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Ride the rails . . . on a "bike"? Watch the roads,

NPX offers unique railbike excursions starting this summer

The REPORTER

Individuals and groups can soon "bike" the historic Nickel Plate Express (NPX) line north and south from Forest Park using unique "railbikes" that operate on the existing railroad tracks. The NPX Railbike is the first of its kind in Indiana and one of the few available in the Midwest.

The specially designed family-friendly sturdy Rail Gliders look like "dune buggies" and are manufactured in Pennsylvania. They allow up to four passengers (plus two optional seats for very young children) to travel together north or south from and south of Cicero), or south to cursions." downtown Noblesville.

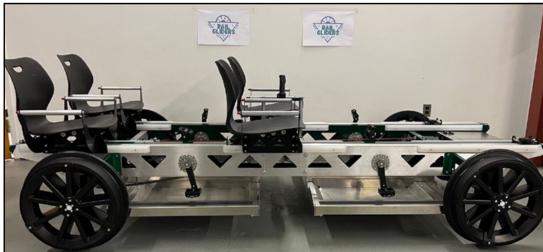


Photo provided

Coming soon, you can bike the rails across northern Hamilton County.

lasting from 45 minutes to two through the railbike program,"

The railbike's Forest Park "During warmer months Rail Adventure lasts two hours Cruise lasts 45 minutes plus a wanted to offer a one-of- and departs north on the rail line. 60-minute layover in downtown

Forest Park in scheduled tours a-kind experience in Indiana It features seven available bikes Noblesville to shop or dine. It or 30 seats plus two additional also features seven available hours. The rail bikes use foot NPX Executive Director Emily seats and may be purchased in bikes or 30 seats plus two adpower and follow the existing Reynolds said. "This program single or multiple seats. It is rail lines north to the Devin Wye seemed like the perfect com- available beginning in late May. chased in single or multiple (located north of Noblesville plement to our regular rail ex- Single seats are \$45, and an entire quad bike rental is \$129.

The White River Family quad bike rental is \$109.

ditional seats and may be purseats. It is available in June. Single seats are \$30, and an entire

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not the skies

Residents encouraged to find alternate routes & allow for extra travel time

The REPORTER

HIGH: 47 LOW: 29

As Hamilton County prepares for the total solar eclipse and the thousands of visitors it's expected to draw, its cities are reminding residents and visitors of important road closures and construction projects that will affect traffic on Monday, April 8.

Hamilton County

The Hamilton County Highway Department will have Allisonville Road closed between 146th Street and Kensington Drive, as well as between 146th Street and Helmsley Court, as part of an ongoing effort to convert the intersection into a grade-separated interchange.

Carmel

The City of Carmel will have the roads surrounding Civic Square closed on April 8 to better accommodate crowds attending the planned event.

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Carmel welcomes students from Kawachinagano, Japan



Photo provided by City of Carmel

In March, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam welcomed a group of students from Sister City Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan to City Hall. Kawachinagano was Carmel's first Sister City relationship, established in 1994. The students attended Carmel High School and stayed with host families around the city.

The Farmers Bank offers scholarship for Westfield High School seniors

The REPORTER

With 147 years dedicated service

FARMERS BANK to Indiana communities.

The Farmers Bank will award its first-ever scholarship in the Westfield community and recognize the best and brightest graduating from Westfield High School (WHS)

this academic year. Just a few months ago on Jan. 10, The Farmers Bank announced the establishment of an endowment with the Westfield Educational Foundation.

Committed to investing in education, The Farmers Bank is particularly focused on supporting WHS graduates pursuing careers in finance, accounting, or business. The bank firmly

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The King and I is 'Something Wonderful' at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

The REPORTER

welcomes audiences to experience the grandeur of 19th-century Siam with the famous musical *The* King and I, now on stage through May 19. Based on the novel *Anna* in a truly unique love story. and the King of Siam by Margaret Landon, the show by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II won the Tony Award for Best Musical.

It is 1862 in Siam when British widow Anna Leonowens and her young son Louis travel to the Royal Palace in Bangkok, having been summoned by King Mongkut to tutor his many children and wives. The King is often viewed as a "barbarian" by those in the West, and he seeks Anna's assistance in chang-

ing his image, if not his ways, in a descent. Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre modern world. With both keeping a firm grip on their respective traditions and values, Anna and the King grow to understand and respect one another and their cultures

> The King and I is filled with powerful emotions, beautiful costumes, and unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein songs including "Getting To Know You," "Something Wonderful," "I Whistle A Happy Tune," and the iconic "Shall We Dance."

> Brian Jose, director, is prioritizing authentic details in the Beef & Boards production – including acknowledging that the real Anna Leonowens was of Anglo-Indian

"That slight shift makes all the difference," Jose said. "Instead of a story that can easily be seen as a white savior/colonialism story, we get a more complex story about a woman who has had to suppress her culture in order to advance in society to provide for her children as a single mother."

Jose added, "In a time when political wars have eliminated a middle ground and religious wars have fueled so much destruction and hatred, a show about exploring our differences and attempts to understand each other seems like just what we need."



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Anna Leonowens (Hannah Louise Fernandes) tells the royal children that they're precisely her "cup of tea" as she sings See King & I... Page 2 "Getting To Know You."



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KING & I-

Boards debuts are Hannah Louise Fernandes as Anna and Jae Woo as the King of Siam. Also new to the Beef & Boards stage are Bryan Chan as Lun Tha, Alice Jihyun Kim as Tuptim, and Nathalie Cruz as Lady Thiang. Ian Cruz (Footloose) plays Kralahome, and Eddie Curry (Grumpy Old Men: The Musical, Footloose, The Addams Family), plays Sir Edward Ramsay.

The King and I is on stage for 50 performances through May 19 in the ner Theatre, Indiana's only intimate space of Beef & year-round Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to

Making their Beef & Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages.

com. Tickets are also avail-Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards. com for details.

Beef & Boards Dindinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional en-\$82 and include Chef Larry tertainment since 1973.

Duties include:

Conducting traffic counts, evaluating roads and pavement

marking, inspecting and inventorying signs and small structures.

Will also assist the engineering department in traffic studies,

traffic investigations and inspection of projects. Must be 18 and

have a valid driver's license.

Pay range starts at \$15.00 per hour depending upon

qualifications.

This is a great opportunity for a student

considering a career in engineering.

Applications are available online:

ReadTheReporter.com

KAILBIKES

Adults up to 6-foot-4 and children of all ages To see the complete may railbike. All children performance schedule and under age 16 must be acto purchase tickets online, companied by an adult. BeefAndBoards. All riders must be secured safely in a seat of their own able by calling the Beef & and harnesses are avail-Boards Dinner Theatre Box able for toddlers. Infants Office at (317) 872-9664. under the age of 2 may ride strapped security to an adult in an infant carrier. Excursions are accompanied by trained staff members. The railroad does not operate on the line during railbike periods.

"Northbound tracks do professional have a slight incline, but the bikes have been thoroughly tested and found not only manageable but also fun for riders of all levels," Reynolds said.

> Summer schedules and how to make reservations,

which are recommended, can be found at Nickel PlateExpress.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a railbike?

NPX Railbikes high-quality railbikes manufactured in Pennsylvania by Rail Gliders. The family-friendly, pedal-powered bikes are designed to safely run on top of the rails of the existing Nickel Plate railroad tracks where NPX operates, departing from Forest Park. Railbikes seat up to four and are safe for all ages. The more people who can pedal, the easier it is to maneuver, but the bikes are designed for ease of op-

Who can ride railbikes?

Railbikes are versatile and easy to ride for people of all ages and abilities – everyone from small children to adults up to 6-foot-4. Rail Glider's seats are adjustable, even while sitting in them.

Children can ride railbikes with appropriate adult guidance. Youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the railcar, however. All riders must be secured safely in a seat of their own. Harnesses are available for toddlers. Infants under the age of two may ride strapped securely to an adult in an infant carrier.

How do railbike tours work?

Reservations are recommended. All tours depart together and are led by a trained tour guide. Railbikes

point is reached, the seats are turned for the return trip. For excursions into downtown Noblesville, railbikes rest at the rail terminus until the return trip when the seats are turned for the northbound trip. This means the experience is round trip and passengers return to their starting point. Tour lengths vary. See reservations for more information.

Who else will be on the tracks?

Nickel Plate Express Railbikes will be the only operators for the tour. As such, no train movement will occur at the same time when railbikes are in use. Daily coordination within the organization ensures all parties are aware of the schedule for both railbikes and train operations for maximum safety.

What is the weather policy?

NPX Railbikes operate in most weather conditions, including rain and on cooler or hotter days, as long as it is deemed safe. Railbike tours proceed in light to moderate rain but exclude heavy rain or threatening weather such as lightning. Staff reviews weather radar before each tour and has access to Hamilton County Emergency Management alerts.

Should continuous downpour or adverse weather conditions be expected, the railroad may opt cancel or delay departure until conditions improve. Due to the unpredictable nature of thunderstorms, a decision to can be rented as a group or cancel a tour for this reason by individual seats. Partic- is typically made approxiipants maintain a distance mately 30 minutes before of about 500 feet between the scheduled departure railbikes. The railbikes are time. Should the tour be

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Customers who choose to cancel due to weather are subject to a cancellation fee, so they should be mindful when booking that railbikes is an outdoor activity and may be exposed to the elements including light rain, wind, heat, and cool temperatures.

How are railbikes tickets purchased?

Reservations are strongly recommended. Space is limited and walk-in tickets are not guaranteed. Tickets can be purchased per seat or for all four seats on the railbike. There is a discount when purchasing the entire bike. If individual tickets are purchased, other passengers may be seated in that railbike.

What should I wear?

Passengers should review weather forecast and dress appropriately. Since these tours take place outdoors and the railbikes are exposed to the elements, comfortable and loose-fitting clothing that is suitable for hiking or cycling is best. Closed-toed shoes are advised for convenience and safety.

Is there a place to put my things?

Each railbike is equipped with a small basket for bags and other items. Larger items should be stored in the vehicle you drove. Passengers should bring bottled water. There will be bottles of water to purchase at the railroad store if these are forgotten. Passengers may bring a snack to enjoy on the journey but please gather all trash or empty bottles and leave the railbike and the nearby environment litter free. If conditions are sunny, passengers should consider applying sunscreen prior to





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To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and abuse, you can drop off the following items at Tom Wood Volkswagen, 14701 Tom Wood Way, Noblesville:

Individually packaged snacks • Lysol • Hand Sanitizer • Disinfecting wipes

Don't forget about Peonies in the Park

By KELLY McVEY

Indiana Peony Festival

Peonies in the Park ... The annual fundraiser that the Indiana Peony Festival hosts to help make the celebration of our state flower possible!

This year's Peonies in the Park will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 17. Tickets are \$150 and the attire is floral cocktail. The event is sponsored by Church Church Hittle + Antrim. Click here to buy tickets.

From the earliest days of the Indiana Peony Festival, giving back to our community has been one of our top priorities. we do that not only through the Festival but through beautification projects year-round that wouldn't be possible without your help.

With our annual Peonies in the Park fundraiser. we're able to organize peony plantings throughout our community, continue grow-

ing our Peony Trail network with local businesses, and Backbone Bourbon activate monthly Flower Markets in the summer, ing's special batch of the befall, AND winter. We're so grateful for your support!

Park is not to be missed! Joy Collins, florists creating Working with our very own floral installations live, plein 9th Street Bistro, we're air artists, a Hawley Truckbringing some of Indy's most revered chefs in the area including:

• Samir Mohammad | 9th Street Bistro

• Tyler Shortt | Tinker Street

 Michael Conley KanKan Youssef Boudarine

J'adore / Bluebeard • Ross Katz | RHB Re-

Don't worry, we have drinks covered too!

• Wine: **Peace Water**

• Signature Cocktails: 9th Street Bistro will be whipping up something special with Hi & Mighty's Big Heart Gin

• Beer: Primeval Brewloved "Peony Days" Cream Ale & more.

that's just the beginning. This year, Peonies in the We'll have live music by er hat bar, Smith's Jewelers raffle (more info coming soon!), photo opportunities, peony merch, and much, much more!

We're most excited to reveal a big secret we've been keeping for the past few months about the future of the Indiana Peony Festival! You don't want to miss

All of this is possible because of the partnership of those above and CCH+A, who is supporting the Indiana Peony Festival in our quest to make downtown more vibrant. Their beautiful offices are right on the square downtown Nobles- dates to come!

Bourbon Tasting: ville facing the courthouse.

Even though they are based here in Noblesville, they have offices in Westfield, Fishers, Carmel, Zionsville, Tipton, and beyond. A full-service law firm with commitment to family and a visible and active tradition of involvement in the communities they serve, live and work in, showcases the importance of relationships for CCH+A Law and that their clients come first. These community-centric foundations also serve as the heart of the Indiana Peony Festival in its fourth year of beautifying and supporting the city of Noblesville and beyond, planting its own roots and building its own traditions and expanding education about the Indiana state flower – the peony.

Click here to watch a video about why CCH+A has decided to sponsor this year's Peonies in the Park.

More fun and excited up-

WATCH THE ROADS-

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Fishers

The City of Fishers will 161st and 151st streets. provide limited local access to Cumberland Road between 96th Street and Promise Road on April 8 to keep a clear thoroughfare for public safety. East-west roadways at Cumberland Road will have soft closures and allow local access only.

Fishers Parks locations will have pedestrian access only. No vehicular traffic will be permitted.

The Hamilton County Highway Department will have 106th Street closed between Cumberland Road and Hamilton Pass due to a bridge replacement at 106th Street over Mud Creek.

Noblesville

The Indiana Department of Transportation (IN-DOT) will have State Road 32 closed at 16th Street as crews replace pavement and address drainage is-

Westfield

Citizens Energy Group will have a small section of

Bien Mexicana

150 S Peru St, Cicero

Oak Road closed between

'Some of these projects may lead to increased traffic congestion and delays, particularly on alternate routes and surrounding roadways," Hamilton County Communications Director Tammy Sander said. "We encourage residents to be aware of potential traffic hazards, plan their travel accordingly, and allow extra time to get where they're going."

To stay informed about road conditions, restrictions, closures, and construction updates, residents and visitors are encouraged to visit 511in.org. The website, managed by INDOT, offers real-time updates to help navigate safely during the eclipse.

To learn more about the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse and its impact on Hamilton County, visit VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

See Page 4 for maps of road projects across the county.

Scholarship

believes that nurturing the accounting clubs. educational aspirations of young individuals is a key driver for future community

Applications for The Farmers Bank Business and Finance Studies Scholarship are now open at wwswef. org/scholarships. To qualify for the \$1,000 scholarship, applicants must be enrolled or accepted at a two- or four-year accredited college or university, with preference given to those attending Indiana institutions. The student should have an area of study in finance, accounting, or business, and been an active participate in a high school student organization such as DECA, yearbook, or other business/

Application viewers will consider character, financial need, and grade-point average, with preference given to those with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.

The \$15,000 endowment established by The Farmers Bank is aimed at providing scholarships well into the future. For every new account at the new Westfield location, \$100 will be donated to this encalendar year. With continued community support, The Farmers Bank aspires to offer even more scholar-

ships in the years to come.



11 via the Westfield Educational Foundation website. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the WHS Awards Banquet on May

The applica-

tion deadline is

midnight on April

Westfield Financial Center Director Steve Latour expressed his excitement about the initiative.

"As a community bank serving Westfield, this is dowment, up to \$5,000 this a tremendous opportunity for us to acknowledge the hard work and effort of graduating seniors pursuing finance, accounting, or business degrees," Latour said.

"Our hope is that this is just

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the first of many opportunities to support the school district, its students, and the faculty and staff that make Westfield one of the premier school districts in Indiana."

The Westfield Financial Center is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and open on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The drive-up ATM is available 24/7.

To learn more about how The Farmers Bank can help you or your business, please contact Financial Center Director Steve Latour at steve. latour@thefarmersbank. com. For additional information and Center hours, please visit thefarmersbank.com.

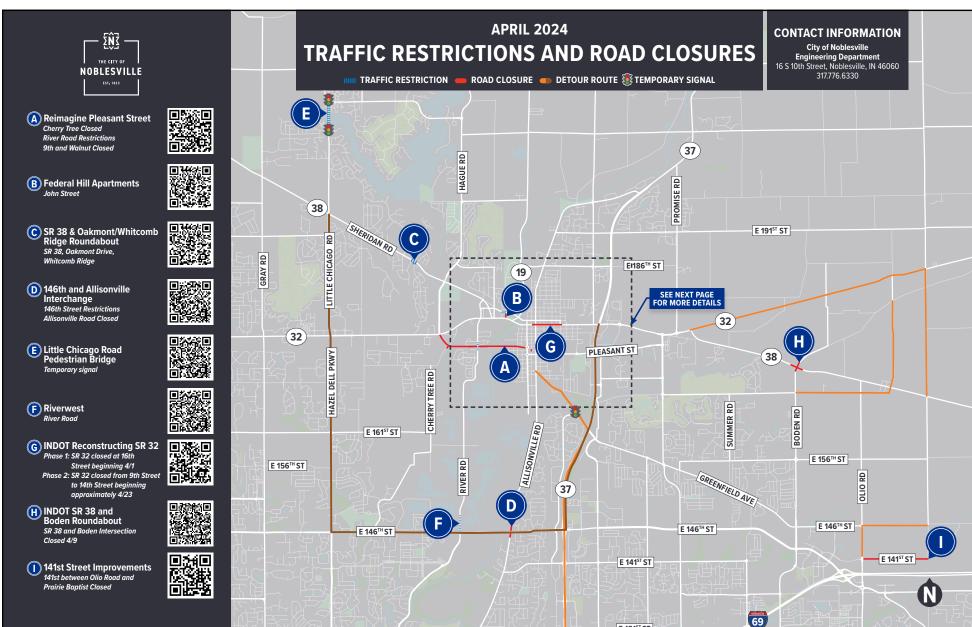


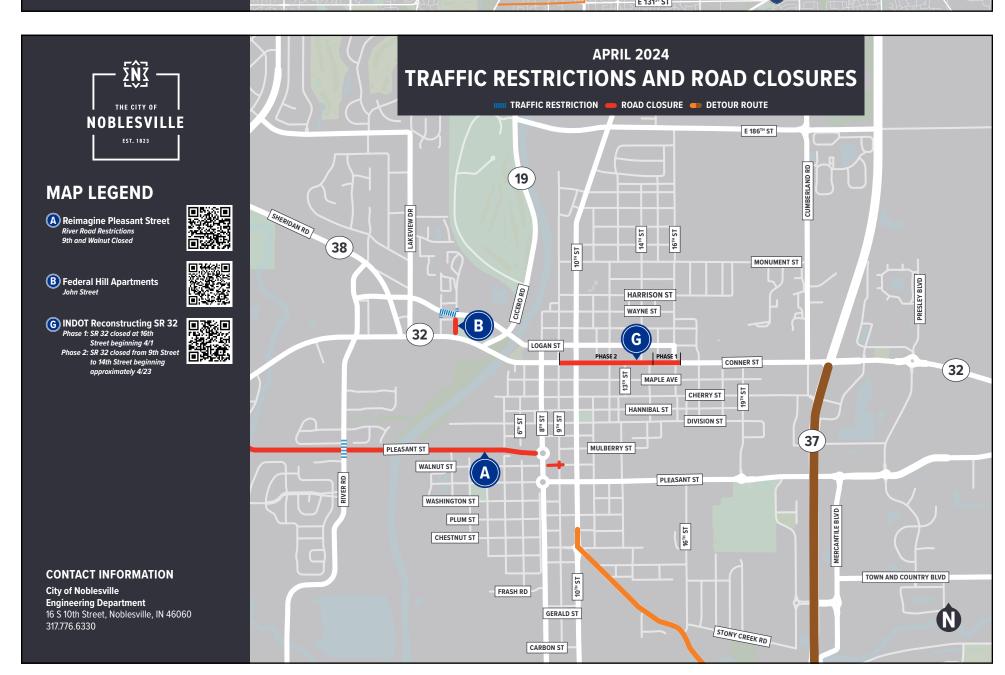


Plan your Eclipse Day travel













Westfield Young Professionals ready for leadership summit

The REPORTER

The Westfield Young Professionals Council als across Hamilton

County. The summit starts at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18881

IMMI Way, Westfield. That's off East Street just south of 191st Street.

The conference is open to anyone who lives or works in Hamilton County who is looking to sharpen their skills, network, and grow personally and professionally. The \$60 all-inclusive cost per person includes leadership training and materials, lunch, snacks, and a

ticket to the post-conference networking happy hour.

The keynote speak-(WYP) has created a one- er, Adam Grubb, will talk of-a-kind leadership sum- about How to Build Your mit for young profession- Personal Brand. Breakout sessions include How

> to Be a Good Manager, Negotiating Your Benefits, Goat Setting, and Working Genius - How to Understand Your

> > Frustra-

tions, and Teammates, featuring Jeff Meaux, Michelle Merritt, Rhonda Kuchik, and Mark Malin.

Gifts,

Attention business owners/supervisors: WYP recfully selected which WYP College aims to provide an

Summit Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Registration & Breakfast 9:50 a.m. - Opening Remarks

10 a.m. - Keynote Presentation

11:30 a.m. - Breakout Session #1

12:15 p.m. - Lunch

12:55 p.m. - Breakout Session #2

1:45 p.m. – UWCI Introduction & Service Project 3:15 p.m. - Closing Comments

3:45 p.m. – Happy Hour at Grand Junction

believes will help them experiential learning engrow, sharpen their skills, and bring back to your company a re-energized team member ready to meet the

Click here to register. **Title Sponsor Spotlight**

The Indiana State University Scott College of Business is dedicated to ognizes the impact of asking providing an internationally to take key staff members accredited professional edfrom the office for a day. ucation to qualified students That's why speakers and at both the undergraduate presenters have been care- and master's levels. The

vironment that builds career-ready skills and competencies thereby preparing students for global citizenship and leadership roles in both public and private organizations. In tandem with this commitment, the College supports, encourages, and produces applied and educational research, development of mutually beneficial relationships with the business community, and service to the region and the







Bringing joy to your workplace can ease tensions

Showing how much you care at work can ease potential tensions. My father-in-law, Ron, was a great example of this before he retired.

Ron worked for Celanese Corporation years ago making plas-

observations that helped increase safety and decrease leakage in their systems, he was quickly promoted. Ron was assigned to learn about some new machinery and to create a manual for it so anyone could run it.

He became a shift supervisor after only 2 ½ months and was promoted ahead of others who had been there for years. But he always remembered where he came from.



gether as a team and try to make things better, or you can fight me."

Thanks to his humility and honesty, everyone chose to work together – and later, people were

tic bottles. Thanks to his crew! I'll tell you why later everyone's birthday in my in this series.

No matter what your level is on the job, you can be a powerful force for change. Being a positive example at work is like the start of a ripple in a body of water – your bit of joy may be just a drop in the pond, but it can make can buy a perpetual calendar circles and expand to all its at a reasonable price – I've edges and reach so many.

way we can start bringing birthday, you'll always have joy to others at work - cel- it. I also make certain to high-Ron gathered everyone ebrations! Birthdays. Ad- light what months Boss's Day together and said, "They've ministrative Professionals and Administrative Profeschosen me to do this, and I Day. Boss's Day. Christmas. don't know why. You guys Groundhog Day. Hallow- dates change every year. taught me what I know now. een. These are all occasions

special for others, recognize them on the job, or just simply dress up and look goofy for a day. Well, maybe not necessarily Groundhog Day, although during a particularly tough, long winter it er and fundraising profescould be the perfect excuse for some fun!

The first thing I do when asking to join his I start a new job is learn company or, if it's a large one, my department. It's easy to put the dates in an Outlook calendar and set a recurrence for a reminder to pop up every year.

If you're more of a paper planner/calendar person, you seen some for as low as \$3 Let's touch on to the first — so once you write down a sionals Day fall in since these

Once you've marked

We can work to- when we can do something down everyone's birthdays or other special days and you get to know your co-workers a bit, it's time to create a plan! We'll delve into this process next week.

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



Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents **Directed by Lori Raffel Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30** Sunday Shows at 2:30 pm Basile Westfield Playhouse

Celebrate spring with a wildflower walk at Blatchley Nature Study Club

The REPORTER

Wander the woods and welcome spring on both Saturdays, April 13 and April 27, at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville. Explore the trails with guided tours anytime between 1 and 5 p.m. either day – or both.

"From shooting stars to trillium, phlox to bluebells, trout lilies to wild geraniums, Blatchley Nature Study Club sanctuary boasts one of the best varietal displays of wildflowers in the state of Indiana," Club President Rick Towle said. "Come learn all about them with a guided tour from one of members."

"The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year," Club Vice President Emma St. Dennis said. "Especially after a cold winter (and spring), spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible treat."

The event is free, open to the public, and great for all ages, kids, scout groups and adults. Although the walking path is moderate, it is not wheelchair accessible.



In the event of lightning or downpours, the event will be canceled. Check the Blatchley **Facebook page** for updates.



Thanks for reading!



Noblesville kicking off Total Solar Eclipse with weekend full of events

The REPORTER

Noblesville is gearing up to witness a celestial phenomenon as it prepares to hold a series of events surrounding the highly anticipated Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8. Mark your calendars to enjoy a weekend of local events leading up to this once-in-a-lifetime event.

"Noblesville is excited to experience this oncein-a-lifetime event with a Total Solar Eclipse passing through our community,' Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We have been planning for this unique event and

look forward to a weekend **lemainstreet**. of celebration in Noblesville. Be prepared for an ilton County, stay safe, and have fun!"

Friday, April 5

selfie stations, and a wininstagram.com/noblesvil- more free fun. Click here

Saturday, April 6

The City of Noblesville increase in visitors to Ham- and the Noblesville Parks & Recreation Department present a Preclipse Party at Federal Hill Commons Noblesville Main Street from 1 to 5 p.m. Admiswill hold its monthly First sion to this event is free, Friday in downtown No- and the hosts will give blesville with the Total away 5,000 eclipse glass-Eclipse Kickoff from 4 to es, live music from the 8 p.m. Highlights of the band Living Proof from event include merchant 3 to 5 p.m., eclipse expert discounts, crafts and activ- Keith Turner, food trucks, ities for the whole family, games, bounce houses, and photo ops. Balloon twistdow decorating contest. ers, face painting, and car-For more information, visit icature artists will provide

for more information. Sunday, April 7

Join Noblesville Cre-Festival on the Historic Hamilton County Courtinclude live entertainment entertainment, food trucks, led by local arts organizations. NC and local artists flatable obstacle course, will also have art and me- a special guest speaker mentos for sale, including from NASA, and a DJ-inan exclusive Stuart Sayger local eclipse-themed cover for a Betty & Veronica comic book. For more information, visit **noblesvil**lecreates.org/eclipse.

Monday, April 8 (Eclipse Day!)

Ruoff Music Center is ates (NC) for the Artclipse Noblesville's signature site for total solar eclipse viewing. The Total Eclipse Tailhouse lawn from 10 a.m. gate will run from 10 a.m. to to 4 p.m. The event will 5 p.m. and will feature live and interactive art projects a beer garden, and on-site activities, including an inspired dance party. Tickets are available at hlivemu. sc/3TU9G1e.

> Moon Market at Strawnoon to 5 p.m.: All regis-

tered attendees will receive a pair of eclipse viewing safety glasses, you can purchase eclipse-themed crafts, eclipse expert Keith Turner will be on site, live music, and more. Tickets are available at this link.

Come create lasting memories under the shadow of the total solar eclipse this weekend in Noblesville and throughout Hamilton County. The sky will begin changing around 1:50 p.m. with totality at 3:06 p.m., which will last for 3 mintown Koteewi Park from utes, 27 seconds in Nobles-

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Fishers prepares for **Total Solar Eclipse**

Public safety & emergency preparedness for residents & visitors at forefront of planning efforts

The REPORTER

On Monday, April 8, from approximately 1:30 to Building at 3 Municipal 4:30 p.m., Hamilton County and Fishers will experience the Total Solar Eclipse. Totality in Fishers will begin at 3:06 p.m. and last 3 minutes and 30 seconds, the longest length of totality in Hamilton County.

The City of Fishers, Fishers Police Department and Fishers Fire and Emergency Services have been preparing over the past six to ensure the public safety influx of visitors as they ex- dates. perience the celestial event. upward of 500,000 visitors to view the Total Solar Eclipse.

Stay informed

• The city will be open for business on Monday, April 8 by phone at (317)

595-3111 between 8:30 and with emergency prepared-4:30 p.m. The City Services Drive will be closed for in-person services and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

- Follow City of Fishers on Facebook, X, and **Instagram** for information leading up to and on the day of the eclipse. For general information and safety tips, visit FishersIN.gov/ Eclipse.
- · Motorists are encourmonths with county officials aged to use the Waze app and follow @FishersIN on of residents and expected X for traffic and travel up-
- Register for Hamilton Central Indiana anticipates County's emergency notification system, Smart911, to be notified of any major public safety emergencies. Register at smart911.com.

Be prepared • Fishers Parks proper-

- ties will have a modified schedule open to pedestrian traffic only. Beginning at dusk on April 7 through dusk on April 8, vehicular traffic will be restricted to encourage residents to visit neighborhoods or local parks via pedestrian access instead of adding vehicles to the roadways. Geist Waterfront Park and Cumberland Park will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian access.
- The Fishers Health Department Clinic will be closed and not accepting appointments or walk-ins.
- Prepare for the event like you would prepare for a large-scale winter storm. Ensure proper fuel for vehicular travel and that necessary medication is stocked and accessible, food and water are prepared, and if traveling, that alternate routes are identified.
- With the anticipated increase of video streaming, social media usage, and calls in a relatively small, concentrated area, those in the path of totality should anticipate loss in communications or poor service.

Traffic & road closures

· Locations that experienced a Total Solar Eclipse in the past saw heavy, often standstill, traffic. With the anticipated additional traffic, motorists should travel ness in mind. This includes ensuring gas tanks are full, planning for extra time to your destination, and packing water and snacks in anticipation of long delays.

- · Cumberland Road will experience limited, local access only on April 8 to keep a clear thoroughfare for public safety. East-west roadways at Cumberland Road will have soft closures and allow local access only.
- · Be advised there are also ongoing road projects and road closures around Fishers, including 146th and Allisonville (north/south closure); State Road 37 & 141st Street (east/west closure); and 106th Street and Mud Creek (between Cumberland Road and Hamilton Pass).
- Fishers Engineering and Public Works Departments will suspend all road construction work on the day of the eclipse.

Public safety & emergency response

- Call 911 in the event of an emergency. For non-emergency issues, call the non-emergency line is (317) 773-1282.
- Fishers Fire and Emergency Services and the Fishers Police Department will be stationed throughout the city in various locations to alleviate travel distances for emergency responses in the event of heavy traffic.
- In the event of a community emergency, all communications will be published from the city's social media accounts.

Safety information

- · When watching an eclipse, you must always wear safe solar viewing glasses (eclipse glasses). Visit VisitHamiltonCounty.com for a list of local businesses selling eclipse glasses.
- It is never safe to look directly at the sun, even if the sun is partly obscured.
- Do not view the eclipse through regular sunglasses.
- Viewing any part of the sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter will instantly cause severe eye injury.

Celebrate solar eclipse early at Hamilton Town Center

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Hamilton Town Center is celebrating the highly anticipated Solar Eclipse with a family-friendly event from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.

As Hamilton County will be in the path of totality, Hamilton Town Center invites guests to come to the Mall's greenspace, located between Livery & Ford's Garage to partake in the fun and grab essentials for the

April 8 Solar Eclipse.

Hamilton Town Center will provide shoppers with themed giveaways, tasty treats, and solar eclipse glasses and kits, while supplies last. There will also be a space themed photo booth pop-up with printed photos for shoppers.

Additional giveaways and goodies provided by Cinnaholic, Lilac Blonde, European Wax Center and Zumiez.



Places to purchase glasses:

- All Things Carmel
- **Cicero Market**
- **Cool Creek Park Nature Center**
- Kits & Kaboodle, Carmel
- Harbour Market, Noblesville
- Noble Eyes

- 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

Free glasses in Westfield:

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 (across from Hamilton Town Center) • 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
 - Wittler Orthodontics: 534 E Main Street

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



THE SKIES ALIGN FOR A SPECTACULAR SHOW IN HAMILTON COUNTY ON APRIL 8, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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









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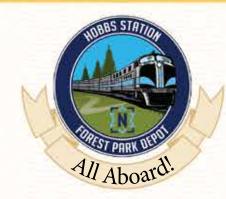


Sit back and enjoy the sights, sounds and experience of a ride in our 1950s Santa Fe equipment.

The Nickel Plate Express operates on 12.5 miles of the former Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Atlanta.

Excursions board out of Noblesville at 825 Forest Park Drive.





1956 Murder **Mystery Express**

Step back in time to the golden age of the 1950s and experience the thrill of the 1956 Murder Mystery Express! Join us, Nickel Plate Express, on a nostalgic journey as we embark on the inaugural run of the newly built Santa Fe El Capitan Hi-Level cars on July 8, 1956.

April 27 at 5 p.m.

NickelPlateExpress.com



History and Lunch Express

A scenic and educational train ride down the historic Nickel Plate Road. It's a 90-minute ride through Northern Hamilton County. While on board learn about the history of the railroad and the towns we go through. This all-ages ride is a perfect way to enjoy an afternoon on the rails.

April 14 at 12:30 p.m.

NickelPlateExpress.com

Eclipsed Spirits Express: Wine, Whiskey and Trains

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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IMCU contributes \$1,838 to Westfield High School athletics

The REPORTER

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) presented a check for \$1,838 to Westfield High School as part of an ongoing school spirit debit card program.

The partnership allows Shamrocks fans the opportunity to show their school spirit and support the athletic program by signing up for a Rocks-themed debit card. Every time the card is used as a signature-based transaction, Westfield athletics benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution.

Since beginning the program in 2013, Westfield High School has earned \$22,211 through this IMCU giveback program. In 2023, IMCU has contributed a total of \$100,000 through its Giveback Debit Card Pro-

IMCU Westfield Branch Manager Lindsey Coe presented the check to WHS Athletic Director Andy Tebbe at the boys varsity basketball game on Jan. 26.

The card is available



Photo provided by IMCU

Westfield High School Athletic Director Andy Tebbe (left) and IMCU Westfield Branch Manager Lindsey Coe.

for issue to members at the debit card is free to mem- members to receive their IMCU Westfield Branch, bers with IMCU's free 4005 Westfield Road, as checking account and can well as IMCU's other 30 be issued immediately Indiana locations. The through IMCU's Instant Is-IMCU Westfield Rocks sue program, which allows imcu.com for details.

debit card on the spot.

Help support Westfield High School and visit the IMCU Westfield Branch or

Spring into warm weather at Clay Terrace with 'Tuesday Tunes' live music series

The REPORTER

at Clay Terrace with the launch of a new live music series called Tuesday Tunes presented by Metronet. Beginning April 9 and running through May 21, local musicians will perform from 6 to 7 p.m. in the outdoor seating area near Pies & Pints.

The schedule features a diverse lineup of talented

- Whisman
- April 23: Elizabeth Lee Duo

• May 7: Elizabeth Lee

May 21: Terra Hoskins and Matt Keyser, Retro on the Rocks Un-

As spring weather rolls Come welcome spring in, Tuesday Tunes provides the perfect opportunity to grab a bite from one of Clay Terrace's many delicious eateries and enjoy live music al fresco. Nearby dining options include Harmony Poke & Bubble Tea, Pies & Pints, Le Macaron, Bella Pizzeria, Qdoba, Coldstone Creamery and Upland Brewing.

"We're thrilled to offer • April 9: Christina this fun musical experience for our guests," Clay Terrace General Manager Jennifer Hillman said. "Grab your friends and an ice cream cone and lounge in our outdoor seating area while taking in tunes from top local performers. It's the perfect way to ease into those warm and open to the public, and Website.



Photo provided

See the Elizabeth Lee Duo on April 23 and May 7 at Clay Terrace.

spring evenings."

pets are welcome. For more Tuesday Tunes is free information visit the Event

Merchants Foundation commits to creating greater access to housing, healthcare & education

The REPORTER

plugged

Merchants Bank and Merchants Capital announced on Wednesday the creation of Merchants Foundation, a private charitable foundation supported by the Merchants family of companies with its roster of 600 employees located in

nine states across the country. The Foundation, which commits to being a catalyst within the communities it serves, brings forth hope and well-being by expanding access to housing, healthcare and education – three factors that greatly contribute to the overall health of an individual and their community.

Team members spanning across Merchants Bank, Merchants Capital, and Merchants Foundation itself nominate local causes and charitable organizations within the regions where they live, work, grow, and bank. In tandem with employee-nominated giving, the Foundation strives to uplift those living in the communities where Merchants directly provides deposit



MERCHANTS FOUNDATION

and lending products and in- through an urban farm with vestment services.

"Access to housing, healthcare, and education are three social determinants of health that arguably play the biggest role in shaping a successful future," Merchants Foundation Executive Director Julia Kaercher said. "Our hope for our beacon of opportunity, supporting the nonprofits and initiatives important to our employees, stakeholders

and larger communities." Efforts already supported throughout the piloting of Merchants Foundation in

2023 include: North End Apartments, a mixed-use housing community based in Carmel, received the Foundation's first gift. This housing community features businesses on its grounds, a farm-to-table restaurant and integrated living support from the Village of Merici

a greenhouse that is anticipated to open this year. The construction of this greenhouse will help spark further opportunities for meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities each season for members of the community with disabilities. • Local Indianapolis

Foundation is to become a organizations - Neighbor-Link Indianapolis, Gennesaret Free Clinics and Brightlane Learning – all received gifts of \$5,000 as these three partners each represent one of the Foundation's guiding pillars. Each organization attended the Foundation's launch, which was a "volunteer expo" for our employees. The nonprofit organizations each garnered new volunteers from the staff of the Merchants family of companies that attended.

• Merchants' Giving Tuesday initiative brought each of Merchants' branches and offices across the country to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for each location's identified local partner. Team members collected more than 2,500 pounds of food in total, and the Foundation gifted a total monetary contribution of \$10,000.

"We've already begun to see the impact that Merchants Foundation's gifts have had within each served area, improving lives and strengthening neighborhoods and whole communities," Kaercher said. "Our efforts will be even greater this year as we strengthen and develop further relationships with gift recipients, building for a brighter, healthier future together."

To learn more about Merchants Foundation and its impact, visit merchantsfoundation.org or Merchants Foundation on together the employees at LinkedIn and Instagram.



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(LEFT, from left) Alaina Shonkwiler speaks with Congressman Jim Banks and former State Senator Luke Kenley of Noblesville. (RIGHT, from left) Former Fifth District Congresswoman Susan Brooks, Alaina Shonkwiler, and Congressman Jim Banks.

Shonkwiler welcomes GOP dignitaries to breakfast event

Alaina Shonkwiler, Republican candidate for State Representative for District 29, recently held a breakfast at Matteo's Ristorante in Noblesville, headlined by Congressman Jim Banks.

The breakfast drew a packed house in support of Shonkwiler's campaign and was attended by other notable guests including former Congresswoman Susan Brooks, former

John DeLucia.

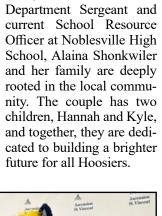
headliner, has served as and he'll continue fighting 3rd District since 2017, Chairman of the Republican Study Committee and vours to have the same opis the Republican nominee portunities I enjoyed growfor U.S. Senate in 2024.

Commissioner Steve Dil- ful to all who attended our vative leadership that has

Councilors Megan Wiles, wiler said. "Congressman Mike Davis, Evan Elliott, Banks has been on the and Fishers City Councilor frontlines fighting for Hoosiers and serving our state Rep. Banks, the event and nation with distinction, Congressman for Indiana's for our American way of life in the U.S. Senate. I am where he has served as a passionate conservative, and I want my children and ing up in Noblesville. I can-"I am incredibly hon- not sit idly by and watch State Senator Luke Kenley, ored to have the support of others fight to preserve our State Representative Ethan my friend, Congressman way of life. It's time for a Manning (R-23), County Jim Banks, and am so grate- new generation of conser-

linger, Noblesville City campaign event," Shonk- the energy, the enthusiasm, and the relationships to fight for us and our values every single day, and I look forward to being the fighter we need.'

Married to Jason Shonkwiler, a Noblesville Police





Fans crowd Ascension St. Vincent Fishers to meet Pacers center Myles Turner

The REPORTER

Last Saturday, Ascenheld a fan meet-and-greet for Pacers center Myles Turner, drawing hundreds of people to a carnival-style

The "Revved Up Ral- more. ly" was open to the public

and Boomer. Visitors at Robot, enabling surgeons to sion St. Vincent Fishers Ascension St. Vincent Fish- perform more precise and ers could also spin prize less invasive general and wheels, get their face painted, sit for a caricature artist, pick up a cool balloon animal, play games, and much hospital. Guests also got the

gynecologic surgeries. It's one of three surgical robots used regularly at the Fishers chance to demo the robot, Ascension St. Vin- trying to use the controllers

greets with the Pacemates through the new Surgical into a hoop on a printed version of the Ascension St. Vincent Practice Court at

Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Turner and Boomer also surprised Heidi Smith, RN with a custom Pacers jersey. It bears the number 25 due to her 25-year career at Ascension St. Vincent as a





Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People selected as Childhood **Bereavement Changemaker**

The REPORTER

Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People, Inc. is one of 11 grief-centered organizations selected by Judi's House/JAG Institute to participate in the 2024 Childhood Bereavement Changemaker program.

This initiative will build capacity for data collection and program evaluation through a series of trainings, workshops, and collaborative learning sessions.

Over the course of a year, Changemakers will receive guidance and practical recommendations to address data and evaluation needs that can inform strategic planning, support funding opportunities, and enhance the overall impact Brooke's Place has on the one in 10 Indiana children estimated to experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18.

"Brooke's Place is excited to have the opportunity to participate in this data-driven initiative that will help us to learn more about the grieving children and families in central Indiana and develop strategic initiatives to achieve success in our therapy services outcomes," Brooke's Place Executive Director Theresa Brun said.

Founded in 1999, Brooke's Place provides ongoing grief support groups, therapy services, and com- hood bereavement.

munity education to empower children, teens, young adults, and their families to thrive in the midst of grief. This year, Brooke's Place celebrates its 25th anniversary of providing grief support, having helped over 30,000 children and their families.

"Through the Childhood Bereavement Changemaker initiative, the JAG Institute team walks alongside bereavement professionals nationwide who want to strengthen their programs using solid evaluation methods," Judi's House/JAG Institute Chief Clinical Officer Micki Burns said. "Together, we learn about innovative interventions that are changing the trajectory for grieving children and their families across the nation and build competency in using data to tell impactful stories."

The Childhood Bereavement Changemaker initiative was conceived by Judi's House/JAG Institute, an Aurora, Colo.-based grief care organization with philanthropic support from New **York Life Foundation** – the largest corporate funder in the childhood bereavement space – and in collaboration with the National Alliance for Children's Grief, the only professional member organization specifically addressing issues around child-



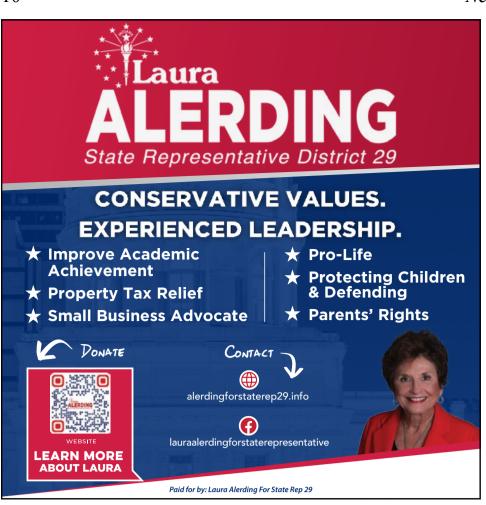


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10 News



Meijer partners with AnaOno to sell stylish mastectomy bras

The REPORTER

the Midwest can now find a with her newfound mission new option in the intimates section: AnaOno x Tranquil & True, a collaboration between the leading mastectomy bra brand and the Meijer intimate apparel label. The collection features bras come a pioneer in the inspecially designed for individuals who've undergone everyone from influential mastectomy, lumpectomy, celebrity stylists to healthreconstruction, or other care providers to reduce the breast surgeries.

AnaOno was founded in 2014 by Dana Donofree, who was diagnosed with breast cancer at 27. Following bilateral mastectomies, breast reconstruction, and chemotherapy, she struggled to find bras that fit her post-surgery body. As a recent graduate from Savannah College of Art & De-

Meijer customers across her lifelong passion for style of advocating for women's health to create her own line of comfortable, stylish, and supportive bras for individuals of all shapes and sizes.

AnaOno has since bedustry, partnering with stigma around conversations about breast cancer.

Originally from the Dayton, Ohio, area, Donofree grew up shopping at Meijer stores with her family. In 2022, she met Annette Repasch, Meijer Group Vice President of Softlines, at a Women in Retail Leadership conference. They hit it off, bonding over their lived experiences as breast cancer survivors and shared missions to ensure women feel beautiful through inclusive sizes and styles. This partnership marks the first retail collaboration for both Ana-Ono and Tranquil & True and is a demonstration of how Meijer extends its culture of inclusivity and belonging to its customers and communities.

"By pairing our Tranquil & True brand with this truly amazing women-owned business, we hope to make a difference in the lives of our customers who have undergone chest surgery or are battling breast cancer and inspire them to feel supported, confident, and empowered," Repasch said. "Our goal is to provide a shopping experience where they can find everything they need for their families, including themselves."

& True collection includes stores across six states.

sign, she decided to combine two styles of bras: the Front Closure Bra, a post-surgery recovery bra designed to secure bandages and surgical dressings in place while giving the chest a gentle, comforting hug. The Front Closure Bra is comfortable and practical, featuring a unique combination of softness, adjustability, and style, and was voted "Best Post-Mastectomy Bra" by InStyle magazine. The Full Coverage Bra provides comfort and support through the healing process with a stylish, wire-free design, including elastic encased in soft, cooling, anti-microbial material designed to bring an added layer of comfort to healing.

> "I'm so honored and humbled to be a part of this evolving and important conversation around breast cancer, helping bring it out into the open instead of hiding it behind closed doors," Donofree said. "Our ultimate goal is to make mastectomy garments accessible to all women who need them, no matter where they live or shop, and this partnership with Meijer gives incredible access to our garments in stores across the Midwest."

> Following skin cancer, breast cancer is the leading cancer among women overall and is particularly prevalent among Hispanic women, according to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. The models pictured in the Meijer launch campaign are mainly breast cancer survivors from the Midwest, ranging in age from their 20s to 50s, representing the diversity of women affected by the disease.

The AnaOno x Tranquil & True line is now available The AnaOno x Tranquil in more than 175 Meijer

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"Jim Banks is the fight-

er Hoosiers need

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the United States

Senate," Rokita said. "In Con-

gress, Jim is a

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for our conserva-

tive values, for a

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Rokita 'Banks' endorsement

Banks says Rokita is right about Banks being right about Rokita being right

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sued his own.

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On Thursday, Indiana

Attorney General Rokita endorsed Congressman Jim Banks for Senate, and Banks endorsed Rokita for re-election as Indiana's Attorney

General. "Todd Rokita spent his first term fighting for Indiana and our values," Banks said. "He's defended unborn children, protected parents' rights, and stood up to COVID authoritarianism. I'm proud to endorse Todd Rokita for a second term as Attorney Gen-

gether for years to come."

Rokita

Banks

do everything I eral and I look forward to can to support him as he our continued working to- prepares to serve Indiana as our next United States Rokita thanked Banks Senator."

never be forgotten, and it is

an honor to have the support

of SBA Pro-Life America," Rep.

Spartz said. "I

will continue re-

lentlessly fighting for the rights of

the unborn and

their mothers."

SBA Pro-Life America endorses Rep. Spartz

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Congresswoman Spartz (R-Ind.-05) announced on Wednesday that her 2024 re-election campaign has been endorsed by

Susan B. Anthony

Pro-Life America with an A+ rating. Spartz "The value of life – born and unborn, must **ForCongress.com**.

Learn more about the candidate at **Spartz**-



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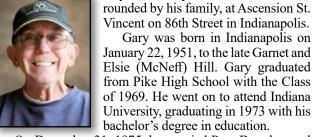
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Gary Gilbert Hill January 22, 1951 - March 31, 2024

Gary Gilbert Hill, 73, Cicero, passed away unexpect-

edly on Sunday, March 31, 2024, surrounded by his family, at Ascension St. Vincent on 86th Street in Indianapolis.



On December 31, 1975, he married Pam Douglas, and they shared 48 years of marriage. To this union two sons were born: Aaron and Jarrod. The family lived in the Broad Ripple area of Indianapolis for 12 years before moving to Cicero, where they enjoyed their lake home on Morse Reservoir for 37 years. Gary and Pam started their own construction and carpentry company, G & P Enterprises, Inc., and Gary built the business for 44 years into what it is today.

Gary was a "water dog" who learned to water ski at age 10. He was a great slalom skier and also barefooted. He and his sons participated in skiing and knee board competitions and the Cicero 4th of July Ski Shows held in the past. In addition to water and boating activities, he enjoyed quail and pheasant hunting, collecting guns, and target shooting with his brother-in-law and best friend, Chuck Stein. Gary was a member of the Martinsville Conservation Club, Elwood Conservation Club, Crooked Creek Conservation Club. Gary lived life fully, enjoyed hosting parties and socializing, and was an avid fan of IU Hoosiers basketball. He loved spending time with his family and had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren. They all looked forward to their sleepovers with GPa and Nana having pizza on Saturday night and homemade waffles made by GPa on Sunday morning.

Gary is survived by his wife, Pam Hill of Cicero; sons, Aaron (Amanda) Hill of Tipton, and Jarrod (Aimee) Hill of Westfield; grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Jacen, Jaina, Owen, Aubree, Harper, Cormack, and Barrett; sister, Susie (Jerry) Ludlow of Fishers; brother, Dan Hill of Indianapolis; sister-in-law, Betty Hill of McCordsville; and several nieces and nephews. His many friends will truly miss him for his gifted carpentry and easy-going ways.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Garnet & Elsie Hill; and brother, John Hill.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, April 15 at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow visitation starting at 1 p.m. at Hartley Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Online condolences can be given at hartleyfuneral-

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

PHARAOH'S DREAMS

So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh.

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

"I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires.'

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph. "In my dream I was standing on the bank of the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, fat and sleek, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows came up—scrawny and very ugly and lean. I had never seen such ugly cows in all the land of Egypt. The lean, ugly cows ate up the seven fat cows that came up first. But even after they ate them, no one could tell that they had done so; they looked just as ugly as before. Then I woke up.

"In my dream I saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads sprouted—withered and thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads. I told this to the magicians, but none of them could explain it to me."

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine.

Genesis 41:14-27 (NIV)

Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on April 18th tt 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-0424-04-NC

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property ocated at 150 North Peru Street, Cicero IN, 46034 to allow an Auto Sales business in the NC district. Whereas Article 4.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance does not list an Auto Sales business as a permitted use or a pecial exception use in the NC District.

Project Address: 150 N Peru St. Cicero IN, 46034

Legal Descriptions: Acreage .20 Section 36, Township 20, Range 4 Parcel numbers: 05-02-36-04-03-022.000 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan

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 o 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

nearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary Petitioner: Gregory Nemeth

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-0424-14-AG

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property ocated at 2860 and 3124 East 266th street, Arcadia IN 46030 to allow an Agritourism Ranch and Winery with retail sales and outdoor seating in the AG listrict, Whereas Article 3.1 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance

does not list an Agritourism Ranch and Winery with retail sales and outdoor seating in the AG district as a Permitted Use or a Special Exception Use.

Docket No. BZA-0424-15-AG

A Development Standards Variance Application has been submitted regarding the property located at 2860 and 3124 East 266th street, Arcadia IN, 46030 to: allow 10 yaks in a fenced in pasture area of 7 acres, Whereas Article 7.23 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance (MS-04) states that a large animal shall have 1.5 acres of fenced pasture per animal.

Project Address: 2860 and 3124 East 266th street, Arcadia IN 46030

Legal Descriptions: Acreage 0.00 Section 36, Township 20, Range 4 Parcel numbers: 03-02-18-00-00-009.000 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan

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 Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on he date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public earing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary Petitioner: Christopher and Catharine Lammer 3/2 3/20/24 4/5/24, 4/8/24

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. Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com.

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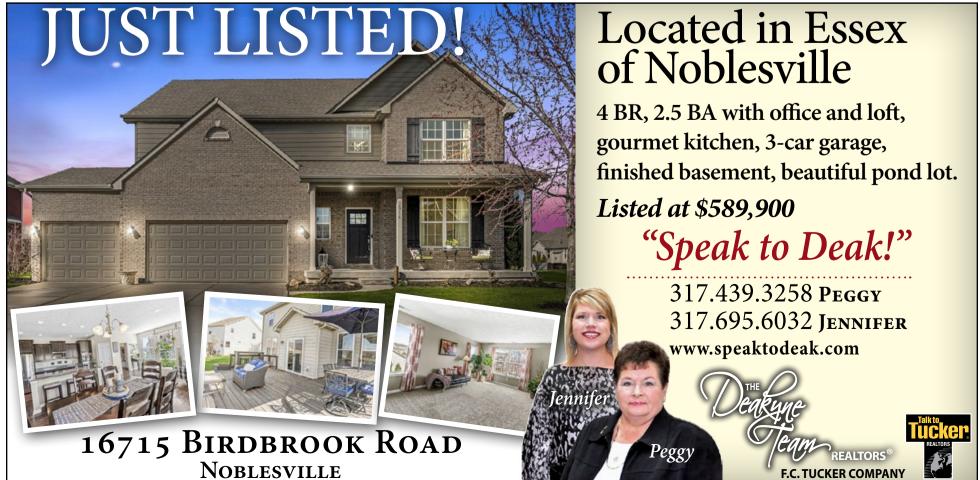
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A rare, total solar eclipse will occur in Hamilton County on Monday, April 8, 2024 and not be repeated in this area until 2153! Hamilton County Parks is staging two events that will entertain and educate, in celebration of this celestial spectacle!

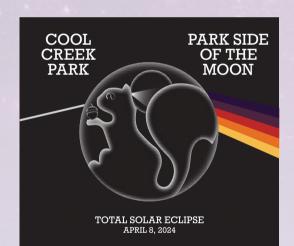




Moon Market | April 8 12 - 5 PM | Strawtown Koteewi Park

\$5 (\$10 out of county)

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



Park Side of the Moon | April 8 10 AM - 5 PM | Cool Creek Park

10 (\$15 out of county)

Get your eclipse on with *Echoes of Pompeii*A Tribute to Pink Floyd. Broadcast personality
Paul Poteet* will serve as host, joined by noted stargazers, Dr. Doug Balogh and Jeff Attebury.
Enjoy fun activities, vendors, and for-purchase food and drink throughout the day.



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.







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UIndy alumus Scott Heady named men's basketball coach

Former state champion Carmel coach is once again a Greyhound

Heady as its next head coach of the Greyhound men's basketball program. A UIndy alumnus, Heady takes over after spending the last seven years as the head coach at crosstown Marian University.

Heady Heady will be the 12th head coach in UIn- to basketball excellence. dy men's basketball history. One of the most respected head coaches in basketball throughout the State of Indione of the most diverse portfolios of experience at both the high school and collegiate levels.

In making the announcement, University of Indianapolis President Dr. Tanuja Singh and Interim Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. D. Scott Gines noted that Heady was the ideal candidate to be UIndy's next men's basketball alma mater after seven suchead coach.

"I am so pleased to welcome Coach Scott Heady back home to the University of Indianapolis as our next head coach of men's basketball," said Singh. "Scott em-

The University of India and athletics. He was a suct that included the school's anapolis has named Scott cessful student-athlete at first-ever national semifinal

> why Indiana is 2020. the focal point for all things basa genuine legacy to carry on UIn-

dy's commitment As we have come to say, a Greyhound always finds his way home."

ana, Heady brings with him was the ideal choice to lead the team into the future. "This is an important day University of Indianapofor UIndy Athletics as well lis, Heady played for foras the University of Indianapolis," said Gines. "Scott Heady reflects excellence and a winning approach in all he does, and we are thrilled to have him on campus to further our program's success."

> Heady returns to his cessful years as the men's basketball head coach at at Carmel High School for nearby Marian University, compiling an impressive 168-56 (.750) record. The Knights racked up at tory, including back-to-back least 20 wins and an NAIA state championships in 2012

> to excellence in academics under his guidance, a run UIndy and has built a career appearance in 2019 and a that demonstrates Crossroads League title in

> > "I want to thank Dr. Singh and Dr. Gines for this ketball - Scott is tremendous opportunity," said Heady. "UIndy is highand mentor of ly respected academically, the game. Scott is has an impressive campus, ideally positioned a winning tradition throughout the athletic program and offers all we need to compete for GLVC and National Championships.

"I am extremely proud to once again be a Grey-Gines agreed that Heady hound and excited to get started. Go Hounds!"

A 1986 graduate of the mer Purdue All-American and Indiana Pacer legend Billy Keller. While at UIndy, he lettered three years and served as team captain during his final two seasons while leading the team free throw percentage (.831) his final year.

Prior to coaching at Marian, Heady was head coach seven seasons. He led the team to one of the most impressive runs in IHSAA hisbodies UIndy's commitment Tournament berth each year and 2013. Heady's teams



Photo provided

Former Carmel boys basketball coach Scott Heady has been hired as the men's basketball coach for the University of Indianapolis. A two-time state champion coach for the Carmel Greyhounds, Heady is coming off a successful seven-year as the Marian University men's basketball coach.

compiled a record of 141-38 served as Associate Head Fame member Bob Heady, High School as well as Connersville High School.

Coach Heady

(.788) and averaged 20 wins Men's Basketball Coach at a legendary head coach over a season, winning confer- Anderson University from three decades at Griffith, ence crowns and a pair of 2008-2010. Anderson went 4A state titles. He also had 38-18 and ranked in the top successful stints as the head 25 nationally throughout coach at Warren Central both years Heady was on a UIndy alumna herself, re-

> Heady is the son of Inalso diana Basketball Hall of

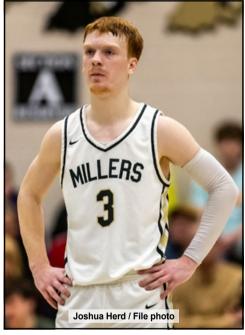
Wawasee, Shenandoah and Carmel High Schools.

Scott and his wife Amy, side in Carmel and are proud parents of Clayton, Sam and Luke.

Basketball-











(From left) Keenan Garner, Fishers, who was named the Reporter's Player of the Year; JonAnthony Hall, Fishers; Aaron Fine, Noblesville; Robert Sorensen, Guerin Catholic; and Trey Buchanan of Westfield.

Hamilton County Reporter reveals 2024 all-county boys basketball teams

Fishers' Keenan Garner earns recognition as Player of the Year

The REPORTER

The 2023-24 boys basketball season in Hamilton County finished last week from the Fishers Tigers.

Fishers won its first-evchampionship last Saturday, claiming the Class 4A 65-56 win over defending champion Ben Davis. This blesville in the champion- came to an end at the hands

won a semifinal over No. 3 Scottsburg. Westfield, while Fishers with a historic achievement it lost to during the regular season, in the first round.

Guerin Catholic also er boys basketball state made a deep postseason run in Class 3A. The No. 6-ranked Golden Eagles state title with a hard-fought won their own sectional by stunning No. 1 Brebeuf Jesuit in a double overtime came three weeks after the epic. Guerin Catholic then No. 1-ranked Tigers got out made its way to the Seyof the toughest sectional in mour semi-state champithe state, beating No. 2 No- onship game, where its run

ship game there. The Millers of eventual 3A champion in the minds of fans, it's team and Player of the Year. Player of the Year. Garner

With the basketball ilton County Reporter's Garner is the beat Carmel, the only team season over, but still fresh All-County boys basketball Reporter's

time to announce the Ham-

Fishers senior Keenan was an incredible leader

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Baseball-

Trailblazers fall in season opener

The REPORTER

The University baseball team opened its season Thursday at the 2024 Super Prep at Louisville Ballard High School.

Silver Creek (another Indiana team) by the score of 4-1. The then two more in the fifth.

University's lone run 5:30 p.m.

came in the sixth inning, when Ryan Castetter hit a lead off home run into center field. Castetter was one of seven different Trailblazers to have a hit during the game. The Trailblazers fell to Beckett Suh threw six strikeouts in four innings.

The 'Blazers continue Dragons scored one run in play at the Super Prep today, the second and third innings, taking on Ballard at 12:30 p.m. and Greenon (Ky.) at

Basketball-

Five county players chosen for Hoosier Basketball Magazine senior workout

The REPORTER

senior boys basketball players are among those selected for the annual Hoosier Basketball Magazine Top 60 senior workout.

The workout takes place Sunday at Marian University. There will be two sessions, with the first taking place from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. and featuring players primarily from northern and southern Indiana. The second session runs from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. and features the remaining players, primarily from central Indiana.

Both sessions are open Five Hamilton County to the public for an \$8 admission fee.

> The following Hamilton County players will participate: Nic Book, Westfield; Trey Buchanan, Westfield; Tillman Etchison, Hamilton Heights; Keenan Garner, Fishers; Taden Metzger, Fishers.

> Noblesville's Aaron Fine and Guerin Catholic's Robert Sorensen were selected but are injured and unable to participate. Guerin Catholic's Dylan Murans and Noblesville's Hunter Walston were selected but unable to attend.

ALL-COUNTY-

for the Tigers during their 29-1 state championship season, leading the team in points (16.1) and rebounds (8.3) and blocks (1.4), also dishing out 3.7 assists per game. Garner is entertaining several Division I offers, including from IUPUI and Bradley.

Fishers junior JonAnthony Hall is a three-sport athlete entertaining several D-I football offers, but he proved he can play championship-level basketball. Hall averaged 11.2 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists during the season, scoring 23 points in the Tigers' state championship victory.

Noblesville senior Aaron Fine was a varsity player since his first game as a Miller, and he grew into a remarkable leader over his four years. Fine led Noblesville in scoring with 17.9 points and in assists with 3.4, also collecting 3.5 rebounds per game. He is committed to Purdue University as a preferred walk-on.

Guerin Catholic senior Robert Sorensen provided plenty of highlights this season, helping the Golden Eagles to a second consecutive regional championship. Sorensen led the GC scoring with 16.3 points and also had 4.4 rebounds per game.

Westfield senior Trey **Buchanan** was a major part of the Shamrocks' growth preferred walk-on.

Hamilton County Reporter's All-County Boys Basketball Teams

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FIRST TEAM

School Name Year Westfield Trey Buchanan Senior Aaron Fine Noblesville Senior Keenan Garner **Fishers** Senior JonAnthony Hall **Fishers Junior** Robert Sorensen **Guerin Catholic** Senior

SECOND TEAM

School Name Year Westfield Nic Book Senior **Bryson Cardinal Guerin Catholic Junior** Alex Couto Carmel **Junior** Taden Metzger **Fishers** Senior **Hunter Walston** Noblesville Senior

HONORABLE MENTION: Ryan Clevenger, Carmel; Justin Curry, Noblesville; Trent DeCraene, Sheridan; Tillman Etchison, Hamilton Heights, Charles Farrell, Westfield; Donovan Hamilton, Hamilton Southeastern, Max McComb, University, Dylan Murans, Guerin Catholic.

over the past few years. This season, Buchanan led Westfield to a 19-3 season and consistent top three ranking in Class 4A. Buchanan averaged 13.7 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game, he has committed to the University of Iowa as a

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Thousands expected for full day of fun, **SPORTS SCHEDULE** science during Total Solar Eclipse at IMS

Don't be left in the dark: arrive early for full experience

Submitted by IMS

With 35,000 to 50,000 spectators expected to attend the Total Solar Eclipse Event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway presented by Purdue University on Monday, April 8, guests are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy a wide array of exhibits, experiments, panel-led discussions, demonstrations and photo opportunities.

Tickets have been purchased from 49 states, the District of Columbia and more than 21 other countries and territories, including Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, France, Germany, Greenland, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Philippines, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

There's no better place to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience than at the Racing Capital of the World. gramming tracks will run experts from Purdue Uni-

NASA TV Live Broadcast

The IMS Total Solar Eclipse Event presented by Purdue University has been designated one of several official broadcast sites for NASA TV's coverage of the astronomical phenomenon.

Special Guests

Among the guests expected in attendance are members of Indiana's congressional delegation, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, NASA Deputy Administrator Pam Melroy, and Mark and Rick Armstrong, the sons of Purdue graduate and



first man on the moon Neil before the start of the Total inflatable dome. Armstrong.

Multiple astronauts and drivers also will be in attendance. Drivers and astronauts will be featured throughout the day as subject matter experts, as well as participating in an autograph session to conclude the day's events.

Programming

Two educational proconcurrently. The Sun Track will be more technical in nature. The Moon Track is tailored for youth and families. All programming will feature experts from NASA, Purdue University and INDYCAR.

On-Track Action

At the start of the NASA TV global broadcast, the will be on full display for the Artemis campaign, spectators. Three-time Indi-Carpenter will turn a handful of demonstration laps of

Solar Eclipse sequence.

• Rockets to Racecars:

tween the technology used

on the track and in space.

This display highlights

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to all guests upon entry.

chase tickets for the Total

In addition, attendees

tual reality.

• RS-25 Engine: The

ing gear and fire suits.

Once the demonstration There are many parallels be-NTT INDYCAR SERIES laps conclude, guests will be invited to the frontstretch of the famed oval, where they can experience the total solar eclipse.

Educational Exhibits

NASA will have more than a dozen educational exhibits with which attendees can interact. Faculty, students and subject matter versity, Indiana Space Grant Consortium and NearSpace Education also will offer exhibits, booths, demonstrations and displays, available throughout the day in IMS' Trackside Garages, turned Exhibit Hall.

Exhibits include:

Artemis Human NTT INDYCAR SERIES Landing Program: With NASA is using innovative anapolis 500 pole winner Ed technologies to explore more of the lunar surface than ever before. The exhibthe 2.5-mile oval in an Ed it includes Artemis II Astro

Friday, April 5 **BASEBALL**

Brownsburg doubleheader at Hamilton Southeastern, 2 p.m. Zionsville doubleheader at Fishers, 2 p.m. Westfield vs. Whetstone (Ohio), 3 p.m. at Clarksville (Tenn.) University vs. Greenon, 5:30 p.m. at Louisville Ballard Avon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Westfield at Clarksville Academy (Tenn.), 6:45 p.m. **SOFTBALL**

Carmel at Castle Invitational, 5 p.m. Taylor at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m. Fishers vs. Penn, 6 p.m. at Castle Hamilton Southeastern at Lady Braves Bash, 6 p.m. at Terre Haute South **TENNIS**

Cathedral at Noblesville, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6 **BASEBALL**

Fishers at Mount Vernon doubleheader, 11 a.m. Hamilton Heights at Anderson doubleheader, 11 a.m. Carmel at Penn doubleheader, noon University vs. Boyd Buchanan, 12:30 p.m. at Louisville Ballard Westfield vs. Henry County (Tenn.), 2 p.m. at Clarksville (Tenn.) Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.

PBR Invitational at Kokomo Championship Park Noblesville vs. Mooresville, 10:30 a.m.

Guerin Catholic vs. Plymouth, 1 p.m. Noblesville vs. Lake Central, 1:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic vs. Warsaw, 3:30 p.m.

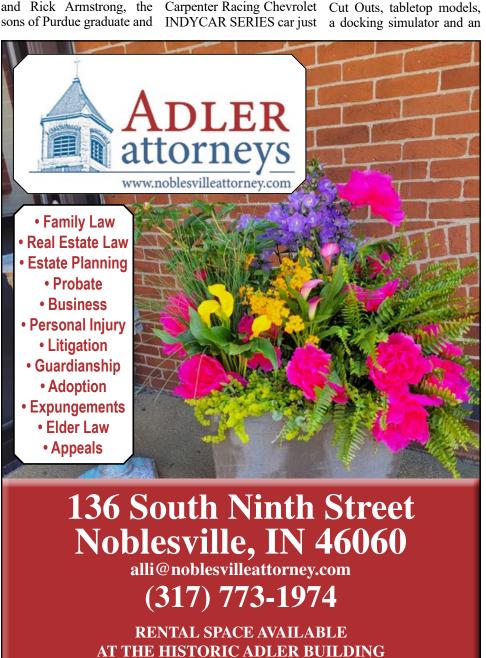
BOYS LACROSSE Avon at Noblesville, 1 p.m. **GOLF**

Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at Yorktown Invitational, 10 a.m. at The Players Club **SOFTBALL**

Carmel at Castle Invitational games at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. Fishers vs. Tecumseh, 9 a.m. at Castle Hamilton Southeastern at Lady Braves Bash, 10 a.m. at Terre Haute South Maconaquah at Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m. Fishers vs. Mooresville, 11 a.m. at Castle Fishers at Castle Invitational, 2 p.m.

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