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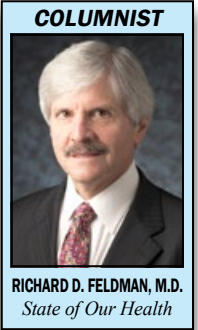
Today: Partly sunny morning. Mostly sunny afternoon.
Tonight: Clear.
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(From left) Former Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and Pastor Teri Ditslear, Board Member Mary Lou Finchum, and Executive Director Anita Hagen spoke of the great work Hamilton County Harvest does to serve the community.

Corporatized medicine: bad for patients & physicians alike

The corporatization of medicine. It can't be good for patients. I know it's not good for physicians.



The corporatization of medicine removes much of the essential autonomy of physicians. According to the Physician's Advocacy Institute, almost 75 percent of physicians in the U.S. are now employed with half of all physician practices owned by hospital systems (for-profit and non-profit), large insurance companies, private-equity businesses, hedge funds, large physician-owned corporations, and others.

Employed physicians, especially primary care doctors, are mainly evaluated and paid on the basis of productivity. The more patients a provider sees, the more revenue generated, and the greater worth the provider has to the corporation. Quality care and patient satisfaction are relatively small parts. Ever wonder why your physician has very limited time to listen and address your medical concerns? That's likely why.

Medscape Medical News reports that 10 percent of U.S. physicians are either employed by or work under the control of the parent company of UnitedHealthcare — just one of the insurance companies employing physicians.

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Fighting the perception that no one in county goes hungry

The REPORTER

The 2024 Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Annual Meeting, held March 19 at the Delaware Township Community Center, was a resounding success.

The Hamilton County Food Support Network was well represented at the event, along with community leaders, volunteers, and those interested in ending hunger in the community. The Carmel Culinary Students under Chef Nick Carter and Chaya Reich provided all attendees with appetizers and desert.

HCH Board President Kathy Young welcomed all, and Executive Director Anita Hagen shared highlights and the following key items of impact:



People from across the county gathered at the Delaware Township Community Center to hear about the successes of Hamilton County Harvest over the past year.

• More than 22,370 individuals are food insecure in Hamilton County. As the population grows, so does the number of hungry people. Over 72 percent of these people are likely ineligible for federal nutrition programs per Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap.

• A total of 150,423 meals, a 25 percent increase from the previous year, provided in 2023 through the Food Bank at a cost of \$309,438.

• Network services provided to 45 separate LOCAL organizations with 32 of these receiving food at an average annual cost of \$9,679 per pantry or program.

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Raining eggs: crowds brave cold for Westfield's annual Egg Drop

By AMY ADAMS

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The Westfield Easter Egg Drop on Saturday, March 23, marked the 12th year of the tradition, with anywhere from 50,000 to 70,000 eggs being dropped from a helicopter or scattered on the fields at Grand Park Sports Campus.

Around 2,500 pre-registered kids and family members braved the unseasonably cold day either in the morning or afternoon to gather eggs as well as enjoy bounce houses, games, face painting, and more — all for free. An added surprise this year, two helicopters, rather than the one used in the past, dropped eggs during each event. Then, once kids gathered eggs, they could turn them in for a gift bag filled with candy and prizes. The



(ABOVE LEFT) Jackson Snyder enjoys chasing bubbles. (ABOVE CENTER) Blake Petesch is ready to gather eggs. (ABOVE RIGHT) Event volunteer Gabe Goddard gets carried away with the Easter bunny.

eggs are collected, stored, and reused, with the addition of around 5,000 eggs each year.

"The Easter Egg Drop is one of NSpire Church's big-

gest and most long-standing community events," Senior Pastor Matt Gaylor said.

"Spire means life, breath, wind, or spirit. As a church,

we want to breathe life into the community. It's a way to love our neighbors."

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Newly processed archival collections feature women of the Great American Songbook

The REPORTER

Items telling the stories of pioneering women artists such as Diahann Carroll and Mitzi Gaynor are among the 37 historical collections processed last year by staff at the Great American Songbook Foundation's Songbook Library & Archives.

Founded in 2008, the Songbook Library & Archives has become a major repository for the preservation of artifacts and arrangements from the 20th century foundational era of American popular music. The collections attract musicians and scholars from around the world and provide content for the Foundation's gallery exhibits and educational programs.

Collections typically are donated by the artists themselves, their families and estates, and

other researchers and historical organizations. After a collection is received, the processing includes rehousing the items in archival folders and boxes, creating inventory lists for each box and folder, creating a "finding aid" for the collection, and gathering additional information on the person in question as well as the donor, said Emily Rapoza, director of the Songbook Library & Archives.

The process has become more efficient in recent years with staff additions including Music Librarian Anna LoPrete, responsible for sheet music and arrangements, and Processing Archivist Elisabeth Hedges, who handles other items from the collections. Researchers can look through the contents via the Songbook Foundation's



The Songbook Library & Archives includes the Mitzi Gaynor Collection, donated by the acclaimed singer, actress and dancer.

website, TheSongbook.org, and contact the staff for more information.

"We have a great team in

place now, and we're really seeing the results," Rapoza said.

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Hamilton County cities encourage eclipse safety

The REPORTER

Health officials in Hamilton County are stressing the importance of eye safety during the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The Hamilton County and Fishers health departments are working to ensure residents don't get burned by long-term damage from the celestial event.

"Everyone should wear solar viewing glasses with ISO 12312-2 throughout the event," said Jim Ginder, health education specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department. "Viewing the partial phases of the eclipse with the naked eye can result in serious eye damage, including retinal burns."

Symptoms of retinal burns include loss of central vision, distorted vision, altered



Ginder

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Robert McNamara, M.D., emergency physician and cofounder of Take Medicine Back, is quoted in the same *Medscape* article, "To have the doctors now working for the insurance industry conflicts with a physician's duty to put the patient first."

The business of medicine has become very complicated, expensive, financially risky, and very challenging for private-practice physicians. Corporatization provides capital investment, greater financial stability, business expertise, and market leverage for reimbursement and attracting patients. But there is a price paid.

Corporatization wouldn't be necessarily bad if it operated on the highest ethical and moral ground. But it doesn't. Employed physicians are increasingly pressured directly or indirectly to alter their medical care to maximize the bottom line. Corporations taking control of clinical operations is not always consistent with preserving the traditional healing role of the physician and the time-honored doctor-patient relationship.

It is commonly thought that half of physicians are "burned out" from long hours worked, loss of practice control, productivity pressures, and the burdens and the complexities of contemporary medical practice, much of which exacerbated by corporatization.

On top of burnout, many physicians suffer from "moral injury," well-articulated in a New York Times Magazine article, "The Moral Crisis of America's Doctors." They're struggling, discouraged, and frustrated

that they have violated their physician core values in fulfilling the expectations of a corporate-dominated profit-driven healthcare system that values revenue over providing the best care to sick vulnerable patients. Patients are too often denied the care they deserve and need. Physicians under the productivity gun are unable to spend sufficient time with their patients and to be sensitive to their needs. The article explains that physicians "feel complicit in the betrayal of patients."

The corporate takeover in health care causes ethical and moral dilemmas for providers. Physicians are trained in an ethos of service. The needs of patients always come first, and financial benefit should not be in the equation.

There are a very few bright spots. The corporate model of "value-based care" and the "direct care" model of private practice provide more emphasis on quality and personalized care.

Legislation loosening corporate control may help. But ultimately, until our healthcare system drastically changes from volume-based to quality-based, nothing will change.

As my colleague, Dr. David Blank wrote me recently, "Physicians seem to have lost our place as the captains of the ship. I hope we don't get stuck just rowing down in the galley, chained to our oars."

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

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Photo provided
Carmel High School Culinary students along with Chef Nick Carter and sponsor Chaya Reich.

- A total of 305 volunteers provided 4,859 hours of service, an increase of 17 percent over the previous year.

- Produce and meat distributions increased by 48 percent and 41 percent, respectively, year to year.

Board Members and Staff Amy Englert, Mary Lou Finchum, Janet Gafkjen, and Alan Ariel spoke about the Board Listening Visits and upcoming Strategic Plan Goals for 2024-2026. Included were the areas of Community Education and Outreach, Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy, and Operational Infrastructure and Sustainability.

Board Vice President

Alan Ariel highlighted HCH's need to find a new home to co-locate its spaces in 2024 and more fully serve the Food Support Network of Hamilton County for the future.

Former Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and Pastor Teri Ditslear spoke of their many years of support for the Food Bank via donations, volunteering and advocacy and urged all in attendance to consider how they can help as we work towards lowering the level of food insecurity locally and NOW.

Suzanna Hobson and Christina Ferroli were elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Retir-

ing Board President Kathy Young and Longtime Bookkeeper Larry Hopp were honored for their dedication and service. [Click here](#) to see the 2024 Annual Report.

For more information on any of the Food Bank's activities, go to HCHFood-Bank.org or contact Anita Hagen at hamiltoncounty-harvest@gmail.com.



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(ABOVE) Nancy Smith and Bob Killmer. (BELOW) Suzanna Hobson, Christina Ferroli, and Kathy Young.



Photo provided
HCH Food Bank truck at the annual meeting.




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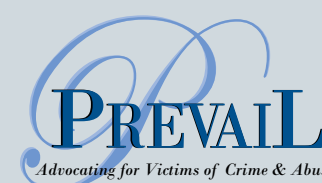
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EGG DROP



(ABOVE LEFT) It takes between 50,000 and 70,000 plastic Easter eggs to make the Egg Drop a success. (ABOVE RIGHT) Avery Cordell has her face painted by Girl Scout Troop 1621 volunteer Corgan Sprunger.

To pull off the event, Gaylor said it took more than 100 volunteers from their three campuses, as well as sponsors Chick-Fil-A, All Dry Water & Mold Remediation, Central Indiana Insulation, Garage Doors of Indianapolis, Azure Plastic Surgery &

Med Spa, Beau Benjamin Realty Group, Academy Chariot Automotive Group, Hoosier Spray Foam, Pro X Development, Shiners' Club Preschool, Texas Roadhouse, Dean Ballenger Auto Home Life, Gaylor Contracting, and Conforti Photography.

NSpire Church Westfield is located at 18097 Sun Park Drive. The church also holds a Sunday service in Tipton at the CW Mount Community Center and a Spanish-speaking service, known as NSpire Iglesia, at the Westfield location. Easter services will be held

at the Westfield location at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, in Westfield and in Tipton. NSpire Iglesia will meet on Easter Sunday at 4 p.m. in Westfield. For more information, visit nspire.church.

SAFETY

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color vision, blind spots, and increased sensitivity to light. Symptoms can occur anywhere from 12 to 24 hours after exposure. Anyone experiencing symptoms should seek immediate medical attention.



Heltz

"Regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, do not offer sufficient protection for viewing the sun," said Monica Heltz, public health director at the Fishers Health Department. "Sight-seers should also refrain from capturing the eclipse through a camera, binoculars, or a telescope without certified solar filters."

Health officials also warn that traffic congestion during the total solar eclipse could slow emergency response teams. They encourage anyone attending a large event to pack emergency supplies such as first aid kits and rescue medications (e.g. epi pen, nitroglycerin, naloxone), and to locate emergency stations (including AED locations) upon arrival.

Residents can view safety and preparation resources, including locations to secure certified eclipse glasses, at VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

WOMEN

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"Almost daily, our people are discovering new gems in the collections and making them widely available to anyone with an interest in this rich musical history."

The newly processed collections include items from the careers and lives of:

Diahann Carroll (1935-2019)

Actress, singer, and activist who broke barriers as the first black woman to win a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical (*No Strings*) and the first to star in a TV series (*Julia*) in a nontraditional role.

Collection includes: arrangements of signature songs including "Come Rain or Come Shine," "A Sleepin' Bee" and "A Natural Woman," as well as a medley of Beatles songs and arrangements for performances with Dionne Warwick and Vic Damone.

Mitzi Gaynor (b. 1931)

Actress, singer, and dancer with credits including the movie musicals *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *South Pacific*, *Anything Goes* and *The Joker is Wild*, as well as hosting several iconic TV variety specials in the 1960s and 1970s.

Collection includes: musical arrangements of classic songs for Gaynor's TV specials and nightclub performances.

Patricia Wilson (1929-2022)

Actress who gained early fame on Broadway in *Fiorello!* and numerous Rodgers and Hammerstein



Singer Connie Boswell (right) of the Boswell Sisters chats with actress Bonita Granville in a 1942 promotional photo from the Songbook Library & Archives.

shows before moving on to TV and film work including *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *Days of Our Lives*, *The Nutty Professor* and *A League of Their Own*.

Collection includes: manuscripts, sheet music, and audio-visual materials she collected throughout her life.

Boswell Sisters Research Collection

Close-harmony vocal group from New Orleans known for 1930s hits such as "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and "When I Take My Sugar to Tea." Connie (or Connee) Boswell went on to sing in numerous Hollywood films and often performed and recorded with Bing Crosby.

Collection includes: au-

dio and video recordings and newspaper and magazine clippings about their career.

About the Great American Songbook Foundation

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating America's timeless popular music, including standards from the worlds of jazz, Broadway and Hollywood. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers in the Songbook Library & Archives; operating

a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum. More information is available at TheSongbook.org.

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Waters Edge first egg hunt was so cold, even the bunny wore a coat!



The Waters Edge at Springmill Trails neighborhood in Westfield held its first Easter Egg Hunt, and it was great success. Although chilly, the weather was beautiful and many children and families came to see how many eggs they could gather.

Janus gets \$6K grant from Everwise Foundation

The REPORTER

Janus Developmental Services, Inc. has received a \$6,000 grant from the Everwise Foundation. This gift will help Ja-

nus provide support to youth in Hamilton County for life skills such as financial education, financial safety training, and workforce development oppor-

tunities. These are skills for everyone to learn so they are able to successfully live their best lives and be as independent as possible. This grant will

help to change lives.

Learn more about Janus at janus-inc.org. You can find out more about the Everwise Foundation at [this link](#).

Noblesville's own Rick Phillips receives National Volunteer Award for Exemplary Service to the arthritis community

The REPORTER

The Arthritis Foundation recently presented its Champion Awards to outstanding volunteer leaders from around the country who have made a significant impact on the arthritis community through their volunteerism.

Lawrence "Rick" Phillips of Noblesville is among the 2024 Arthritis Foundation Champion award winners. The awards were presented during the Foundation's Pathways conference on March 8 in metro Washington, D.C.

Phillips's experience living with chronic illness began in his teens when he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Today, he lives with rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylarthritis in addition to diabetes. He uses his experience to make a difference for people across the country through his volunteerism, advocacy, engagement, and voice.

On a national level, Phillips is active in multiple patient engagement projects, including serving as a committee member on a project done in partnership with the Arthritis Foundation and Brigham & Women's Hospital. Rick has served on multiple patient panels at Pathways Conferences on the importance of patient engagement, and more.

"Rick is one of the Arthritis Foundation's most vocal and dedicated volunteers," said Steve Taylor, president and CEO of the Arthritis Foundation. "He uses his voice and experience to further the priorities and core values of the organization in every volunteer role he holds. Because of this passion, others have found their



Photo provided

way to solace and comfort in the Foundation."

Locally, Phillips raises funds for Jingle Bell Run and in 2023 he was responsible for securing a Jingle Bell Run Corporate Chair who raised \$42,000 – financial support that had an enormous impact. He has also personally donated and raised funds for both the Jingle Bell Run and Walk to Cure Arthritis. He was also recently appointed to the FDA's Arthritis Medications Advisory Committee, where he's using his voice and experiences to push for more, better, cheaper drugs.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation is fighting for all people who live with arthritis. As Champions of Yes, the Arthritis Foundation has a mission to turn the obstacles arthritis causes into opportunities. The Arthritis Foundation champions life-changing solutions and medical advancements, and it also provides ways for people to connect, break down barriers in healthcare and join the fight to conquer arthritis – uniting hearts, minds, and resources to change the future of arthritis. To join the fight to conquer arthritis, visit arthritis.org.

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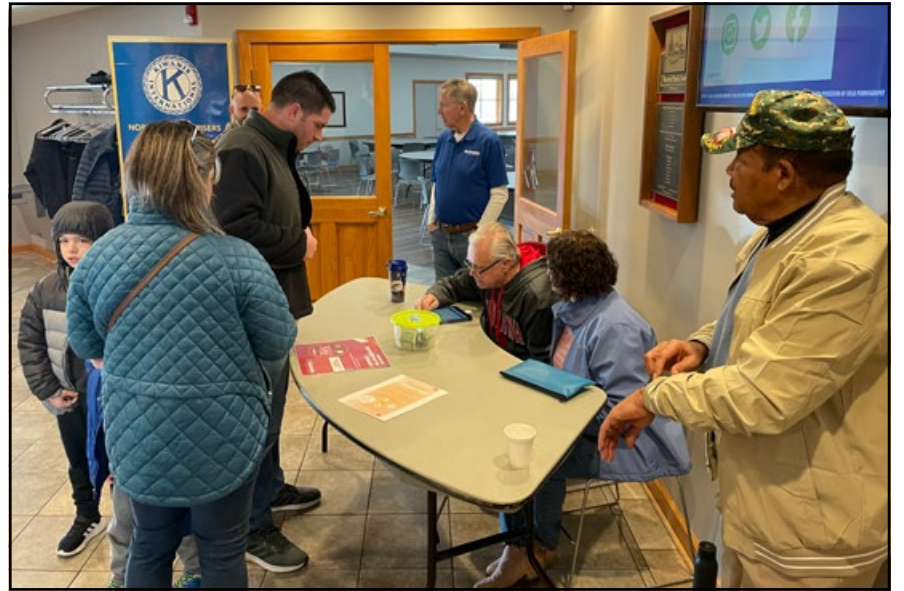
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Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers & Key Club team up to serve community



Photos provided by Noblesville Kiwanis

On Saturday, March 23, the Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers held a Pancake Breakfast before the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Forest Park. Members of the community were served the signature Kiwanis pancakes and sausage breakfast and enjoyed a visit with the Easter Bunny. Several members of the Noblesville High School Key Club volunteered their morning to serve the breakfast. The Key Club is a great community service club with well over 125 high school members at NHS. The Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers are planning to be back again next Spring. Until then, you can find them on Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. at Ginger's Cafe for their weekly meetings with special guest speakers and planning the next community pancake breakfast. (TOP LEFT) Noblesville High School Key Club members with Kiwanis Sunrisers Mark Saxhaug, Dan Stevens, Roger Brown, Alaina Shonkwiler, Jim Grabowski, Jerry Hochstetler, Ted Mahnensmith, and Jerry Schlensker. Not pictured: Elvis Douglas, Tom Gang, and Heidi Henry. (TOP RIGHT) Kiwanis Sunrisers Ted Mahnensmith, Tom Gang, Heidi Henry, and Elvis Douglas.

Experience solar eclipse at Conner Prairie family-friendly educational activities

The REPORTER

There is still time to get tickets for Conner Prairie's Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Festival.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, April 8, families can take part in the fun activities at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Tickets are \$40 for members and \$55 for non-members. [Click here](#) for tickets.

Hosted by Rick Cross-

lin, district scientist-in-residence at MSD Wayne Township. Conner Prairie guests will be guided through the science behind the eclipse.

Learn about what life was like living and working in space from Hoosier astronaut Mark Brown. Brown spent time as an Air Force fighter pilot, engineer, NASA astronaut, NASA manager, and corporate manager. After more than 20 years in the Air Force,

he flew in two space shuttle missions in 1984 and 1989. He also served on the Challenger Accident Investigation team and was the senior astronaut on the International Space Station program until he retired in 1993.

See a special "camera obscura" built on site at Conner Prairie that families can walk into to view the eclipse.

There will be special hands-on activities for kids

will focus on the science of shadow and light. There will also be live music, dance performances, food, drinks, and so much more. Old favorites like Prairietown will also be open during the festival.

All ticketholders age 2 and older will receive a pair of complimentary eclipse glasses.

Learn more at connerprairie.org/solareclipse2024.



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.



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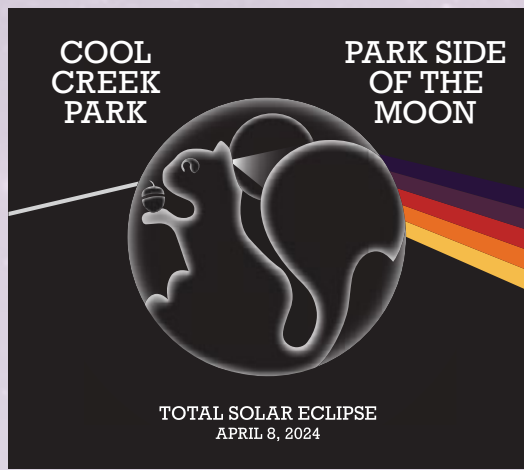
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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)

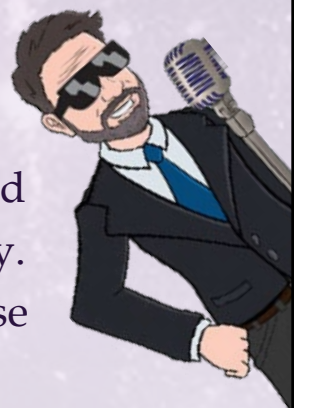
Invited artisans will be selling crafts and wares while respected eclipse expert W. Keith Turner presents fascinating eclipse programming. Guitarist Robin Harrison will set the eclipse to music. Special activities and the Duke Energy Nature Education Trailer will be part of the celebration. For-purchase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



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



Who says Noblesville isn't country? Certainly not the Grand Ole Opry!



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools Noblesville High School varsity show choirs New Dimension and Singers have had an exciting weekend performing on stage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Both groups took fifth place in their divisions at Show Choir Nationals. Senior Sarah Rolinson was named best female soloist and The Main Event won best band. (ABOVE) Lilah Cross with New Dimension. (RIGHT) Ray Kenley and Sarah Rolinson with Singers.



Delightful morning awaits at Carmel Lions Club's annual pancake breakfast

Submitted by Denisse Jensen Carmel Lions Club

Get ready to indulge in a morning filled with delicious treats and heartfelt generosity at the Carmel Lions Club's annual Pancake Breakfast. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20, from 8 to 11 a.m., at the Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St., Carmel.

This year's Pancake Breakfast promises an array of mouthwatering options to satisfy every palate. Attendees can choose between two enticing dining experiences:

- **Dine-In Option:** Indulge in our all-you-can-eat pancakes extravaganza, now with a new addition: biscuits and gravy! Treat your taste buds to a delightful array of flavors while enjoying the warm camaraderie of fellow community members.

- **Drive-Thru/Carry-Out:** Can't stay? No problem! Opt for the convenient drive-thru or carry-out service. Choose between our delicious pancakes or the savory biscuits and gravy to enjoy on the go.

- Pricing per person:
 - Adults (13 and older): \$10 at the door or grab your

tickets in advance for just \$8. Preorders start April 1 at carmellions.org.

- Children (3-12 years): \$5
- Under 3: Eat for FREE!

All proceeds from this event go towards supporting the charitable initiatives of the Carmel Lions Club.

In the spirit of giving back, the Carmel Lions Club is collecting personal care items for veterans. Your contribution can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have served our country. Let's show them appreciation and support!

"We're excited to once again host our beloved Pancake Breakfast event," said Kyle Rich, Lion Member and Pancake Event Chair at Carmel Lions Club. "It's a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy delicious food, and support a great cause."

Come hungry, leave happy, and be a part of this wonderful community gathering. The Lions can't wait to see you there.

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April 14 at 12:30 p.m.

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Step for an unforgettable 90-minute journey that's as enchanting as the celestial event to come. Passengers may choose between a whiskey or wine tasting to enjoy during this unique train ride. Sit back, sip on a drink while enjoying the scenery from our historic train car.

April 7 at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

NickelPlateExpress.com

Murder Under the Big Top

A family-friendly murder mystery where the passengers will be the actors!

April 6 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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WHO IS JESUS...

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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.

Holy Week

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!

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.

Letter to the Editor

Reader thanks State Sen. Kyle Walker for 'no' vote on HB 1412

Dear Editor:

We Hoosiers care deeply about animals, from our state's wildlife to the companions snoozing at our feet.

In fact, several towns across the state have taken a stand against the inhumane puppy mill industry by passing measures banning the retail sale of dogs. This action addressed the fact that the overwhelming majority of puppies for sale in pet stores come from mills where dogs are cruelly bred and treated.

However, the recently signed **HB 1412** will reverse this crucial work by voiding all local ordinances prohibiting the sale of puppies at pet stores. The passage of HB 1412 is disheartening to those of us who champion the wellbeing of animals – but it has also revealed which legislators share our humane values.

I am proud to say that my legislator, State Senator Kyle Walker, voted against HB 1412, using his voice to protect companion animals.

As a voter who pays close attention, actions like this stand out. When Senator Walker is up for re-election, this is certainly something I'll remember. In the meantime, please join me in thanking Senator Walker for his pro-animal action this session as we continue to fight for a more humane Indiana.

Samantha Chapman

Humane Society Legislative Fund
Indiana State Director

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Hamilton County Community Foundation makes \$240K multi-year investment in two local nonprofits

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) has announced an investment of \$240,000 over three years in support of two not-for-profit organizations dedicated to enhancing the well-being of Hamilton County residents.

"The two not-for-profits we selected to receive this funding are both highly unique and enhance the lives of our Hamilton County neighbors in ways rarely seen at this scale," HCCF President Tom Kilian said. "By investing these unrestricted funds over three years, Hamilton County Community Foundation is helping drive sustained impact and operational longevity for these not-for-profits and ultimately for those they serve."

Originally intending to offer a single grant of \$40,000 over three years, the HCCF board of directors approved the grants committee recommendation to expand its support and award two multi-year grants to the top finalists, acknowledging the deeper impact and relationship that can be made when embracing the core tenet of trust-based philanthropy – multi-year, unrestricted grants.

The two grant recipients are Invest Hamilton County and Trinity Free Clinic.

Invest Hamilton County
Invest Hamilton County is an economic de-



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velopment driver for the county. It convenes and collaborates with partners to address critical community challenges, including re-entry, behavioral health, childcare and workforce development, to ensure that every person in Hamilton County has a pathway to a fulfilling life.

Invest Hamilton County leverages its deep expertise in securing federal funding and strategic partnerships to amplify the impact of the funding it receives. For every \$1 in operational support received, Invest Hamilton County has raised more than \$4 to support programming and sends more than \$2 back into partnering community organizations.

"This support from HCCF will impact dozens of non-profit, educational, civic, and business partners, while also helping to scale and sustain impactful training programs and community initiatives in areas like child care, disability employment, mental health, re-entry, and K-12

education," Invest Hamilton County President & CEO Mike Thibideau said. "Through intentional collaboration, evidence-based innovation, and a passion for action, we will build paths that allow every person in Hamilton County to live the best life they can."

Trinity Free Clinic

Serving uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents of Hamilton County, Trinity Free Clinic provides essential medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health services with dignity and respect. Trinity Free Clinic plays a vital role in addressing healthcare disparities and preventing individuals from falling into extreme poverty due to healthcare expenses. By ensuring that all members of the community have access to the care they need to thrive, Trinity Free Clinic's mission intersects with HCCF's mission to bring equitable opportunities for prosperity.

"Nearly 35,000 people in Hamilton County cannot afford needed health ser-

vices and risk being pushed into extreme poverty due to lack of healthcare access and healthcare debt," Trinity Free Clinic Executive Director Mel Wischmeyer said. "We have been the safety net clinic for low-income and uninsured individuals in Hamilton County for nearly 25 years. These stable, multi-year funds will allow Trinity to go deeper in researching and addressing health equity and access in Hamilton County, including the nearly 50,000 Hamilton County residents enrolled in Medicaid who have difficulty accessing care close to home."

Through these investments, HCCF leads the charge in supporting organizations that foster a resilient and equitable community. These investments also continue the legacy of multi-year grants from the Foundation that have supported innovative organizations and programs in the past, including Hamilton County Youth Assistance, Shepherd's Center for Hamilton County Reaching Resources, and the Westfield YMCA.

HCCF was established in 1991 to inspire philanthropy while helping people enhance their family and charitable legacies in tax-smart ways. Learn more at HamiltonCountyCommunityFoundation.org.

Rep. Spartz encourages submissions for Congressional Art Competition

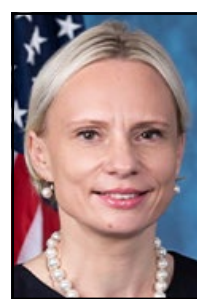
The REPORTER

Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) announced on Monday the 2024 Congressional Art Competition. Started in 1982 by the U.S. House of Representatives, this annual competition highlights high school students' artistic works from across the country.

"Indiana's Fifth Dis-

trict is filled with many young, talented artists, and I'm looking forward to seeing all the creative submissions in this year's Congressional Art Competition," Rep. Spartz said.

"Art is an important part of a well-rounded educa-



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tion, so I strongly encourage interested high school students to participate in this competition."

For more information, including submission guidelines, important dates, and staff contact in-

formation, [click here](#).

The first-place winner's submission will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, along with other winners nationwide, for one year.

Carmel High School junior Maya Bhagwat won first place in the 2023 competition with her work titled *Indian-American Oil on Canvas*.

Live Music March 29 - Midnight Smith
Open Mic Tuesdays 7-10 p.m.
Trivia Wednesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Keyboardist Dave Lowe every Thursday 6-9 p.m.
Patsy's Pub
17419 Suite C, Carey Rd., Westfield
317.867.0397

Live Music At Pasto Italiano
Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday (1/2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays)
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Tickets are still available for Westfield Chamber golf outing

The REPORTER

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

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

About the course

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

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

Golfer information

There are a limited number of spots available to participate as a golfer in



WESTFIELD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

this year's outing, so please **register soon**.

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

Available packages

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

- **Individual Golfer** (\$400 Partner / \$650 Non-Partner) one player included; will be assigned to a team to create a foursome. Shared golf cart.

Click here to golf. Email info@westfieldchamberindy.com with any registration questions.

Sponsorship opportunities

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

Volunteer at the outing

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

Need eclipse glasses?

Places to purchase glasses: Free glasses in Westfield:

- All Things Carmel
- Cicero Market
- Cool Creek Park – Nature Center
- Kits & Kaboodle, Carmel
- Harbour Market, Noblesville
- Noble Eyes
(across from Hamilton Town Center)
- Noblesville Ace Hardware Store
- Noblesville Creates
- Nickel Plate Express, Hobbs Station
(on days when there are train rides)
- Market on Main, Tipton
- Schoolhouse 7 Cafe, Fishers

Solar eclipse viewing glasses available for pickup during regular business hours. Glasses are free and limited to four per family while supplies last.

Residents are asked to show proof of address.

- Centier Bank: 3002 State Road 32
- City of Westfield City Services: 2728 E 171st Street
- Community First Bank: 381 South Junction Crossing
- Community First Bank: 707 East State Road 32
- Grand Park Events Center: 19000 Grand Park Boulevard
- Dean Ballenger Agency: 14767 Oak Road, Suite 100
- The Farmers Bank: 360 Tricia Lane
- Westfield Fire Department: 17001 Ditch Road
- Westfield Police Department: 17535 Dartown Road
- Westfield Washington Public Library: 333 Hoover Street
- Wittler Orthodontics: 534 E Main Street

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

Suzanne Crouch receives perfect 'A' rating from NRA

Submitted

Suzanne Crouch, a Republican candidate for Governor in Indiana, has been awarded a perfect 'A' rating from the National Rifle Association (NRA) for her steadfast advocacy of the Second Amendment.



Crouch

in their lifetimes and said that she was among those women.

"I was working as a realtor in my mid-20s when a man put a gun to my head and said, 'We can do this the easy way or the hard way,'" Crouch said. "This harrowing incident reinforced my belief in the fundamental right to self-defense. It is imperative that every Hoosier has the means to protect themselves."

Crouch's dedication to safeguarding citizens' liberties has garnered widespread support, with over 150 grassroots leaders and more than 20 county sheriffs endorsing her gubernatorial campaign since its inception in December 2022.

Crouch's commitment to Indiana's prosperity also includes her pledge to eliminate the state's individual income tax, a measure that would save the average Hoosier \$2,000 in state taxes.

You can learn more about "Axe the Tax" [here](#).

Learn more about the candidate at [CrouchForIndiana.com](#).

"As a gun owner and proud member of the NRA, I am honored to receive this perfect rating from the NRA, reflecting my unwavering commitment to protecting our Second Amendment rights," Crouch said.

This includes her support of Indiana's constitutional carry law, which eliminates background checks and firearm registration while maintaining safeguards against those prohibited from carrying firearms.

"As governor, I will remain committed to championing every Hoosier's constitutional right to carry, especially women's right to self-defense," Crouch said.

Crouch highlighted alarming data showing that 50 percent of women will be sexually assaulted

Indiana & Arkansas co-lead 18 other states & D.C. in calling on Congress to fix hazy language in Farm Bill

Language designed to help farmers has been exploited to harm consumers

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin are co-leading 18 other states plus the District of Columbia in a **bipartisan effort to call on Congress** to fix language in the 2018 Farm Bill, which they say bad actors have used to flood the market with unregulated intoxicating hemp.

"This legislation was supposed to boost industrial hemp as an agricultural commodity," AG Rokita said. "That's a goal that Hoosiers support without

reservation. We're talking about a plant that can be used to make auto parts, biodegradable plastic, biofuel, paper, textiles, and other useful products.

Opportunists, however, have seized on perceived loopholes they believe enable them legally to sell THC-based products previously forbidden by federal rules, regardless of state-level regulations. These products often take the form of can-



Rokita

dy-like edibles attractive to children and adolescents.

"The intent of these federal hemp provisions was never to expand the availability of intoxicating products," AG Rokita said. "But now we have a \$28 billion grey market flooding our communities with unregulated, highly potent products that are confusing to Hoosier businesses and dangerous to consumers of all ages."

Many states have seen

consumers poisoned by poorly manufactured products and misleading labels.

Bad actors have taken advantage of popular THC-infused products, like edibles, and copy legitimate packaging to sell candy or snacks. These are particularly dangerous in the hands of children.

"By rewriting this legislation, Congress can support farmers' ability to capitalize on the industrial-hemp market without opening the door to dangerous intoxicants," AG Rokita said. "We're calling on them to do exactly that."

Laura Alerding endorsed by AG Todd Rokita in her Indiana House race

Submitted

Laura Alerding of Noblesville has been endorsed by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita. The following statement was provided by the Attorney General.



Alerding

"Laura Alerding's alignment with conservative values and dedication to defending Parents' rights perfectly complements my mission as State Attorney General to uphold your constitutional rights," Rokita said. "With Laura in the Statehouse, we will have a steadfast ally in our efforts to protect the fundamental

liberties enshrined in our Constitution. Her unwavering commitment to preserving individual freedoms will significantly bolster our endeavors to safeguard the rights of every Hoosier. Together, we'll work hand in hand to ensure that the principles of justice, liberty, and equality are upheld for all citizens of Indiana. Laura Alerding is a strong advocate of her community and I gladly endorse her for House Representative for District 29."

Learn more about the candidate at [AlerdingForStateRep29.info](#).

State Sen. Scott Baldwin endorses Bill Gutrich for State Representative

Submitted

State Senator Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) has endorsed of Bill Gutrich for Indiana State Representative, District 24.



Gutrich

As a fellow Republican and dedicated public servant, Sen. Baldwin recognizes Gutrich's strong leadership, conservative values, and commitment to serving the best interests of Hoosiers.

"I'm endorsing Bill Gutrich for Indiana State House District 24 because I believe we need more leaders with proven business experience weighing in on the issues that are facing Hoosier businesses, families, and communities," Sen. Baldwin said. "Bill will be a strong representative for

Hamilton County and play a positive role in moving Indiana forward."

Gutrich, an experienced corporate executive and small business owner, prioritizes understanding community needs. His vision includes advocating for effective government, lower taxes, strong schools, and smart development. Gutrich aims to be a voice for the people in Indiana's 24th District, drawing on his successful business background with companies like The Coca-Cola Company and Conagra Foods, as well as his agricultural experience with Elanco Animal Health.

Learn more about the candidate at [GutrichForIndiana.com](#).



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Meeting Notices	
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.	The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to the Monday, April 22 meeting.

Herding Cats takes a long time, but appears to be worth the effort

By DANIEL SHOCK
A Seat on the Aisle

Amid the chaos of our morning preparations for a road trip to Chattanooga, our cat decided to make a statement by throwing up in our open suitcase. This incident left us half-amused, half-frustrated, and fully convinced it was a calculated act.

This moment coincided with my need to gather my thoughts about the unpredictable charm and occasional mayhem pets bring into our lives for this review of Theatre Unchained's production of Neil Martin's *Herding Cats*. Unlike our little saboteur, the feline characters in *Herding Cats* may not resort to villainy, but they certainly weave their own unique brand of mischief into their owner's life.

Herding Cats tells the tale of several cats: Stella (Angela Dill), Buddha (Julien Lyons), and Lupin (Aspen Harnishfeger), along with their animal-loving owner, human Kelly (Jenny Williams). Their easy life is disrupted when Jenny unexpectedly brings home a (gasp!) dog (Hannah Hoffman) named Charlize to foster. As the cats get to know and negotiate territory, they listen in on Kelly's phone conversations, which reveal problems with her employer. Fearing the loss of the loving home they know,

they join forces to try and help Kelly keep her job.

The cast has a great time taking on the personas of their animals. Any pet owner will recognize the behaviors and personality traits displayed here with great comic effect. Angela Dill, as the kitty Stella, is wonderfully funny and has mastered quite an array of cat sounds. Julien Lyons, as Buddha – the Dr. Frasier Crane of cats and Stella's brother – is hysterical and has some of the very best snooty cat material to work with. Completing the trio, Aspen Harnishfeger plays Lupin, a 'street cat' with charm and swagger. All three cats have great moments and keep the audience in stitches.

Hannah Hoffman plays the sweet newcomer, Charlize the pit bull, with an earnest joy that makes you want to scratch her ears and ask, "Who's a good girl?"

Pet owner Kelly the human is played by real-life human, Jenny Williams, with natural authenticity, perfectly capturing a young adult navigating the stresses of life and the joy of pet ownership.

Megan Ann Jacobs, the director, costumer, and sound designer, has put together a funny and charming show. I don't always mention costumes in my reviews, as some shows depend on them more than others. However, the costumes



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

(Clockwise from top left) Julien Lyons as Buddha, Jenny Williams as Kelly, Angela Dill as Stella, Aspen Harnishfeger as Lupin, and Hannah Hoffman as Charlize.

by Ms. Jacobs wonderfully bring out the personalities of the animals with ears, paws, and tails. My favorite has to be Buddha's all-white fuzzy outfit that really highlights his snooty prince persona. The set by Kurt Watkins is also fantastic and whimsical, with giant-sized cat towers, beds, and toys.

Overall, the show is a winner and an audience pleaser for animal lovers of all ages. The one negative aspect of the show is its length. It's possible that there were some behind-the-scenes issues that caused the show to run long when I saw it on Friday night. It did start a bit late. I took my seat at 7:25 (start time was supposed to be 7:30), and the lights came up at 10:27. I mostly place responsibility

for the length on the script. A lot of the first act felt redundant, and a few cuts could tighten it up and move things along at a better pace. The audience didn't seem to mind the length, loudly laughing, hooting, and hollering through the whole show up until the end. But, you might need to take the run time into account when you are paying for parking on Mass. Ave.

Herding Cats runs at the IndyFringe – Basile Theatre at 719 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis, Thursday, March 28 at 7:30, Friday, March 29 at 7:30, and Saturday, March 30 at 7:30. Tickets are available online at this link or at the door.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Meet author Janis Thornton at Sheridan Public Library April 11

The REPORTER

Local author Janis Thornton will visit the Sheridan Public Library at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 to discuss her book, *The 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana*, presented on the anniversary of the event.

powerful stories inspired her to write a book about Indiana's worst tornado outbreak. She became committed to collecting and recording firsthand stories of Hoosiers that experienced the disasters. The author gives a glimpse of one of the most devastating and catastrophic Indiana history and the telling of natural disasters.



Thornton

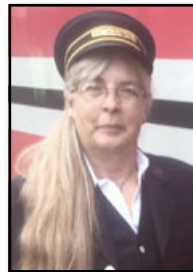
Thornton's love for Indiana history and the telling of natural disasters.

Obituary

Cathy D. Fuehring

March 2, 1959 – March 21, 2024

Cathy D. Fuehring, Tipton (East Hobbs), passed away on Thursday evening, March 21, 2024, in Indianapolis. At the time of her passing, her husband and two youngest sons were at her bedside and escorted her into eternity with many families and friends just around the corner in support. Waiting for her in Heaven was a beloved sister, granddaughter Kelsy, her healed daughter, parents, loved ones, and many more.



Cathy was born on March 2, 1959, in Noblesville as Cathy Darlene Condry to Calvin Condry and Avalene P. (Mace) Mossburg. Robert Mossburg married Avalene a few years later and became father to Cathy, along with a total of eight other children.

She was raised in Sheridan and learned many things from her parents, siblings, grandparents, and other relatives, such as gardening, canning, hunting, skinning, and building a new home with her father. Many critters, horses, and other four-legged animals were a big part of her early years.

After graduating from Sheridan High School in 1977, Cathy married Robert Rush, had three children (Autumn, Brock, and Dusty), and settled in Atlanta, Ind., until their marriage was dissolved. Cathy married W. Roger Fuehring on September 9, 1995, and became a mother to his son (Zachery). The Fuehring household became a blended family of six, with an additional niece (Crystal) and many other kids and critters throughout the years.

Cathy was a member of White Rock Fellowship Church in Noblesville, Mad River & Nickel Plate Railroad Museum in Bellevue, Ohio, and Railroad Passenger Car Alliance. She was a former member of Elevation Church in Scottsburg, Ind., before moving back to Tipton County. Cathy volunteered for 10 years as a firefighter and EMT in Atlanta, Ind., and at Jackson Township in Arcadia, Ind.

Cathy was inspirational to many young girls and battered women, and she logistically supported them behind the scenes as she guided them out of desperate situations. No less than three children were rescued from pregnancy termination with Cathy's mentoring and assistance with finding forever homes through adoption. On several occasions, Cathy placed herself in harm's way by working to get abused women and children away from their abusers.

Cathy was the principal visionary of an annual youth ministry camping event that continued for 19 years under her financial support and logistical help under the ministries of White Rock Fellowship and Elevation Church. She also worked closely with her husband on concert ministries with White Rock Fellowship, which included working with talents such as Sanctus Real, Sonic Flood, and Ruth Graham, the daughter of Billy and Ruth Graham.

Cathy was co-owner of F & M Car & Locomotive Repair Inc., which ceased service operations in October of 2014 for her husband to take a management job with a railroad. Also, Cathy could dedicate more time to her daughter (Autumn), whose health was deteriorating. Cathy was still the matriarch of the company's private rail car, the "God-erich," which has been utilized in Indiana since 2010 for special events, including the state of Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay through two counties. More importantly, her family's annual Christmas sleepover is held in the car with her grandchildren each New Year's Eve.

Cathy enjoyed traveling with her husband, gardening, and working with her dog JoJo and mini horse, "Little Bit."

Cathy is survived by her husband, W. Roger Fuehring; son, Brock (Megan) Adam Rush, E. Dustin Rush, and Zachery (Lauren) Taylor Fuehring; brothers, Calvin D. (Beverly) Condry, David L. (Janet) Condry, Robert D. (Loretta) Mossburg, and Donald L. (Ellen) Mossburg; sisters, Jan D. (Fred) Bell and Denise A. (Kevin) Morgan. She is also survived by six grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Cathy was preceded in passing by her sister, Robin Baker; brother, Gary (Chrissy) D. Condry; daughter, Autumn L. Rush; granddaughter, Kelsy; and parents, Avalene and Robert Mossburg.

She also enjoyed being creative with art, restoring historical items, and ministering, teaching, and mentoring her children, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. She inspired her husband daily as he desired to serve her with each breath.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, at White Rock Fellowship, 21070 Schuller Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Andy Waite officiating. Burial will follow in Arcadia Brethren Cemetery, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024, at White Rock Fellowship.

Memorial contributions can be made in lieu of flowers in Cathy's name to White Rock Fellowship Youth Ministries of Noblesville, Elevation Church Youth Ministries of Scottsburg, or Preborn Ministries (preborn.com).

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

ON-LINE AUCTION for the PERSONAL PROPERTY of ANTHONY VONDERAHE, DAVID BUCK & RON SOTTONG Including AG EQUIPMENT Coins & More

BIDDING OPENS: Thursday, March 21st @ 2pm

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Paul Edward Dial

February 9, 1930 – March 12, 2024

Paul Edward Dial, 94, Atlanta, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, while surrounded by his family. Paul was born on February 9, 1930, to the late Isaac and Velma (Warren) Dial.

On July 16, 1949, Paul married Marjorie Kramer and they shared 73 years of marriage.

Paul proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps until he had to return home due to a family hardship. He worked as the maintenance manager at Fort Benjamin Harrison. He was a proud member of the Free Masons. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking, building model planes, and camping. Paul was especially proud of the Cessna that he rebuilt and flew for many years. He liked riding motorcycles, and he took several cross-country trips. Paul was always thankful that he and Marjorie were able to enjoy life together, he always said, "They got to do everything their hearts desired."

Paul is survived by his daughter, Teresa Harris of Crystal River, Fla.; brother, Dick (Connie) Dial of Atlanta, Ind.; grandson, Michael Davis of Atlanta, Ind.; granddaughter, Michele Davis of Crystal River, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Justin, Brianna, and Zoe; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac & Velma Dial; wife, Marjorie Dial; sons, Danny Dial and Dennis "Denny" Dial; brothers, Claude Dial, Donnie Dial, and Steve Dial; and sisters, Ellen Dial, Lorece Dial, and Dorris Redd.

Graveside rites were held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Cicero Cemetery, Cicero, Ind., with Jody Brown officiating.

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



Lucy Ann Sweigart

September 6, 1957 – March 24, 2024

Lucy Ann Sweigart, 66, Arcadia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 24, 2024, surrounded by her family at her residence.

Lucy was born in Jamestown, Ky., on September 6, 1957, to the late Oves "Cardell" and Vina (Ballenger) Chapman. On May 26, 1984, she married John M. Sweigart and shared 37 years of marriage until his passing in 2022.

Lucy grew up in the Jamestown, Ky., area and was a member of Russell County High School's graduating class of 1975. Lucy worked for Industrial Dielectrics for 23 years until she took early retirement so that she could care for her mother for the last eight years of her mother's life.

Those who knew Lucy knew she was a ball of energy and loved to care for others and volunteer. She spent countless hours volunteering throughout her community by helping arrange Teen Nights, volunteering as a Juvenile Probation Mentor, volunteering at the Aroma Food Pantry, and volunteering at Elwood Health & Living where she was recognized by being named Volunteer of the Year. In her earlier years, she enjoyed riding on the Harley with John, reading, and spending time at the lake on their boat.

As she battled cancer, she became more in tune with her old TV shows, especially *Andy Griffith*, and completing Sudoku puzzles. One thing about Lucy that never faltered is that she loved spending her time with her family and loved to spoil her nieces and nephews, whom she treated more like her own children. Lucy was a bright spot for anyone who knew her and is going to be greatly missed.

Lucy is survived by her brothers, John (Jo) Chapman of Arcadia, Rudy (Jenny) Chapman of Jamestown, Ky.; sister, Cathy (Jimmy, deceased) Grider of Arcadia; sister-in-law, Jackie Chapman of Jamestown, Ky.; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Lucy was preceded in death by her parents, Oves "Cardell" and Vina Chapman; husband, John M. Sweigart; sister, Wanda Wethington; brother, Ronnie Chapman; and brother-in-law, Francis Wethington.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero, with Pastor Bill Johnston officiating.

A time for visitation will be held before the funeral from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Burial will take place on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Bethel Cemetery, Jamestown, Ky. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Central Time with service to follow at H.E. Pruitt Memory Chapel, Jamestown, Ky.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, or the Bethel Cemetery: c/o Dale Malone, 2049 Arlus Hale Road, Russell Springs, KY 42642.

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



TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR'S WIFE

She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Genesis 39:16-23 (NIV)

LeRoy (Bud) Alfred Stokes, Jr.

March 23, 1943 – March 22, 2024

LeRoy (Bud) Alfred Stokes, Jr. passed away peacefully and joined our Heavenly Father on the morning of March 22, 2024. He was born on March 23, 1943, in Plymouth, Ind.

He and his family lived in Noblesville for many years and later moved to Monticello, Ind., where he loved living on the lake. He retired from the automotive industry where he was manager and head of body shops as well as service departments. He was also a Reserve Police Officer for the Noblesville Police Department. Bud was also a member of the Noblesville Jaycees.

Bud had a love for Westerns, his favorite being John Wayne. He loved playing Uno with his family. He also enjoyed traveling and boating on the lake. He loved his dog, Fury "Baby Girl" which he named after his favorite car.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents, Faye "Maxson" and LeRoy Stokes, Sr., as well as his brothers, Bill Stokes and Virgil Maxson and his sister, Peggy Davis. He is also preceded in death by his daughter, Trisha "Stokes" German and grandson, Michael German.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Suetta "Unger" Stokes, a daughter, Cindy (Bret) Baldwin, and a son Ron Stokes, 10 grandchildren, Megan (Eric) Orcutt, Michele (Scott) Goff, and Malory (Clint) Ward, Kevin, Cody, and Destiny Stokes, David, Phillip, Chelsey, and Joey German, and six great-grandchildren, Carter, Conner, and Callie Orcutt, and Charlotte, Clara and Caroline Goff.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2024. The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m., following visitation. Pastor Don Osten will be officiating the service.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Arbadella P. Risden

May 29, 1938 – March 22, 2024

Arbadella P. Risden, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, March 22, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on May 29, 1938, to Pearl and Dorothy (Ely) Parsons in Pennington Gap, Va.

Arbadella worked over 20 years at Best Lock and was a homemaker. She was a member of New Light Christian Center. Arbadella enjoyed cooking and yard work, but most of all loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Nellie) Risden; grandchildren, Michelle (Frank) Chuta, Christina Collins, Troy (Jennifer) Risden, and Michael (Tonya) Risden; great-grandchildren, Anthony (Reagan) Manghelli, Emilio Chuta, Alex Mastin, Peyton Risden, Aden Risden, Mason Risden, Jonathon Risden, and Joshua Risden; brothers, Delmer (Marie) Parsons, Jerry (Glenda) Parsons, Verlin (Shirley) Parsons, and Pearl (Debbie) Parsons; sisters, Eulayla Barnette, Mary (Ran) Ward, and Sara (Chad) Fultz; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Bruce Risden.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Michael W. Risden and Pastor Alfred Parks officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Light Christian Center, 1905 Hannibal St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Basketball



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Fishers' JonAnthony Hall is one of 18 basketball players that have been named Indiana Junior All-Stars. Hall will be one of six players in the Red Group.

(TOP) The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team shows off its state championship rings. The Royals received their rings for winning the Class 4A state title during a ceremony Tuesday afternoon at Southeastern. (ABOVE LEFT) Royals coach Jason Young shows off the rings his team won from 2023, and from 2022. (ABOVE CENTER) Senior Tiffany Snook accepts her ring from Southeastern principal Reggie Simmons. (ABOVE RIGHT) Southeastern athletic director Jim Self hosted the ceremony.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

State champs earn their rings

Hamilton Southeastern's 2023 girls volleyball team reunites for state championship ring ceremony

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The 2023 Hamilton Southeastern girls volleyball team is one worth celebrating, even months after the Royals' state championship season ended. The history-making Southeastern squad got together again Tuesday afternoon, as the players and coaches were presented with their state championship rings. The Royals won the Class 4A IHSAA state championship last November at Ball State University.

The team members were given the rings by HSE principal Reggie Simmons during a ceremony hosted by Royals athletic director Jim Self. HSE superintendent Patrick Mapes and Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness were also in attendance and spoke at the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the team members and their families hung out in the Southeastern gym, taking many pictures with their rings. The Royals were together again, and coach Jason Young was happy to see them together again, calling the team "a special group."

"You crave having that extra day and having one extra moment," said Young.

"Teams like this don't come along every year, as much as you'd like for them to. So, when they do come along, you do anything you can to get them when you can."

Young also spoke at the ceremony, as did Lauren Harden, one of the seniors on the Royals team. Harden was named Miss Volleyball (one of many awards she received) at the end of the season and is headed to the University of Florida as one of six Southeastern seniors who will be playing in college.

"Honestly, a lot of us forgot what they look like because we picked out the design so long ago," said Harden. "So, it was really exciting just to get to open them and see them and they're really pretty."

Self said during the ceremony that the HSE players are looked upon as role models. Harden reflected on that afterwards, since she herself looked up to the Royals players when she was a little girl.

"It's really cool," she said. "It's really awesome to be a part of, especially just because I grew up coming to games when I was little, because both my cousins came through this volleyball program and played. And I always wanted to be like those players when I was little. To

have that same effect on little kids now is just really cool and really awesome. And I'm really proud to be able to do that."

Self said that's exactly what is happening with the young kids at the HSE camps right now.

"All I ask the kids is, be a leader," said Self. "They're going to follow. They're looking up to you and the choice is, be a good leader or bad leader. Our kids have chosen to be great leaders."

Simmons called the Royals players "outstanding young women that represent themselves and our school and their family so well."

"I see them not only supporting each other on the teams, but I've seen them at other events, like our performing arts events," said Simmons. "During football season, they're in the front leading the student section. That's one way that they just represent themselves and again, our school so well."

The list of athletic accomplishments of the team is long, but the accomplishments off the court are also worth mentioning. For example, nine seniors on the team were named Academic All-State, and the team grade-point average is a 3.9. "The culture and the

chemistry have to be right, and with this group, it's been special," said Self.

Many family members of the players were also in attendance, and Self thinks the team parents are an integral part of the Royals' culture.

"I think it starts with the families," said Self. "A number of parents walking out today that have kids that are going to graduate, I still think they will be a part of our program. They'll still come support us. And I've always thought if you want to tell how the culture of a program is, watch the number of kids and parents that come back and support it. This group, that's what they do."

And what the Royals have done the past two seasons – the team won back-to-back state championships and is on a 67-match winning streak – is something that will be remembered for a long time.

"Obviously, it's still fresh for us," said Harden. "It's still something really cool that we got to do. I feel like definitely when those five, 10, 15 years come, we still get to come back and talk about it, then it'll really set in that what we did here is going to be talked about for a long time."

Fishers' own JonAnthony Hall tapped for Indiana Junior All-Stars

The REPORTER

Fishers' JonAnthony Hall is one of the 18 players that have been selected to play for the *IndyStar* Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars for 2024, All-Stars games director Mike Broughton announced Monday.

Hall is one of the six players chosen to the Red Group. He joins Michael Cooper of Jeffersonville, Julius Gizzi of New Palestine, Cedric Horton of Richmond, Tre Singleton of Jeffersonville and Shane Sims of Evansville Harrison.

Those selected to the six-player Core Group are Dezmon Briscoe of Indianapolis Attucks, Brady Koehler of Indianapolis Cathedral, Braylon Mullins of Greenfield-Central, Azavier Robinson of Lawrence North, Trent Sisley of Heritage Hills and Mark Zackery IV of Ben Davis.

The Blue Group players are Chase Barnes of Fort Wayne Wayne, Damien King of Anderson, Chase Konieczny of South Bend Saint Joseph, Dominique Murphy of East Chicago Central, Kellen Pickett of Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian and Jack Smiley of Valparaiso.

Matt Luce of Wapahani, a Class 2A State Finalist this season, will be the head coach of the 2024 Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars. He will be assisted by Tom Wells of Michigan City.

Luce has a 309-96 record in 17 seasons at Wapahani, including a 26-2 mark heading into the '24 State Finals. In 22 seasons as a head coach, he has a 359-156 ledger with previous stops at Southwestern (Hanover), Crawfordsville and the Benton Central. Over the years, Luce's teams have

won six sectional titles, two regional crowns and the 2024 semi-state. Wells has a 76-46 record in five seasons at Michigan City. Overall, Wells is 402-376 in 35 seasons with earlier tenures at Prairie Heights, Griffith, Portage and LaPorte.

The Junior All-Stars will play one game against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars on Sunday, June 2 at Scottsburg's Charles E. Meyer Gymnasium. The Junior All-Stars also will play one game against the Indiana All-Star senior boys on Wednesday, June 5 at Kokomo High School. Both games will be doubleheaders with the 2024 Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars, whose roster was announced on March 4.

The players listed as Core Group players each will play in two games. The players listed in the Red and Blue groups each will play in one game, the Red Group on June 2 against the Kentucky Juniors and the Blue Group on June 5 against the Indiana Seniors.

The Indiana senior All-Stars will play the Kentucky senior All-Stars on Friday, June 7 at a site to be announced. The Indiana senior All-Stars will play Kentucky's seniors again on Saturday, June 8 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The second *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be played on Monday, June 3 at Hamilton Southeastern High School. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The Futures Games rosters will be announced later.

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Girls Tennis

Regular season serving up, Westfield & Guerin Catholic get going with scrimmage

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The high school girls tennis season is under way in Indiana.

Regular-season matches begin this week, with some teams getting on the court last week by holding scrimmages. Two local teams scrimmaged against each other last Thursday, with Guerin Catholic hosting Westfield.

Many teams will be hosting the Shamrocks this season, as Westfield will be without home courts. The Shamrocks are building a **brand-new tennis facility that is scheduled to be open in the fall**. The old facility is retired, so the 'Rocks will be road warriors this spring.

"We actually are trying to make it a fun thing this year," said Westfield coach Trudy Coler. "We're going to try to do a lot of themes on the bus to make it fun for the girls. And we knew going into the season that's

what it was going to be, so it wasn't a surprise. So, we've prepared for it. We got team captains working on some fun things to do on the bus."

The Shamrocks made their first bus trip Monday to play at Plainfield. It was a fun ride home, as Westfield won the dual 5-0.

Isabella Norris led the way with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles. Juliette Gril-liot took the No. 2 singles match 6-1, 6-0, while Addi Kooi won at No. 3 singles 6-1, 6-1. In doubles, No. 1 Carlie Lukowiak and Jenna Berry were 6-0, 6-2 winners, and No. 2 Bri Saylor and Bella Rivera came back to win 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Norris, Lukowiak and Saylor are seniors, along with Allison Emgenbroich and Mary Grenda. Coler said the Shamrocks have "a lot of experience this year with the seniors."

Westfield will be off for spring break, then plays at Brownsburg on April 9.

Young Golden Eagles Guerin Catholic begins



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Reese Miller and Gabby Smith play a doubles match during the Shamrocks' tennis scrimmage last Thursday at Guerin Catholic. (ABOVE RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's singles lineup this year includes freshman Cece Phillips, senior Katie Geon and freshman Grace Docktor.

its season today by hosting Tri-West. The Golden Eagles have a key senior leader at No. 1 singles but expect to see some younger players in the mix as well.

"We've got two freshmen, Grace Docktor and Cece Phillips that are going to be in the top three singles players," said GC coach Becky Ragsdale. "Katie Geon is back. Right now

she's our No. 1 singles player."

Also returning are the Kolb twins, sophomores Katie and Anna. They played Nos. 1 and 2 singles last season; Ragsdale said this year they are playing No. 1 doubles, which is "a new position for them. But they're handling it nicely," she said.

Junior Ella Hood is in

the mix at No. 2 doubles. The Golden Eagles have 90 players on their team.

"They're handling it really well," said Ragsdale. "They understand that there are a lot of girls we have to look at. And they've done a great job."

The main goal of the Golden Eagles is to improve every day.

"I think that we just have

to come together as a team," said Ragsdale. "We've got to get our doubles working together and get at least one of those doubles positions every match. And if we can get two out of three singles, I think that we'll be in every match."

Be sure to read Thursday's edition of The Reporter for a story on the Carmel girls tennis team.

Baseball

Golden Eagles shut down Frankton, win season opener

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FRANKTON – Ten months wasn't long enough for the Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles to forget.

Picked as the Class 3A team to beat during the IH-SAA baseball state tournament last spring, the Golden Eagles had sectional title aspirations in mind, but things didn't go as planned.

Falling to Circle City Conference rival Bishop Chatard, 4-2, in the Sectional 27 finals, Guerin Catholic missed out on a program-first championship, but after waiting all off-season the Golden Eagles are now ready to redeem themselves.

It showed on Tuesday night, as the 3A No. 2 Golden Eagles opened their campaign with a decisive 10-0 run-rule victory at Frankton in six innings.

"I don't think there's any doubt," GC head coach Keith Nunley remarked on his players' focus for 2024. "Our guys have been championing at the bit for a while to get on the field. They're excited."

Their anticipation is multi-faceted.

Firstly, their sectional finals setback stung them more than usual. Not because of their former state ranking but due to having beaten Bishop Chatard 13-3 and tying the Trojans 1-1 in eight innings during the regular season before the playoffs.

Secondly, they believe, much like last year, that they have the talent to win in June.

"Expectations are a play-off run. We have to win a sec-

tional first. Win some games this year, and then get a shot at the state tournament," GC senior Davis Wagner said. "I think about (that loss) every day. We have to play together. Don't freak out in the moment. Just keep calm and do what we do. Do what we're good at."

At Frankton's Paul Davis Stadium, the Golden Eagles were nearly perfect.

Wagner cruised through the first four innings, striking out nine, walking one and allowing just two hits with 64 pitches thrown.

At the plate, Wagner (2-for-4) contributed during a 1-run top of the first and later turned a 5-0 Guerin Catholic lead in the top of the fourth into an 8-0 game with a three-run bomb over the left-field fence on the first pitch.

"I was just looking to find a barrel. I've been having trouble with that the last couple of weeks, so it felt good to finally get a barrel," said Wagner, an Augusta University commit. "I finally got one."

The Golden Eagles laced four extra-base hits, including doubles from Grant Beard (1-for-3), Ian Taylor (1-for-2, three runs) and sophomore Tate Troxell (1-for-3).

Beard's double plated three runs to kick start a six-run top of the fourth, which sparked eight runs scored over the final three innings.

Wagner's home run highlighted a five-hit attack in the frame. Karson Smith (2-for-4) provided an RBI sacrifice fly.

"(Wagner has) put up numbers ever since he was a sophomore, so he's a really good player. I'm looking

forward to seeing what he can do at the next level after we get done with him this year," Nunley said.

On the mound, Wagner stuck out the first two batters he faced, retired six straight through the third and fourth innings and left a runner stranded at second base in both the second and third.

"I try to work with tempo first off, then I work fastball, curveball, slider, change-up, sinker. It depends on the hitter obviously," Wagner said. "The fastball was working the best today. I got a lot of swings and misses. I left one over the plate, but it didn't

do too much damage, so we're grateful for that. But everything was working today. Felt pretty good. Finally got some good velo."

Troxell, an Alabama commit, relieved Wagner in the bottom of the fifth and pitched two hitless frames, striking out three and walking two. The Frankton Eagles were held to two hits overall and walked three times.

"Wagner has been a three-year producer for us since I got the coaching job at Guerin, and he does a fantastic job of commanding the strike zone and competing

on a daily basis," Nunley said. "Obviously, we're early in the season, so we're on a pitch count, but those two guys will be big horses for us for the entire season."

The duo received ample run support in the opener with the Golden Eagles providing 11 hits in 27 at-bats.

Cuinn Morrow, who is committed to DePauw, finished 2-for-3. AJ Nunley went 1-for-2. Bryson Dorsy, a DePauw recruit, was 1-for-2.

Drew Wilhite drove in the team's ninth run in the top of the sixth with a sacrifice fly before a passed ball

scored the 10th.


The Golden Eagles host 4A Anderson on Saturday in a home opening doubleheader. They travel to Bishop Chatard on April 2 and host the Trojans on April 3.

"The last regular-season poll, we were No. 1 and then got upset in the sectional, so that's still leaving a sour taste in our mouth, but I guess it shows some recognition by other people in the state," Nunley said. "Recognizing the quality of guys we have in the program, and the credit goes to them. They do the work. We open doors and they walk through them."

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Baseball

Roundup: Noblesville start season with dramatic win, Southeastern & Carmel keep Chesteron at bay, Fishers takes down Homestead, Westfield beats North Central

The REPORTER

The Noblesville baseball team won its first game of the season Monday in dramatic fashion.

The Millers were playing at Cincinnati St. Xavier, with the score tied at 4-4 after the regulation seven innings. Noblesville blasted through the top of the eighth with four runs to clinch an 11-7 victory.

With one out in the eighth, Jacob Baker drew a bases-loaded walk to score McCoy Fulk; that proved to be the go-ahead run. Nolan Decker scored on a wild pitch, which also moved Aiden Ramsey to third base. Ramsey scored on Joe Glander's sacrifice fly, then Baker got home on an error. The Millers took care of St. Xavier three up, three down in the bottom of the inning to get the win.

Noblesville trailed 7-6

going into the bottom of the seventh, but a two-out double from Josh Peek drove in Tanner Miller to tie the game.

The Millers scored two runs in the first two innings. In the first, Trevor Corbett scored when Decker reached on error, then Ramsey's left field hit brought in Nash Watson. St. Xavier got a run back in the bottom of the first, but Noblesville scored another two in the second inning. Corbett singled in Brady Bishop, then later stole home.

Ramsey hit a home run in the third inning, then Fulk singled Corbett home in the fourth.

Corbett, Aiden Reynolds, Fulk and Ramsey all had two hits, with Corbett cracking a triple. Lucas Stephan got the win, tossing four strikeouts. Decker pitched four and a third innings of relief, strik-

ing out nine.

Noblesville plays at the Warrior Classic on Thursday, taking on Blackman (Tenn.)

Hamilton Southeastern held off Chesteron on Monday 6-5 to win its season opener.

The Trojans scored two runs in the top of the first inning. Tyler Noel got a run back for the Royals in the bottom of the first, with a center field single to score Maddux Bach.

Southeastern put up three runs in the second inning, thanks to a bases-clearing double by Nolan Colbert. His big hit scored Drew LaFleur (who hit a triple), Kam Seitz and Bach. Michael Hoog then blasted a triple in the fourth inning to bring in Colbert and Noel.

Colbert and Noel both finished with two hits. Josh Lesniewski threw four innings for the win.

The Royals play at the Warrior Classic on Friday, taking on Henry County and Perkins.

Carmel also played Chesterton early this week, getting a 5-0 win Tuesday at Hartman Field.

Jake Stein scored the first run in the first inning, after Chase Sabo was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Hunter Snow cracked a home run in the second inning, which also sent Stein home. James Charland scored later when Carson Mace was hit by a pitch. Parker Heaney singled in Gabe Mathison in the fourth inning.

Stein finished with two hits, including a triple. Theo Nagy pitched three innings for the win, tossing five strikeouts.

Carmel hosts Brebeuf Jesuit this evening.

Fishers began its season with a 7-3 win over Home-

stead Monday at Taylor University.

The Tigers got on the board in the third inning when Jase Ruggles scored on a wild pitch. The Spartans tied the game in the bottom of the third, but Fishers struck back in the fourth when Ruggles hit a home run. Ben Hammond also scored; he led off the inning with a single.

Homestead again tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. The Tigers finally got ahead for good with three runs in the fifth. Hammond singled in Huston Dunn and Jack Brown, then Brady Carman scored on an error. Dunn scored in the seventh inning after Evan Doran hit a sacrifice fly.

Hammond and Gavin Kuzniewski each had two hits. Owen Sanders threw five strikeouts in two and two-thirds innings for the win.

Fishers will also play at

the Warrior Classic, taking on Christian Academy of Knoxville and Wilson Central.

Westfield took care of North Central 14-2 on Monday to open its season.

Brayden Hibler hit a first-inning sacrifice fly to send Caden Lindsey home. The Shamrocks then put up five runs in the third inning, including an RBI single from Alex Rudolph. Westfield then scored seven runs in the seventh inning, with Ian Wilson smacking a three-RBI double. Rudolph then doubled Wilson home for his second hit of the game.

Drew Law scored three runs, with Lindsey, Hibler, Wilson and Rudolph all scoring two. Owen Swinford went three and a third innings for the win, striking out five.

The Shamrocks play at Franklin Central today to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 27

BASEBALL

Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Mount Vernon at Carmel, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Carmel at Plainfield, 5 p.m.
Tri-West at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Pendleton Heights at Fishers, 5 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Carmel at Plainfield, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6:30 p.m.
Carmel at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

BASEBALL

Covenant Christian at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Franklin Central at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Noblesville vs. Blackman, 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Classic

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Pendleton Heights at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Greenfield-Central, 7 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Westfield at North Central, 7 p.m.

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Softball

Roundup: Noblesville blows Avon out of the water, Southeastern handles Greenfield-Central, Fishers, Carmel, Guerin Catholic all fall

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team blasted Avon 15-4 in six innings on Tuesday to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Mack Harvey hit a fourth-inning home run for the Millers, also scoring Gabby Fowler, who smacked her own two-run homer in the fifth inning. Chloe Vetter had two hits: a triple and a double. Vetter's triple was the game-winner as it scored three runs in the sixth inning to finish the game on the 10-run rule.

Haley Schatko and Delaney Rundle both hit a double and a single; Rundle totaled two hits and three RBIs. Vetter drove in four runs overall. Claire Cullen went five innings for the win, striking out five.

Noblesville is 2-1 and plays Thursday at Greenfield-Central.

Hamilton Southeastern took care of Greenfield-Central 10-4 in a Tuesday home game.

The Royals scored four runs in the first inning, starting with Lani Wyrick. She got on base with a triple, then scored on an error. Keira Lodes doubled in Addi Justice, then Reese Garland's single brought in Lodes and Jenna Chase.

Wyrick scored again in the second inning. She smacked her second triple of the game, then was batted in by Chase. In the fourth inning, Garland scored on a wild pitch, then Megan Wincek hit a center field home run, also scoring Makenna Selm. Emmy Seifferlein scored on Chase's sacrifice fly, then Wyrick got home on a wild pitch.

Justice went 4-for-4 at the plate, while Wyrick was 3-for-3. Ava Kiemeyer and Lodes both hit a double.

Chase pitched three innings for the win, striking out five.

Southeastern is 3-0 and are off until April 5, when they play at Beech Grove.

Fishers dropped a 6-3 game at Center Grove on Monday.

The Tigers scored in the top of the first inning when Kendall Jordan doubled in Hailey Trueblood. The Trojans answered with a three-run double in the bottom of the inning, holding the lead from there. Fishers added a run in the second inning when Victoria Abel singled in Brooke Johnson, and in the fifth inning when Hailey Kinder batted Jordan in with a right field hit.

Johnson was 3-for-4 with two doubles, while Trueblood had two hits. Kate Murray pitched a complete game, striking out five.

The Tigers are 2-1 and are off until April 5 when

they host Penn.

Carmel dropped a 10-1 game against Plainfield on Monday.

Jayden Kleiner hit a home run in the bottom of the first inning, but the Quakers scored four runs in the top of the second to take control of the game. K Warren also got a hit for the Greyhounds.

Carmel is 0-3 and hosts Mount Vernon tonight.

Guerin Catholic fell to Beech Grove 12-2 on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles scored both of their runs in the fourth inning. Lauren Brady scored when Rilee Kleusner was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, then Lucy Kemp stole home later in the inning. Kate Brady and Kemp both had one hit.

Guerin Catholic is 0-3 and plays Saturday at Indy Marlins Homeschool.

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