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### TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Rain and snow showers.  
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# Westfield church responds to local mental health needs

By SHANA SLOMA  
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With the growing burden of mental health issues throughout the community, Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC), 318 N. Union St., has answered the call for accessibility to counseling services in Westfield.

CUMC Pastor Dr. Jeremiah Gibbs is the driving force behind a new counseling center slated to open its doors on Sept. 1. The center, which is current-

ly unnamed, will contain five rooms to be shared by no less than seven licensed therapists on a rotational basis. The combined private therapy services will include both individual and group counseling sessions.

Though housed within a refurbished portion of CUMC, the new center is non-religious and accessible to the public without church affiliation. Following the completed construction, the center will subsidize through a sustainable model



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el where each therapist will rent the space based on a full or part-time schedule. This business model will not only allow the center to run with no additional financial support from

the church's funds but will also bring in additional revenue to support the church's mission to minister to the public.

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# Running the Boston Marathon, part 1

About a year ago, I participated in the 127th Boston Marathon. My husband, a.k.a. my legs for the race, and the other part of my team, was of course by my side. Without him, I wouldn't be racing!

We use a special running bike built just for me, called a duo bike. Our first race was in 2019 at the Chicago Marathon, and we have also completed the New York City Marathon and the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon.

My marathon experience was very different from the majority of the more than 30,000 runners. This isn't a typical recap of someone running the marathon. I was a rider, so that's the story I can tell. The other half you'd have to hear from my teammate. Even though we ran the race together, we had two completely different experiences.

Since we flew to Boston, the bike had to be disassembled and carefully packed up in a special bag. Our sons joined us for the trip, as it takes more than one person to handle the bike. Once in Boston, my husband put the bike back together and got it race ready.

Race morning arrived, and we headed out with all our race gear. It was piled high on top of me. Plus, I was juggling two coffees and our breakfast we picked up along the way. I can't tell you how many comments I've gotten like, how nice you just sit back and enjoy the ride!

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN  
Disability in the City

# Unity through food & tradition

## Get ready for FUN Fest & Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council's Culture Fair on Friday, April 12

Submitted by SERVE Noblesville

Noblesville is gearing up for a celebration unlike any other as it prepares to host SERVE Noblesville's FUN Fest in partnership with the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council's Culture Fair.

Both events will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 12 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive. This collaborative event promises to be a vibrant showcase of the city's diverse cultural heritage and its rapidly growing community spirit.

Student initiation is at the core of this collaboration and event. This project was the vi-

sion of organizer Vaibhav Patel entering the Mayor's Youth Council, and the essence of this project was captured by the young leaders of the Mayor's Youth Council's Diversity Focus Group.

"This project does not only represent a project that I'm profoundly passionate about," Patel said, "but this is a legacy from last year that I wanted to expand upon."

Highlighting the essence of Noblesville, organizers emphasize that the event is more than just a festival; it's an opportunity for residents, both old and new, to come together and celebrate the unique tapestry of cultures that make the city so special.



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In addition to culinary delights, the festival will feature booths representing a myriad of cultures in Noblesville.

With a history deeply rooted in small-town charm, Noblesville has experienced remarkable growth in recent years, with nearly a 40 percent increase in population

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# New Seed Library in Westfield promotes biodiversity, sustainability & local agriculture

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) announces the grand opening of a new Seed Library at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

This new addition, generously sponsored by Community First Bank of Indiana, provides a space where residents can access, borrow, exchange, or donate seeds for a variety of plants, including vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

"The Seed Library will feature a diverse selection of seeds suitable for different growing conditions and seasons, catering to both novice and experienced gardeners alike," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said.

Seed libraries have gained significant popularity in recent years for their role in promoting biodiversity, sustainability, and



Downey

local agriculture. By providing free access to seeds, libraries encourage community members to grow their own food, support local ecosystems, and engage in the age-old tradition of seed sharing.

"We are thrilled to partner with Community First Bank of Indiana to bring this valuable resource to our community,"

Downey added. "We are deeply grateful for their commitment to fostering community engagement, education, and sustainability."

In addition to sponsoring the Seed Library, Community First Bank of Indiana also contributed to the construction of a playhouse in the Children's Department of the new library building. The playhouse will provide a welcoming space for children to engage in imaginative play and storytelling.



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# Changeable weather

She said it a million times: the weather has changed.

When the snow piled as high as the eaves on the east side of our house for weeks on end, she said it: "The weather has changed. When I was a girl, I walked to school in snow as high as the fence."

When the winds howled and the temperature plummeted, she said it: "The weather has changed. When I was a girl, I froze my ear when I was walking to school."

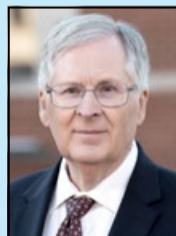
When the snow lay in drifts to the top of our garage doors, she said it: "The weather has changed. In January 1916, I cooked a quarter of beef for the hay-balers. Dad hauled a hundred tons to town on a bobsled."

When the snow was deep in the driveway, even covering the board fence, she had to go to the hospital. It took a county snowplow, a four-wheel drive vehicle, and an ambulance to get her there. It was another twenty-four hours until we got in to see her. Even then it took a pick-up truck to make the trip.

"The weather has changed," she said. "When I was a girl, they got so bad brother and sister made me stay at Aunt and Uncle's while they walked on to school." When the deep drifts block the intersections both east and west of us, we watched snowplows work until deciding the job was over their head – literally. Later we watched as the huge payloaders came in and piled snow upon snow until one lane was open for each road.

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## MENTAL HEALTH

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Dr. Gibbs shared with The Reporter his enthusiasm about the current employment status of the center well before its intended start date.

"We're excited that we already have a number of therapists who have indicated they are looking for space," Dr. Gibbs said. "Including a director, we believe we have five of the seven spots already full, and it's still six months from being done."

During the ongoing "planning period," Dr. Gibbs indicated that the church is reaching out to prospective therapists, as well as donors, to gauge interest and secure additional resources for the center's opening in the fall. At the time of this interview, Dr. Gibbs shared that the church has currently raised \$17,000 of the \$40,000 required to complete renovations through matching donations.

The collective practice

approach will give residents seeking services a multitude of therapeutic specialties to serve their mental health needs. In turn, the center will support the therapists by assisting them with building their websites and sharing their information on social media in an effort to foster widespread clientele growth.

According to Dr. Gibbs, there will be therapists accepting new clients to meet the mental health needs of the community, but some therapists will require a waitlist to schedule services.

For example, the center's director, Deanne Kinsey, will provide counseling services while triaging new clients for placement with other counselors, although she is currently waitlisted for new clients.

Dr. Gibbs' short-term goal is to get the center up and running, but he also hopes to expand the center's outreach to include programs that provide substan-

tial mental health support for first responders. Due to the significant rate of depression and suicide among first responders, Dr. Gibbs is considering offering both acute and employee wellness programs in the future.

While Dr. Gibbs indicated that his intention is to provide a constituency of people with otherwise inaccessible and much needed mental health services, this opportunity creates a "win-win" effect for both the church and the community at large.

"My whole philosophy of ministry is to figure out how do we align the resources we have available with others who can use those resources in mutually beneficial partnerships and relationships," Dr. Gibbs said. "If we have people coming in our building on a regular basis that are receiving healing and help, they are also going to identify positively with the church."

## MARATHON

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Well, not exactly. I'm in charge of managing A LOT of stuff. I have two bags attached to me with many different necessities. Plus, for colder weather and a wet race, the necessities are multiplied. I take all the pictures and videos and do live updates to share the experience as we go. Most importantly, I'm in charge of keeping open communication with my pusher. I help him with his nutrition and staying on track with his water etc. during his race, so he stays safe and able to run well. It's multitasking at its finest.

So, leisurely ride, not so much! A good reminder that things aren't always as they seem.

Probably the best, and most physically exhausting part of the race for me, is engaging with the crowds. For roughly 3.5 hours I am smiling, cheer-

ing, ringing my cowbell and thanking all who are engaged with us along the way. As soon as the crowds along the way see the duo bike, they go crazy! It's really an emotional and awesome thing to experience. You really feel the human spirit in full force, and quite honestly it can be overwhelming (in a good way)! It's amazingly moving and takes a lot out of me physically and emotionally.

We were then taken to the start line, which was an incredible experience. Just being there at one of the greatest marathons in the world was an experience I'll never forget. We started before the elite athletes and right behind the hand cyclists, so we were all in this one special space. I was just in awe of the many ways I was seeing that one can "run" this race. It was, for lack of a better word,

cool. Of all the marathons we have done, this one felt the most inclusive to me.

It's a difficult course with several sizable hills late in the marathon. The last and most difficult hill is appropriately named Heartbreak Hill. Luckily, since my husband had already run the Boston Marathon twice, he knew what to expect and was great about telling me all about the course beforehand and during. I'm as immersed as I can possibly be in the experience, and I love that. We had trained together all winter long leading up to the April race.

Until next time ...

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## WEATHER

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We took her for a ride through the snowy tunnels, and she said: "The weather has changed. When I was a girl ..." This year the weather has changed again. This is my forty-first year on the farm. During the first forty years, there were only two years that we did not finish planting corn by the week that had May 15 in it. 1981 was different. Early in April weather was beautiful, and a few adventurous souls planted corn. The last week or ten days of April and the first week or two of May are the ideal times, usually. But Mr. Weatherman sent rain and more rain. If a farmer had a well-drained field, it dried enough to work, and then it rained. Then he ditched and prayed and cursed or both.

May 20 our first field was planted. And then it

rained. More ditching and "jobbing in." The corn came up and flourished except in one spot which later became our "cane patch." The wheat looked beautiful. Ah, we have one good crop, said the farmers. But one neighbor did not like the looks of his. So he walked out into the field and found more empty heads and more uninvited guests than he could count. Army worms.

So another farmer walked his fields, and another, and another. The helicopters and airplanes were called in and almost all wheatfields, countywide, were sprayed. For some it was too late. The chopper came here on Friday. We were away when the spraying was done at about dusk. An hour or so later we were back home. It was raining. A few days later I found

30 Army worms under one row of pees. The garden adjoined the wheat field.

The elevator operator says the lucky farmers have as much as half a crop this year. We are scheduled for the combine tomorrow, but already clouds are banking in the west. Yes, the combines have been going full tilt for a few days. Operators are charging eighteen or twenty dollars per acre. Corn and beans have been "jobbed in" for the second and third times and rained out again.

Today is July 9. Our neighbors planting beans. We have one field which hasn't been planted at all. Every time they got it ready, we had another rain. I will have to agree: the weather has changed.

*By Dorothy Howard Adler, June 1984*

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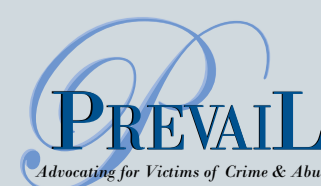


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# UNITY

over the past decade. This influx of residents presents a unique opportunity to honor the city's rich heritage while embracing the diverse perspectives and traditions that newcomers bring.

"We have the unique opportunity to uphold the roots of this community that have nurtured and sustained us as we simultaneously embrace and cultivate the newer branches that now call Noblesville home," SERVE Noblesville Executive Director Patrick Propst said. "This is the space we get to come together to celebrate all things Noblesville and showcase the No. 1 asset that makes our town so undeniably awesome: our people!"

"FUN" in FUN Fest stands for Food, Unity, and Neighbors. Food, often considered the universal language of community, will take center stage at the festival. From traditional dishes passed down from one generation to the next to cultural dishes shared among the delectable delights being offered, attendees will have the opportunity to embark on a culinary journey like no other.

"Food is the ultimate vehicle for bringing people together!" Noblesville Community Relations Manager Lexie Rock said. "It allows us to share our culture and traditions with others, provide nourishment, and step out of our comfort zones to experience new flavors and cuisines. I look forward to the Mayor's Youth Council hosting their Culture Fair alongside SERVE Noblesville through these welcoming and fun events hap-



Photos provided

**"FUN" in FUN Fest stands for Food, Unity, and Neighbors . . . all things you'll find plenty of on April 12 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center.**

pening in our community."

In addition to culinary delights, the festival will feature booths representing the myriad cultural facets of Noblesville. Attendees can expect to immerse themselves in diverse traditions, languages, games, and more, fostering a greater sense of community connection and belonging.

"We stand united with our neighbors – everyone is welcome who welcomes everyone!" the organizers emphasized.

The event aims to promote unity and mutual understanding among residents, regardless of their backgrounds or origins. The organizers hope to strengthen the bonds that tie the Noblesville community together by celebrating diversity and inclusivity.

"We want to expand our shared sense of belonging and ensure that it includes every individual – thus, every culture – within our diverse community," said Patel, a junior at Noblesville

High School. "When we are strongly connected, we stand united and are able to work toward our common goal: to keep Noblesville a convivial and welcoming place to live."

From long-time residents whose families have shaped the city's history to newcomers eager to contribute their unique perspectives, the festival invites everyone to join in the celebration.

"If your family laid the foundations of this community back in 1823, this festival is for YOU," Propst said. "If you relocated here last week from out of town, this festival is for YOU. Please join us as we showcase what this place is all about."

Booth applications are currently open to those interested in sharing their cultural heritage with the community. Whether it's a cherished family recipe, traditional attire, or customs passed down through generations, organizers

encourage residents to participate and celebrate the diverse mosaic that is Noblesville.

Hosting a booth at the Noblesville Fun Fest is free of charge, with organizers welcoming all contributions that promote cultural exchange and community cohesion.

As Noblesville prepares to come together for this momentous occasion, residents young and old eagerly anticipate a celebration of unity, diversity, and the vibrant spirit of their beloved city.

For those interested in hosting a booth or participating in the festivities, more information and booth applications can be found at [servenoblesville.com](http://servenoblesville.com).

Booth sponsorships to help families offset the cost of the food are also available; email [info@servevilage.org](mailto:info@servevilage.org) to learn more.

Please plan to attend and celebrate all things Noblesville and the incredible people who call it home.

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## Support local artists & veterans at Carmel VFW

### The REPORTER

Save the date for Mother's Day weekend for an afternoon of shopping while supporting local veteran programs.

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Admission is free.

Find a wide variety of art and handcrafted creations. It's an indoor, non-smoking event, and you may also order food and drinks and enjoy outdoor seating on the patio.

The Carmel VFW is located at 12863 Old Meridian St. Shop local and support local vets.



# Noblesville Creates to hold Art-Clipse Festival

### The REPORTER

Noblesville Creates invites you to the Art-Clipse Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 7 in celebration of the total solar eclipse occurring on Monday, April 8.

The festival will be held on Noblesville's Courthouse Square to celebrate the eclipse, share artwork created by local artists, and create art with community members.

The festival will include interactive art projects led by Noblesville Creates and local arts organizations, including Gal's Guide Library, The Belfry Theatre, En Pointe Indiana Ballet, Hamilton County Artists' Association, Fishers Arts Council, Caravan Classes, The Workshops of G.B. Davis, Vintage Adventures, Kiln Creations, Fins and Foxes, Patterson Pottery, Janus Developmental Services, ArtMix, and more.

There will also be artists booths at the festival where attendees can browse for eclipse-themed art and mementos, such as posters, T-shirts, stickers, tumblers, and more, crafted by Hamilton County artists like Stuart Sayger, Craig Mullins, Barbara Howrey, Karli Gray, Devonna Miltenberger, and others.

### Eclipse art & mementos available for sale

#### Exclusive eclipse comic

A limited edition "Betty and Veronica Friends Forever Sleepover" comic, featuring two different covers by local artist Stuart Sayger, in partnership with Archie Comics and sponsored by Hamilton County Tourism. One cover is set at Conner Prairie, the other at Noblesville Creates. Only 350 copies of each cover will be available.

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#### Eclipse temporary tattoos

Temporary tattoos featuring eclipse-themed artwork by local artists. Three design options are available.

Get one tattoo for \$4 or



the set of three for \$10.

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#### Eclipse stickers (regular and glow in the dark)

These stickers feature artwork by local artists. Five design options are available.

Purchase the regular stickers for \$3 each, or the glow-in-the-dark stickers for \$5 each, or get a set of all five stickers for \$15.

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#### Eclipse tea towels

100-percent cotton tea towels are 20 inches square when unfolded and fold to display a seven-inch-wide image. Two design options are available.

\$25 each or buy both for \$35. Proceeds are split between the artist and Noblesville Creates and support future arts programming.

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#### Additional eclipse art and mementos for sale

Pricing information to be released at a later date.

- Postcards of all nine artists' eclipse pieces
- Tumblers of all nine artists' eclipse pieces
- T-shirts in sizes S to XXL of three of the artists' eclipse pieces

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## OneZone welcomes IU Indianapolis Chancellor to April Eggs & Issues

### The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber will welcome Dr. Latha Ramchand for this month's Eggs & Issues.

Dr. Ramchand is the current IU Indianapolis Chancellor. She will share how the downtown campus will change going forward and the plans for IU Indianapolis. Joined with her is the Vice President of University Relations, Michael Huber.

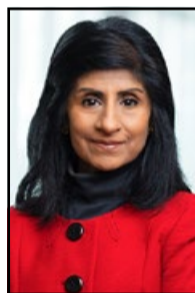
Dr. Ramchand was named inaugural chancellor of IU Indianapolis and executive vice president of Indiana University effective Feb. 12. In addition to her executive leadership role, Chancellor Ramchand will serve on the Indianapolis faculty of the Kelley School of Business as professor of finance. She joins IU Indianapolis at a pivotal time in its history and brings the energy and vision that will help launch IU Indianapolis as one of the nation's premier urban research universities.

Huber leads Indiana University's government relations efforts at the state and federal level as well as its economic engagement initiatives. In this role, he

is responsible for leveraging IU's vast educational resources, talent, expertise, discoveries and innovations, partnerships and other resources – particularly those in key areas that Indiana has targeted for investment and growth – toward contributing to the state's future economic prosperity and improving the lives of Hoosiers.

Eggs & Issues has established itself as a premier platform for fostering informed discussions and facilitating a direct dialogue between community members and leaders. This upcoming event is scheduled for 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 12 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

Thank you to presenting



Ramchand



Huber

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## Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch opens applications for 2024 Golden Hoosier Award

### The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the **Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging**, announced Tuesday that nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Golden Hoosier Award.

This is the 17th year of the program. "Our state is filled with generous Hoosiers who are constantly giving back to their neighborhoods and communities," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, who serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "The Golden Hoosier Award is an amazing opportunity to honor those who have dedicated their lives to serving Indiana communities."

The award began in 2008 and annually honors senior Hoosiers for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities. Since the start of the program, more than 200 Hoosiers have been honored.

To be eligible, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, age 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

The deadline for submitting applications is Sunday, July 14. Nomination forms can be accessed electronically by visiting [in.gov/lt-governor-initiatives/golden-hoosier-award](http://in.gov/lt-governor-initiatives/golden-hoosier-award).

A ceremony honoring those selected will be held later this year.



Crouch

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# Gym that caters to children with autism & special needs opening in Carmel

## We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym will open this Saturday

**Submitted**

We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym, an international children's gym franchise, announces the grand opening of its new Carmel location. The opening will be accompanied by a celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the new gym at 13644 N. Meridian St.

Families with children from all walks of life will get to experience a breadth of sensory and physically beneficial activities within a safe, clean, and controlled environment.

We Rock the Spectrum is a franchise opportunity that provides sensory-safe play for kids with autism, special needs, and neurotypical development. Each gym features 12 pieces of therapeutic equipment designed to work with many of the sensory processing

issues that children on the spectrum face, while providing all children with the sensory-diet necessary for improved learning and neurological development.

For example, the zip line helps children with vestibular sensations and sensory feedback, while allowing them to better develop upper-arm and core strength. Each We Rock the Spectrum location offers unique classes, children's day camp opportunities, arts and crafts, additional pieces of play equipment, and more.

An autism mom from California, Dina Kimmel, is the CEO and Founder of We Rock the Spectrum. She opened the first gym in Tazana, Calif., after her son was diagnosed with autism and she struggled to find a safe place where both her son and her daughter (neu-

rotypical) could go together. The motto for all We Rock the Spectrum gyms is "Finally a place where you never have to say I'm sorry!" Under her leadership, WRTS facilities were able to offer essential childcare for special needs families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jane Lowe & Sarah McCorkle are the new owners of We Rock the Spectrum - Carmel. They are a mother-daughter duo from Indiana. While both women have long been passionate about the neurodivergent community, the catalyst for opening a We Rock the Spectrum is McCorkle's son, Korben, who is six years old, autistic, non-verbal, and has a rare genetic syndrome.

The new gym owners have always had a calling for working with children

and providing resources and a sense of belonging within the community. Lowe worked in the remodeling industry for 38 years before taking this leap, whereas McCorkle has been in the veterinary industry for 15 years. Both women have chosen to move on from their respective careers to embark on this We Rock journey.

Both say they are incredibly eager to bring something that is much needed to their community in central Indiana.

The celebration is open to children of all abilities. Children will be able to play with all the specialized equipment, including the trampoline, swings, and the fan-favorite zip slide. It will be held at 13644 N. Meridian St., Carmel, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Admission is

\$20 per child with treats and refreshments sponsored by My Brother Rocks the Spectrum Foundation.

**About We Rock the Spectrum**

Founded in 2010, We Rock the Spectrum is an international franchise opportunity that provides sensory-safe play for kids with autism, special needs, and

neurotypical development. Each franchise location features twelve pieces of uniquely designed therapeutic equipment that promote learning, development, and sensory-safe play. Learn more about the We Rock the Spectrum franchise, its specialized equipment, and the various services it offers by visiting [wrtfranchise.com](http://wrtfranchise.com).

## Learn about disability career awareness at Westfield Chamber's April coffee

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Mike Thibideau as the April coffee speaker from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 25 at the Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Thibideau, who serves as President & CEO of Invest Hamilton County, will speak about a variety of initiatives Invest Hamilton County is working on related to disability career awareness and employment. The Westfield Chamber partners with Invest Hamilton County on many of these initiatives.

Since 2022, Invest

Hamilton County has been piloting disability-focused career awareness and training programs in partnership with local advisory councils and service providers. In 2024,

that program is expanding to deliver dynamic and inclusive career exploration services to students and adults throughout Hamilton County. Through partnership with local Chambers and the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Invest Hamilton County will facilitate one-



**Thibideau**

to-one career discovery meetings for local students and adults with disabilities looking to learn more about a given career or occupation.

InvestAbility will also sustainably fund five community-based and paid adult training opportunities throughout the county managed by Janus Devel-

opmental Services and supported through a partnership between the Hamilton County Commissioners and Indiana FSSA. The goal is to have between 130 and 150 participants per year in these training programs once fully operational.

[Click here](#) to register for the April coffee.



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# Zionsville teacher named Chaucie's Champion

## The REPORTER

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide (ICPYAS), formerly known as Chaucie's Place, has announced Maggie Ioannacci, Director of Student Services for Zionsville Community School Corporation, as the 2024 Chaucie's Champion.

This prestigious award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to prevention education, making a lasting impact on the community.

Ioannacci has been instrumental in advancing the cause of child safety and mental health aware-

ness within Zionsville schools. Her unwavering commitment to implementing prevention education programs, including Child Lures Prevention, Teen Lures Prevention, and Signs of Suicide, has significantly contributed to creating a safer and more informed educational environment.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Chaucie's Champion award," Ioannacci said. "It is a testament to the collective efforts of our school community in



Ioannacci

prioritizing the well-being of our students. Prevention education is a crucial component of fostering a safe and supportive learning environment, and I am grateful for the collaboration with the Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide."

Under Ioannacci's leadership, Zionsville Community School Corporation has emerged as a model for comprehensive prevention education. Her commitment to the well-being of students goes beyond tradi-



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tional academic concerns, recognizing the importance of addressing issues related to child sexual abuse and youth suicide.

"We are thrilled to honor Maggie Ioannacci as the 2024 Chaucie's Champion," ICPYAS Executive Director Melissa Peregrin said. "Her dedication to prevention education aligns seamlessly with our mission to end child sexual abuse and youth suicide. Maggie's proactive approach and tire-

less efforts in implementing programs like Child Lures, Teen Lures, and Signs of Suicide exemplify the kind of leadership that can make a lasting impact on the lives of young individuals."

Ioannacci will be honored at the 13th annual Rise Up for Kids Breakfast to be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 25 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. Tickets are still available at [indianaprevention.org/events](http://indianaprevention.org/events).

## About ICPYAS

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide is a dedicated organization based in Carmel with a mission to end child sexual abuse and youth suicide through prevention education programs. Serving schools, youth-serving organizations, and the community statewide, the organization provides crucial programs to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills to protect youth.

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## Website provides accessibility info on DNR destinations

### The REPORTER

Want to enjoy Indiana's outdoors but are concerned about what areas might present barriers?

A new one-stop feature of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website highlights work that has been purposeful in reducing challenges to allow guests to experience all that DNR properties offer.

Just go to [on.IN.gov/dnr-accessibility](http://on.IN.gov/dnr-accessibility) and select the activity you would like and which properties interest you or those of your family or friends.

Once there, you'll find maps, photos, and details about some of the destinations that feature accommodations for hunting and fishing, trail chairs, wheelchair accessible trails, paved trails, beach mats, and the like.

While this list is expan-



Photo provided by Indiana DNR

This beach mat at the Paynetown State Recreation Area in Monroe County is just one example of an accessibility feature provided by the Department of Natural Resources.

sive, it is not a comprehensive list of accessible activities. If there is a property that appeals to your interests, it is recommend you call the property office for more information.

"This is one of the many things we are doing to wel-

come all to DNR properties so they can enjoy the many benefits of Indiana's great outdoors," DNR Director Dan Bortner said.

Make sure to bookmark the link for quick access and share it with anyone you think could benefit.

## HWC Engineering expands traffic engineering & design capabilities

### The REPORTER

HWC Engineering of Indianapolis welcomes three new engineers, Kevin Miller, Matthew DeRose, and Jayson Earleywine, an action that will expand and enhance HWC's traffic engineering and design capabilities.

"HWC is committed to growing and refining our capabilities for our clients," HWC President Terry Baker said. "With the addition of Kevin, Matthew, and Jayson, we are expanding our traffic knowledge and expertise to our already-deep bench of transportation planning and design. These services will add value to our projects, and we are confident that these enhanced capabilities will allow us to better serve our clients."

Miller now serves as the Traffic Engineering Manager for HWC and will provide oversight and guidance on traffic services for not only the transportation department, but for other multi-disciplined projects, as needed. He has more than 25 years of traffic engineering and transportation planning experience with expertise in traffic data collection, forecasting, traffic impact studies, operational analyses, signal warrant studies, HAWK signals, and

traffic safety evaluations. His portfolio experience and expansive knowledge will augment HWC's exceptional industry knowledge.

DeRose and Earleywine, both Project Managers, will work alongside Miller as a fully functional traffic engineering group. DeRose offers a decade of experience in traffic signal, signing, lighting, and roadway design, in addition to traffic safety analysis, while Earleywine brings more than 25 years of experience in transportation design, including traffic signals, utility coordination, roundabout design, and lighting.

**About HWC Engineering**  
HWC Engineering is a trusted partner and design firm that

provides water, wastewater, stormwater, transportation, inspection, site engineering, survey, landscape architecture, economic development, and planning services for both the public and private sectors. Founded in 1989, HWC has been trusted by local communities for more than 30 years and supports clients from its seven offices in Indianapolis, Terre Haute, New Albany, Lafayette, Hammond, Muncie, and North Vernon. For additional information, please visit [hwcengineering.com](http://hwcengineering.com).



Miller



DeRose



Earleywine

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- Noblesville Creates
- Nickel Plate Express, Hobbs Station  
(on days when there are train rides)
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Witness the magic of the cosmos with friends and family at official viewing locations like Carmel Civic Square, Conner Prairie, Cool Creek Park, Grand Park Sports Campus, Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center and Strawtown Koteewi Park.

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Cicero	3m 15s	Westfield	3m 19s

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# Prepare for an emotionally charged masterpiece with CSO

Join CSO & Anderson University choirs in partnership with Congregation Beth-El Zedick for moving performance

## The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and Anderson University choirs will perform Verdi's *Requiem* on Saturday, April 13 at the Palladium main hall for the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

This partnership will bring to the stage the powerful forces of a full romantic orchestra, large chorus and four vocal soloists to present this emotionally charged masterpiece.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.; guests should plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. in the Palladium main hall for a pre-concert talk hosted by CSO's Music Director David Commanday and Cantor Melissa Cohen of Congregation Beth-El Zedick.

**Cantor Melissa Cohen** and her daughter Sadie Cohen will open the pre-concert by singing duets of vocal music composed during the Holocaust. Following the music, Cohen and Commanday will talk about the power of music to provide courage and resilience in difficult times.

Cohen will share messages such as those she shared last week with the members of Beth-El Zedick: "We learn in the Torah of the principal types of sacrificial offerings that were made in temple days, among many, the Zevach HaTodah, the offering of thanksgiving. It is understood that this offering is made following a return to safety from danger. Our Sages also teach that in the world to come, there will be no sacrifices except for

the offering of thanksgiving, and there will be no prayers except for prayers of thanksgiving.

"Yet, how can we offer prayers of thanksgiving when over 100 of our Jewish brothers and sisters remain in captivity? How can we spark holiness and joy, hope and optimism, and gratitude in the midst of chaos, turmoil, and tragedy?"

Cohen also shared her gratitude about the partnership with the CSO for their performance of Verdi's *Requiem*: "a triumphant masterpiece by all accounts."

In addition, Riverside Junior High School string students will be playing, directed by Johanna Kitchell, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the southwest lobby of the Palladium.

For the main performance, CSO Maestro David Commanday will lead the orchestra and vocalists through the performance of a work that stands alone for its drama and pathos.

"It's a Requiem like none other," CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain said. "Our audience should prepare to be transformed by the operatic genius of Giuseppe Verdi. Whether you're a seasoned classical-music enthusiast or new to the genre, this event is a must see."

The *Requiem* initially was inspired by the death of composer Gioachino Antonio Rossini in November 1868. Verdi and several other Italian composers planned to write a collaborative Requiem, but their efforts failed. Five years



later, in commemoration of the death of Alessandro Manzoni, a leading Italian author, Verdi, wrote the *Requiem* by himself.

The Verdi *Requiem* offers audiences sweeping melodies and dramatic climaxes, evoking feelings ranging from sorrow to hope and redemption. The performance promises an ethereal experience as the voices of the choir soar above the orchestra and talented soloists showcase this sacred musical form through powerful arias and duets.

Featured soloists for the show hail from the IU School of Music and include Cassandra Glaeser, Dramatic Soprano; Jaemyeong Lee, Tenor; Seonyoung Park, Lyric Soprano; and Sung-hoon Han, Bass Baritone. Learn more about the soloists at [carmelsymphony.org/verdis-requiem](http://carmelsymphony.org/verdis-requiem).

**Classical-music.com** describes Verdi's *Requiem* as "a big-boned work performed by large orchestral and choral forces, and is characterized by dramatic arias and choruses, the most famous of which is the 'Dies Irae,' complete with ferociously pounded timpani. Unsurprisingly, it is heard more often in the

concert hall than in church. The overall message of the piece is bleak and foreboding – we're all doomed, and there's not much we can do about it."

This really is a show not to be missed. Tickets start at \$35. They are available here or at the box office by calling (317) 843-3800. Private VIP box experiences for groups of four or more are available by calling the CSO offices at (317) 847-9717.

## About the Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Believing that music has the power to change lives, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is the 80-member Resident Orchestra at The Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Founded in 1975, the CSO is comprised of professional and passionate musicians. The orchestra performs concerts featuring an eclectic repertoire of some of the world's greatest symphonic music. CSO is committed to enhancing the community's quality of life through creative, artistically excellent performances, and educational experiences for diverse audiences of all ages. Visit [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org) to learn more.

# Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to present Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert

Concert features composer John Williams' score performed live to film by ISO & Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly

## The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) will present *Star Wars: A New Hope* in Concert featuring a screening of the complete film with composer John Williams' iconic Oscar-winning score performed live to the film.

The concerts will be led by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025, and will take place at Hilbert Circle Theatre. *Star Wars: A New Hope* in Concert will replace the previously scheduled showing of *Lion King* in Concert.

Subscriptions for the 2024-25 season are currently on sale and can be purchased online at [IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://IndianapolisSymphony.org) or at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office. Single tickets will go on sale at a later date in mid-August. If you have questions about a previously purchased subscription for the 2024-25 season, please call the Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or email [iso@IndianapolisSymphony.org](mailto:iso@IndianapolisSymphony.org).

Since the release of this first *Star Wars* movie over

45 years ago, the *Star Wars* saga has had a seismic impact on both cinema and culture, inspiring audiences around the world with its mythic storytelling, captivating characters, groundbreaking special effects, and iconic musical scores composed by Williams. Fans will experience the scope and grandeur of this beloved film in a live symphonic concert experience.

Legendary composer Williams is well known for scoring all nine of the *Star Wars* saga films, beginning with 1977's *Star Wars: A New Hope* for which he earned an Academy Award for Best Original Score. His scores for *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* and *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* were each nominated for Best Original Score.

The presentation is licensed by Disney Concerts.

## About Jack Everly

Jack Everly is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Indianapolis and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and the National Arts

Centre Orchestra (Ottawa). He has conducted the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, and the Seattle Symphony.

Everly recently extended his contract with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra through 2026, when he will assume the role of Principal Pops Conductor Emeritus. He will continue to be the music director of the AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, the nation's largest symphonic holiday production in the country. He led the ISO in its first Pops recording, *Yuletide Celebration, Volume One*. Some of his other recordings include *In The Presence* featuring the Czech Philharmonic and Daniel Rodriguez; *Sandi Patty's Broadway Stories*; the soundtrack to Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*; and *Everything's Coming Up Roses: The Overtures of Jule Styne*.

Everly, a Hoosier native and graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, is a recipient of the 2015 Indiana Histori-

cal Society Living Legends Award and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Franklin College in his home state of Indiana. In 2023, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the highest honor a Hoosier can receive, presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

## About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, at home and thriving in the heart of Indianapolis, offers an exceptional artistic and musical experience. The orchestra is open to all and dedicated to creating an inclusive and innovative experiential environment that is inspiring, educational, and welcoming. The ISO celebrates historically beloved performances while engaging audiences by introducing new voices through programming including the IU Health Plans *Classical Series*, the Printing Partners *Pops Series*, the holiday traditions of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* and the popular *Film Series* presented by Bank of America. For more information, go to [IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://IndianapolisSymphony.org).

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# Yocum kicks off campaign for House District 88

**Submitted**

With an eye toward breaking the supermajority in the Indiana Statehouse, on March 26, Stephanie Jo Yocum officially announced her campaign for Indiana State Representative for District 88, which includes parts of Hamilton, Madison, Hancock, and Marion counties.



**Yocum**

Speaking to a standing-room-only crowd, Yocum heralded the need for more balanced representation.

"A Statehouse that more accurately reflects the thoughts and needs of all Hoosiers will result in better policy," Yocum said.

She presented her support of public education, reproductive rights, and the Second Amendment aligned with public safety.

"Our current Representative [State Rep. Chris Jeter] represents the most extreme in politics; we can, and we will find a more balanced path forward for our state," Yocum said.

A daughter of a school teacher and a police officer, public service was a consistent feature of Yocum's upbringing. She followed her parents' example joining

the AmeriCorps after college, and she has continued her dedication to public service, leading large non-profits focused on healthcare and education. She currently serves as the Chair of the governor-appointed commission on volunteerism and service, Serve Indiana.

Community leaders shared their excitement about Yocum's decision to run for House District 88. Indianapolis City-County Councilor Nick Roberts, who represents the Marion County portion of District 88, spoke at the event.

"I am proud to support Stephanie Jo Yocum as my State Representative," Roberts said. "She's a leader in our community and I've been fortunate to get to know her over the past year. Her experiences and policy goals will make her a phenomenal legislator."

"I couldn't be more excited to officially announce my campaign," Yocum said. "Our state deserves a positive strong path forward. My family and I love living in District 88, we love Indiana, and I will do everything I can to support the wellbeing of all Hoosiers."

# Rep. Victoria Spartz earns endorsement from NRA-PVF

**Submitted**

On Monday, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) announced that her 2024 re-election campaign has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association's Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF).



**Spartz**

"As a lifetime NRA member, I am proud to have the NRA endorsement once again," Rep. Spartz said. "As someone who grew up under a tyrannical government, I understand that

our Second Amendment is second for a reason — to protect all other rights against all enemies foreign and domestic. I will always stand strong for Second Amendment rights for all law-abiding Americans."

The NRA is America's oldest defender of gun rights, and the PVF is the political campaign arm of the organization.

Learn more about the candidate at [SpartzForCongress.com](http://SpartzForCongress.com).

Letter to the Editor

# Bill Gutrich, the man for the job from Westfield

Dear Editor:

Since meeting Bill last October, I have talked with him many times about his desire and personal beliefs in representing the people within Indiana House District 24. He is genuinely one of the most humble and honest persons to come to the political scene in a very long time. He has decided to begin to pay it forward through public service.

So, why is he the man for the job?

- He grew up in a family who served the public in law enforcement and fire protection. He supports what it will take to keep us safe and get the officers home to their families. To him, our safety is a high priority.

- Bill believes public education should be funded and run locally.

However, state funds are needed to support that education. We have great schools in Westfield, and Bill is committed to continuing to fund education.

- He is an entrepreneur with relationships with many large companies, and he understands the need for economic development in the district. These relationships and his business experience give him the insight needed to aid and promote economic development.

- He believes urban and rural development need to be balanced for healthy growth, creating the balance needed to maintain a healthy community is a priority.

- As a Christian, he believes in faith, family, life, and liberty.

Now, the big ones: do you real-

ize that Indiana House District 24 is 95 percent in Hamilton County? Do you know that 64 percent of the district is in Westfield? Do you know that this is the first time we have a candidate for the 24th District who lives in Westfield? Bill is extremely qualified to be the next Indiana Representative for District 24, no matter where he lives in the district. However, the icing on this cake is that we have a chance to send one of our own to the state legislature.

It's a "no-brainer." Join me in supporting Bill Gutrich for Indiana State Representative for District 24. He is qualified and well-located in the district, making him the Man for the Job.

**Ronald T Moore**  
Westfield

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# Gutrich & Smith sign Term Limits Convention pledge

**Submitted**

U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the national, non-partisan movement to limit terms for elected officials, is gathering support from state lawmakers across the nation. Its mission is to get 34 states to apply for an amendment proposal convention specific to term limits on Congress.

Indiana House District 24 candidates Bill Gutrich and Hunter Smith have committed support for term limits on Congress by signing the term limits convention pledge.

"Hunter's and Bill's strong support of term limits shows that there are individuals who are willing to listen to the majority of voters who want term limits," USTL President Philip Blumel said. "America needs a Congress that will be served by citizen legislators, not career politicians."

The U.S. Term Limits pledge is provided to candidates and members of state legislatures. It reads, "I pledge that, as a member of the state legislature, I will cosponsor, vote for, and defend the resolution applying for an Article V convention for the sole purpose of enacting term limits on Congress."

In the 1995 case, *Thornton v. U.S. Term Limits*, the Supreme Court of the United States opined that only a Constitutional Amendment could limit the terms of U.S. Senators and House Representatives. According to USTL Executive Director Nick Tomboulides, the best chance of imposing term limits on Congress is

through an Article V Proposal Convention of state legislatures.

"The Constitution allows for amendments to be proposed by either two-thirds of Congress or two-thirds of the states," Tomboulides said. "While we'd like for Congress to take the high road and propose term limits on itself, our goal is to trigger the latter, a national convention specifically for a term limits amendment. That is why it is important to get buy-in from state legislators."

Once proposed, the amendment must be ratified by 38 states.

"More than 87 percent

of Americans have rejected the career politician model and want to replace it with citizen leadership," Tomboulides said. "The way to achieve that goal is through a congressional term limits amendment. Mike knows this and is willing to work to make sure we reach our goal."

According to the latest nationwide poll on term limits conducted by Pew Research, term limits enjoy wide bipartisan support. Pew's analysis states, "An overwhelming majority of

adults (87%) favor limiting the number of terms that members of Congress are allowed to serve. This includes a majority 56% who strongly favor this proposal, just 12% are opposed." [Click here](#) to view Gutrich's signed pledge. [Click here](#) to view Smith's signed pledge.



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# AG Rokita warns Hoosiers of flood-related fraudsters

## The REPORTER

Following the heavy rainfall throughout the state, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of scammers who use bad weather and pose as repairmen to gain personal information from hard-working homeowners to drain their bank accounts.

April showers might bring May flowers, but they also bring con artists to your area claiming to help with flood damage.

“When storms of any kind hit the state, it can cause good-hearted people to trust others’ deceitful intentions when they offer to help,” AG Rokita said. “Please be cautious if someone approaches you about storm-related repairs and do not give your information away before doing your research.”



Rokita

Unfortunately, far too many dubious con artists appear on people’s doorsteps, promise to make needed repairs, and then disappear with their victims’ down payment in their pockets – never to return to do the work.

AG Rokita offers these tips to help Hoosiers avoid falling victim to storm-chasing scammers:

- Be skeptical of people promising immediate clean-up and debris removal.
- Know that FEMA doesn’t charge application fees. If someone wants money to help you qualify for FEMA funds, that’s probably a scam.
- Check out contractors’ reputations before enlisting

their services.

• Ask for IDs, licenses, and proof the contractor is both bonded and insured.

• Get more than one estimate for work.

• Don’t believe any promises that aren’t in writing.

• Never pay by wire transfer, gift card, cryptocurrency, or in cash.

• Don’t pay the full amount for the project up front.

Dealing with a flood or any weather-related disaster is never easy, but when scammers target people just trying to recover, the experience can become even more difficult.

If you ever suspect a scam of any type, file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or call Attorney General Todd Rokita’s office at 1-800-382-5516.

# Final three nonprofit contestants named for United Way of Central Indiana pitch contest

## The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana announced on Tuesday the remaining three finalists who will participate later this month in Propel, a live pitch contest.

Family Promise of Hendricks County, Grace Care Center, and HATCH, Inc. will join four other human services nonprofits on stage at 6 p.m. on April 25 at High Alpha in Indianapolis.

The three organizations had been competing online since March 18 for the remaining slots in the live competition.

More than \$100,000 in grants will be given out at Propel, when seven finalists will pitch their ideas on how to reduce barriers for those from under-resourced communities and asset-limited backgrounds.

For a third year, the event is presented by media company audiochuck.

The full lineup of finalists participating in the live pitch contest:

- Eclectic Soul VOICES Corporation
- Family Promise of Hendricks County
- Flanner House of Indianapolis, Inc.
- Grace Care Center
- Grassroot Projects
- HATCH, Inc.
- Trinity Free Clinic

Free tickets to the event will be available later this month at [uwci.org/propel](http://uwci.org/propel). The event will also be available for viewing via livestream.

This will be United Way’s third Propel. In the event’s inaugural year in 2022, five organizations pitched their ideas, winning \$45,000. At last year’s Propel, seven organizations participated and more than \$100,000 was awarded.

Propel is also made possible thanks to generous sponsorship from Black Onyx Management, The Heritage Group, J.C. Hart Company, and The National Bank of Indianapolis.

Meeting Notices	
The Cicero Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Bryon St.	The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. A regular meeting will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom in the Judicial Center.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
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**— CICERO —**

**Legal Notice**  
**Board of zoning appeals**

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on April 18th, at 7:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall building located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

**Docket No. BZA-0424-05-R1**  
A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 24 Point Lane, Arcadia IN, 46030 to: allow an accessory structure in the front of the primary structure. Whereas Article 7.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall only be placed in the rear or side of the primary structure in the R1 district.

**Docket No. BZA-0424-06-R1**  
A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 24 Point Lane, Arcadia IN, 46030 to: allow a side yard setback of 25 feet. Whereas Article 7.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the minimum side yard setbacks shall be 40 feet in the R1 district.

**Docket No. BZA-0424-07-R1**  
A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 24 Point Lane, Arcadia IN, 46030 to: allow an accessory structure to exceed 65% of the finished floor area of the primary structure, Whereas Article 7.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall not exceed 65% of the finished floor area of the primary structure in the R1 district.

**Docket No. BZA-0424-08-R1**  
A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 24 Point Lane, Arcadia IN, 46030 to: allow an accessory structure with a height of 24 feet, Whereas Article 3.4 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall not exceed 20 feet in height in the R1 district.

**Docket No. BZA-0424-09-R1**  
A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 24 Point Lane, Arcadia IN, 46030 to: allow an accessory structure with 100% siding on all facades.

Whereas Article 7.22 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall have primarily brick or natural cut stone on all facades.

Project Address: 24 Point Lane, Arcadia IN, 46030  
Legal Descriptions: Acreage 0.00 Section 36, Township 20, Range 4  
Parcel numbers: 03-02-36-00-019.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Planning Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

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

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
Petitioner: Jacob Clarkson  
March 20th, 2024  
R4146 4/4/24, 4/8/24

**— COUNTY —**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is given by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, that they will receive bids to rent two enclosed buildings located at the Hamilton County 4-H Center at 2003 East Pleasant Street, Noblesville, Indiana, for storage of materials during the 2024-2025 winter season, beginning October 1, 2024 through May 1, 2025. The buildings are the swine barn which is 60’ by 144’ or 8,640 square feet; and the cattle barn which is 60’ by 210’, or 12,600 square feet. Said buildings will be rented in their present condition without any warranties, express or implied. Any questions concerning the renting of said building should be addressed to Lisa Hanni at the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, (317) 776-0854.

Bidders shall submit sealed bids to the Office of the Hamilton County Auditor at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, in the basement of the Historic Courthouse on or before 11:30 a.m. on April 22, 2024. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana until the time of the bid opening. Those bids shall contain the following:

- A clear designation on the outside of the bid envelope of 4-H RENTAL Bids.
- A Cashiers or Certified Check in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) payable to Hamilton County, Indiana.
- The name, address, home, and business phone number of the bidder.
- No bid under \$13,200 will be considered.

The bid shall be opened and read aloud during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County on or after 1:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.

The successful bidder shall be expected to tender to the County one-half of the bid amount on or before October 1, 2024, with the balance of the bid amount due and owing on December 1, 2024.

All unsuccessful bidders shall have their Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) deposit check returned. A successful bidder who fails to complete his rental agreement shall forfeit his Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) will be held as a damage deposit until the buildings are vacated at the end of the rental term.

Any persons desiring an opportunity to inspect the building(s) prior to submission of a bid and to review the proposed Rental Agreement may contact Ms. Lisa Hanni, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service at (317) 776-0854. s/s *Robin M. Mills*, Auditor  
Hamilton County, Indiana  
R4147 4/4/24, 4/8/24

**— SHERIDAN —**

**TOWN OF SHERIDAN  
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
DOCKET NO. 24-RZ-01**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, 18th day of April, 2024, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the **Sheridan Community Center**, 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 to consider petition(s) filed by **Wessler Engineering, Inc.**, on behalf of **Hamilton County Regional Utility District**. The request pertains to real estate comprising approximately 0.293 acres and generally located at **324 W. 236th Street Sheridan, 46069**, Indiana.

The request is approval of a change of zoning to allow construction of a new **potable water utility booster station that will serve the Hamilton County Regional Utility District customers.**

Specific details regarding this request, including the application, file, and property legal description, may be obtained from the Sheridan Planning and Zoning Department or by calling 317-758-5293.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the request may be filed with the Sheridan Planning and Zoning Department, at or before the public hearing. Interested persons desiring to present their views upon the request, whether in writing or verbally, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above mentioned time and place. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing [jmiller@sheridan.in.gov](mailto:jmiller@sheridan.in.gov). Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
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# April is National Donate Life Month

## This year's theme: 'Donors are Superstars'

### The REPORTER

April is National Donate Life Month, an annual observance focusing national attention on how organ and tissue donation saves lives.

This year's theme is "Donors are Superstars." Artwork was inspired by the night sky and the billions of stars that make up the universe. Stars remind us that even in the darkest night, there is light. One's decision to be an organ and tissue donor gives hope and light to Americans on the national transplant waiting list who are waiting for a second chance at life. That's why donors are superstars.

Hoosiers are encouraged to learn more about donation, sign up to become donors and participate in four key days to raise awareness about and support donation and transplantation.

"It is the generosity of donors and donor families that makes saving lives through organ and tissue donation and transplantation possible," Indiana Donor Network President and CEO Kellie Tremain said. "We honor deceased and living donors and celebrate the lives they saved through their selfless decisions to become donors."

#### Ways Hoosiers can help save lives during National Donate Life Month

##### Know the statistics

Nationally, more than 103,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, including more than 1,300 Hoosiers:

- Every day in the U.S., 17 people die waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.
- Only three in 1,000 peo-

ple die in a way that allows for potential organ donation.

- Only when a patient is declared clinically and legally dead is donation an option.

- Anyone, regardless of age or medical history, can sign up to be a donor. No one should rule themselves out for any reason.

- More than 46,000 life-saving transplants were performed in 2023.

- More than 170 million people, including more than 4.4 million Hoosiers, have signed up to become organ and tissue donors.

Organs that can be donated for transplantation include the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, small intestine and pancreas.

One tissue donor can heal up to 75 people. Tissues that can be donated for reconstructive surgical procedures:

- Skin heals burn victims or patients with serious infections.
- Veins restore circulation.
- Bone prevents need for amputation.
- Heart valves repair many cardiac defects.
- Corneas restore sight.
- Ligaments, tendons, and cartilage restore mobility.

#### Learn more about & share the Donate Life message

Donate Life Indiana's website, [DonateLifeIndiana.org](http://DonateLifeIndiana.org), has a host of information for Hoosiers to learn more about the facts about organ and tissue donation. Indiana residents can help educate others about how their generosity can help save and heal lives by becoming an advocate for donation.

#### Sign up

One donor can save up to eight lives through organ do-



nation and enhance up to 75 lives through tissue donation. One cornea donor can restore sight to two people. Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be an organ donor. There are four ways that Hoosiers can sign up:

- They can say "yes" when conducting business at their local Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch.

- They can sign up online at [DonateLifeIndiana.org](http://DonateLifeIndiana.org).

- They can sign up when they apply online for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license through the state Department of Natural Resources.

- They can say "yes" through the Health app on their iPhone or iPad.

#### Join in on key celebrations throughout April

Hoosiers can support Donate Life causes in their communities and online:

- **April 6 to 12:** Blue and Green Spirit Week – The week leading up to National Donate Life Blue and Green Day has themed days focused on appreciation, out-

reach, and education.

- **April 12:** National Donate Life Blue and Green Day – Hoosiers are encouraged to show their blue and green colors in support of the Donate Life message and mission and join the National Donate Life Blue and Green Day Photo Contest.

- **April 21 to 27:** National Pediatric Transplant Week – The last full week of National Donate Life Month is dedicated to children. National Pediatric Transplant Week focuses on ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

#### About Donate Life Indiana

Since 1998, Donate Life Indiana has been the state-authorized nonprofit organization responsible for managing the Indiana donor registry. Its mission is to save lives by creating opportunities for all Indiana citizens to sign up on the organization's official state registry while striving to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation through public education. For more, visit [DonatelifeIndiana.org](http://DonatelifeIndiana.org).

### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

#### PHARAOH'S DREAMS

When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

In the morning his mind was troubled, so he sent for all the magicians and wise men of Egypt. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but no one could interpret them for him.

Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "Today I am reminded of my shortcomings. Pharaoh was once angry with his servants, and he imprisoned me and the chief baker in the house of the captain of the guard. Each of us had a dream the same night, and each dream had a meaning of its own. Now a young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. We told him our dreams, and he interpreted them for us, giving each man the interpretation of his dream. And things turned out exactly as he interpreted them to us: I was restored to my position, and the other man was impaled."

Genesis 41:1-13 (NIV)

#### The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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

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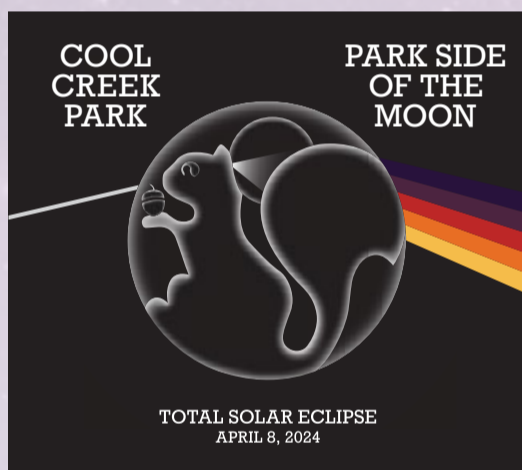
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A rare, total solar eclipse will occur in Hamilton County on Monday, April 8, 2024 and not be repeated in this area until 2153! Hamilton County Parks is staging two events that will entertain and educate, in celebration of this celestial spectacle!



**Moon Market | April 8**  
**12 - 5 PM | Strawtown Koteewi Park**  
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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](http://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.



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# REPORTER SPORTS THURSDAY

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## Basketball

### Fishers' own JonAnthony Hall named IBCA Player of the Week

#### The REPORTER

Fishers junior JonAnthony Hall was named as one of the four Indiana boys basketball players of the week for March 25 to 30 in the recognition program sponsored by Franciscan Health and coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

All four winners were named from the teams that won state championships last Saturday, with one winner from each of the four classes.

In the Class 4A game, two heavyweights went to battle, with the Tigers knocking off the defending state champion Ben Davis Giants, 65-56. Hall is known best for his defensive prowess, but he was dialed in from the tip, leading all scorers with 23 points, including 14 in the opening quarter. The 6-2 guard added 10 rebounds for the double-double, plus he dished out two assists and collected two steals in the triumph. Hall was recently named to the Indiana Junior All-Star team. Fishers finished the year with an outstanding 29-1 record, avenging its lone loss on the year in the opening round of the sectional.

The other players of the week are Canterbury senior John Parent for Class 1A, Brownstown Central senior Jack Benter for Class 2A and Scottsburg senior Jack Miller for Class 3A.

Parent came up big for the Cavaliers Saturday, scoring 22 points, including seven in the fourth quarter

of their 48-41 victory over Bethesda Christian in the Class 1A game. On the day, the 6-5 senior was 8-of-15 from the field, 2-for-5 from deep, and 4-of-4 from the charity stripe, while also pulling down 10 rebounds and recording a double-double. Parent added two assists and two blocked shots to his effort, as Canterbury finishes the season with an impressive 19-9 mark after starting out just 2-7.

The Class 2A game saw the top two teams in the class face off, with Brownstown Central able to jump out to an early nine-point lead by the first media timeout, and the Braves were able to keep that at two possessions or more for the remainder of the 55-36 win. Benter capped off his stellar career with a 25-point, six-rebound outing. The 6-6 Purdue University commit was 9-of-18 from the field, 2-for-4 from beyond the arc, and 5-of-5 from the free throw line. He added four assists, two steals, and two blocked shots to his tally, as the Braves finished the year with an overall mark of 28-4.

Miller helped the Scottsburg Warriors to a 67-57 victory over the Huskies of South Bend St. Joseph in the Class 3A game, scoring a game-high 32 points on a highly efficient 12-of-18 shooting. He was 3-for-6 from distance and 5-of-6 from the stripe as well. The 6-6 wing added four rebounds, an assist, and a steal to his effort, and he will attend Hanover College and play for his father



Photo by Joshua Herd

**Fishers junior JonAnthony Hall was named the IBCA/Franciscan Health Class 4A boys basketball player of the week after his performance while helping the Tigers win the 4A state championship game last Saturday.**

next season. The Warriors finished the season with a 25-5 record.

This was the 16th season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program, and the fourth season it has been presented by Franciscan Health, a corporate sponsor of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Girls' winners were chosen each week of their season, through the end of the IHSAA Girls State Finals. Boys' winners were chosen each week of their season, through today, following the IHSAA Boys State Finals.

## Baseball

### Tigers take home 2-2 record from Warrior Classic

#### The REPORTER

The Fishers baseball team played four games at the Warrior Classic at Murfreesboro, Tenn., going 2-2 at the event.

The Tigers started with two games last Friday, first beating Christian Academy of Knoxville 14-7. Fishers scored two runs in the first inning when Evan Doran's line drive brought Huston Dunn and Noah McPeck home. In the third inning, Deagan Repp got on base with a double, stole third base and scored on an error to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead.

The Warriors jumped ahead 4-3 in the top of the fourth inning, but Fishers responded by putting up 10 runs in the bottom of the fourth. Ben Hammond tied the game by scoring on an error, then Mayo Fernandez hit a go-ahead double to bring in Doran.

Repp batted in Fernandez and Jase Ruggles with a line drive single. Later, Hammond singled McPeck home with the bases loaded. Doran was hit by a pitch in the next at bat, which scored Jack Brown. Dunn got home when Caulin Brown reached on error. Ruggles sent Doran, Trevor Hall and Hammond home after reaching on an error, and the Tigers had a 13-4 lead.

Fishers added one more run in the sixth inning when Ruggles scored on Repp's sacrifice fly. Doran and Repp both finished with three RBIs. Jack Brown got

the pitching win, striking out seven over four innings.

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The Tigers dropped their second Friday game 8-2 to Wilson Central.

Fishers scored both of its runs in the third inning. Dunn doubled Repp home, then scored on Hammond's RBI groundout.

Dunn finished the game with two hits. Gavin Kuzniewski pitched four innings, striking out eight.

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In last Saturday's action, the Tigers began the day with a 2-1 win over Bartlett.

The Panthers scored their run in the second inning. Fishers tied the game in the third inning; Repp got a run on a pitcher's balk. In the fifth inning, Kuzniewski led off with a triple, then Repp sent home right away with a ground ball hit, his second hit of the game.

Hayden Werner got the pitching win, tossing four strikeouts in six innings.

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The Tigers finished the tournament by falling to Christ Presbyterian 17-7 in five innings.

The Lions jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first inning. Fishers scored three in the bottom of the second on three straight singles: Hall's left field hit brought Fernandez home, Kuzniewski batted in Hall with a right field hit, then Repp's left field hit scored Kuzniewski.

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## Baseball

### Royals split four games at Warrior Classic in Tennessee

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern baseball team went 2-2 last week during play at the Warrior Classic in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Royals dropped a tough first game last Friday, falling to Henry County 5-4 on a walkoff score. Southeastern scored its first run in the top of the first inning: Maddux Bach led off with a double, moved to third base on an error, then stole home on a wild pitch. The Royals added a second run in the second inning when Tyler Noel scored on an error.

Henry County scored one run each in the third and fourth innings to tie the game. Southeastern regained the lead in the sixth inning when Noel singled in Kam Seitz, then Bach blasted a seventh-inning triple to score Evan Haas. Henry County came back to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh, then won on an RBI sacrifice fly.

Ethan Lund pitched five innings, striking out nine while allowing only three hits.

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The Royals rebounded in their second Friday game, beating Perkins 14-6. The Pirates scored two runs in the top of the first inning, but HSE responded with two runs in the bottom of the inning, both on bases-load-

ed walks. Bach got home when Alex Billman drew ball four, then Noel tied the game after Colin Goley walked.

Perkins led 5-2 going into the bottom of the fifth before Southeastern put up nine runs in that inning, all with two outs. Luke Sivak singled in Haas and Jake Payne, then Goley tied the game by stealing home plate and Sivak scored on an error to put HSE in the lead.

The Royals weren't done yet. Bach's left field hit brought in Drew LaFleur, then Bach worked around the bases and scored. Michael Hoog cracked a triple to score Seitz and Noel, then Hoog later scored to give HSE an 11-2 lead.

In the sixth inning, Goley scored on a passed ball, then Seitz hit a pop-fly single to send Bach and LaFleur home. Bach and Goley both finished the game with three hits, while Seitz had two hits. Dylan Cope threw six strikeouts in four innings, and Nate McGrath got the win in relief, tossing five strikeouts in three innings.

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Southeastern continued play with two games last Saturday. First, the Royals took care of Mason 11-2.

The Comets got on the board first with a second-inning run, but HSE jumped



(LEFT) Colin Goley scored the go-ahead run for Hamilton Southeastern during its 11-2 win over Mason last Saturday at the Warrior Classic in Murfreesboro, Tenn. (RIGHT) Michael Hoog's two-RBI triple helped the Royals to a 14-6 win over Perkins last Friday.

ahead with two runs in the bottom of the second. Hoog scored on a wild pitch and Haas got home when LaFleur was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Mason tied the game

with a run in the fourth inning. It was all Royals after that, as they put up four runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Goley scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice bunt by LaFleur. Payne later

got home on a wild pitch, then Hoog's center field hit brought in Seitz and Bach.

Hoog and Seitz both had two hits, with LaFleur, Hoog and Seitz all driving in two runs. Josh Lesniewski got

the win, tossing six strikeouts while allowing four hits and one walk. Hoog then pitched two innings of no-hit ball to finish the game.

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**Baseball**

**Hamilton Heights falls in Kentucky doubleheader**

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Heights dropped both games of a doubleheader at George Rogers Clark in Winchester, Ky. on Wednesday.

The Huskies lost both games 12-2. In the opener, both teams scored twice in the first inning. Nick Bichey scored the first run on Dillon Pitts' RBI ground-out, then Adam Hughes doubled Nick Hulen home. GRC tied the game in the bottom of the first inning, then scored in the next three innings to get the five-inning, run-rule victory.

In the second game,

GRC scored three runs in the bottom of the first. Heights got a run back in the second inning when Cyrus Mason singled in Logan Hickman. Chase Hall also drove in Hickman in the fourth inning with an RBI line drive.

The Huskies were with- in 3-2, but GRC scored three runs in the fourth, another run in the fifth, then finished the game in the sixth inning with five runs. Pitts went four and one third innings, striking out five.

Heights is 0-3 and plays a doubleheader at Anderson Saturday.

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**SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, April 4**

**BASEBALL**

University at Silver Creek, 4:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.

Noblesville at Avon, 6 p.m.

Westfield vs. Beech (Tenn.), 7:45 p.m. at Rossview (Tenn.)

**SOFTBALL**

Hamilton Heights at Anderson, 5:30 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Noblesville at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.

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**TIGERS**

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Christ Presbyterian scored nine runs in the third inning, then added four more in the fourth. The Tigers got a run back in the bottom of the fourth when McPeck doubled in Sean Frey. Fishers then scored three in the fifth inning: Brady Carman doubled Jace Johnson home,

Owen Lukac scored on an error, then Repp batted in Hall.

Jack Brown and Fernandez also hit one double.

The Tigers are 3-2. They were to play games with Zionsville on Wednesday and Thursday to open Hoosier Crossroads Conference play, but both have been postponed due to the weather. Fishers will play the Eagles on Friday in a doubleheader; more information will be announced later.

**ROYALS**

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Southeastern finished its trip with a 5-3 loss to Blackman.

The Blaze scored their first run in the bottom of the first inning. The Royals scored twice in the top of the fifth to take the lead: Goley led off with a single, Sivak singled to move Goley to third, and both were sent home by Parker O'Steen's right field single.

Blackman scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to reclaim the lead and

held on to win. Southeastern got a run back in the seventh when Nolan Colbert scored on Bach's RBI fielder's choice.

Hoog hit a double in the sixth inning. Payne pitched five innings, striking out six.

The Royals are 3-2. Southeastern was to host Brownsburg on Wednesday to begin its Hoosier Crossroads Conference season, but the game was postponed due to weather. The Royals are scheduled to play at Brownsburg this afternoon, weather permitting.



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**Tues April 9 - Noblesville City Council**  
7:00 pm Noblesville Common Council Meeting

**Wed April 10 - IHSAA Softball & E-Sports**  
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**Thurs April 11 - IHSAA Baseball**  
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**Fri April 12 - Girls Lacrosse**  
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