant to be a generation-by-generation genealogy, but each successive person was intended to represent a "clan." There is no textual foundation for this speculation.

There would also be a lack of disease at this early time. Since Adam and Eve fell from a perfect state, it would have taken some time for disease to increase. This could have also contributed to the longevity of the patriarchs. If the earth were to be populated by humankind (Gen. 1:26), then long lifespans at the beginning were somewhat of a necessity. Otherwise, it would have taken an enormous amount of time to fulfill the commandment to fill the earth with people.

The canopy above the earth

The "canopy" above the earth provides another possible contributor. The climate prior to the flood was vastly different and a possible contributor. During the creation, it was said that the waters above were separated from the waters below, and during the flood, it is said that water came from both places (Genesis 1:7; 7:10).

The implication is that there was a canopy of water that protected human

life from cosmic radiation and regulated climate. A "greenhouse effect" would have been created by this canopy above the earth assuring a perennial spring-like climate for the entire earth. A vapor canopy would thus provide an ideal environment for abundant animal and plant life and for longevity and comfort in human life.

The antediluvian environment that was very different from what we might have imagined or have experienced. If we could only go back in time and see this amazing system functioning to support all forms of life as well as contributing to man's longevity, we would witness the glory of God at work.

This entire system ended with a worldwide cataclysmic flood.

A change in diet

I do not propose this as a definitive explanation, but as a possibility.

There was a change in the diet plan after the flood. Before flood the divinely appointed food was vegetarian, no meat was allowed, but after the flood, meat was allowed as a part of man's diet (Gen. 9:3). This is one of the most significant changes that directly affected man.

Today we find so many arguments stating the effect of meat eating on health. In fact, God may have allowed this habit to specifically shorten man's lifespan. Longer lifespan begat much so God may have purposefully shortened man's lifespan to limit sin.

Human genetic code

Another consideration is that, in the first few generations after creation, the

human genetic code had developed few defects. Adam and Eve were created perfect. They were surely highly resistant to disease and illness. Their descendants would have inherited these advantages, albeit to lesser degrees. Over time, as a result of sin, the human genetic code became increasingly corrupted, and human beings became more and more susceptible to death and disease. This would also have resulted in drastically reduced lifespans.

We can't really be sure why people lived so long in Genesis 5. The main impact of the passage is to contrast the godly line of Seth with the ungodly lineage of Cain, to explain why humanity fell so far from the will of God. I cannot prove the genealogy in Genesis 5 to be literal; neither can the skeptic prove that it was false. I accept it by faith in the Holy Spirit-inspired Scriptures arising from the mind of God.

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information or a personal study of this issue? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? We will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

We hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. #1 Lawler – James Patterson
2. Anita DeMonte Laughs Last – Xochitl Gonzalez
3. Dead Guy next Door – Lucy Score
4. Everyone is Watching – Heather Gudenkauf
5. Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter – N. French
6. Iron Flame – Rebecca Yarros
7. Peril in Pink – Sydney Leigh
8. Princess of Las Vegas – Chris Bohjalian
9. Reaper Follows – Heather Graham
10. Remarkable Bright Creatures – Shelby Van Pelt
11. She's Not Sorry – Mary Kubica
12. Still See You Everywhere – Lisa Gardner
13. That's Not My Name – Megan Lally
14. Wild Side – Fern Michaels

Non-Fiction

1. Blues Brothers: An Epic Friendship – D. DeVise
2. Elevate & Dominate –

- Deion Sanders
3. Rescue story – Zach Williams
 4. Selling the Dream – Jane Marie
 5. Why Fathers Cry at Night – Kwame Alexander
- ### Children's
1. Cuddle Monkey – Blake Lilia Hellman
 2. Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder – Dav Pilkey
 3. Easter Kitty Bunny – Pamela Bobowicz
 4. Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever – Suzanne Lang
 5. Just Try It – Phil Rosenthal
 6. Llama Llama Easter Egg – Anna Dewdney
 7. Pinkalicious: Kittens Kittens Kittens – V. Kann
- ### Inspirational Fiction
1. Amish Love Letters – Shelley Shepard Gray
 2. Love Discovered – Tracie Peterson
 3. No Mans Land – T. Davis Bunn
- ### Young Adult
1. Divine Rivals – Rebecca Ross
 2. Nightbane – Alex Aster
 3. Powerless – Lauren Roberts
 4. Ruthless Vows – Rebecca Ross

Special Series of Bible Studies!



May 9-12, 2024, we are excited to host a series of Bible lessons presented by **Max Dawson**. Although now living and preaching in Texas, Max is a native of Central Indiana and began his preaching life here. Max is a very capable, energetic, and knowledgeable Bible teacher. You will be blessed by his lessons.

Thursday to Saturday we will meet at 7:00 pm. Saturday at 6:00 pm we will have an hour devoted to singing hymns prior to Max's lesson. Sunday we will meet at our regular times.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study. We will soon offer bible Studies in Spanish on Sunday afternoons.



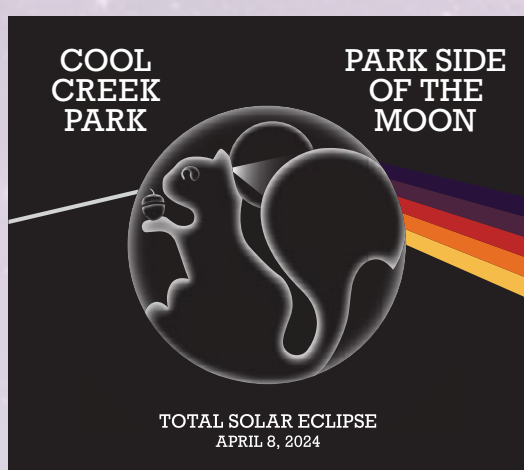
Stony Creek Church of Christ
 "First Century Christianity in the Twenty First Century"
 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville
 (317) 219-5852
 Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am
 Sunday Worship 11:00 am
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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!

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AG Todd Rokita takes on Big Pharma on behalf of Hoosiers

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita continues his fight against Big Pharma in a new lawsuit against drug manufacturers and Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) for inflating insulin prices for hardworking Hoosiers.

Approximately 640,435 Indiana residents have been diagnosed with diabetes and over 1.7 million people are pre-diabetic. It is the leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, and lower limb amputations. It is the seventh leading cause of death in Indiana despite the availability of effective treatment.

"Diabetes is a public health crisis for Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "This is a serious condition that requires insulin, putting patients in the impossible position of choosing between

health and financial security."

The lawsuit filed by AG Rokita includes drug manufacturers Sanofi-Aventis and Novo Nordisk and PBMs CaremarkPCS Health, Express Scripts, CVS Health Corp., and Optum RX for conspiring to raise prices on insulin medications by more than 1,000 percent in the last decade alone despite manufacturing costs decreasing.

"Too many Hoosiers have been forced to ration because drug manufacturers and PBMs have prioritized profits over patients," AG Rokita said. "Hundreds of thousands of Indiana residents rely on these medications to stay alive and these



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prices discourage people to take care of their health."

According to the complaint, every year, the direct medical expenses associated with diabetes care in Indiana are an estimated \$5 billion. If everyone with diabetes could adhere to their medication protocol, over \$8.3 billion in direct medical costs would be saved annually.

"Our office hopes this case will also set a strong precedent for other pharmaceutical companies who want to take advantage of everyday Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "Families are suffering enough already with the economic decline. Target-

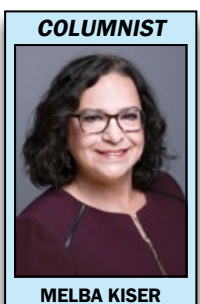
ing and scheming against those who have a medical condition like diabetes is absolutely unethical."

This is just one of the many times AG Rokita's Office has taken on dishonest companies who harm Hoosier patients regularly. Since Rokita took office, he has obtained a \$66.5 million settlement against Centene for their failure to disclose true costs, won a \$573 million multi-state settlement against McKinsey & Company for its role in "turbocharging" the opioid epidemic with Purdue Pharma, and secured nearly \$7 million in an Indiana Medicaid fraud settlement against Mallinckrodt.

Click here to watch Attorney General Rokita's live press event announcing the lawsuit.

Only good news from Noblesville School Board

Noblesville High School is in the process of phasing out several traditional classes in the areas of textiles, broadcasting, audio and video production, and sports and entertainment broadcasting.



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ditional wording. As stated, the decision to allow a non-public school student to enroll in a class is at the sole discretion of the superintendent. There is no means for a student or parent to

redress the issue.

I believe the policy should include a means for a student or parents to raise the issue to the board of school trustees should there be a denial of a request.

There are two noteworthy mentions from the February school board meeting. The additional review of the NHS building addition provided an opportunity to improve the design of the bathrooms.

The first was the upgrade to the vape sensors. The new sensors will have a heat map, emergency lighting, a panic button, and identify a spoken word, such as "help."

The second was the addition of a monitor strike sensor that is part of the door hardware. This sensor will be able to detect how long a door has been locked. A timer in the door latch can send a notification to the administrator team that the time limit has been reached. The cost for the upgrade can be absorbed into the contingency amount for the additional build.

Also at the February meeting, a motion was adopted to change the meeting

time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. The reason given was that this was more convenient for families with young children. Time will tell whether this was correct or not.

The next regular school board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April

16 at the Educational Services Center.

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NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights
 March 19, 2024 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- Correction: in February's meeting recap, it was stated in error that the board unanimously approved changes to the architectural design of restrooms in the new Noblesville High School academic expansion. In fact, Laura Alerding voted against this measure. The final, approved restroom design creates separate areas for girls and boys, while allowing for enhanced restroom supervision and safety.
- The board recognized Director of Nursing Sandy Burnette and several NHS students for excellence in leadership, academics and music.
- Noblesville West Middle School presented on their Business Information Technology classes that equip all middle schoolers with skills in personal finance, career readiness and computer science.
- Select NHS courses were realigned to take advantage of career and technical education pathway opportunities for students, including classes in sports marketing, textiles, and video production.
- Board vice president Stephanie Lambert was absent.

Visit the school board area of the [Noblesville Schools website](#) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

Registration open for Carmel International Arts Festival

The REPORTER

Registration is open for the 27th annual Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF). The festival will take place Sept. 28 and 29, 2024, in Carmel.

This major festival brings more than 100 talented artists from around the country and around the world. They have an amazing opportunity to share their work with nearly 30,000 people in a two-day event in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Artists specialize in nine different media, including glass, 2D, 3D, paint, jewelry, photography, fiber, ceramics and wood.

This year promises to be bigger and better than ever.

"I'm really looking forward to another fantastic year!" CIAF President Jill Gilmer said. "The talent we had last year surpassed my expectations. We have extended our footprint, which should allow us to have roughly 150 artists, a few small stages for musicians to entertain our patrons in addition to our Main Stage and



Photo provided

This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever.

West Stage, a wine garden, more ethnic food, and an interactive youth area that has doubled in size! I hope you will join us for an amazing weekend. It is free to come, family friendly, and dogs are welcome, too!"

Artist booths are set up along the two main arteries of the Arts & Design District: Main Street and Range Line Road. The community is presented with the finest samplings to purchase and

take home.

Each artist goes through a juried process to ensure their art is unique, not mass produced, and the highest of quality. The artwork is judged at the festival and awards are issued to the artists.

The festival is a juried exhibition with prizes totaling \$7,000. Annually, festival goers enjoy an admission-free opportunity to view and purchase art and

mingle with artists.

Applications are now open to artists interested in being a part of CIAF. Friday, May 31 is the deadline for submitting the application. There are specific rules for artists. [Click here](#) to sign up and review requirements.

Selected artists will be notified on Sunday, June 30 that they have been chosen.

Artists can visit carmel-artsfestival.org to learn more about the festival.

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New law bans cell phones in classrooms, with exceptions

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

WESTFIELD – The superintendent of a Hamilton County school district that already bans cell phones in class said Thursday that parents still have ways to reach their children if needed.

Two years ago, Westfield Washington Schools began requiring its middle school students to keep their cell phones in their lockers for the duration of the school day. High schoolers had to keep theirs in their backpacks last year, except during lunch or

between classes.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser says the cell phone policy so far has been a success. "We want them to be focused on curriculum and instruction, and not their social media account."

Schools across Indiana will have to adopt policies similar to Westfield Washington's soon. Earlier this month, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed legislation that requires all public schools, including charter schools, to adopt policies that prohibit students from using any kind of wireless communication device during instructional time. Such policies will need to include exceptions for emergencies, for individualized educational plans, or for classroom lessons that incorporate such devices into the coursework.

Kaiser says policies such as Westfield Washington's won't leave parents completely unable to communicate with their children. He said teachers still have their own cell phones as well as classroom phones in the event of emergencies, and parents who need to contact their children can contact the main office, which can send someone to find students right away. In addition, he says, his corporation's restrictions don't apply to

after-school activities.

Indiana's actions join a growing trend. Last year, Florida became the first state to pass such a ban, and similar legislation is pending in Oklahoma, Vermont, and Kansas.

Student cell phone use is also prohibited in all public schools in Australia. **Researchers there reviewed what few studies exist of cell phone bans** and found the evidence to support such bans to be weak and inconclusive. They said some studies found improved academic performance or mental health outcomes, but others found no changes or even negative impacts.

Kaiser says parents should plan ahead for the ban and talk with their children about other ways to communicate. For example, he says, his schools issue computers to every student, and students can still email back and forth with their families if needed.

The law takes effect July 1, meaning schools will have to have their policies in place in time for the 2024-2025 school year.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR'S WIFE

One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

Genesis 39:11-15 (NIV)

Steve Sutton

June 1, 1952 – March 16, 2024

Steve Sutton of Noblesville ate his final dessert on Saturday, March 16, 2024. After 71 years of enjoying life's best food, booze, and sweets, he finally asked for the check, and since he'd been a waiter and bartender in his earlier years, he knew he needed to leave a good tip. It was this: "Don't work too hard."



Born on June 1, 1952, to Jerry Sutton and Shirley Meara Thomas, he never went by his legal first name of Charles in an attempt to avoid the nickname "good-time Charlie." Despite his best efforts, the "good-time" lifestyle found him. He was a sociable man always in pursuit of fun and entertainment. After graduating valedictorian from Noblesville High School in 1970, he enjoyed exploring the country and sailing around the Virgin Islands. Jam sessions on the guitar and many other instruments were a major part of his life, and his ornery songs were sure to get the crowd laughing. When he wasn't out entertaining, he was stripping ... film negatives for the Noblesville Topics newspaper. And he had more stories about the exploits of him and the FNIA boys than anyone could ever recall.

His family was also incredibly important to him. As the oldest of six, he always knew best. While his stubbornness could get on his siblings' nerves, his three sisters – Karen Huffman, Nancy Williamson, and MaryAnne Doi – and two brothers – Brian and Kent Sutton – were often able to team up and outwit him, making holidays and gatherings a hilarious time for his many nieces and nephews. The banter did little to hide Steve's immense love and dedication to his family.

What Steve loved most in the world, though – even more than a Boston cream pie – was his daughter, Lauren. For 33 years he cared for her, taught her right from wrong, and made her smile. Last fall he kept his biggest promise to her and walked her down the aisle. She will miss all the joy he brought into her life, as will all his friends and family.

A final send-off will be held at Syd's Bar, 808 Logan St., on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Please join the family anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. in the upstairs lounge for one last "good-time" in honor of Steve.

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Russell Lowell Abel

January 10, 1924 – March 20, 2024

Russell Lowell Abel, 100, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Five Star Residences of Noblesville.

He was born on January 10, 1924, to the Reverend Lester N. Abel and Mrs. Katherine E. (Pearson) Abel in Whiteland, Ind. He was one of four children: a brother, Billy L. Abel (wife Dottie), and two sisters, Vera L. Abel Holmes, and Mary L. Van Allen (husband Art). All preceded him in death.

Russell met Phyllis Taylor at Franklin College through his sister Mary, who walked to school with Phyllis. Their first date was to a dance at Franklin College, sponsored by the Independent Men's House. After one year of dating, Russell proposed, and she said yes. They were married with Russell's father officiating and began a marriage that lasted until Phyllis' death in 2015. His wife of 65 years, Phyllis Ann (Taylor) Abel, preceded him in death. He was looking forward to his reunion with Phyllis and others who preceded him.

Russell and Phyllis had two sons, David R. (wife Marcy) and Phillip L. (wife Carolyn); two grandchildren, Katherine E. Abel Mullins (husband Adam), and David Benjamin Abel (wife Annie); one great-granddaughter, Madison Raye Mullins; one step-granddaughter, Annie Bellamy; and two step-grandsons, Holden Bellamy and Austin Suel.

In his early years, Russell moved often as the son of Methodist Church minister who served churches in Acton, Switz City, Clarks Hill, Whitcomb, Westport, Milton, Vincennes, New Albany, and Shelburn.

Russell graduated from Jefferson Township High School in Grant County in 1942, attended Taylor University for two years, and then after service in the U.S. Army during World War II, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Franklin College. He also earned a master's degree from Butler University, and a Doctorate in Education from Indiana University.

Russell rose to the level of First Sergeant in the Army of the United States serving in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded the Victory Medal World War II, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and a Good Conduct Medal. Russell landed in Japan at the end of the war. Russell was honorably discharged on March 10, 1946.

Russell began his professional career as a teacher at Maywood Elementary School in Wayne Township. He also taught at John Strange Elementary school in Washington



Township in Marion County. He became assistant principal at Westlane Junior High School in Washington Township Marion County and after three years was named principal.

He became a member of the Indiana Association of Junior and Senior High School Principals (IAJSHSP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP). He accepted the office of president of IAJSHSP in 1970. While in that office, the association became its own entity independent from the Indiana School Teachers Association (ISTA). Russell was selected as Executive Director of the IAJSHSP and served in the capacity for seven years before retiring in 1987. While in the office, the association became known as the Indiana Secondary School Administrators Association (ISSA) and developed a division of student activities which offered support to various student organizations in the state.

On April 8, 1987, the Indiana University School of Education Alumni Association presented him with the Education Alumnus Award for his achievements in the field of education.

On the national level, he was chairman of the State Executive Directors as part of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He served in that capacity for two years.

A big part of Russell's adult life was spent in the church he loved. He taught adult Sunday school classes for 55 years in the United Methodist churches he attended. He was district leader for the Marion County Methodist Church district and served on the Council of Ministries as chairman.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Sarasota, and also First United Methodist Church in Noblesville. He attended various churches throughout his adult life, including Trinity, West Michigan Street where his father served, and Mt. Olive.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville. Rev. Brittney Stephan will officiate. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060; or Sarasota First United Methodist Church, 104 S. Pineapple Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(B). For discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing.

A work session will follow at 6:15 p.m. in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

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Joining the "Supreme 15" On wings of Goodyear

Westfield's Buchanan, Noblesville's Fine, Fishers' Garner chosen for senior honors

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County boys basketball players are among the 15 seniors and 15 underclass boys' basketball players that have earned IBCA/Franciscan Health "Supreme 15" All-State honors for 2023-24, it was announced Friday.

The IBCA also named Large School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass) and Small School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass).

The "Supreme 15" is the top honor awarded, and players were voted to that group without regard to school size. The Large School and Small School all-state teams are secondary accolades -- the Large School group including players from Class 3A and Class 4A schools and the Small School group including players from Class A and Class 2A schools. Players who make the Supreme 15 are not considered for Large School or Small School honors.

In addition, 90 more seniors and 90 more underclass players were selected honorable mention all-state. The honorable mention laurels are awarded without regard to school size. In total, 270 players -- 135 seniors and 135 underclass players -- were recognized on the 2024 IBCA boys' basketball All-State teams.

Westfield's Trey Buchanan, Noblesville's Aaron Fine and Fishers' Keenan Garner were among the players voted to the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Senior boys' team. The other players are, listed alphabetically: Isaac Andrews, Wapahani; Jack Benter, Brownstown Central; Flory Bidunga, Kokomo; Kobi Bowles, Lawrence North; Micah Davis, Franklin Community; Evan Haywood, Brebeuf Jesuit; Jevon Lewis, Fort Wayne Wayne; Malachi McNair,

Evansville Harrison; Tyler Parrish, Chesterton; Ron Rutland III, Indianapolis Attucks; Jacob Smith, Lake Central; and K.J. Windham, Ben Davis.

Those voted to the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Underclass boys' team are, listed alphabetically: Dezmon Briscoe, Indianapolis Attucks; Julius Gizzi, New Palestine; Damien King, Anderson; Brady Koehler, Indianapolis Cathedral; Chase Konieczny, South Bend St. Joseph; Braylon Mullins, Greenfield-Central; Dominique Murphy, East Chicago Central; Kellen Pickett, Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian; Steven Reynolds, South Bend Washington; Azavier Robinson, Lawrence North; Tre Singleton, Jeffersonville; Trent Sisley, Heritage Hills; Jack Smiley, Valparaiso; Jaymen Townsend, Marion; and Mark Zackery IV, Ben Davis.

Westfield's Nic Book, Guerin Catholic's Robert Sorensen and Noblesville's Hunter Walston were all named to the Senior Large School All-State team. Guerin Catholic junior Bryson Cardinal, Carmel junior Alex Couto and Fishers junior JonAnthony Hall were both named to the Underclass Large School All-State team.

Hamilton Southeastern's Donovan Hamilton and Fishers' Taden Metzger were both named as Senior Honorable Mention. Noblesville sophomore Justin Curry and Carmel sophomore Evan Harrell were both named Underclass Honorable Mention.

The IBCA/Franciscan Health All-State teams are selected through a process organized by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and presented by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

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Photo by Julie Brown

Westfield's Trey Buchanan (top), Noblesville's Aaron Fine (center) and Fishers' Keenan Garner (above) have been named to the IBCA's Supreme 15 Senior boys team.

We will not soon forget the 2024 Spring Bristol race. For one, they got rid of the dirt ... finally. Second, it was the best short track race in the Next-Gen era and probably the best race at Bristol since the track was reconfigured in 2007.

Within the first 20 laps, I realized that this was looking to be a good race. There were multiple passes for the lead and the top five cars were in a tight pack.

Then it happened. The tires. The tires started giving up.

Kyle Busch, who is arguably the best active driver at Bristol, went from leading the race to spinning out in a matter of laps. He had worn through his tires. At the exact same time, the eventual race winner, Denny Hamlin, who had led the race as well, fell back and wore through his tires. The drivers and fans had finally gotten what they wanted: a tire wear race.

Upon realizing what was going on, NASCAR and Goodyear went into panic mode. Teams were only getting 34 laps on a set of tires. Might the teams run out of tires before the end of the race? Goodyear, so concerned about the tires, even gave a press conference in the middle of the race. Many remember the tire debacle at the 2008 Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Could this be a repeat of the Indy disaster?

Then something amazing happened. Tire management. Something we

have not seen in NASCAR for quite a while.

Teams and drivers had a choice to make. Were they going to run hard and get to the front early or slow down, preserve their tires, and

outlast those who abused their tires? The "tire problem" created an incredible race. We saw drivers go to the front early and then fall back in the field. We saw drivers sliding around the racetrack and holding on for dear life. And at the end of the day, we saw two veteran drivers racing on worn tires for the win. This was the race that everyone had asked for.

To be clear, the tire wear was excessive. Forty to 50 laps on a 500-lap race is too much. But now we know that Goodyear can build such a tire. As NASCAR heads to Richmond and Martinsville in the upcoming weeks, I am hopeful the Goodyear will not change the time compound. Both tracks are likely to wear the tires less than Bristol and the teams will make adjustments to the cars to reduce tire wear. If tire wear is just a little less than the Bristol race, Richmond and Martinsville could put on two great races.

Has NASCAR and Goodyear found a solution to the short track problem? I'm not convinced yet, but it sure seems like they are headed in the right direction.

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Softball

Roundup: Shamrocks outrun Panthers at home, Heights falls at Lapel

The REPORTER

The Westfield softball team made a huge comeback on Friday to beat North Central 11-9 in a home game.

The Panthers roared out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning, then added a run in the second inning to go up 7-0. But the Shamrocks got a jump start in the bottom of the third with two big hits: Sofia Easterhaus smacked a leadoff double, then Ava Kainrath blasted a home run to get Westfield on the board. Later in the inning, Marisa Stormer singled home Hayden Rice.

The 'Rocks kept the momentum going in the fourth inning. Makayla Watson led off with a single, then Easterhaus drew a walk. Kainrath batted in Makayla Watson with a left field hit, and Easterhaus scored on an RBI fielder's choice.

Westfield was now within 7-5, and the Shamrocks took the lead in the fifth inning. Chloe Tanner led off with a base hit, then moved to second when Stormer reached on error. Tanner scored when Watson reached on error, then Easterhaus sent a line drive into right field to bring in Stormer and tie the game. Kainrath bunted Easterhaus in and Westfield was in front 8-7.

The 'Rocks weren't done yet. In the sixth inning, Stormer singled in Grace Fanelli, Grace Feltz brought Shea Vohs home with a sacrifice fly, and Watson's center field hit scored Stormer. North Central scored two

runs in the top of the seventh, but Westfield got the third out with a groundout.

Kainrath totaled four RBIs for the game; she and Easterhaus both had three hits, including a double for Easterhaus. Watson, Grace Fanelli and Stormer all had two hits. Tanner went six and a third innings for the win, striking out 10.

The Shamrocks are 3-0 and host Franklin Central on Tuesday for their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season.

Hamilton Heights was dealt a frustrating defeat on Friday, losing 6-4 at Lapel.

The Huskies got out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Lily Cash singled in Hannah Dent for the first run, then Kaylee Rhonston blasted a home run into center field to score herself and Cash.

The Bulldogs scored a run in the second inning, then added two runs in the fourth inning to tie the game at 3-3. Cassidy Schakel got Heights in front 4-3 with a fifth-inning RBI double to score Cash. But Laylah won the game in the seventh inning with a walk off three-run home run. Tatum Harper and Ava Everman hit back-to-back singles, then Laylah Gore sent them all home with a left field homer.

Cash finished the game with two hits. Lily Roush pitched a complete game, striking out nine.

The Huskies are 1-1 and play their next game Thursday, April 4 at Anderson.

Noblesville keeps the heat on Center Grove, falls 14-10

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE – On a chilly Friday night, the Noblesville softball team gave a little bit of heat to one of Indiana's highly-ranked teams.

The Millers took on Class 4A No. 3 Center Grove at Miller Park. The Trojans went up big in the second inning before Noblesville made a comeback and turned it into a back-and-forth contest. Center Grove pulled away in the seventh inning to win 14-10, but the Millers proved they could stay with a tough opponent.

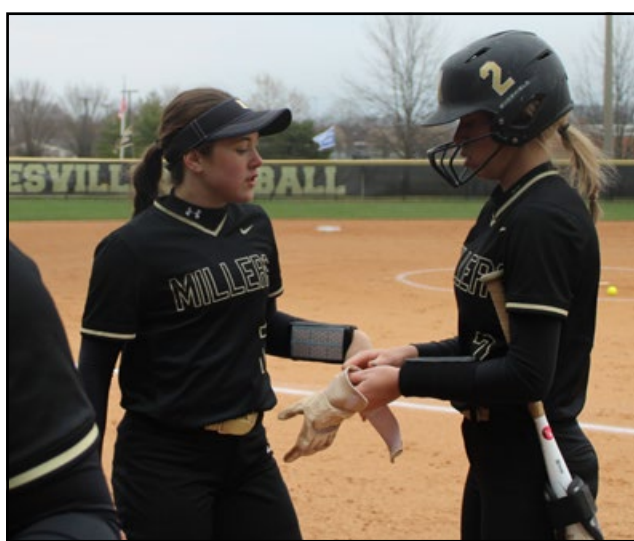
"We competed great tonight," said Noblesville coach Deke Bullard. "I'm proud of the girl. They never didn't fight. We could have easily packed up our tents in

the second inning when they went up 6-2. And we didn't."

The Millers actually led 2-0 in the bottom of the first inning after Mack Harvey hit a home run into left field, also scoring Gabby Fowler (who we will be hearing more from in a little bit). The two had earlier combined for a double play in the top of the inning.

The Trojans let loose for six runs in the top of the second, including a two-run homer. But Noblesville worked its way back in the game, thanks to Fowler. She hit a center field home run in the bottom of the third to cut the CG lead to 6-4. Nevaeh Nash led off the inning with a single and went home on Fowler's blast.

Fowler homered again in the fourth inning, also scoring Delaney Rundle, and



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Addi Emerson (left) gives encouragement to Nevaeh Nash before her at-bat during the Millers' Friday game with Center Grove.

that tied the game at 6-6. Harvey came up next and was intentionally walked -- then went to second and third bases on wild pitches.

Addi Emerson singled her home to give the Millers a 7-6 lead.

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Lacrosse

Roundup: GC girls hammer Rocks, Royal girls knock out Center Grove, Tiger girls take down North Central, Westfield boys pummel Park Tudor

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team won an all-county game over Westfield 13-3 on Thursday.

Katherine Constantino scored three goals for the Golden Eagles. Gabby Deer, Alex Soucie and Jane Cline each added two goals, followed by one apiece for Catherine Sawyer, Sarah Jacoby, Sophia Gavin and Lila Jones. Deer also had one assist. Soucie collected three ground balls.

Westfield stats were not available.

The Golden Eagles are 8-1 and travel to Zionsville on Tuesday. The Shamrocks are 3-2 and play

Tuesday at Cathedral.

Hamilton Southeastern's girls beat Center Grove 9-6 on Thursday.

Jessie Lyons led the Royals scoring with three goals. Evelyn Armstrong, Sidney Sloan, Reese Bradley, Reagan Janes, Olivia Bradley and Sarah Gastineau all scored one. Gastineau dished out two assists, followed by one each from Samantha Kim and Lyons.

Emma Johnson had 11 saves as goalkeeper.

Southeastern is 3-1 and plays two home games today. The Royals host Heritage Christian at 11:30 a.m. and Penn at 4:30 p.m.

Fishers' girls beat North Central 10-7 on Thursday for their first win of the season.

Greta Scott dominated the game with five goals, followed by two for Anna Mayer. Maddie Fahner, Zoey Newell and Finley Banasiak each scored one. Amy Cooke collected four ground balls, while goalkeeper Megan Goshorn had seven saves.

The Tigers are 1-2 and are off until Friday, April 12 when they host Bloomington.

The Westfield boys team beat Park Tudor 15-2 on Friday.

Lucas Smaagaard led

the Shamrocks' offense with four goals. Owen Foreman, Jackson Gilbert, Zach Lunsford and Theo Dager all scored two goals, followed by one each for Tyler Brown, Keegan Krupp and Kyle Lienhart. Foreman, Lunsford, Krupp and Smaagaard all had one assist.

Westfield had 35 ground balls as a team. Hunter Jones collected six, while Brown and Lunsford each picked up four. Foreman, Zeke Richardson and Dager all scooped up three. Spencer Ellis had three goalkeeper saves.

The Shamrocks are 4-1 and host Cathedral on Tuesday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23

BOYS LACROSSE

Carmel at East Grand Rapids, noon

GIRLS LACROSSE

Heritage Christian at Hamilton Southeastern, 11:30 a.m.

Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy at Carmel, noon

Penn at Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hoosier State Relays at Indiana State Fairgrounds

Large schools, 9 a.m.

Small schools, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25

BASEBALL

Noblesville at Cincinnati St. Xavier, 5 p.m.

Chesterton at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Fishers vs. Homestead, 6 p.m. at Taylor University

Westfield at North Central, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Fishers at Center Grove, 6 p.m.

Plainfield at Carmel, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Westfield at Plainfield, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hamilton Southeastern boys at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Westfield girls at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Fishers at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

BASEBALL

Chesterton at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

Frankton at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Zionsville, 7 p.m.

Carmel at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m.

Heritage Christian at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.

Avon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Franklin Central at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Greenfield-Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Jasper at Carmel, 5:15 p.m.

Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

North Central girls at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7 p.m.

Carmel at North Central, 7 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7 p.m.

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SUPREME

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate players. A panel of 22 IBCA coaches -- 16 from the current regional areas plus six district representatives (two each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3) and the committee chairman -- then meet to review the nominations, vote and finalize the selections. The committee chairman, former West Lafayette coach David Wood, presided over the meeting but did not vote.

Those on the IBCA boys' all-state committee for 2024 included Chris Benedict of Whitko and Alaa Mrouch

of East Chicago Central from District 1, Daniel Cox of New Castle and Tyler Scherer of McCutcheon from District 2 and Kyle Simpson (for J.R. Holmes) of Bloomington South and Fonso White of Floyd Central from District 3.

Completing the voting panel were Mike Hackett of Munster, Ryan Osborn of Carmel, Chris Hawkins of Indianapolis Attucks and Nathan Fleenor of Evansville Harrison in Class 4A; Aaron Wolfe of Northwood, Matt Kostoff of Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Bobby Allen of Guerin

Catholic and Gene Miller of Washington in Class 3A; Kent Chezem of North Judson, Matt Luce of Wapahani, Mark James of Triton Central and David Benter of Brownstown Central in Class 2A; and Kevin Krieger of Morgan Township, Cory Dunn of Rossville, Remus Woods of Indianapolis Lutheran and Josh Thompson of Barr-Reeve in Class A.

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The IBCA thanks Franciscan Health Sports Medicine for being a partner in this annual project.

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HEAT

Both teams got hot at the plate after that. Center Grove went up 8-7 in the top of the fifth with an RBI single and sacrifice fly. Noblesville took the lead back in the bottom of the fifth, jumping ahead 9-8: Macie Duvall scored when Makayla Jacquay reached on error, then Jacquay later got home on a Rundle single.

A two-run single pushed the Trojans ahead 10-9 in the top of the sixth. The Millers tied the game at 10-10 in the bottom of the inning, with Duvall scoring again after Chloe Vetter hit a sacrifice fly. But the Trojans ran away with the seventh inning, putting up four runs.

Nash, Fowler, Harvey

and Duvall all had two hits. Fowler totaled four RBIs for the game. Emme Yee pitched five and a third innings in relief, striking out five.

Noblesville has scored 25 runs in its first two games; the Millers totaled 13 runs against Western Boone in their Tuesday opener.

"If you're putting up that many runs, you're going to have some chances to win," said Bullard. "We definitely are not disappointed in our performance tonight. We'll take that and build on that and go into Tuesday and play another very talented Avon team that's going to be tough to play in our first (Hoosier Crossroads) Conference game."

The Millers will host Avon, with the first pitch at 6 p.m.

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