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THE HAMILTON COUNTY
REPORTER

Last dance with Miss Becky Finding awe in the dark

By SHANA SLOMA
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After sharing her knowledge and skills with young dancers for over 40 years, Rebecca Van Briggie, Owner and Artistic Director of Ballerinas Academy of Dance, will retire next month to focus on family and pursue other career endeavors.

Van Briggie, affectionately known as Miss Becky, formed the multi-discipline dance studio, currently located at 15262 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, 19 years ago and shares the daily operational duties with her husband, David, son, and daughter-in-law, Caroline, who serves as the academy's assistant artistic director.

Following the academy's spring performance on June 11, Miss Becky will temporarily hang up her dance shoes while she spends time with family and considers other ways to positively impact the dance community. Though no formal announcement has been made about the future of the studio, Caroline has indicated a desire to "explore other opportuni-



Photo provided
 (Back row) Student Madison Stansberry, Teacher in Training Alyse Cannady, Becky Van Briggie, Caroline Van Briggie, and Teacher in Training Sophia Faulstich. (Front row) The 5:00 Friday Preschool Class.

ties." But as a former student of Miss Becky and a part of the family, Caroline recognizes the significant impact Miss Becky has made on the lives of her students.

"[Miss Becky] has shown the same energy to help kids go to colleges or get submitted to go to ballet companies as recre-

ational students like me," Caroline said. "I did not feel like I was overlooked. Whatever goal you had, she was there to help you with it."

Miss Becky began training at four years old at Butler University's Jordan College of Dance, non-collegiate division under the instruction of Jack

Copeland and Peggy Dorsey. Two years later, the young ballerina was chosen alongside Copeland and another student, by the Bolshoi Ballet to perform with them in their U.S. tour where she received her first paycheck as a dancer.

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Awe... an emotion inspired by the sacred.

April 8, 2024, at 3:06 p.m., I feel that emotion as the solar eclipse reaches totality.

Chuck and I nestle our lawn chairs in the front yard of the Little House on the Alley. Oh, the anticipation. We are like two little kids, giddy with excitement. Unless we travel to see another one, this will be our once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience such an event.

Suddenly, the temperature drops. Traffic in our neighborhood ceases. The birds quiet their singing. Our dusk-to-dawn lights come on. The silence is eerie.

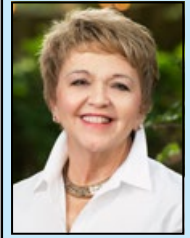
As the moon covers the sun, Chuck and I hear the cheers from those gathered in downtown Noblesville. They are cheers of utter joy, in awe of the work of God's hands.

We had no idea the emotional effect it would have on both of us. For a time, we are speechless. I remember the scripture verse...

The heavens tell about the glory of God. The skies announce what his hands have made. Psalms 19:1 ERV

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COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
 From the Hart

Township partners with library for OWWN magazine rebrand

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township and the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) have announced a collaboration in the form of the newly rebranded Our Westfield Washington Network (OWWN) Guide magazine.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Westfield Washington Public Library to enhance the OWWN Guide and provide our community with even greater access to valuable resources," Westfield Washington Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills said. "This collaboration exemplifies our shared commitment to serving the needs of our residents and offering a wide range of programs."

The OWWN Guide, formerly hosted by Westfield Washington Township, has undergone a transformation to foster a stronger sense of connection and engagement within the community. By combining resources and programs into one comprehensive guide, both organizations



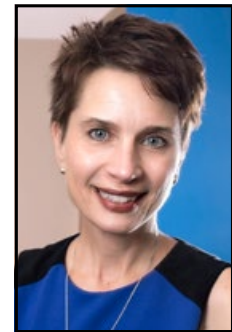
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 The new Our Westfield Washington Network (OWWN) Guide is the work of people from Westfield Washington Township and the Westfield Washington Public Library.

can offer a one-stop shop for community members seeking information on a wide range of activities and events.

"We are excited to collaborate with Westfield Washington Township to expand the reach of our programs and

services," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said.

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Vare



Massillamany

Two party chairs agree: these billboards are just bad politics

By STU CLAMPITT
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A new billboard campaign advocating for Democrats to decide which Republican candidates win the May primary has two party leaders in Hamilton County in agreement.

Both Democratic Party Chair Jocelyn Vare and Republican Party Chair Mario Massillamany told The Reporter they stand against this brand of election manipulation.

The billboards, which are reportedly coming to the borders of Hamilton County in the near future, read, "Even Democrats can vote in the Republican Primary." The billboards are paid for and authorized by ReCenter Indiana PAC.

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Carmel-based children's cancer organization named IMCU Cancer Awareness Card beneficiary

The REPORTER

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), central Indiana's largest credit union, has announced the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment as the new member-nominated beneficiary for its Cancer Awareness Debit Card.

The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card provides members an opportunity to support a different cancer-related organization each year. A portion of each signature transaction made with this card March 1, 2024, through Feb. 28, 2025, up to \$10,000, will be donated to the Caroline Symmes Chil-

dren's Cancer Endowment.

The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 31 Indiana locations. The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card is an option to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot.

The Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment, based in Carmel, was created in honor of the late Caroline Symmes, who was 5 years old when cancer ended her life. Out of her tragedy, the

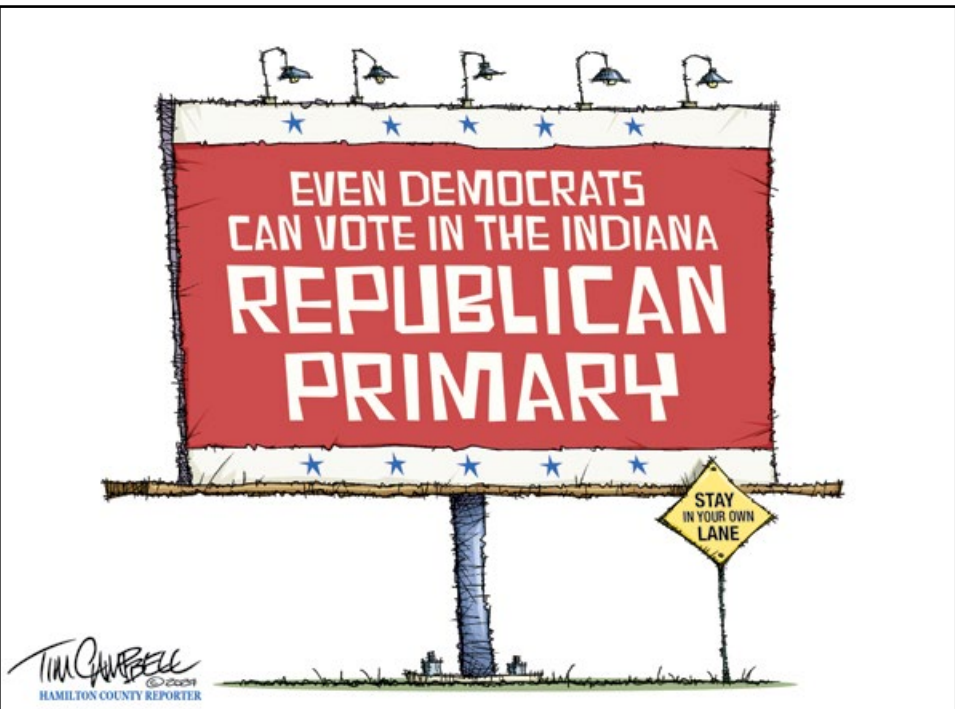
Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment was born to raise funds for researchers at Riley Hospital for Children and inspire hope in future pediatric patients and their families.

"IMCU is honored to partner with the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment for Pediatric Cancer Research and support their mission of raising funds for researchers at Riley Hospital for Children," IMCU President & CEO John Newett said. "We always take pride in being involved with and helping great organizations and are delighted to help carry on Caroline's

legacy through this partnership."

For more information about the IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card, please visit imcu.com or go to an IMCU branch for details.

About Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment
 The Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment's mission is to raise crucial funds to support cutting-edge research by leading pediatric oncologists around the country as they create targeted drugs, less toxic therapies, and brighter outcomes for critically ill children. For more information, please visit CarolineSymmes.org.



Noblesville Lions get guidelines for grillin'

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Melissa Ackerman and Amy Ayers to speak on food safety.

Ackerman and Ayers work for the Hamilton County Health Department and came to update the club on its food safety guidelines. The club offers food service at some of its events, and members wanted to be updated on any guideline requirements.

The presentation was detailed, covering many subjects. Some of the areas covered were permits and paperwork, food transportation, handwashing, serving, cooking and grilling, food handling, cold storage, reheating, cleaning and sani-



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
Lion Club Vice President Jeff Kozicki thanks Melissa Ackerman and Amy Ayers.

tizing, etc. end of May, the club wanted to ensure the event was safe, tasty, and fun for everyone!



Photos provided
Donny Nygaard (third from left) was joined by his son Jason and wife Christie. Cicero Town Council President Chris Lutz (right) presented Nygaard with a plaque and thanked him for service on behalf of a grateful community.

Cicero thanks Police Captain Don Nygaard for 25 years of service

Submitted by
Jeff Rednour
Cicero Chief of Police

The Cicero Police Department congratulates Captain Don Nygaard on his retirement.

Nygaard served the community of Cicero for more

than 25 years as an Officer, Sergeant, and Captain to the Department from Aug. 31, 1998, through March 25, 2024. In addition, he served the Department in the Property Room, Quartermaster, Ordinance Enforcement, as well as many other duties, including a Reserve Officer

from Oct. 9, 1990, to Aug. 31, 1998.

Prior to his time with the Cicero Police Department, Nygaard was employed at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department as a Corrections Officer.

Congratulations, Donny!

Carmel PD announces two new appointments

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, Carmel Police Department (CPD) Chief Drake Sterling announced two new appointments to his command staff.

D.J. Schoeff, a 20-year veteran of the department, will serve as Deputy Chief of Administration and Anna Flaming, a 15-year veteran of the department, will serve as Major of Performance and Planning.

Deputy Chief Schoeff's duties will include the oversight of training, community outreach, support services, the crisis intervention unit, and many other administrative functions. His promotion comes after most recently serving as Lt. of Community Relations and his background also includes overseeing CPD's robust school resource officer program as well as patrol supervision.

In her new role, Major Flaming will oversee field training, internal affairs, ac-



Schoeff



Flaming



Sterling

creditation, strategic planning, and recruitment. She most recently served as a lieutenant over professional standards. She is also the first woman to be given this title with CPD.

"I am extremely excited to bring D.J. and Anna into the command staff," Chief Sterling said. "D.J. is a fantastic leader and someone I think will help improve both internal operations and our external image. His background and the relationships he has built in Carmel over the past 20 years make him an excellent candidate to lead CPD from the front. Major Flam-

ing brings experience from the administrative side, policy preparation and patrol. She is a visionary and an innovative leader. With the creation of the Performance and Planning Division, Anna will have the opportunity to steer CPD in the direction we want to see."

To facilitate these changes, Brady Myers will assume the role of Deputy Chief of Police Services. Myers previously served as Deputy Chief of Administration, and Sgt. Katy Malloy has been slated to backfill Schoeff's position as Lt. of the Support Services Division.

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Noblesville Lions perform sight screenings on 63 kids



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
The Noblesville Lions Club recently visited Saxony pre-school for a kid sight screening. This screening provides a valuable service to the parents free of charge, alerting them to the possibility of eye problems with their child at an early age. The club checked 63 children. (Above) Lion Steven Shaw photographing Lions Dale Unger and Ron Williamson with the student being screened.

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STAR Bank presents High School Senior Showcase Scholarships with Fishers Arts Council

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) cordially invites you to visit the STAR Bank Senior Showcase exhibit, which presents to the Fishers community the excellent work of senior students in the visual arts and writing programs at both Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers High Schools.

Visual Arts teachers from both high schools – Jasmine Osborne, Danielle Ontiveros Goodwin, Lisa Brown, and Erin Warner (Fishers) along with Angela Fritz, Julie Strawhacker, Daniel Moosbrugger, Craig Helming and Lauren Reed (Hamilton Southeastern) – have been working with their students all year to help them hone their skills, create new projects, and

learn and appreciate more about the arts.

The exhibit opened to the public on March 28 and will be on display through Friday, April 26. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays by appointment. To make an appointment, contact FAC directly by calling (317) 537-1670. The exhibit includes 126 pieces of 2D artwork, 47 pieces of 3D artwork, and nine poems. If you missed the HSE District Art Show at the end of March, then this exhibit is must-see.

The Title Sponsor for the 15th annual Senior Showcase is STAR Financial Bank. STAR bank has been the title sponsor for the showcase scholarships since 2021.

STAR is an Indiana-based community bank with assets more than \$3.02 billion. STAR focuses its philanthropy on education, arts, and economic development. In 2023, STAR provided more than \$400,000 in direct financial support to Indiana nonprofit organizations.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers.



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You'll see numerous works at the exhibit by senior students from both Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools. (RIGHT) "Wading in the Willows" by Heather Stutz.

For more information, visit FishersArtsCouncil.org or call (317) 537-1670.

Ball State recognizes County Health Department for internship program

The REPORTER

Ball State University's Department of Nutrition and Health Science honored the Hamilton County Health Department with an award for Outstanding External Organization/Partner at a ceremony on April 5.

The award acknowledges the significant contributions made by an external organization to the department's mission and goals.

The Health Department's Health Education Department hosts an internship every summer. At least two current employees at the Hamilton County Health Department were Ball State University students and interns under this program.

"We are truly honored to receive this award from Ball State," says Jim Ginder, Health Education Special-

ist and head of the department's internship program. "We are proud to support the education and professional development of students in the field of public health."

This is the second time the County Health Department has been honored with this award. Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster, an alumnus of Ball State University, says that's a testament to the department's ongoing commitment to advancing the field of public health.

"As an alumnus of Ball State University, I am especially proud of the partnership between our department and the university," LeMaster said. "This award reaffirms the value of our collaboration and the positive impact it has on future health professionals."



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(From left) Jason LeMaster, Jim Ginder, and Janice VanMetre, Director of Nursing.

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BAD POLITICS

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The website ReCenter-Indiana.org states, "Many races, including the governor, will likely be decided on May 7, not November 5. Participating in the Republican primary gives Democrats, Libertarians, and independents a say in selecting nominees who are likely to be elected."

The website goes on to point out six "key races to watch" when organizers believe participation in the Republican primary by non-Republicans could affect the outcome. Three of those races will be decided in whole or in part by Hamilton County: Indiana House District 24, from which Donna Schaibley is retiring, House District 29, which is being vacated by Chuck Goodrich in his bid for Congress, and Indiana Governor.

The website lists all the candidates and provides links to some – but not all – of their campaign websites.

Vare told The Reporter she spoke with Massillamany and found they are in complete agreement in standing against the actions of this political action committee.

"I want Democratic voters to vote in the Democratic primary and Mario wants Republicans to vote in the Republican primary," Vare said. "We were in alignment when we had a conversation about how we want people to vote genuinely, but even before that, we want people to vote."

Massillamany told The Reporter he agreed.

"We want people to come out and vote," Massillamany said, "My main push is that people should take advantage of the ability to participate in one of the greatest countries' election processes and vote on May 7. We have so many important races that influence not only national, but also local levels. Republicans, Democrats, get out and vote. Democrats vote in theirs. Republicans vote in ours."

Vare said she wants people to vote genuinely.

"We want people to come out and vote for this primary," Vare said. "On top of that, vote genuinely, and not be influenced by tricky strategy or – I don't even know what to call it."

Massillamany called the tactics advocated for in these billboards deceitful.

"Hamilton County GOP is welcoming to everyone and we want everyone to become a Republican, but we want people who actually

identify with the Republican Party or believe that they identify with Republican values to vote in a Republican primary – not to try and somehow influence Republican primaries in some deceitful or nefarious way," Massillamany said.

One consideration in voting in an opposing party's primary is that it could block voters from later becoming candidates for their own party. In Indiana, in order to run for office as a member of either the Republican or Democratic parties, a person must have voted in a party's primary election each of the last two times that person voted. Otherwise, the individual must obtain and file a certificate from the appropriate county chair of the party declaring the individual's membership of that party.

"I know I know most people don't have aspirations to run for office," Vare said. "I also point out that coming out and voting genuinely helps in other ways. We see a desire for more political balance. This is a step to political balance in our county."

Massillamany said he would like to see more people become Republicans, rather than just vote to influence the Republican primary.

"I take my job seriously," Massillamany said. "While we are welcoming and want people to identify as Republicans and participate in the process as Republicans, we want to make sure that it's truly people that identify with the Republican Party and Republican values that are participating in our Republican primary."

In Hamilton County, if you call yourself a Republican or a Democrat, your party leadership encourages you to vote for your own party in the May 7 primary rather than being influenced by a PAC with no apparent ties to this community.

If you want to be more informed about the candidates on your ballot, The Reporter is currently publishing a full list of candidates and polling locations. We are also publishing short summaries of each candidate who chooses to fill out this form on our website, which candidates can fill out at readthereporter.com/2024-candidate-info.

That information will appear in every online edition of The Reporter up to and including our May 7 special election edition.

Community First Bank of Indiana named Five Star Member of IBA

The REPORTER

Community First Bank (CFB) has been honored as a Five Star Member of the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA).

The award was presented on April 2 by IBA President and CEO Amber Van Til in recognition of CFB's Association involvement throughout 2023.

The Five Star Member designation recognizes those IBA-member banks that demonstrate outstanding

commitment to the Association in five areas: political awareness, issues advocacy, life-long learning, IBA volunteerism, and Preferred Service Provider utilization.

"We very much appreciate the dedication of Community First Bank of Indiana as a Five Star Member bank," Van Til said. "Our Association is strong thanks to our supportive members who strive to grow stronger communities."

Learn more at CFBIndiana.com.



Photo provided IBA President & CEO Amber Van Til presents the Five Star Member Award to CFB CEO Robb Blume.

DANCE

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"I got paid \$10," Miss Becky recalled, laughing. "And my parents opened a savings account for me so I could deposit my \$10. I've still got that savings book."

During her youth, Miss Becky also performed with the Butler Ballet under George Verdak and received instruction from notable teachers such as Rebecca Rutt and Linda Kelso where she was formally trained in multiple disciplines of dance.

Prior to the formation of Ballerinas, Miss Becky opened her first studio, Rebecca's School of Dance, on the west side of Indianapolis. A former instructor at Tippy Toes School of Dance, Miss Becky was "instrumental in helping to establish the Indiana Youth Ballet Company."

Primarily a ballet instructor, Miss Becky has also taught tap classes. While ballet and tap are her specialization, the longtime instructor supports children dancing in any capacity.

"Dance training offers kids an artistic outlet which they need today," Miss Becky said. "You can't find a better way for a child to develop an artistic and creative [identity] and while

they're doing that to learn life lessons such as discipline, forbearance, endurance, and how to work on a team. Those are the things that are going to enhance their lives whether they continue dancing into their later years or not."

Though Miss Becky's resume is impressive, she is quick to mention that her staff, which consists of immediate family and former students, has been pivotal in the success of Ballerinas.

"What I am so proud of is what we have built in the years that Ballerinas has operated," said Miss Becky. "So many students have been able to realize their dance goals. And so many of those dance goals have been within the studio. Whether it was to master a difficult combination or some difficult piece of choreography that they are going to perform, the main satisfaction that I receive as a dance teacher is seeing their sense of accomplishment."

Although Miss Becky is unsure where the road will lead her on her future dance journey, she does not plan on letting too much dust accumulate on her dance shoes. After taking a "gap year," Miss Becky plans



Photo provided (From left) Students Avery Walker, Ava Stiefel, and Mya Adams with Instructor Becky Van Briggie.

on instructing without the burden of administrative duties. In the meantime, she is looking forward to taking some much needed time to share with her loved ones and reflecting upon many years of happy memories.

"I'm grateful to have been a part of all of these

people's lives in Noblesville," Miss Becky said. "I have great memories of all of these talented kids that have come through that I'll have with me forever. I'm grateful to all of the Hamilton County families that have supported me all of these years."

FINDING AWE

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I say out loud in the NIV translation ... "The heavens declare the glory of God."

Oh, my goodness, do the heavens have a story to tell!

For almost four minutes, we sit in the darkness. There is so much awe in those four minutes.

As the moon begins to make its way over the sun, I wonder what the agnostics and atheists are thinking. How can they explain what is occurring? How can they deny who God is and that He hung the moon and the stars and caused the sun to shine and the moon to hide it? God set these occurrences in order.

I'm no scientist. I don't understand how they know when eclipses will occur. It's beyond my ability to figure it all out. I find it all fascinating. I allow my faith to answer my questions.

My faith grows more profound as the moon hides the sun – four sacred min-



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

utes. God is showing up and declaring who he is, and I get to witness it. Those four minutes of awe are sacred.

I will never feel that awe

in this way again. I don't need to. Those four minutes give me enough awe for a lifetime.

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OWWN

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"By working together, we can better serve the diverse needs and interests of our community members and create more opportunities for engagement and learning."

The 2024 Summer

OWWN Guide is now available for pickup at the following locations:

- Westfield Washington Township Offices: 1549 E. Greyhound Pass (until May 3) and 17400 Westfield

- Blvd. (starting May 13)
- Westfield Washington Public Library: 333 W. Hoover St. (until April 22) and 17400 Westfield Blvd. (starting June 1)
- MacGregor Park: 21105 MacGregor Park Road

A digital version is also available online at tinyurl.com/OWWN-Guide. Registration for summer programs opens on Monday, April 29.

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Get ready for peony fun all over downtown Noblesville

By **KELLY McVEY**
Indiana Peony Festival

The peony fun extends beyond Seminary Park & into downtown Noblesville!

Our Brunch & Blooms event provides a fantastic way for every Indiana Peony Festival visitor to check out, support, and enjoy all our great downtown Noblesville restaurants and retailers. It brings the peony party just steps from Seminary Park to downtown with additional peony themed shopping, dining and floral fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Festival Day, May 18.

This year, we are absolutely over the moon to have FORTY locations (shared below!) participating in Brunch & Blooms! That's 40 extra spots for festival attendees to experience peony-themed products, promotions and so much more. Some are even offering their special peony fun all month long!

The popularity of this event and celebration of community is why a long-

time Noblesville business, Godby Home Furnishings, stepped in to sponsor the event. They are celebrating 50 years of business this year and we're so proud to partner with them.

So, how do you participate? On Festival Day, we'll be handing out printed Brunch & Blooms maps at the Festival and courthouse lawn listing all the participating locations and corresponding peony promotions. Get your map stamped at more than 15 spots for a chance to win an Indiana Peony Festival gift bundle!

Participating locations (stay tuned to find out what each location will be offering!):

- Beauty & Grace Aesthetics
- Vintage Adventures
- 9th Street Bistro
- Noblesville Antiques on the Square
- Karisma
- The Mix Marketplace
- Persimmon Avenue
- Peony & Poppy Home & Gift
- Primeval Brewing
- Little Petal Farm
- Camino & Company

- The Wild Bohemian Boutique
- Bash Boutique
- Alexander's On The Square
- Debbie's Daughters
- Noble Coffee & Tea
- Logan Village Mall
- Thistle & Thyme
- The Annex
- Noblesville Preservation Alliance
- Grindstone Public House
- Sara's Soiree
- Smith's Jewelers
- The Nesst
- HMC Screen Printing
- Uptown Cafe
- Greek's Pizza
- The Velvet Plum
- Just Lagom
- Two Chicks District Co
- Bica Cafe
- Courthouse Club
- Noblesville Main Street
- Noble Optique
- Expressions in Design
- Matteo's
- Silver Dollar
- Syd's Bar & Grill
- Linden Tree
- Rosie's Place

What else? Our charming little downtown is truly rallying behind the peony celebration. Alleyways will be activated with food and drinks, floral installations, live music with help from our friends with Front Porch

Music Fest, and more!

- North Alley: Sara's Soiree & Alexander's On The Square
- South Alley: The Nesst
- East Alley: Matteo's
- 9th Street Bistro's Alley: 9th Street Bistro
- Additional outdoor dining: Noblesville Preservation Alliance lawn, Primeval Brewing's back patio, Greek's Pizza's parking lot, and more!

Participating locations are also vying for a \$1,000 prize in the Window Decorating Contest sponsored by The Lacy Arts Building! Peony-themed window displays will be popping up all over downtown from May 1 to 18. There will be a Judge's Choice AND People's Choice so that you can cast your vote, too! More info coming soon.

Don't miss this amazing downtown peony experience! From the vibrant blooms to the buzzworthy promotions, Brunch & Blooms is the place to be before or after you experience the Indiana Peony Festival.

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.

Spend an afternoon at Art & Country, and art and craft fair at the Carmel VFW, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

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.

Recycled Cycles in Westfield to hold used bike sale & donation day

The REPORTER

A used bicycle sale and donation day will be held Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, sponsored by Recycled Cycles, at the group's repair shop at 810 E. Main St., Westfield. The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ.

Several top-condition bikes will be offered for sale at bargain prices. Payment by check is preferred. Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other

bikes. Last year, Recycled Cycles repaired and gave away more than 375 bicycles to deserving families who might not otherwise have afforded new bikes for Christmas.

The group repairs child and adult bikes throughout the year under the sponsorship of Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. Donations of any used bike no matter the condition will be accepted. Parts of unrepairable bikes are salvaged to make whole bikes.

Meet student innovators at Westfield Chamber luncheon

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the April Luncheon which will feature several Westfield High School (WHS) Student Innovation Groups.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Student groups from WHS will be on hand with

their inventions and innovations. Attendees will get the opportunity to visit each student group and then vote on their favorite during lunch. Three groups will be selected to present in front of everyone where a winner will be selected.

Discounted Partner tickets and Non-Partner tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available.

Register at tinyurl.com/InnovationLuncheon2024.

Spavia Day Spa in Fishers gives back in honor of mothers

By **AMY ADAMS**
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Spavia Day Spa in Fishers welcomed World Health Day on April 7 by holding an open house and giving 10 percent of all product sales from that day to child development at the YMCA of Fishers. In addition, they launched a month-long celebration of motherhood, focusing on the importance of women's wellness in individual lives and the community as a whole.

"We're really big about how hard moms and dads work," Owner Amanda Smith said.

Smith and her husband Chris, who met at IUPUI, now have three children and appreciate how the YMCA has impacted their own family.

The YMCA of Fishers, 9012 126th St., offers a variety of amenities including fitness equipment, group exercise classes, sports leagues, swimming pools, childcare services, an interdenominational chapel, and more.

While the Smiths may be new to the Spavia family, having taken over ownership of the Day Spa in Fishers about two months ago, they are not new to the area or to the personal care industry. They have owned the Salons of Castleton for four years, which hosts independent stylists, hairbers, nail technicians, and aestheticians.

"We've found that the beauty industry is a very personal business, and there is a purpose or reason for the service," Smith said. "Someone is going to be able to help you with your issues. We've seen over the past four years how much of an influence that really makes for one per-

son and for the community."

When they began looking for another business opportunity, that sense of service played a large part in finding the right endeavor.

With locations in 23 states, Spavia's mission is "making a positive difference in the world, one guest at a time."

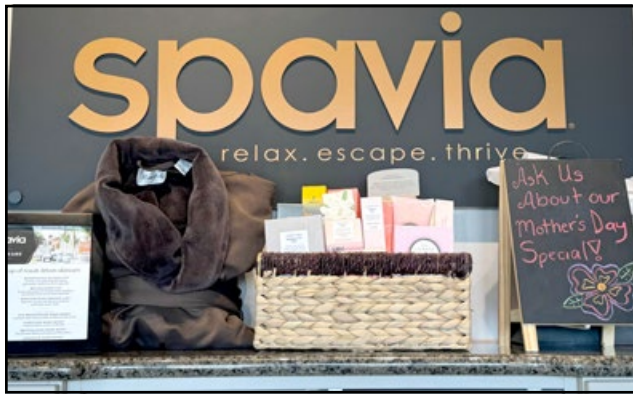
"We liked the mission statement, and they aligned with what we want to do with the community to be able to help as many guests and people as possible," Smith said.

The spa franchise aims to give back and make a positive impact in a variety of ways through Spavia Cares. For the Day Spa in Fishers that means participating in and supporting community events as well hosting events.

As part of the celebration leading up to Mother's Day, the Day Spa in Fishers is giving away a "Mom's Ultimate Luxury Spa Gift Basket" valued at \$700. The basket contains more than a dozen products used in Spavia's signature treatments, such as IMAGE the MAX Facial Cleanser, Comfort Zone Luminous Serum, and Pure Fiji Orange Blossom Body Butter, plus a Scout rose quartz "Stone of the Heart" bracelet and more.

Anyone can nominate a deserving mom by visiting the sweepstakes landing page at woobox.com/bo28hx through May 12. Submissions are limited to one per person. The raffle site will generate a selection, and the winner will be notified by Spavia to coordinate prize pickup.

Located at 8594 E. 116th St., Suite 10, Spavia Day Spa in Fishers offers mas-



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

For Mother's Day, Spavia will give away a gift basket valued at \$700.



Photo provided

Amanda and Chris Smith have taken over ownership of Spavia Day Spa in Fishers.

sage, from Swedish to more corrective deep tissue and sports massage, and can implement CBD oils to relieve pain at the patient's request. They also provide body treatments that remove toxins, scalp treatments, hand and foot treatments, and facials focused on specific skin issues.

"I like to say our aestheticians have magic fingers," Smith said. "We cannot suc-

ceed without a good strong team that really has a heart and wants to provide for guests. They all care, and their end goal is that they want to help you. We enjoy that people will go in stressed and come out feeling better."

For more about Spavia, visit fishersin.spaviadayspa.com, and for more about the YMCA in Fishers, go to indymca.org/fishers.

Kiwanis Club of Cicero's Flower Sale now underway

The REPORTER

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is in the midst of holding its most-popular and top-selling fundraiser of the year – the annual flower and plant sale.

"We are delighted to announce the eagerly awaited return of our Annual Flower and Plant Sale, an event that promises to infuse color and vitality into the heart of our communities," Club President Todd Clevenger said. "This year's sale aims to surpass previous successes, uniting residents in a celebration of nature while supporting so many worthy causes."

Each year, the Flower and Plant Sale serves as a vital fundraiser for the Cicero Club, enabling the organization to continue its invaluable work throughout our communities. Proceeds from the sale will directly contribute to initiatives aimed at enhancing the lives of children from education programs to youth development initiatives.

"Our annual Flower and Plant sales go right back into our communities," Event Chair Dottie Carlson said. "We sponsor a number of programs such as Books for a Bright Future where all elementary students receive a free book to call their own. King's Treasure where children throughout our communities, who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the joys of Christmas morning, receive several presents, visit with Santa and enjoy lunch with their families. Our annual scholarship program where we provide scholarships to graduating seniors. Plus, the community members who purchase the plants, receive the most beautiful flowers and plants."

From now until Saturday, April 13 anyone wish-



ing to place an order may do so one of two ways: reach out to a Kiwanis member and place an order through them at cicerokiwanis.org and fill out and submit an electronic order form. Orders will be ready for pickup from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 26 at the Cicero Park Pavilion.

"We do order a number of extra top sellers every year, so if you didn't get a chance to place a pre-order you can stop by and see if any of the extras are what your porch or garden needs," Carlson said. "Then if we have extras after the sale on Friday, we will be at the park Saturday morning selling those on a first-come, first-served basis, until they are gone."

Fundraising partner Hoods Garden in Noblesville helps the club secure the Plant and Flower sale's selection of beautiful blooms.

"Hoods has been with us from the start," Clevenger said. "We greatly appreciate their support, as well as the knowledge and expertise they provide to help ensure our annual event is a success."

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero extends a warm invitation to all residents of Cicero, Atlanta, Arcadia, and beyond to join them at the annual flower and plant sale.

"Together, let's sow the seed of kindness and compassion while celebrating the beauty of spring," Clevenger said.

For more information about the Annual Flower and Plant sale or to learn more about the Kiwanis Club of Cicero and all its community initiatives, visit cicerokiwanis.org.

Spring property taxes due May 10

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Treasurer's Office mailed property taxes last week.

Spring installments are due Friday, May 10. Payments are payable to the Treasurer's Office by cash or check, on the county's website at tinyurl.com/HamCoTaxes by e-check or credit card, and at the following bank branches:

- BMO Harris Bank
- Community First Bank of Indiana
- Farmers Bank
- First Farmers Bank
- First Merchants Bank

- Horizon Bank
- Merchants Bank of Indiana
- Star Financial Bank

If you mail your payment, please enclose the tax coupon and check and mail it to 33 N. 9th St., Suite 112, Noblesville, IN 46060. Envelopes must be postmarked on or before the due date or late penalties will be applied. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.

If you make the payment in person, you can do so in the Treasurer's

Office on the first floor of the Courthouse Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. A drop box is also located on the south side of the courthouse building for those paying by check. Please include your tax coupon.

If you pay online, use a credit or debit card or e-check. Please note there will be a 2.5 percent charge for credit and debit card transactions and a \$1 fee for e-checks.

If you pay at a bank, you must have your tax coupon with you and pay the exact

amount on the coupon. Payments can be made during normal business hours.

If the spring payment is not made on or before May 10, a 5-percent penalty will be added if there is no delinquent amount. A 10-percent penalty will be added for a previous delinquency or if payment is made after June 10, 2024.

Making partial payments does not relieve the taxpayer of late penalties, extra fees, or the property being subject to a tax sale.

Fall property taxes will be due Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Celebrating special occasions at work

Stuff that annoys me, part 1

Last week we began to explore how to bring joy to the workplace through celebrations. We touched on marking your calendar to remember birthdays, Administrative Professional's Day, and other fun occasions.

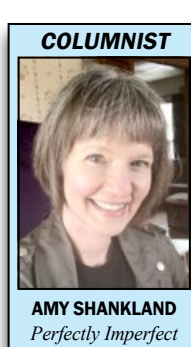
The simplest way to show someone how much you and others care is through a good old-fashioned card. I think now more than ever, a real card means a lot to people. With most of our communication being done via email, social media, or text/call, getting a card stands out.

You can go as elaborate or as simple as you like here. If you don't have a "party fund" where everyone contributes an amount they feel comfortable giving every year or every quarter for special occasions, you can make your own card. There are free templates and card makers online where you can create cards in just a few minutes.

If you do have a party fund or are able to buy cards for co-workers on your own, stock up on appropriate, fun cards the next time you visit a dollar store. I like to get cards to match various personalities. For example, my friend Cara was nicknamed The Princess when she worked in our department for the City of Noblesville, so I was always with the lookout for any card with a tiara!

If you don't know everyone quite yet, stay on the safe side and stick to themes like balloons, cake, candles, etc. I always make certain that I know someone well before going into the "humorous card" territory. You also should remember to respect different cultures.

Next, create a check list of names you can print off for each card signing occasion. End the checklist with the phrase "last person to sign the card please return to Amy" or whatever your name is. I put this check-



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

list in a brightly colored folder labeled "signature needed" along with the card and place it on the first person's chair so he or she can easily see it.

If you're not in an office, you can put the folder along with a pen in a hidden location in a common area such as the break room and give everyone a heads up via email or text about it.

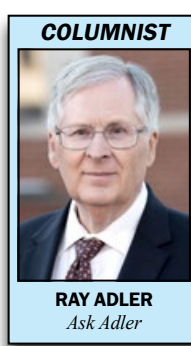
One important note – give people a lot of time to sign the card. I try to get the folder circulating at least the day before the special occasion if not sooner. You never know when someone might have a day off, a big project they must complete, or an emergency. If someone's on vacation or ill, you can always sign their name and put "signature on file" – something we jokingly did at the City of Noblesville.

I always sign the card first to set the tone. Depending on how well I know the individual, I'll put a sincere compliment, "inside" (departmental) joke, or at least a comment about what a pleasure it is to work with the person.

Once you get the card back, now it's delivery time! You can tape it to the person's door or locker, leave it in their coat, on their chair, etc. I try to make it a surprise whenever possible, since most people love (nice) surprises. If you just can't make a surprise happen, there's nothing wrong with giving it to someone before lunch or the end of their shift with a smile and a wish for a great day.

Most of the time now, people aren't even getting many cards from their own family or circle of friends. This small gesture will make their day, week, or month!

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RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

You don't want THAT!

Here's another story from my mother, Dorothy Howard Adler, written in 1984.

The land was good with great possibilities. The buildings all needed repairs or replacement. The house had no

foundation; it was on stones which held it up several inches off the ground. When it rained, there were ponds under the house, in the front yard, in the backyard, in the barnyard.

Trees were scarce, flowers nonexistent. So I started planting anything anyone gave me. Weeds were plentiful – you can't imagine! When I asked my aunt for lilies of the valley, she said, "You don't want THAT! They'll take the place!" (They didn't.) When I asked for a yellow rose, I heard the same thing: "You don't want THAT! They'll take the place!" (It's been gone over 30 years.)

Crepe Myrtle from a neighbor was supposed to take the place. They don't want THAT! (It doesn't even cover one corner.) Same story with hollyhocks. And would you believe they did cover several square feet one summer? After the septic tank had to be replaced, the hollyhocks took over and turned a bare spot into a beauty spot. But they have

long since given way to grass. No, they didn't take the place.

Morning glories were going to take the place. Wild ones try to in the field, but the heavenly blues lasted only one season. Hon-

eyssuckle, likewise. Do you even know where it is? Yes, it still grows but I certainly wouldn't say it has taken much of anything. The fields are still good. The tiling, weed spray, fertilizer, and Dad's good management have improved them. The house sits on a proper foundation.

There are roses, wisteria, honeysuckle, many varieties of iris, poppies, four kinds of lilies (besides lilies of the valley) bleeding heart, peonies, obedience plant, tulips by the score, lilacs, alyssum, creeping phlox, mums, violets, grape hyacinths, hen and chickens, and several plants I can't name. Candy tuft comes up every year and the skunk plant grows vigorously.

This year there will be gladiolas for about the first time. There will be other annuals such as marigolds, petunias, scarlet sage. Trees and evergreens are plentiful. Dad planted fruit trees last year and more this spring.

But so far nothing is taking the place!

I have been blessed with a wonderful life. So, in return I try not to be overly cynical of the world around me. That being said, I also love to complain. So here we go.

There are certain things in life I encounter from time to time that annoy me to no end. I do realize that one man's treasure is another's annoyance. And I certainly am guilty of many things that annoy others. Just ask my wife about how I chew my food. I am not under any illusion that the general public cares at all about what annoys me. But I'm the one writing this column, so there! (insert spitty tongue emoji)

So, here are a few things, in no particular order, that make my eyes roll so hard I almost topple over. And yep, this list is completely random. You know, so I can go get annoyed by some more stuff and share those with you at a later date.

Jeans. My first order of business is to make it completely clear that jeans with holes in them are not more comfortable than jeans without holes. I've heard so many people say how their most comfortable pair of jeans are the ones that are full of holes that they've had for the last 20 years. I'm sorry, but as soon as my jeans tear open, they are outta here.

I recently put this to the



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

test. A pair of my comfortable jeans recently finally wore through at the left knee. I decided to give these comfy pants one last shot, to see if maybe the theory is true. Well, it isn't. I could concentrate on nothing all day except how much colder my left knee was than the right one. This was just simply not working for me.

I mean, think about it. No one says holey socks are more comfortable than socks without holes. Why would this same rule not apply to the rest of our clothes? It's become so bad that people are buying pre-ripped jeans.

I'm thinking I'll come out with a line of pre-ripped socks and underwear to cash in on this fad.

My next annoyance is bow ties. Unless you are literally, currently in a wedding party, or you're a magician, don't wear them. You don't need to stand out of a crowd that badly. Unclip that thing from your neck and go on with your day.

Stop using smart people words when talking to me. Clear, concise and to the point please. That's all I need. If it's not in a child dictionary, don't say it. No more than two three-syllable words per conversation. And the first time you drop a "I digress" or "juxtaposition" on me, I'm walking out of the room. We're making

small talk, not diagnosing pneumonoultramicroscopic-silicovolcanoclonosis. Yep, that's a word.

Stanley cups. No, it's not just the prize for being a good hockey team anymore. Stop pretending like these are the end all, be all of beverage consumption (whoops, too big of a word, my bad). Stop playing like these are the end all, be all of drink drinking. There are lots of quality containers that keep my drinks cold or hot that don't require a second mortgage.

This one is going to be controversial. You know when you are driving at a normal speed, and someone gets right on your tail for no reason? Or when there's an ice storm followed by a blizzard, and a car tailgates you then passes like it's lap 200 at the Indy 500? Take a second look at that vehicle. Seven times out of ten, it's someone in a white pickup truck. I don't know why that is, or why the truck is that specific color, but trust me, my science is sound. To my friends out there with white pickup trucks, please know I love you ... but stop driving like animals!

I will stand absolutely firm on this one. Do not try to tell me that leftover cold pizza is better than, or just as good as fresh, hot pizza. No, it's not. Stop it. Stop it right now. Stop your lying lies. You want leftover pizza? Put it on a sheet pan and get it into the oven. Not the microwave. Heat it

up until that melty, cheesy goodness comes back to life. It will never be as good as when it was freshly made, but oven heated will do. Treat pizza the way *The Polar Express* treats hot chocolate ... "never ever let it cool!"

Finally, I want to discuss hamburger buns. No, I don't have a problem with hamburger buns. What else would I want to house my delectable burger in?

Big word again. Dang it. Sorry.

What else would I want to put my yummy yum yums in? The problem I do have is how inconsistent store brand buns are. Most of the time it's a top-heavy sandwich with the equivalent of a thong G-string of a bottom bun. It's never strong enough to hold ketchup, let alone any topping I might want to put on the bottom part. Please start slicing them evenly, so I can stop paying \$10.99 for name brand buns!

Well, that's the end of my complaint session for now. Stay tuned. I have no doubt I'll find more annoying things in life soon.

The moral of the story is ... the stuff I complain about makes me appreciate the stuff I love even more. So, maybe now I'll do a "stuff I love" column.

Nah, I like complaining too much!

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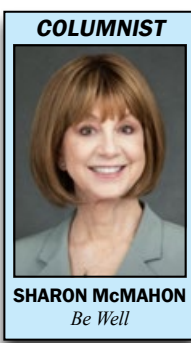
Sharon says, get moving – no excuses are good enough

"Me thinks that the minute my legs begin to move my thoughts begin to flow, as if I had given vent to the stream at the lower end and consequently new fountains flowed into it at the upper." – Henry David Thoreau

There are many alternatives for those of us who need to keep moving – which include all of us in some form or another.

Let's begin with walking ... are you getting your 10,000 steps in? Of course, the weather is not always perfect, but we can work around that, and many of us have treadmills and stationary bikes. Walking is indeed the best exercise available, in my opinion.

For those who have walking issues, swimming is a possible alternative and actually should be included



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

for anyone as it is a great conditioning exercise. For women of a certain age, it is very important as it is a weight-bearing exercise, which is recommended for those with osteopenia and osteoporosis; your

physician will diagnose those conditions.

Strength training for muscle tone; most of the big-box stores carry hand weights and you can work out with these for your biceps, triceps, shoulder and back muscles, and in muscle toning exercises for the lower body.

Many of you have exercise bands which are very easy to include in your routine. Flexibility is extremely important, whether you are an infrequent exerciser or a conditioned athlete. Always do your stretching and flexible movements be-

fore doing any other type of exercise.

Now we come to one of my favorites – dancing! You can dance whether you have a dance partner or not. Turn up your faves (Motown for me) and move it! Not only will your body benefit but your brain as well when those endorphins kick in!

Those who are mobility challenged can also benefit from chair yoga and similar movement programs. ALWAYS get clearance from your physician first before beginning any exercise regimen.

Some of my readers are aware that I teach a "Flex-Ability" class at the Noblesville branch of the Hamilton East Public Library. The past several weeks my class space has been unavailable due to construction, however I will once again offer a three-week session on April 16, 23, and 30 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. at the Noblesville

branch. There is no charge for the class, but registration is required through the library at hamiltoneastpl.org.

This class incorporates some yoga movements and other balancing and coordination elements to keep you flexible and healthy and moving forward in a confident way. Included in the class at various times have been a 16-year-old student athlete wishing to gain flexibility for tennis and a 88-year-old who just wishes to stay upright and moving as long as possible.

Whatever your fitness goals, you will benefit from your time in this class. I hope to see you there!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Running the Boston Marathon, part 2

As we started to find our rhythm and settle into the 26.2-mile journey to the finish, I made sure I had my things in order for a smooth ride. The weather was great for my husband. It was about 50 degrees and overcast, with light rain here and there. Honestly, not too bad for me either. We've trained in much worse.

Going through the different towns, it was neat to see all the people who came out to cheer the runners on. Their cheers were so loud at times that it was overwhelming, especially when we went through the Wellesley College scream tunnel. Jamie had tried to explain this to me, but seeing and HEARING it in person was incredible. The students were lined up for a long way and were screaming and cheering as loud as they could. It was incredible and a great boost along the course. We both agreed



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

that was a race highlight.

I was starting to be fatigued by this point, but knew I had to do my part and carry on.

Encouraging Jamie and mentally helping him, as it was of course getting increasingly difficult for him. The hills were no joke. Remember, he's pushing this big bike with me in it. Most runners are just getting themselves up those hills, which is also incredibly difficult! My husband gets a lot of encouragement from fellow runners along the way.

Speaking of encouragement, I'm not just encouraging my husband along the way, but I take the time to encourage other runners as well. We've had several come up to us either during or after races saying they love running next to us be-

cause of the level of crowd involvement that the duo bike draws in. They love being a part of that, too. It's easy to understand why, because it is just an overwhelming sense of human love and kindness. Something we all need.

Around mile 23, the skies opened, and it started pouring. It was both miserable and exhilarating at the same time! About that time, I had started to look for our sons who were not too far from the finish. Somehow, with all the rain, and a sea of people, we looked over at the same time and made eye contact with our sons, who were cheering loudly. That was an incredibly moving moment for both of us. It felt like slow motion.

After that, it was the final push to the finish as we rounded the final turn. The crowds were thick, the cheering overwhelming! It was still pouring, which really did make for an exciting finish. We crossed

the finish line in 3 hours and 23 minutes! Our goal was 3:15, but we were both pleased with our result. I was SO proud of US. Months and months of training in the freezing cold Indiana temperatures. I can no longer say I'm just a fair-weather rider. I'm well-seasoned in all types of weather at this point!

When participating in a marathon, there is always a racecourse story, and a post-race story. Some are good, and some not so good. Of course, you always want it to be that wonderful, happy celebratory moment. Unfortunately, that is not the ending I had. What happened next was a post-race first for me.

Until next time ...
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Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

To beard or not to beard

There was no room in my suitcase for souvenirs in 2015, though I did manage to bring something back from Paris: facial hair. My own, of course — not someone else's. Otherwise, that would be plain weird. How would you explain a baggie of someone else's shavings when going through customs?

I first noticed the facial hair aboard a cruise on the Seine. I was taking a selfie on the top deck. It was chilly. The wind carried a bite. I studied my selfie while surrounded by both French- and Asian-speak. There was a noticeable dash of salt and pepper on my chin, even beneath my nose, the possible birth of — dare I say it? — a beard.

I saw my foreign self in the phone's screen, all sock-cap skulled and stubby, the beginning of a beard sprouting from the weathered face of this wayfaring stranger adrift on some famous French waterway while enduring the spittle of heavy gray Paris sky; the Eiffel Tower behind me, The Louvre at left, Notre-Dame ahead. I had never felt more cosmopolitan. I had never felt so *not* me.

Normally I shave each morning, but I accidentally left my razor behind in Poland. I really wasn't in the mood to shop for *le rasoir* on my first full day in Paris — too scared perhaps that I might pronounce it wrong for the store clerk, only to end up having to say, "Hey, I don't want these raisins! I said razor!"

I had never considered growing a beard before, which was weird for a bald guy. In case you haven't noticed, bald guys typically tend to sport facial hair, as if to draw unwanted attention



COLUMNIST
SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

from their perpetual chrome dome — even though it makes them look even balder. Basically, I always feared that any attempt of mine to grow a beard would be futile, adding yet another follicle failure to forever haunt this international man of misery.

While growing up, there weren't any notable beards in my family. My dad sported a rare spotty one during the Great Blizzard of '78, which gave him sort of that crazed look made famous by Jack Nicholson in *The Shining* two years later. It was like a deranged stranger had moved into our house. He disappeared a lot out in nature's deep freeze to chop wood (we didn't own a fireplace) or, if he was really pacing the cage, to brave the insane southern Indiana snowdrifts in his pickup and help stranded travelers out of ditches — the victims likely being other newly-bearded men who also, fueled by cabin fever, decided to go *mano a mano* with what the headlines called "the great white hurricane," a modern-day Donner Party in the making.

A few months before Paris, a former girlfriend said I had a baby face and suggested I stop shaving, which I ignored. She didn't stick around, returning, I think, to her former Sasquatch of a boyfriend. But it did get me thinking that maybe she was onto something. After all, my unshaven approach to life wasn't, as they say, causing the ladies to beat down my front door — not that that would be necessary for them to do since I typically left the door unlocked due to endless wishful thinking. Who am I kidding? — not only was the door unlocked, but I seldom closed it. Who am I



Photo provided

kidding? — the front door had been removed from its hinges at that point.

So yes, the beard seed was planted by a former heartbreaker, and my new face took bloom in Paris on Sept. 19, 2015. After 45 days bearded, as feared, it seemed to be a hopeless endeavor. Others likely thought I was part cactus, part catfish. Even Shaggy on *Scooby Doo* put me to shame when it came to beards — even Velma for that matter.

Sometimes, if the sun hit my face just right, my facial hair was almost translucent. It's not a beard really, nor will it ever be, I thought. I don't know what it was. More so, a goatee, minus the goat.

One friend merely referred to it as my "growth," as if I was flaunting a cancer. "How's your growth today?" she'd ask over the phone, likely using "air quotes" at the g-word.

A guy at work with a cool beard commented that he liked the "Walter White" look I had going on. I assumed that was a compliment. I love *Breaking Bad*. Did my beard make me look like a meth dealer?

Mom was strangely silent since seeing my post-Paris

face. She usually had something nice to say about everything I did. Even if I had an arrow sticking through my head à la Steve Martin, she'd compliment the look before calling 9-1-1.

All Dad said was, "Haven't you heard the saying that you should never trust a man with a mustache?" "That's OK," I replied. "People probably shouldn't trust me without one either."

My 16-year-old said she liked it. She even encouraged me to stay the course, making me suspect I was being set up for further social ridicule. Never trust the teen daughter of a man with a mustache.

Some assumed I was a participant in "No Shave November." Most "No Shave November" guys have more facial hair on Nov. 2 than I have by Nov. 30.

Before I finally shaved my starter beard, I took one last look in the mirror, fondly reminisced about where it all began, and declared, "We'll always have Paris."

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



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
Hannah Louise Fernandes as Anna Leonowens and Jae Woo as King Mongkut in *The King and I*.

Beef & Boards takes you to Siam in *The King & I*

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I*, which opened this week at Indianapolis' Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, is celebrating its 73rd year of existence. Opening on Broadway in



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March of 1951 to solidly positive reviews, the show has since enjoyed a long series of productions all over the world. It made a star of Yul Brynner and won the 1952 Tony Award for Best Musical.

B&B director Brian Jose develops a production rich in talent, design, and diversity. With musical direction by Kristy Templet and choreography by Jennifer Lader, Jose strikes a triumph in his directorial debut. Keying on the diverse characters in the script, we gain focus on cultural differences and attempts at better understanding.

The cast is led by Hannah Louise Fernandes as visiting school teacher Anna Leonowens, who with her stunning soprano voice sets a bar for excellence. A consummate performer, Ms. Fernandes is engaging throughout and provides a strong characterization of a woman somewhat ahead of her times. Siam's King Mongkut is offered by Jae Woo in a sharply clever performance. Highly animated and confident in his position as ruler, Woo's King effectively utilizes a wide berth of emotions — from the humor of his curiosity to a harsh outrage. As a pair, Woo and Ms. Fernandes provide much entertainment, especially in their enlightening conversations and in "Shall We Dance."

Secondary roles are filled

with a plethora of skillful performers from around the country and the world. Actors and actresses with roots in Japan, Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, and Hong Kong have come together for this

production. Highlights include Nathalie Cruz as Lady Thiang, whose enchanting solo work in "Something Wonderful" is a pleasure to experience. Also, "We Kiss in a Shadow" as rendered by the lovers Lun Tha (Yu Hin Bryan Chan) and Tup-tim (Alice Jihyun Kim) is sweetly moving. And the company's presentation of "The Small House of Uncle Thomas" is colorful, bright, and charming. Finally, the cadre of little princes and princesses provide some adorable moments.

Ryan Koharchik's lighting scheme augments Michael Layton's fine set design, and costume coordinator Kathy Henry makes good use of her resources. Kristy Templet flawlessly leads the orchestra through the detailed score.

Bottom line: a top-notch cast supported by B&B's always remarkable designers and musicians give this musical from the deep past a freshness and liveliness that lifts one's spirit. Congratulations to all involved — personally, I prize this high level of musical theatre.

The King and I continues at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre through May 19. Show times and reservation availability can be viewed at BeefAndBoards.com or call the box office at (317) 872-9664.

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

Beyond the Bradford bloom: unveiling the hidden costs of invasive plants

Our old house was in a nice Fishers subdivision built in the late 1990s. Every house had a matching mailbox, prompt snowplowing services and — of course — a Callery (Bradford pear is the most popular variety) pear tree in the front yard. These trees, native to China and Vietnam, are quick-growing and look nice as their white blossoms bloom in the spring (as long as you don't mind that distinctive rotten fish smell).

There are a few essential and super-practical issues with these trees. First, the limbs all split from the same place, creating a wall for windstorms to blow down. This happened to our Callery pear and we had to cut the rest of it down and haul it away. The second, and more important, issue with Callery pears is they are an invasive species.

An invasive plant species is any plant non-native to an area whose presence causes environmental or economic harm or harm to human health. Callery pear trees spread along roadways and into natural areas through reseeding. They are invasive because they form dense thickets that can push out other plants, including native species. Plants growing in the thickets can't tolerate the deep shade or compete with the pear tree for water, soil and space. In short, these trees are the scourge of the suburbs.

The Callery pear tree is such a problem that the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP)



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has declared it as one of its "Dirty Dozen" invasive species (more on that later). During April, you can participate in your home landscape as well as local parks as part of HIP's Invasive Species Action Month.

If you have an invasive species growing in your yard (examples include the aforementioned Callery pear, burning bush, and Japanese barberry), you can apply to swap it out for a free native tree or shrub from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. All you need to do is submit before-and-after-removal photos with the application to be considered. Applications are due Sept. 5 at hc-invasives.org/trade.

During Invasive Species Awareness Month, you can also improve natural areas in your community. Two Weed Wrangle events remain this month: Tuesday, April 16 at River Heritage Park in Carmel and Saturday, April 20 at Cheeny Creek in Fishers. Weed Wrangles are volunteer invasive species removal events hosted nationwide to control the invasive plants negatively impacting our public parks, green spaces, and natural areas. Volunteers will learn how to manage the targeted invasive species and get to work as part of a collaborative effort to improve a natural area.

If you want to roll up your sleeves a bit further, you can participate in a Strike Team workday on Saturday, April 27 at MacGregor Park in Westfield. Though similar in format



Photo courtesy Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District

to Weed Wrangles, Strike Team events typically involve a more rigorous hands-on approach to invasive control. You can register to volunteer for these events at hc-invasives.org/events.

How do you know if you have one of these plant pariahs in your yard? I like to use the Seek or iNaturalist apps on my phone for plant identification. However, those apps won't tell you if a species is invasive — only if it is "native" or "introduced" to the area. You can do some quick online research to determine if your plant is invasive by searching the name of your plant along with "Indiana invasive," and the top results will likely get things sorted out. However, if you'd like to consult a local expert, contacting the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District can help you get

your answer. I heard they even make the occasional house call.

The final Invasive Species Awareness Month event happens on Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m., as HIP will present "The Dirty Dozen: Are These Invasive Plants in Your Yard?" at the Carmel Clay Public Library. You will see my foe the Callery pear on this list, plus others common to our home landscapes.

By eliminating invasive plants, we can restore the balance of the ecosystem, benefit native wildlife, save money, and create healthier and more enjoyable outdoor spaces in Hamilton County. So, go out in your yard and figure out what's growing.

Curtis Honeycutt is a Noblesville-based columnist and author. Send him your questions, comments, and suggestions at curtis@curtishoneycutt.com.

County needs poll workers

The REPORTER

Early voting workers are needed to help at polling places in Carmel, Westfield, and Fishers.

To work early voting, you must submit to a background check and complete a couple hours of county orientation. The pay is \$19 hour. Below are the locations where workers are needed, with the dates and times they are open. (Take note that these are open times; you would have to be there early to open the equipment and stay a little after closing to seal the equipment.)

Westfield

- Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

- Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St.

Fishers

- Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building, 1 Park Drive

- Billercay Park Building, 12690 Promise Road

Carmel

- Wilfong Pavilion at

Founders Park, 11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Building A

- Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St.

- Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

Times

- Wednesday and Thursday, April 24 & 25 from 2 to 7 p.m.

- Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 & 2 from 2 to 7 p.m.

- Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you'd like to work the polls, please contact Beth Sheller as soon as possible at bethany.sheller@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or (317) 770-4414.

Election Day workers are also needed. You can get information and complete an online form at tinyurl.com/HamCo-PollWorkers or email or call Sheller at the contact information listed above.

Don't miss SYAP's annual Charity Golf Tournament

The REPORTER

The fourth annual golf outing to raise funds for the youth and families of Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) is now less than two months away.

On Monday, June 10, SYAP will hold a Charity Golf Tournament at Plum Creek Golf Club with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. With your help, SYAP will be able to raise a generous amount of funds for the youth and their families in the Sheridan community. SYAP provided some amazing resources for local youth last year.

Register as an individual, a team or be a sponsor. Go to syapgolf.wedoauctions.com and buy your tickets today. To view the flyer which contains details on sponsorships, go to tinyurl.com/SYAPgolf2024.

The event will be a full 18 holes of golf and will include box lunch, dinner, raffle prizes, and Hole in One Vacation Prizes. Funds generated from this summer event will be used to provide positive opportunities and experiences students will only have because of your support.

Check out the annual report and learn how SYAP served local youth in 2023 at youthassistance.org/sheridan-news.

Save the date! Don't forget SYAP's annual *Denim & Lace* fundraiser, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at West Fork Distillery in Westfield.

Noblesville Schools students can apply to Superintendent Advisory Council

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday that students who will be in grades 4 through 12 next school year are invited to apply for Dr. Hile's new Superintendent Advisory Council by April 30.

Students can apply by filling out the form at tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleSACApply.

Selected participants will advise Dr. Hile on school-related issues important to students, provide feedback on Noblesville Schools, and offer input into district decision making.

Students who apply to participate should be thoughtful, analytical, respectful of others, collaborative, and confident in sharing questions and opinions in a group of peers.

Council meetings will be split between elementary students and secondary students and will be held once each quarter during the school year at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center. Meetings will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on a weekday. Students will need to make their own travel arrangements for arrival and a school bus will take students to their respective schools following the meeting. Students who arrive late to school will be excused.

- The council will comprise:
- 14 elementary students (one fourth grader and one fifth grader from each school)
 - Six NEMS students (two from each grade)
 - Six NWMS students (two from each grade)
 - 12 NHS students (three from each grade)

Students selected to represent their school will be notified before the end of this school year, with council meetings starting in the 2024-2025 school year.

Please reach out to Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Marnie Cooke with any questions by emailing marnie_cooke@nobl.k12.in.us.

The deadline to apply is April 30.



Hile

Hamilton County Tourism begins its search for new President/CEO

The REPORTER

A national search begins soon to replace Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. (HCT) President/CEO Brenda Myers, who will retire mid-summer. Diversified Search Group – specifically its non-profit and mission-driven division Koya Partners – will lead the HCT Board of Directors in a national search.

Myers announced her planned retirement in 2022. It ends a 19-year tenure as the organization's leader during a time when the tourism economy grew significantly. Hamilton County now attracts an estimated six million visitors annually.

She also served as a founding board member of the tourism organization more than 30 years ago as a representative of Conner Prairie.

Koya Partners will guide a search committee comprised of members from the HCT Board, HCT Commission, and local community.

Diversified Search Group has almost 50 years of experience in identifying transformational leaders for the future in more than 14 offices nationwide



Myers

through a network of more than 180 consultants representing all sectors. It also has experience in the global marketplace.

"The firm's strengths match the strengths of the unique organization HCT has become," HCT Board Chair Norman Burns, II said. "It supports the power of authentic nonprofit leadership, and we think that will be critically important as HCT continues to grow and seek ways to support the community."

Koya Partners has extensive international background in working with arts and culture, social impact, philanthropic, advocacy organizations, and agencies that serve a variety of audiences.

"We hope the choice of this company communicates that there is a commitment to seek new leadership that will carry on the legacy of responsible tourism demonstrated by our outgoing president," Burns said.

The goal is to have a new leader in place by mid-summer.

Learn more about HCT at VisitHamiltonCounty.com.

Young entrepreneur Franklin Vrtis wins Start Me Up Cup Competition

The REPORTER

On Feb. 29, Carmel High School (CHS) sophomore Franklin Vrtis was awarded \$2,000 to further his entrepreneurial project, Go Fun Yourself, a personalized card game business, by the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) and State Bank in the second annual Start Me Up Cup Competition.

"State Bank teamed up with the Carmel Education Foundation to launch the Start Me Up Cup because of the entrepreneurial aspects of this student-focused contest," said Andy Pinegar, Hamilton County Market President for State Bank. "We understand successful business owners have that entrepreneurial spirit and we want to help develop the next generation of business leaders."

The CHS Student Entrepreneurship Club and CHS business teacher Josh Shelton worked with CEF to market the opportunity and to guide applicants in the preparation of their presentation. Entrepreneurship club leaders reviewed the initial 11 entrants who submitted a video application and a business plan, with a

goal of selecting the five finalists who would pitch their idea for the potential to win a \$2,000 investment from State Bank.

The finalists and their ideas were Rebecca Lee: RePLASTICS: A Creative Spin on the Plastics Crisis; Grace Larkey, Siri Byrissett, and Kent Fujita: InsightUp App; Franklin Vrtis: Go Fun Yourself; Athul Ramkumar and Sid Songrikar: Healthify.AI; and Arjun Sunil: Slow Eater Pet Feeder.

Each individual or team had 15 minutes for their live pitch and to answer questions from the panel of judges, otherwise known as "sharks." Panelists included Jim Badger, VP of Marketing, State Bank; David Glenn, President, Coasterstone; Shaun Goodyear, Founder/Owner, Indy Facets; Lyndsey Brown, Owner/Publisher, Carmel Magazine; and Kimberly Hansen, COO, Old Town Companies.

Vrtis had the winning idea focused on creating customized games. The judges felt that his model was scalable and that the investment of \$2,000 would be instrumental in propelling his business forward.

Vrtis said he was thrilled to



Photo provided by Carmel Education Foundation (ABOVE) Franklin Vrtis (second from right) was awarded \$2,000 by State Bank team members Andy Pinegar, Megan Melvin, Dianne Stennett, and Jim Badger.

emerge as the winner.

"My SMUC entry was Go Fun Yourself, a card game business that creates personalized card games about a specific individual!" Vrtis said. "I joined the competition to jumpstart my business's success and learn more about clever business strategies. I hope that with the prize money, I can invest in improved ease of access and increased publicity through online advertisements. I'm so glad SMUC has given me that chance and I'm even more excited to get it started!"

Vrtis has successfully created several games already including the Roundabout Game

featured in several Carmel area stores.

CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix plans to host the Start Me Up Cup in the high school auditorium in 2025, with students in business classes as part of the audience.

Penix says she "is grateful to work with engaged community members who believe in providing opportunities for students where they can not only learn, but dream. The foundation's mission is to support Carmel students in achievement and lifelong learning and the Start Me Up Cup is a perfect example of putting our mission to work."

Sheridan Community Schools ready to show off new United Animal Health Blackhawk Fieldhouse

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

The Sheridan community is coming together to celebrate the much-anticipated official opening of the United Animal Health Blackhawk Fieldhouse.

The state-of-the-art facility is complete with a fitness center, athletic area for basketball, wrestling, volleyball, etc., locker rooms, training facilities, and new health classrooms. This planning for this project began in 2021 with community meetings and the proper legal and procedural steps necessary for a project of this magnitude.

The grand opening will take place on Tuesday, April 23, beginning with a sold-out dinner, followed by a program and

tours of the facilities. Although the dinner is sold out, Superintendent Dave Mundy welcomes patrons to contact him if they would like a tour. The grand opening festivities are being made possible through the generous support of over 20 local businesses.

"This facility is a source of pride for the board, staff, students, and the entire community," Mundy said. "Sheridan has a long tradition of taking pride in our schools, and this project



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DeVinney

is a perfect example of that. This is our first major construction in over 15 years, and we want to share this with the community."

Athletic Director Beth DeVinney explained, "We have worked very hard to create a facility that will not only help our high school and middle school programs, but the entire community. This especially includes all our youth programs. It will take a lot of coordination, but we will work hard to

collaborate to share this facility with all we can."

Mundy added, "We have worked to create a facility that will last for generations and be a source of pride, while at the same time being mindful of cost and our responsibility to our taxpayers. No referendum money was used on this project as it was done with careful monitoring of our current funds. We think we hit the perfect balance!"

If you are interested in learning more about this amazing event or other happenings at Sheridan Community Schools, Dr. Mundy invited anyone to contact him at any time by calling (317) 758-4172 ext. 2308.

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Wilda Ruth "Babe" Durbin
July 5, 1931 – April 8, 2024



Wilda Ruth "Babe" Durbin, 92, passed away peacefully at her granddaughter's home in Sheridan on Monday morning, April 8, 2024. Born July 5, 1931, in Hamilton County, she was the daughter of the late Bernard Paul "Ducky" Beam and Juanita Marguerite (Bess) Beam.

A 1949 graduate of Sheridan High School, Babe was raised in the Boxley community and attended Boxley United Methodist Church. She also worked for a number of years at Elliott Pharmacy, manning the cash register as well as the soda fountain.

Babe enjoyed watching old westerns and cheering for the Sheridan Blackhawks, but her favorite pastime was being with her family. Her life revolved around her grandchildren; whatever the activity, Babe was going to have a front-row seat. There wasn't much that Babe wouldn't do for her family or friends, but when it came to Euchre ... she wasn't going to take it easy on anyone. It didn't matter who you were, experienced player or novice, young or old – Babe played to win.

She loved beautiful flowers and had great appreciation for a well-maintained yard. Babe was a bit picky about her own lawn maintenance. It needed to be a) done to her specifications, and b) by somebody who knew what they were doing. You don't let just anybody mow the lawn.

Babe loved to have a good time. Her big smile and fun-loving personality are going to be missed by everybody who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Babe is survived by her two sons, Rick E. Durbin of Westfield and Terry L. Durbin of Sheridan; three grandchildren, Greg E. Durbin of Sheridan, Julie A. Durbin (Barb) of Sheridan, and Ashley N. Durbin of Zionsville; two great-grandchildren, Kendra L. Durbin and Luke F. Cook; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernard Paul "Ducky" Beam and Juanita Marguerite (Bess) Beam; grandson, Michael Bradley Durbin; brother, Dennis Wayne "Sonny" Beam; two sisters, Judy Morris and Phyllis J. Baird (and husband Jack Baird); her Boston Terrier, Spike; and by her loving husband, Forest E. Durbin, on May 28, 2010. She and Forest were married on November 12, 1949.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Travis Pryor officiated.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Maxine Ella Reddick

January 16, 1930 – April 8, 2024

Maxine Ella Reddick, 94, Noblesville, passed into eternity and graduated to Heaven on Monday, April 8, 2024, with her loving daughters and grandchildren at her bedside.

Maxine was born at home on January 16, 1930, to Paul Dotsy and Cecil Alice (Gibbons) Rogers alongside her twin sister and lifelong best friend, Madeline. They pulled out two dresser drawers and put one in each to use as cribs. Maxine and her twin were middle children, having four born before them (one being stillborn), and two sisters after them. Before they were born, her parents had a set of twins (Paul & Pauline) so there were two sets of twins in succession.

Maxine grew up in and attended Noblesville Schools.

Maxine was all about her five daughters. She was extremely proud of them. Maxine's sole purpose in life was her five girls.

Maxine raised her children until the youngest, Tina, started second grade. She then finally started working (through encouragement from a friend) and Riverview Hospital in Noblesville as the "best" CNA ever. Maxine loved the camaraderie and friendships that working outside the home afforded her. She worked from the age of 40 to 76 years old when she reluctantly retired.

Maxine didn't really have any "hobbies" – just taking care of her children was her main focus, then the grandkids. She did love her dogs – most recent one, Boston Terrier "Bugsy" and then "Little Oso."

Maxine did have three indulgences she allowed herself. 1. Love of coffee: always sipping on a cup. 2. Soap operas: only time she got to sit down and relax. 3. RED LIPSTICK!

Maxine's grandchildren were always there staying all night, or one would be babysitting while some of us worked – AND THIS IS WHILE SHE WORKED NIGHT SHIFT AT RVH.

Maxine spent the last five years of her life in the Memory Care unit at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She received very loving, consistent, attentive care there. They were all wonderful but one special "shout out" to Belen Mallaber for going above and beyond for Maxine, extra special care and love to all her residents. She is one-of-a-kind.

The family would like to thank Anew Hospice for their care of Maxine.

Maxine will be forever sadly, but lovingly, missed by her daughters, Pamela Brandenburg, Karen (Eddie) Doty, Lisa (James) Everitt, Teresa (Bob) Waugh, and Tina (Gary) Owens; twin sister, Madeline Statzer; grandchildren, Jason Sherrill, Angie and Derek Owens, Natalie Spittler, Kelli Waugh, Eric Waugh, Nicole Green, and Nathan Everitt; 12 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, but also special nephew, Jon Statzer.

In addition to her parents, Paul & Cecil Rogers, Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Donald G. Reddick; grandchildren, Jill & Kevin Doty; sisters, Ester Maxine (died at birth), Virginia Luevano, Pauline Kelley, Patty Tyner, and Janet Wood; and her brother, Paul Rogers.

Visitation and services were held on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Private burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riverwalk Memory Care, 295 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (ascseniorcare.com/riverwalk-village); or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Patricia Ann Murray
February 12, 1955 – April 13, 2024



Patricia Ann Murray, 69, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on February 12, 1955, to Marshall and Rebecca (Lawless) Guffey in Sewellton, Ky.

Patricia retired after working for several businesses. She was raised in the Church of God of Prophecy where she always had God in her heart. Patricia enjoyed music, especially the Beatles, old classic movies, dancing, and singing. She collected elephants and, above all, loved her family. Patricia's family and others always came before herself.

Patricia is survived by her sons, Jeremy Lee Murray and Jody Marshall Murray; sister, Kathy Parsons; brother, Joe (Alecia) Guffey; nieces, Sue Ellen Guffey, Amy Berry, and Melissa Reveal; and her nephews, Brian Parsons, Chad Parsons, Mark Guffey, Kevin Guffey, and Nathan Guffey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Ray Murray in 2019; sister, Nancy Schubert; and her brother, Danny Guffey.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Patricia will be laid to rest next to her husband, Bobby Ray, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Frank Michael Deal Jr.

August 18, 1934 – April 10, 2024

Frank Michael Deal Jr., 89, Westfield, formerly of Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on August 18, 1934, to Frank M. and Ruth C. Deal in Joplin, Mo.

Frank graduated from LeTourneau College with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He attended Thrive Church and Christ United Methodist Church, both of Westfield. Frank was a former Scoutmaster for Westfield Troop 107. He was a former member of the Jaycees, volunteered on the logistics team for the Indianapolis Air Show, and enjoyed being part of the Solo Seniors Group. Frank retired from the State of Indiana, was a seasonal tax preparer for H&R Block, and loved working for the Safety Patrol team at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for over 40 years. He loved being able to help people and especially loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Ruth (Steve) Hopkins of Westfield; son, Frank "Mickey" Deal, III of Sao Luis, Brazil; daughter, Rachel (Arnold) Patton of Carmel; grandchildren, Caroline (Brandon) Crum, Nicole (Ash) Short, and Bethany Patton; and great-grandchildren, William and James Crum.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation and services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Dr. Brian White officiating. Burial was at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scouts BSA, 7125 Fall Creek Road North, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (crossroadsbsa.org); or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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David A. Metsker

December 16, 1946 – April 7, 2024

David A. Metsker, 77, Noblesville, passed away, surrounded by his loved ones, on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on December 16, 1946, to the late Richard and Maxine (Yancey) Metsker in Noblesville. He spent his younger years raising cattle on the family farm with his dad and uncle.

David graduated from Noblesville High School in 1966. He retired as a dye setter with Guide Corp. in Anderson after 37 years. David was a member of Noblesville Masonic Lodge #57 and York Rite. He loved traveling with his wife and friends, Sunday afternoon drives in his Mustang (which is for sale), and spending time with family. David loved sports and supported the Noblesville Millers. He especially loved basketball and received the Miller Fan of the Year award in 2020. David loved watching the Colts, both Purdue and IU basketball, and NASCAR.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Barbara Newby Metsker; two stepsons, Scott Haskett (Karen) and Craig Haskett; two granddaughters, Olivia and Meredith Haskett; and two step-grandchildren, Aidan and Emma Flynn.

Visitation and services were held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241-4238 (themmf.org); or Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine St., Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005 (lymphoma.org); or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 (stjude.org); or Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 (shrinerschildrens.org/en).

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Ruth Irene Dwigans
September 16, 1923 – April 3, 2024



Ruth Irene Dwigans, who only answered to Irene or Dwig, was the daughter of Clarice Maxine Ayers Baughman and Clinton Henry Dwigans.

Born and raised in Noblesville, Ind., she served the United States during war time as a civilian, at first building RCA radios for Navy airplanes in the States and then in Korea where, despite her lack of a degree in library science, she was assigned to be in charge of two U.S. Army libraries. She subsequently moved to Guam where she established the first book mobile service for military bases. Eventually, she returned to the States where she earned a degree in Library Science from Indiana University and then headed for Germany to serve as a civilian librarian at Ramstein Air Base. Again, she returned to the States to earn a master's degree at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.



Irene worked in the Erie County (N.Y.) Library system for 37 years. She was in charge of several branch libraries, ultimately becoming the Supervisor of Branches. She subsequently built a collection of large print books and foreign fiction.

After her retirement in 1991, she and her partner, the late Norma Jean Lamb, spent summers in Lake Placid, traveled extensively, and pursued their interests in opera, classical music, and theater. They maintained rich friendships with former colleagues and devotees to the arts.

Irene died peacefully on April 3, 2024, and is survived by two siblings, nieces and nephews, and their families.

A family reunion to celebrate her life will take place in Indiana later this Spring. There will also be a celebration of her life in Buffalo, N.Y., for her friends and very dedicated caretakers later this Spring.

Glenna Arlene Conatser Wrestler

October 3, 1941 – April 7, 2024

Glenna Arlene Conatser Wrestler, 82, Tolono, Ill., died on Sunday, April 7 after a month-long battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her family and friends until the time of her passing.

She was born on October 3, 1941, to Robert and Marie Sandberg Conatser in Terre Haute, Ind. They preceded her in death, along with her three older brothers Kenny, Ronnie, and Normie. She is survived by her sister Wanda Hackett (Willard) of Port St. Lucie, Fla., as well as nephews Wilton (Corinne) and great-nephews, Kyle and Cory; Wendell (Sharon) and great-nephew Carl (Heather); niece, Wynelle Stevens (Gene) and their children Andrew (Delaine), Jeremy, Erica, and two great-nephews, Sky and Riot; and nephew Wayne (Michel). Her first-born son, John, preceded her in death in September 2014. John is survived by daughter Maia from Greensboro, N.C.

Surviving are son David and grandson Devin of Bellflower, Ill.; and daughter Janelle Dodds (John) and their children Dawson of New Orleans, La., Kenzie of Bellevue, Wash., Brice (Natalie) of Tolono, Josh (Bek) of Champaign, Ill., and Clint (Katie) of Wauwatosa, Wis. Also surviving are great-grandchildren Kinsley, Hudson, Kolsyn, and Keenan, as well as Judah, Jonah, and Rudy.

Glenna will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She was known for throwing a killer tea party, making a mean sub sandwich and her mouth-watering cinnamon rolls, and showing up to support those she loved. Known as Mom, Gram, Great-Grandma, Geena, Aunt Glenna, and friend, she could always be counted on. She was the craftiest of them all. Toilet paper and Kleenex box covers, crocheted hats and scarves, themed clocks, picture collages, owl and flower displays, and on and on. She loved decorating for the holidays, flower gardening, and making other people happy; a more selfless person has never walked this earth.

Visitation and a memorial service were held on Sunday, April 14 at Freese Funeral Home, 407 N. Bourne St., Tolono, Ill. Services were officiated by Pastor Charlie Thompson of Cicero, Ind. There were no graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to help defray final expenses.

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Last month, the Husky 4-H'ers Club, along with friends and family, helped pack 20,000 meals for IDES.

Husky 4-H'ers learning & growing through service

By GRACE MILLER
Husky 4-H'ers Club Reporter

Last Wednesday, the Husky 4-H'ers met for their April meeting at Cicero Christian Church. The club's recent world service project was successfully accomplished last month.

Many club members brought friends and family to help pack meals, which provided a big group of volunteers. The club packed 20,000 meals for International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) in three hours. Those 20,000 meals will feed 70 families for one month.

The guest speaker this month was Joe Heiser. He is a talented toymaker and the owner of a small shop called Treebeard. He talked about the difference of knowing versus understanding something, along with explaining the power of failure. He shared about how he went from being a scuba diver, to studying on how to be a critical aid nurse, and is now a carpenter and toymaker. He presented some of the



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(ABOVE LEFT) Adeline Allen gave a presentation on 'People in my World' at this month's club meeting. (ABOVE RIGHT) Toymaker Joe Heiser served as the guest speaker at this month's meeting, and the 4-H'ers found his story and presentation inspiring.

toys he has created like the marshmallow shooting crossbow, a flute, and an ocarina. His presentation was very inspiring.

For this meeting's club member demonstrations, Sophie Camperelli demonstrated how to play soccer. Adeline Allen demonstrated how to construct a 'People in my World' project and gave a lovely example of a poster that showed all that she does at her Theatre. Stella Hartwick brought

her chicks and shared interesting facts about them; for example, did you know that chickens dream? The trivia question was: How many projects are in 4-H in Hamilton County? The answer, 64, was correctly guessed by Eleanor Brown.

This month, two Junior Leaders were interviewed and asked about what their favorite 4-H project is and why. Adeline Allen said she likes 'People in my World.' It is her favorite because

she likes to talk about her Theatre. Abby Martin's favorite project is sewing because she likes creating new things that can be useful and last a long time.

4-H is a great way to meet new people and learn new skills, while also having fun working on projects. It takes many people from the community who give and dedicate their time and hard work for 4-H to continue to be this opportunity.

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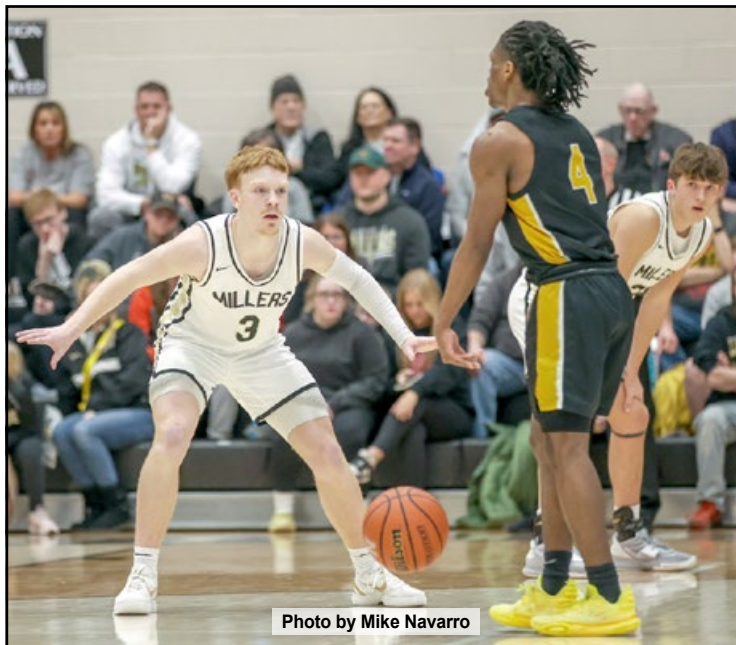


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Westfield's Trey Buchanan (left), Noblesville's Aaron Fine (center) and Fishers' Keenan Garner (right) have all been named as 2024 *IndyStar* Indiana Boys' All-Stars.

Three county players selected for Indiana Boys' All-Star team

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County boys are among the 13 players that have been selected for the 2024 *IndyStar* Indiana Boys' All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced last Thursday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Trey Buchanan of Westfield, Aaron Fine of Noblesville and Keenan Garner of Fishers are all selected to the team. Isaac Andrews of Wapahani, Jack Benter of Brownstown Central, Flory

Bidunga of Kokomo, Micah Davis of Franklin Community, Evan Haywood of Brebeuf Jesuit, Jack Miller of Scottsburg, Tyler Parrish of Chesterton, Karson Rogers of Kokomo, Tucker Tornatta of Evansville Memorial and K.J. Windham of Ben Davis.

The 2024 *IndyStar* Indiana Mr. Basketball will come from among the above players and be announced later.

The '24 boys' All-Stars have four players who have been a part of state championship teams (Benter, 2024 2A; Garner, 2024 4A; Miller, 2024 3A; and Windham, 2023 4A) as well as five players who have been a part of state runner-up squads (Andrews, 2024 2A; Bidun-

ga, 2023 4A; Parrish, 2022 4A; Rogers, 2023 4A; and Windham, 2024 4A). The squad also features two players who were named IBCA first-team Academic All-State (Andrews and Miller) and one player who was selected IBCA honorable mention Academic All-State (Buchanan). In addition, Andrews was honored as the 2024 IHSAA Trester Award winner for Class 2A.

John Peckinpaugh of Kokomo has been named head coach of the 2024 boys' All-Stars. He will be assisted by Brandon Hoffman of Silver Creek and Josh Thompson of Barr-Reeve.

Peckinpaugh is 69-17 in three seasons at Kokomo

and 91-41 in five seasons as a high school head coach, including two seasons at Noblesville. He also had a 63-61 mark in four seasons as a college head coach at Indiana Tech and Wheeling Jesuit in West Virginia. Hoffman is 239-108 in 14 seasons at Silver Creek, including Class 3A state titles in 2019 and 2021. Thompson is 134-29 in six seasons at Barr-Reeve, including the 2021 Class A state crown. He is 244-185 in 17 seasons overall with previous stops at Springs Valley, Wood Memorial and Vincennes Lincoln.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 5 at Kokomo. The first game against Kentucky will be

June 7 at Lexington Catholic High School. The final game against Kentucky will be June 8 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

All three dates will be doubleheaders with the *IndyStar* Indiana girls' All-Stars, whose roster was announced March 11. The roster for the Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars was announced March 4. The roster for the Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars was announced March 25.

The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year -- June 2 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Scottsburg and June 7 against the Indiana seniors at Kokomo.

The second *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be June 3 at Hamilton Southeastern. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The girls' Futures Games rosters were announced March 29. The boys' Futures Games rosters will be announced later.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana Boys All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The series with Kentucky began in 1940,

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Track & Field

Hamilton Southeastern girls win Royal Relays

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field team won its own Royal Relays last Saturday.

Southeastern scored 95 points, well ahead of runner-up North Central's 70 points. The Royals picked up six wins, including four relay victories, claiming the 4x200, 4x400, 4x800 and distance medley relays. In the individual running events, Elizabeth Butler was first in the 1600 run and Maggie Powers won the 3200 run.

Southeastern results now follow.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 95, North Central 70, Warren Central 53, Penn 53, Fort Wayne Northrop 51, Lawrence North 56, Center Grove 39, Pike 19.

100 dash: 6. Chloe Senefeld 13.00, 14. Ava Kashani 13.62.

400 dash: 3. Addison Smith 1:00.67, 5. Camryn McKinney 1:01.75.

1600 run: 1. Elizabeth Butler 5:06.13, 4. Elise Herman 5:26.51.

3200 run: 1. Maggie Powers 11:20.73, 4. Rae-gan Hissong 12:08.20.

300 hurdles: 5. Mic-aiha Bullock 50.42, 13. Sensear Reynolds 53.52.

4x100 relay: 5. Southeastern (Bullock, Kashani, Amiyah McMullen, EJ Shults) 51.66.



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The Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field team won its own Royal Relays last Saturday. The Royals scored 95 team points and won six events.

4x200 relay: 1. Southeastern (Kashani, Anissa Lammie, McKinney, Senefeld) 1:44.36.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Ciara Kepner, A. Smith, Ani. Lammie, Senefeld) 3:57.20.

4x800 relay: 1. Southeastern (Kepner, Anna Irish, Anaya Lammie, Herman) 10:01.09.

4000 distance medley relay: 1. Southeastern (Powers, Kayla Bringley, Ani. Lammie, Catey Campbell) 12:50.70.

400 shuttle hurdles relay: 5. Southeastern (Reynolds, McMullen, Bullock, Sariah Smith) 1:13.37.

High jump relay: 8.

Southeastern 9-0 (Individuals: 12. Shults 4-8, 15. Lucy Hagan 4-4).

Pole vault relay: 3. Southeastern 18-6 (Individuals: 5. Olivia Maynard 17-0, 6. Shults 16-10).

Shot put: 2. Southeastern 66-7.75 (Individuals: 1. Katie Wooden 35-1.25, 8. Elaina Con-

Long jump relay: 2. Southeastern 33-10 (Individuals: 5. Natalie Arnold

stantine 31-6.5).

Discus: 5. Southeastern 188-3 (Individuals: 9. Reghan Harrison 94-10, 10. Wooden 93-5).

Turn to Page B6 to read about the baseball conference doubleheader between Noblesville & Fishers

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Noblesville's own Randy Lewandowski promoted to Indianapolis Indians President and CEO

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Indians last Thursday announced several executive-level promotions to support the organization's growth, community involvement and direction toward sustained success while maintaining focus on providing fun, affordable entertainment annually to fans at Victory Field.



Lewandowski

Randy Lewandowski, a resident of Noblesville, is one of three executives to earn a promotion, ascending to president and CEO from his previous position of president and general manager. The promotion is effective immediately.

In his new role, Lewandowski will oversee all aspects of the organization's day-to-day operations with an emphasis on business strategy that optimizes the club's growth, community involvement and financial and operational performance. As the senior leader, strategic planning and fostering a positive and collaborative work environment will position the organization to achieve short- and long-term goals. Overseeing projects to improve Victory Field, managing club operations with the Pittsburgh Pirates and serving on various Major League Baseball-related committees, acting as the primary liaison with the Indians Board of Directors, Capital Improvement Board, White River State Park, State of Indiana and City of Indianapolis, and serving on numerous Boards including Indy RBI, Indy Chamber and the Indianapolis Public Safety Foundation, among others, are just a few of the many high-level responsibilities assumed with the position.

Lewandowski first joined the Indians as a ticket office intern in 1994 and has held full-time roles as assistant ticket manager, director of operations, assistant general manager and general manager, before becoming president and general manager, in his 31-year tenure.

Lewandowski graduated with a degree in business management from Anderson University in 1993. There, he was a four-year starter on the baseball team and earned Academic All-America honors as a

first baseman and pitcher. In 2015 he was inducted into the Bishop Dwenger High School Hall of Fame, was named International League Executive of the Year in 2016, and two years later was inducted into the Northeast Indiana Baseball Association Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Christina, have two adult children, Alyssa (Mike) Tallman and Sam, and one granddaughter, Isla.

Bruce Schumacher, who assumed duties as Indians Chairman of the Board and CEO in 2016, is in his 42nd season with the team and is handing over CEO responsibilities to Lewandowski. Schumacher will remain Chairman of the Board.

"Randy has shown tremendous commitment to our fans, staff and community and is a proven leader to guide the Indianapolis Indians organization," said Bruce Schumacher, Indians Chairman of the Board. "His promotion to president and CEO recognizes his contributions to our club's many successes and positions us well going forward."

Additional executive-level promotions include Matt Guay, promoted to vice president and general manager from his previous position of assistant general manager of tickets and operations, and Joel Zawacki, promoted to vice president and CCO from his previous position of assistant general manager of corporate sales and marketing.

The Indians are in their 122nd season of continuous operation. For more on the Indians, visit IndyIndians.com or contact the Victory Field Box Office at (317) 269-3545 or Tickets@IndyIndians.com.

About the Indianapolis Indians

The Indianapolis Indians are the professional Triple-A baseball club affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, in continuous operation since 1902. The Indians play their home games at Victory Field, a 13,750-seat ballpark located in downtown Indianapolis and White River State Park. The venue opened in 1996 and has received numerous national accolades as one of the best minor league ballparks in the United States.

ALL-STAR

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and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The All-Star senior girls have played Kentucky every year since 1976, except 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The All-Star senior boys have played Kentucky in all but three years since 1940 -- 1943 (World War II), 1944 (World War II) and 2020 (COVID-19 pandemic). The Futures Games doubleheader was added in 2023.

The Indiana Senior boys lead 104-45 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 41-11 in games against the Indiana Junior boys. The Indiana Junior boys lead 7-5 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 53-41 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 41-11 in games against the Indiana Junior girls. The Indiana Junior girls lead 11-1 in their series with Kentucky. In the inaugural Futures Games, the South boys prevailed 100-96 and the North

girls won 73-63.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The Indianapolis Star, with its *IndyStar* brand, is a title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academy is a presenting partner of All-Star Week, and Energy Systems Group is a present partner of the June 8 All-Star doubleheader at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

The *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star Team is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The top vote getter will be named Mr. Basketball, and the remainder of the team is finalized by Broughton after observing numerous games and events throughout the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across the state. Broughton also reviews votes submitted by coaches and media who each could recommend up to 10 players.

Tennis match for a cause

NHS girls tennis to support IPGR at Tuesday dual meet

The REPORTER

The Noblesville High School girls tennis team is inviting the public to attend its dual meet with Brownsburg on Tuesday to support Indiana Great Pyrenees Rescue (IGPR).

The meet takes place at the Noblesville High School Tennis Complex, 1610 Field Drive. Admission is free, but donations to IGPR will be greatly appreciated. The doors open at 4:45 p.m. and spectators will receive an opportunity to learn more about adopting, fostering and donating to support these amazing family pets who are looking for their forever homes.

The seniors on the Millers team selected IGPR due to their love of dogs and sincere wish to help more of these sweet Prys find their forever homes. You can learn more about IGPR and make donations at igpr.org.

There is a national crisis of animals being surren-



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The Noblesville girls tennis team's dual meet with Brownsburg on Tuesday will support Indiana Great Pyrenees Rescue (IGPR). (Front row) Great Pyrenees Bernie and Lina Hamashuk. (Back row) Maren Dean, Cami Crist, Ava Shoemaker, Becca Kreimer, Allie Stamm, and Josie Flinchum.

dered to rescues and shelters. Your donations will go towards housing and medical expenses of the IGPR foster dogs. Finn, a recently adopted Pyrenees, and his new "Mom," NHS science

teacher Carrie Huffman, will be present to showcase the Great Pyrenees' sweet demeanor and answer any questions about the breed.

Great Pyrenees are majestic, intelligent, and loyal

family dogs. They are very social and typically get along extremely well with other pets. Great Pyrenees are calm companions and vigilant guardians of their home and families.

Baseball

Greyhounds sweep Bishop Dwenger, dealt first season loss against Illinois team

The REPORTER

The Carmel baseball team swept Bishop Dwenger last Saturday at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds won the first game 9-0, scoring in all but the first inning of the game. Gabe Mathison and Hunter Snow both had two hits and scored two runs for Carmel; Snow and Silas Neal each batted in two runs. James Charland hit a sixth-inning double. Max Winders got the pitching win, striking out eight and allowing only two hits in six innings.

In the second game, the Greyhounds came from a run down to win 10-9 in eight innings. Carmel trailed 9-8 going into the bottom of the seventh, but Mathison scored on an error to send the game to extra innings. Mathison came back up to bat in the eighth inning and his base hit sent

Cole Caldwell home for the winning run.

Mathison finished the game 4-for-5 at the plate, scoring three runs and batting in two. Snow had two hits, two runs scored and two RBIs; both he and JD Stein hit one double. Cam Carmichael got the pitching win, with four strikeouts and one hit over three and a third innings.

Carmel gave one of Illinois' top teams a battle last Friday at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds fell behind 6-0 to Edwardsville before rallying, eventually falling to the Tigers 7-5. Edwardsville is the reigning two-time Illinois Class 4A state champion and got off to a fast start by scoring six runs in the top of the second inning.

Carmel got two of those runs back in the bottom of the second. Charland led off



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel catcher Nash Skelton high-fives his teammates as the Greyhounds fielders return to the dugout during their game with Edwardsville (Ill.) last Friday.

with a double then scored when Carson Mace reached on error. Tyler Walkey batted in Mace with a left field hit.

The score stayed 6-2 until the bottom of the sixth inning when the Greyhounds put up three runs. Parker Heaney singled in Evan Vogt with a right field hit, Mace got home on Walkey's RBI fielder's choice, then Heaney scored on Silas Neal's RBI fielder's choice.

But Edwardsville stopped Carmel's run there, then doubled in a seventh-inning run to complete the scoring.

Adam Buczkowski pitched four innings, striking out eight. Caldwell threw four strikeouts in relief. Both allowed two hits each.

Carmel is 8-1. The Greyhounds play at Westfield on Monday, then host Louisville Trinity Saturday in a doubleheader.

Shamrocks maintain their perfect conference record, Huskies beat Clinton Prairie to get first season win, University splits doubleheader with Effingham St. Anthony

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team swept a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series with Brownsburg last week.

The Shamrocks began the series by beating the Bulldogs 8-1 last Thursday at Grand Park. Brownsburg scored its run in the top of the first inning, but the 'Rocks scored twice in the bottom of the first. Drew Law led off with a triple, then Brayden Hibler singled him home for the first run. Hibler later scored on Alex Rudolph's RBI fielder's choice.

Westfield put up three runs in the third inning, all on one hit. Rudolph blasted a double into right field to bring in Gabe Garcia, Ian Wilson and Matt Drozlek. The Shamrocks added three more runs in the sixth inning, starting with a two-run inside the park home run from Hibler. Nick Fero also scored. Wilson got the final run of the game, getting home on a wild pitch.

Ty Anderson pitched six and two-thirds innings for the win, striking out 10 with no walks and allowing only two hits.

Westfield completed the sweep last Friday with a 9-5 win at Brownsburg. It was a back-and-forth game before the 'Rocks scored seven runs over the final three innings.

Both teams scored one run in the first inning. Drozlek doubled in the Shamrocks' run, with a left field hit

to bring in Wilson.

The Bulldogs added two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Westfield got one back in the top of the third: Logan Hoffman led off with a triple, then scored on Law's RBI groundout.

Drozlek struck again in the fifth inning, blasting a right field double to send Hoffman and Hibler home. That gave the 'Rocks a 4-3 lead, but Brownsburg's Caden Dougherty hit a home run to tie things up at 4-4 in the bottom of the fifth.

Westfield regrouped in the sixth inning and took the lead for good. Beck Jordan, Tyler Gentry and Fero all hit singles to load the bases. Hoffman drew a walk to bring Jordan home, Gentry scored on a wild pitch. Fero moved to third base and ran home after Law hit a sacrifice fly, which put the 'Rocks ahead 7-4.

The Shamrocks added two more runs in the seventh inning. Ethan Colling got on base with a single, then Jake Russell came in to run for him. Jordan sent a double into right field to move Russell to third, and both players scored when Gentry hit a single.

Six different Westfield batters got two hits. Nathan Bodenberg got the pitching win, while Preston Tamm struck out six in three and two-thirds innings.

The Shamrocks are 4-0 in HCC play and 8-1 overall. Westfield hosts Carmel

on Monday, plays Fishers in an HCC series (away on Thursday, home on Friday), then welcomes New Castle on Saturday.

Hamilton Heights held off Clinton Prairie for its first win of the season last Saturday.

The Huskies won 9-8. The Gophers scored four runs in the top of the second inning, but Heights matched them with four runs in the bottom of the second. Nick Hulen hit a two-run single to tie the game, scoring Phoenix Vondersaar and Logan Hickman.

Prairie scored a run in the top of the third inning, but the Huskies put up five runs in the bottom of the inning and held the lead from there. Luke Davis doubled in Dillon Pitts for the tying run, then Vondersaar's left field hit drove in Kaden Lawson and Davis.

Davis and Vondersaar each had two hits, with Dean Mason and Nick Hulen both batting in two runs. Pitts, Landon Cook and Vondersaar all scored two runs. Owen Robey pitched four and a third innings for the win, striking out six.

The Huskies are 1-4 for the season. Heights plays a Hoosier Conference East series with Tipton this week (home on Tuesday, away on Wednesday), then travels to Elwood Saturday for a doubleheader.

University split a doubleheader with Effingham St. Anthony last Saturday. The games were played at Beech Grove High School.

The Trailblazers lost the first game 16-5 in six innings. The Bulldogs scored five runs in the first inning and another five in the third inning.

University scored all of its runs in the fifth inning on base hits. Beckett Suh singled Jimmy Caldwell home, Owen Schellhase hit a single to bring in Ryan Castetter, and Cooper Burnett blasted a triple to bring in Suh, Schellhase and Cooper Cammack. Burnett finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate.

The 'Blazers turned the tables on St. Anthony in the second game, winning 13-3 in five innings. Burnett slammed two triples, totaling four RBIs. Castetter hit two doubles to drive in two RBIs. Jasper Owens had two hits and scored two runs, while Cammack hit one triple and totaled two RBIs. Castetter got the pitching win, with four strikeouts in three innings.

University is 3-3-1. The Trailblazers play Tuesday at Lewis Cass, then have home games at RoundTripper Academy on Wednesday against Brownsburg, Thursday against Liberty Christian (a Pioneer Conference North contest), and Clinton Central on Saturday.

Boys Volleyball

Shamrocks sweep Greyhounds

Westfield picks up 10th win, Carmel plays solid while navigating tough schedule

By **RICHIE HALL**

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CARMEL – Two Hamilton County boys volleyball teams met at the Eric Clark Activity Center last Wednesday. Both have plenty of potential.

Westfield traveled to Carmel for a match that the Shamrocks won in straight sets, 25-23, 25-18, 25-23. It was a tough sweep, as the Greyhounds fought back to lead 23-22 in the third set before Westfield took the final three points.

Both teams have new coaches. The 'Rocks are supervised by Pat McAndrews, who said his team is "off to a really good start." He's not kidding: Westfield is 10-2 for the season.

"We've got a young group with only one senior and lots of juniors and lots of first-year varsity players," said McAndrews. "To come out with a hot start's been really exciting. They've bought into what we're trying to do."

All but two players on the Shamrocks' varsity roster are juniors. That includes outside hitter Carlo Huisden, who did a little bit of everything during the match. Huisden hit 15 kills and two aces, made 10 digs and had four blocks.

"Carlo is definitely one of our leaders," said McAndrews. "As a leader, he brings a lot of emotion and energy. Just a great leader. Hard worker and just a very

dynamic player."

McAndrews said his team's middle backs, the junior trio of Nick Gerow, Max Hammond and Fletcher Farrar are "doing a good job." Gerow had three blocks for Westfield with Hammond making two blocks.

Setter Graham Weddige dished out 33 assists and also collected 11 digs. Dominic Parisi, the team's lone senior, served two aces and CJ Fox hit nine kills.

As for defense, libero Chase Graff led the digs with 13. McAndrews said that Graff is one of the leaders in the state in that category.

"He's a tough kid, goes for every ball, wants every ball," said McAndrews. "He's been a good leader for us as well."

Westfield's victories included two big early-season wins over Hamilton Southeastern, which was ranked No. 2 at the time, and Brebeuf Jesuit, which held the No. 1 ranking at that time.

"Those early wins really helped propel our confidence and helped us start out playing well," said McAndrews.

The Shamrocks beat Avon last Tuesday in another sweep, 25-13, 25-16, 25-17. Parisi hit 16 kills, followed by Huisden with nine, Fox with seven and Gerow with five. Farrar and Gerow combined for six blocks. Graff, Kyle Kujawa and Huisden led the back row defense with solid passing.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Chase Graff, Kyle Kujawa and CJ Fox line up to receive serve during the Shamrocks' match with Carmel last Wednesday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Griffin Holdcraft prepares to serve one of his two aces.

Westfield hosts Zionsville on Tuesday and plays Saturday at Southport.

Rebuilding year

The Carmel team is being coached by a Greyhounds graduate. Andrew Fuller was part of Carmel's first two boys volleyball state championship teams in 2011 and 2012. He started the boys volleyball program at Guerin Catholic several years ago before returning to his alma mater.

"It's a huge rebuild here at Carmel," said Fuller. The coach said he is "really proud of our defense. That's our identity. It's worked well for us all season and if we can figure out our of-

fense, I think we'll get going in the right direction."

Fuller said the team graduated "a handful of seniors last year, that heavy experience. We had to find a way to completely redirect the program."

This year's seniors are stepping up. Xavier Clawson hit six kills, while Nick Wold made six digs. Junior Griffin Holdcraft had 13 digs and two aces. Sophomore Shep Spidel dished out 23 assists.

"My first day at open gyms, I took Shep because he's our most athletic kid," said Fuller. "He's a sophomore and we're training him from the ground up as a setter."

"We're in a huge rebuild, putting a lot of trust in younger kids," said Fuller. "It's just what we expected. I think we're closer than we thought we'd be. We're playing better volleyball than I thought we'd be. But we're definitely doing some really nice things."

Carmel is 3-14 for the season, with wins over Park Tudor, Guerin Catholic and McCutcheon. Fuller said that according to the Z-rating and MaxPreps, the 'Hounds have played the third-hardest schedule in the state. That included No. 1 Cathedral, whom Carmel took all the way to a fifth set before losing by a close 15-

12 score.

"We've played nothing but top 10 teams," said Fuller. "We've been right there with them. We just haven't been able to close out yet."

The Greyhounds hosted Brownsburg last Thursday, falling in a tough five-set match, 26-28, 25-15, 18-25, 25-23, 16-14. Freshman Thomas Kuehl hit 16 kills, with senior John Higgins putting down 10 kills and serving five aces. Holdcraft hit three aces and made 14 digs. Spidel handed out 37 assists.

Carmel plays Tuesday at Brebeuf Jesuit and hosts Guerin Catholic on Wednesday.

Tigers play close with Roncalli, rebound at Midwest battle

By **RICHIE HALL**

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FISHERS – The two boys volleyball teams that played for a state championship in 2023 faced off last Thursday night at the Fishers Tiger Den.

Fishers hosted Roncalli, a battle between the No. 2-ranked Royals and the No. 3 Tigers. When the two teams played each other last May for the state title, Roncalli edged out Fishers in four tight sets.

The Thursday match was even closer, as the Royals needed five sets to beat the Tigers. The final score was 25-16, 22-25, 25-21, 21-25, 15-13. Fishers trailed 11-6 in the fifth set before rallying to keep the set close.

"I love it," said Tigers coach Carlos Capó. "This is what volleyball's all about. It could have gone either way. They played a great game, they had amazing digs and started playing a little bit better."

Roncalli and Fishers have won the last five state championships. The Royals also won

state in 2018 and 2022, with the Tigers winning in 2019 and 2021. (There was no state tournament in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

"Every time we play, it's always a battle," said Capó.

Fishers bounced back from that loss to win two matches last Friday at the Midwest Battle, which the Tigers are hosting this weekend. Fishers swept Olentangy (Ohio) 25-19, 25-17 and No. 6-ranked Hamilton Southeastern 25-22, 25-21. The Tigers will play Southeastern again on April 23 for the Mudsock trophy.

Fishers is 14-4 this season and has only lost seven sets during its 2024 campaign. The Tigers fell to No. 1-ranked Cathedral and Louisville St. Xavier during a tournament on March 9. Fishers has gotten some solid wins, beating No. 4 Westfield in four sets on March 25, and collected sweeps of No. 5 Boone Grove and No. 10 Franklin Community early in the season as well.

"I believe this year, we easily have six to seven teams that could easily win



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Fishers' Nate Fitzwater (35) hit 15 kills during the Tigers' match with Roncalli. Also pictured is Caleb Witherbee (42). (RIGHT) The Fishers volleyball team reacts after winning a point during its match with Roncalli last Thursday. Pictured: Gavin Hagerty (8), Davis Theobald (16), Ian Pifer (10), Ethan Luenemann (12), Colin Ryan (6) and Dieter Hamm (3).

a state championship," said Capó. "It's all about who comes up to play."

The Tigers have a solid roster of seniors this season. Colin Ryan put down 18 kills during the Roncalli match, while Gavin Hagerty made 16 digs. Ryan collected 14 digs and Dieter Hamm had 11. Hagerty dished out 46 assists.

The junior class is also

contributing for Fishers. Nate Fitzwater hit 15 kills, while libero Ian Pifer led the digs with 23.

"He did a great job," said Capó. "Colin had some really good digs. (Junior) Davis Theobald also had some really good digs."

In the Olentangy match, Ryan hit six kills, while Ethan Luenemann served three aces. Fitzwater had

four block assists. Pifer collected eight digs and Hagerty provided 17 assists.

In the Southeastern match, Ryan put down nine kills, followed by six for Fitzwater, who also had one solo block and four block assists. Hagerty dished out 19 assists.

Fishers continued play at the Midwest Battle last Saturday, going 1-for-2. The Tigers were swept by Lincoln-Way

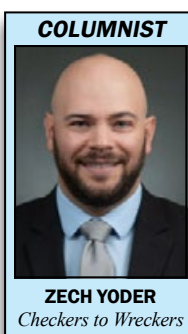
East from Frankfort, Ill. 25-23, 25-17 in their first match, then scored a sweep over Brebeuf Jesuit (set scores were not available). Fishers played Lincoln-Way East again and took the Griffins to three sets before falling 20-25, 25-23, 15-8.

This week, Fishers plays at Bishop Chatard on Monday and hosts Zionsville on Thursday.

Post-eclipse washout at IMS provides little information heading into May

As beautiful as last week began with clear skies, warm temperatures, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience of witnessing a total solar eclipse, the remainder of the week was dreary, filled with rain, and more rain.

Cars were on the track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway doing demonstration runs for the more than 50,000 people who observed the eclipse at the track. Anticipation was building for the Indianapolis 500 Open Test



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that was to take place at IMS last Wednesday and Thursday. Unfortunately, weather limited the test to just a few hours.

Teams were on track Wednesday morning for several hours to get up to speed with

their cars and the track. After the initial session, the rookie and reorientation session was run for those either new to Indianapolis or who had run limited ovals in the last 12 months. That is when rain began breaking up the session with several yellow flags.

Eventually, the track dried and was open to all the teams, but for only a short stint as the rain came back. Constant rain washed out Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, and with more rain forecasted on Friday, the Open Test was ultimately canceled.

The biggest story of the test was Kyle Larson, who will make his first Indianapolis 500 attempt this May. The 31-year-old and 2021 NASCAR Cup Series Champion is a generational racing talent and often compared to the likes of A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti for his ability to excel in anything with four wheels. Like Foyt and

Andretti, Larson grew up racing midgets and sprint cars. Unlike Foyt and Andretti, Larson's journey led him to full-time stock car racing in NASCAR. From his early years in NASCAR, many hoped Larson would make an Indianapolis 500 attempt, particularly because he drove for Chip Ganassi. However, it was Rick Hendrick and a partnership between Hendrick Motorsports and Arrow McLaren that enabled Larson to make the Indy attempt.

With limited testing on Wednesday, it was hard to assess the field. Joseph Newgarden ended the test on top with a speed of 228.811 mph.

Kyle Larson was second at 226.384 and the rest of the top 5 was Scott Dixon, Alex Palou, and Colton Herta.

Although it was hard to determine who will have speed come May from the limited test, I think those who finished in the top 5 should all be considered legitimate contenders. Newgarden got the Indianapolis 500 monkey off his back last May, and I expect him to be extremely fast. Alex Palou, the reigning INDYCAR Champion, dominated the early stages of last year's Indianapolis 500 before a collision on pit road likely ruined his opportunity at a win. Dixon, a past 500

Champion, is always a threat to win.

Others to watch are Marcus Ericsson, the 2021 Indianapolis 500 Champion, who posted the 14th quickest time, and Pato O'Ward, who has challenged for the win the last couple years, despite finishing the test in the middle of the pack.

May is fast approaching. Cars will take to the track for the Sorsio Grand Prix May 9 to 11. Then it is on to the 108th Running of the Indianapolis 500.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

Softball

Fast Millers beat Lawrence North, Sheridan decimates Herron & Cardinal Ritter, HSE splits two games, Westfield drops two games

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team started fast, and that led the Millers to a 12-9 victory over Lawrence North last Friday.

Gabby Fowler got Noblesville on the board in the first inning with a two-run home run that also scored Nevaeh Nash.

Lawrence North scored four runs in the top of the third to cut Noblesville's

lead to 9-6. Harvey helped out with a right field hit, which brought Nash home for her third run of the game.

Emmerson smacked a solo home run in the fourth inning to give the Millers an 11-6 lead.

Harvey and Emmerson both went 3-for-4 at the plate, with Vetter hitting two doubles.

Noblesville is 5-1 for the season and has a busy week coming up.

Western on Thursday, then compete in the Carmel Invitational this weekend.

Sheridan beat Herron 20-1 in a five-inning game last Tuesday for its first win of the season.

Abby Dallas, Emma Settles, Abbi Merritt and Claudia Headlee all had two hits for the Blackhawks.

Maelei Casler got the pitching win, tossing nine strikeouts and allowing three walks and one hit.

Sheridan got another huge victory last Saturday, beating Cardinal Ritter 25-10.

Casler, Anna Rusk and Kennedy Zachary also had four hits each, with Dallas getting three hits.

batting in four runs. Mac Smith had two hits and three RBIs. Settles and Headlee both scored four runs, with Dallas, Merritt and Rusk all scoring three runs.

Casler got the pitching win, with five strikeouts.

The Blackhawks are 2-4. This week, Sheridan plays Monday at Elwood, hosts Clinton Prairie on Wednesday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game and travels to Eastern on Thursday.

Hamilton Southeastern split two games last Saturday at Harrison.

The Royals dropped their first game of the day to the host Raiders 1-0. Keira Lodes hit a double, while Addi Justice and Leah Paris both hit a single.

Southeastern beat Crown Point 4-2 in its second game. The Royals

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Girls Tennis

Millers rebound, HSE takes down Franklin Central

The REPORTER

The Noblesville girls tennis team rebounded from a tough loss last Friday to score a big victory the next day.

The Millers, ranked No. 9 in last week's Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association poll, fell to No. 15 Zionsville 3-2.

The Millers traveled to No. 3 North Central last Saturday and upset the Panthers 3-2.

Allie Stamm won 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2 singles, Ava Shoemaker and Jayde Stamm took the No. 2 doubles match 6-4, 6-3, then

Flinchum clinched the win with a 7-6 (1), 6-1 victory at No. 3 singles.

"These two are playing together for the first time this year and have started the season with some strong play together," said Millers coach Chris Pyle.

Duncan again played a three-set No. 1 singles match, this time with NC's Brooke Ratcliff.

This week, Noblesville plays at Avon Monday, then hosts Brownsburg on Tuesday and Hamilton Southeastern on Thursday.

Hamilton Southeastern scored a 4-1 victory over Franklin Central last Saturday.

Morgan Filer and Evelyn Hiner, with Maya Wetzel and Peighton Baugh winning in doubles.

The Royals are 1-1,

and host North Central on Monday and Westfield on Tuesday.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 6th day of May, 2024.

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COUNTY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet in a Joint Session with the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Carissa Bozarth, please contact Dianne S. Huggins, Attorney at Law, 1930 Florida Avenue, S.W., Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726, by telephone (225) 664 9500.

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-003409

29D02-2404-EU-000154 William J. Webster Webster & Garino, LLC 209 E. 175th Street, Suite A Westfield, IN 46074

29D01-2404-EU-162 Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29 Church Church Hittle + Antrim Two North Ninth Street Noblesville, IN 46060

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2308-MI-7725

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2404-MI-3487

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2404-MI-3562

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2308-MI-7714

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT IN RE CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR: Yuchen Lin

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2401-MI-0157

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 24C01-2402-MI-001629

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2404-MI-3681



STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF HAMILTON IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2404-MI-3681

Public Notice Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2710
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Rebecca Marlette Smith
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Rebecca Marlette Smith, whose mailing address is: 12659 Kossuth Street Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Rebecca Marlette Smith has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Rebecca Marlette Hawksmith.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: July 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Rebecca Marlette Smith
Petitioner
Date: March 20, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
County Clerk
R4120 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-3129
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Rekha Damodaran Chembath
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Rekha Damodaran Chembath, whose mailing address is: 13220 Tanzanite Cir Carmel, Indiana 46033, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Rekha Damodaran Chembath has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Rekha Susant.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: August 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Rekha Damodaran Chembath
Petitioner
Date: March 26, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
County Clerk
R4128 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-002776
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Dareskedar Taweke Henry
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Dareskedar Taweke Henry, whose mailing address is: 10874 Knightsbridge Lane, Fishers, IN 46037, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Dareskedar Taweke Henry has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Dareskedar Taweke Bekele.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: August 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Dareskedar Taweke Henry
Petitioner
Date: March 26, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Judicial Officer
R4132 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-3179
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
GABRIELLE SHERFICK
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, GABRIELLE SHERFICK, through counsel, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from GABRIELLE SHERFICK to GABRIELLE STONE.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on August 9, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060.
Date: March 26, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court
R4139 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/15/24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
1 Hamilton County Sq., Suite 337)
Noblesville, IN 46060)
Phone Number: 317-776-9600)
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE MATTER OF:)
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL)
BANK)
V.)
BENJAMIN S. COTTINGHAM,)
et al.)
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2306-PL-000442)
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION)
TO: Benjamin S. Cottingham)
You are hereby notified that there)
has been in the Hamilton Superior)
Court an action for foreclosure. You)
are further notified that you have)
thirty (30) days from the date of the)
last publication of notice in which to)
respond to and in the event of failure)
to do so, judgment may be taken)
against you for the relief requested.)
DATED this 26th day of March,)
2024)
Jerry N. Higgins, MSSW, JD 26712-22)
Marsha Dailey 25539-88)
Derek A. Harvey, Jr. 36172-53)
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Kathy Kreag Williams)
Hamilton Circuit/Superior Court)
R4140 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2402-MI-1201
IN RE CHANGE OF
NAME OF MINOR:
Abir Manav Vaid
Sunita Khurana Vaid
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Sunita Khurana Vaid, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of minor child from Abir Manav Vaid to Abir Vaid.
The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on June 7, 2024 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square Suite 337 Noblesville, IN. 46060
Date: February 5, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court
R4141 4/1/24, 4/8/24, 4/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-003162
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Stephen Edward Fuller
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Stephen Edward Fuller, whose mailing address is: 537 N 18th St., Noblesville, IN 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Stephen Edward Fuller has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Stephen Michael James Foor.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: August 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Stephen Edward Fuller
Petitioner
Date: March 28, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Judicial Officer
R4152 4/8/24, 4/15/24, 4/22/24

29D01-2403-EU-000146
STEPHEN W. COOK, Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
n the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Teresa Harris was, on the 28th day of March, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Paul E. Dial, deceased, who died on the 12th day of March, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court with three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 28th day of March, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
Stephen W. Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
R4151 4/8/24, 4/15/24

29D01-2403-EU-000145
STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
In The Hamilton Superior Court No. 1)
Cause No. 29D01-2403-EU-000145)
IN RE THE SUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF)
MARILYN L. NIEHAUS,)
Attorney: Jane B. Merrill)
Attorney at Law)
550 Congressional Blvd, #210)
Carmel, IN 46032)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Marilyn L. Niehaus.
Notice is hereby given that on 3/28/24, Stephen L. Furry was appointed personal representative of the estate of Marilyn L. Niehaus, who died on March 14, 2024.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this April 1, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R4154 4/8/23, 4/15/23

29D02-2403-EU-000135
Bruce M. Bittner, #14775-29
Church Church Hittle & Antrim
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Frances J. Porter was, on March 25, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of RONALD P. PORTER, deceased, who died February 25, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana on March 25, 2004.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R4149 4/8/24, 4/15/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2403-EU-000149
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF WILLIAM THOMAS JACKSON,)
Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April 2024, Terrence W. Jackson and Lisa M. Jackson were appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of William Thomas Jackson, deceased, who died on the 11th day of January 2024.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this day of 4/4/2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Elizabeth A. Schluter,
Attorney No: 16502-49
SCHLUTER BREMAN LLC
9292 North Meridian Street, Suite 350
Indianapolis, IN 46260
317-953-6000; Fax 317-953-6001
Elizabeth@SchluterBrem.com
R4161 4/8/24, 4/15/24

29D03-2404-EU-000160
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Estate of Bobby White Nelson
Case No. 29D03-2404-EU-000160
ADLER ATTORNEYS
136 South 9th Street, Suite 400
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
(317) 773-1974
Attorney(s):
Raymond M. Adler, #2336-29
ray@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Hamilton Superior Court 3, Indiana
Notice is hereby given that Rick Nelson on 4/5/2024 was appointed Personal Representative of the Unsupervised Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on March 13, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months of Decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, April 5, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 3 for Hamilton County, Indiana
R4190 4/15/24, 4/22/24

— NOBLESVILLE —

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: 2024 Fox Prairie Golf Course – Bunker Remodel-Phase 2
Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Receipt of Bids: bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the work, and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:
SEALED BID: 2024 Fox Prairie Golf Course Bunker Remodel – Phase 2
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Board of Public Works and Safety at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 9:00 AM, local time, Tuesday, April 23, 2024.
Pre-Bid Meeting: Not applicable
The Work: The Work shall be completed by qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for 2024 Fox Prairie Golf Course Bunker Remodel – Phase 2
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If the contract is awarded, it will be to the "most responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Board, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the City, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after March 26, 2024. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to cbrisco@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville – Fox Prairie Golf Course prior to 12:00 PM, local time on April 17, 2024. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:
Curt Brisco, Golf Superintendent
City of Noblesville – Parks Department
Email: cbrisco@noblesville.in.gov
Bid Documents – Review:
Work will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at the following location:
City of Noblesville Fox Prairie Golf Course
8465 E. 196th Street
Noblesville, IN 46062
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by the Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Applications forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
Parks and Recreation Department
Patty Johnson, Interim Parks and Recreation Director
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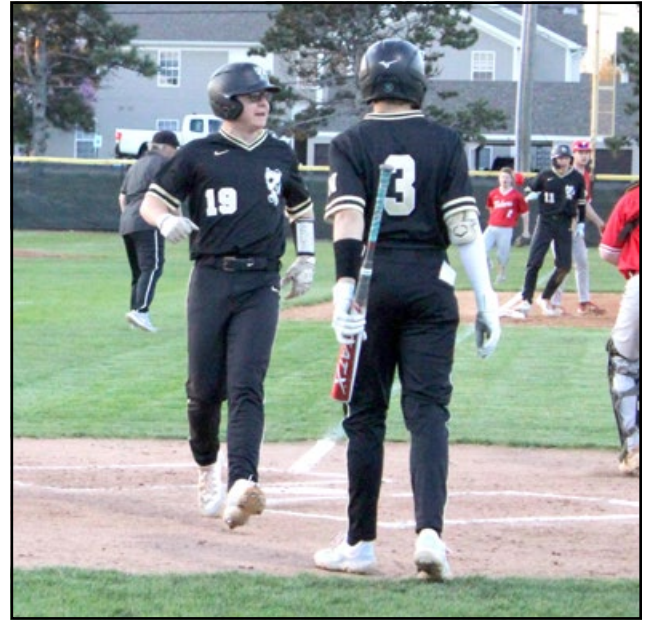
NOTICE
The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a special meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 3:45 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.
R4196 4/15/24

NOTICE
The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Thursday, April 18th at 3:50 p.m. located at 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030 the discussion held will be IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.
R4197 4/15/24

— CARMEL —

NOTICE REGARDING A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE CARMEL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
At the May 1, 2024 meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Carmel, Indiana (the "Board"), the Board will hold a public hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana, in order to: (i) receive public input on the proposed lease of certain real property owned by 861 North Range Line Road, LLC located at 861 North Range Line Road, Carmel, Indiana ("Lease Premises"); (ii) allow the public an opportunity to be heard

Baseball



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE, two left photos) Noblesville's Joe Glander (4) and Fishers' Ben Hammond, both pictured in the second game, hit 3-for-4 for their respective teams during the first game of the Millers-Tigers doubleheader last Saturday at Don Dunker Field. Also pictured for Noblesville is Blake Widget (24). **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Fishers' Jase Ruggles, pictured here in the second game of the doubleheader, scored two runs for the Tigers during the first game. **(RIGHT)** Noblesville's Jacob Baker (19) scored two runs for the Millers during the second game of the doubleheader.

Millers sweep Tigers in conference doubleheader

The REPORTER

The Noblesville baseball team scored a Hoosier Crossroads Conference sweep of Fishers last Saturday in a doubleheader at Don Dunker Field.

In the first game, the Millers won a back-and-forth game 10-9, coming from behind in the sixth inning. Noblesville won the second game 5-1, giving the Millers an early 2-0 mark in the conference.

Fishers went up 3-0 early in the first game. Ben Hammond doubled in Jack Brown for a first-inning run, then Trevor Hall led off the second inning with a triple and was batted in by Jase Ruggles' right field hit.

Deagan Repp's left field hit brought Ruggles home.

Noblesville got on the board in the bottom of the second inning. Joe Glander doubled McCoy Fulk home, then scored when Sam Deno reached on error, getting the Millers within 3-2. Fishers got a run back in the top of the third when Evan Doran's sacrifice fly scored Brown; both Brown and Hammond hit doubles to begin the inning.

Noblesville surged ahead in the bottom of the fourth, putting up five runs. Aiden Reynolds' sacrifice fly brought in Blake Widget. Nolan Decker hit a single to score Trevor Corbett and Brady Bishop, moving the Millers ahead 5-4. Later,

Glander doubled Decker and Aiden Ramsey home, and Noblesville's lead was 7-4.

The Tigers cut the lead to 7-6 in the top of the fifth. Doran got home on a wild pitch, then Ruggles scored on Mayo Fernandez's sacrifice fly. The Millers scored one in the bottom of the fifth, with Bishop scoring on Decker's RBI fielder's choice, giving Noblesville an 8-6 lead.

Fishers blasted back in the sixth inning with three runs. Huston Dunn got home on Hammond's right field line drive, then Doran doubled Hammond home to tie the game. Doran later scored on a wild pitch and

put the Tigers up 9-8.

But the Millers scored twice in the bottom of the sixth. Noblesville loaded the bases, then Reynolds drew a walk to score Glander and tie the score at 9-9. Jacob Baker came up next, and his RBI fielder's choice was the go-ahead run, as it scored Josh Peek.

Glander finished the game 3-for-4 for the Millers, while Hammond was 3-for-4 for the Tigers.

Noblesville was the visiting team for the second game. The Millers got a run in the top of the first inning when Fulk drew a bases-loaded walk to score Baker. Fishers tied the game in the bottom of the second;

Caulin Brown singled in Gavin Kuzniewski.

Noblesville took the lead for good in the third inning with three runs. Reynolds got home on a passed ball, Baker scored on an error, and Nash Watson got home on Fulk's RBI groundout. In the sixth inning, Corbett was sent home by a right field hit from Reynolds.

Fulk and Ramsey both hit one double. Decker pitched a complete game, striking out five. Hammond hit a double for Fishers. Kuzniewski went four innings, striking out seven and allowing no hits. Hayden Werner relieved him and threw five strikeouts in three innings.

Next games

The Millers are 7-2. Noblesville was to play Carmel last Saturday before rain forced a schedule change; the Millers will now play Carmel on May 13. This week, Noblesville hosts Rossville on Monday, plays a conference series with Franklin Central (home on Thursday, away on Friday) before welcoming Columbus North on Saturday.

The Tigers are 1-3 in HCC play and 5-6 overall. Fishers hosts Greenfield-Central on Monday, takes on Westfield in a conference series (home on Thursday, away on Friday), then plays Lafayette Jefferson and Twin Lakes on Saturday.

SOFTBALL

scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, starting with Sayla Stock's RBI fielder's choice that brought Lani Wyrick home. Justice scored on a passed ball, then Stock got home on Lodes' RBI groundout.

Megan Wincek batted in a run for Southeastern in the sixth inning, as her center field pop fly brought Chloe Smith home. Justice finished with two hits for HSE, and

Ashley Ransom went five innings for the pitching win.

The Royals are 7-2 and play on the road all this week. Southeastern takes on Avon Tuesday in an HCC game, plays Thursday at Lawrence North, then competes at the Whiteland Invitational on Saturday.

Westfield dropped two games last week.

The Shamrocks fell to

Brownsburg last Tuesday in a 5-4, eight-inning HCC road game. The Shamrocks scored two runs in the top of the first inning thanks to Grace Fanelli's left field home run. Sofia Easterhaus also scored. The Bulldogs got a run back in the bottom of the first, then scored three in the second inning to take a 4-2 lead.

Chloe Tanner answered in the top of the sixth with

her own two-run homer; she also got Ava Kainrath home. The score would stay 4-4 until the bottom of the eighth, when Brownsburg won on a walk off base hit. Tanner pitched the complete game, striking out five.

Westfield lost 8-6 at Cathedral last Saturday. The 'Rocks scored three runs in the first inning. Tanner doubled in Makayla Watson and Sofia Easterhaus, then

Cara Snedeker's left field hit brought Reese Mahannah home.

The Irish scored two runs in the second inning, then took the lead in the third inning with two more runs. Westfield put up three in the top of the fifth inning for a 6-4 lead: Ava Kainrath doubled in Easterhaus, then Sydney Jordan blasted a double to score Marisa Stormer and Mahannah. But

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Cathedral hit two-run home runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to get the win.

Easterhaus was 4-for-4 at the plate, with Tanner and Jordan both getting two hits.

Westfield is 5-2 for the season. The Shamrocks play Monday at New Palestine, host Fishers Tuesday for an HCC game, then play at the Kokomo Tournament this weekend.

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"Fun. Unbelievable. Creepy – along with respect for the galaxy."

That's how Lori Schwartz described the eclipse to The Reporter. A photo of Schwartz and her granddaughter are on Page C2 of today's Reporter.

Donna Holmes drove all the way from Arlington Heights, Ill., to Strawtown Koteewi Park's Moon Market with her brother to see this eclipse. She told The Reporter, "The experience could not have been more perfect." She had high praise for the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation staff, for The Reporter's photographer who took her picture, and for the food at Erika's Place, 40 W. Jackson St., Cicero, where she and her brother stopped for dinner after the event. A photo of Holmes is on Page C6 of today's edition.

A group of kids at Park Side of the

Moon at Cool Creek Park were caught on camera counting down the last 10 seconds before totality began. Then counting it down again and again because they were almost a minute early. You can see them on our Facebook page by going to tinyurl.com/EclipseCountdownKids. During totality you can hear one of those youngsters exclaim, "Oh my God, it's crazy!"

A family from the Chicago area tailgated in the parking area at Cool Creek Park. They told The Reporter they just drove south toward the path of totality with no real destination in mind. They saw information pointing them to Cool Creek, and that's where they ended up. You can see their photo on Page C5 today.

The Reporter's own Paul Poteet was the MC at the Cool Creek event, and he brought with him not only the patented Poteet wit, but also some surprisingly

good weather. It rained Sunday. It rained Tuesday. But Monday, April 8 was 73 and mostly sunny. We didn't know Paul had that kind of pull!

You probably have stories like those. It was, for many people, a once-in-a-lifetime event. For others, eclipses are old hat as they have traveled to see several.

In every case, you will remember where you were when the wind turned cool, the sky darkened, and you got to see day become night become day in moments.

Mashcraft Fishers General Manager David Halt told The Reporter he spoke to lots of people from outside the county while he was manning the Mashcraft booth at Cool Creek Park.

"It was really nice to see and meet everyone who is coming in from out of town," Halt said. "When they came up and visited with us, they all had a story about where they came from and how far they traveled. It was exciting to talk to more people just than here in Hamilton County, but from all over the place."

See Funbelievable! . . . Page C2



Photo provided by Robert Herrington



Zora & Stephen Cambalik of Berwyn, Ill. (Reporter photo)

Transcontinental eclipse trip for Zadraks family

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – The out-of-state cars were already in Carmel the day before the solar eclipse.

Many of them were from Illinois, easily a short drive to see such a rare event. There were a couple vehicles from Ohio, and cars from Iowa, Wisconsin, Arizona, and even California.

But it's likely that the Zadraks family made the longest trip to see the eclipse. The Zadraks are from Latvia, one of the Baltic countries of Northern Europe.

Latvia's capital is Riga, and a flight from there to Indianapolis takes nearly 15 hours. Gints Zadraks, along with his wife Marika and daughter Zile, live in Riga. Gints' father Vilis Zadraks was also there; he is from Valmiera, about an hour-and-a-half drive from the capital.

Gints Zadraks first learned about Carmel when he met Andris Berzins, a Latvian-American who is an

Honorary Consul between Latvia and Indiana. Berzins is the president of the Carmel & Jelgava Sister Cities Committee, Jelgava being one of several sister cities of Carmel.

"I was working in Washington (D.C.) for our embassy," said Zadraks. He currently works in economic affairs at the Embassy of the Republic of Latvia to the United States.

Zadraks and his family were making their third visit to Carmel. "We basically came to see the eclipse," he said. "And of course, visit friends."

"I like it here," said Zadraks. "The city's so beautiful and so livable. We got a chance to walk around the city center, to sit down, to grab a beer."

Vilis Zadraks was making his first visit to Carmel, and Gints Zadraks said his father likes it here as well. Gints Zadraks said they enjoy being around the people in the U.S.

"We like to be around Americans," said Gints Zadraks.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Zadraks family from Latvia were among the many people in Carmel's Civic Square watching Monday's solar eclipse. (From left) Marika Zadraks, Gints Zadraks, Vilis Zadraks, and Zile Zadraks.

The sun, the moon, the great dance



Photo provided by Mike Berry / MorseLakeWeather.com

Friend of The Reporter Mike Berry gave us this shot and our minds were blown. We don't know how he managed to do it, but if you look close you can even see a boat on Morse Lake in the reflection of the eclipse on the water.

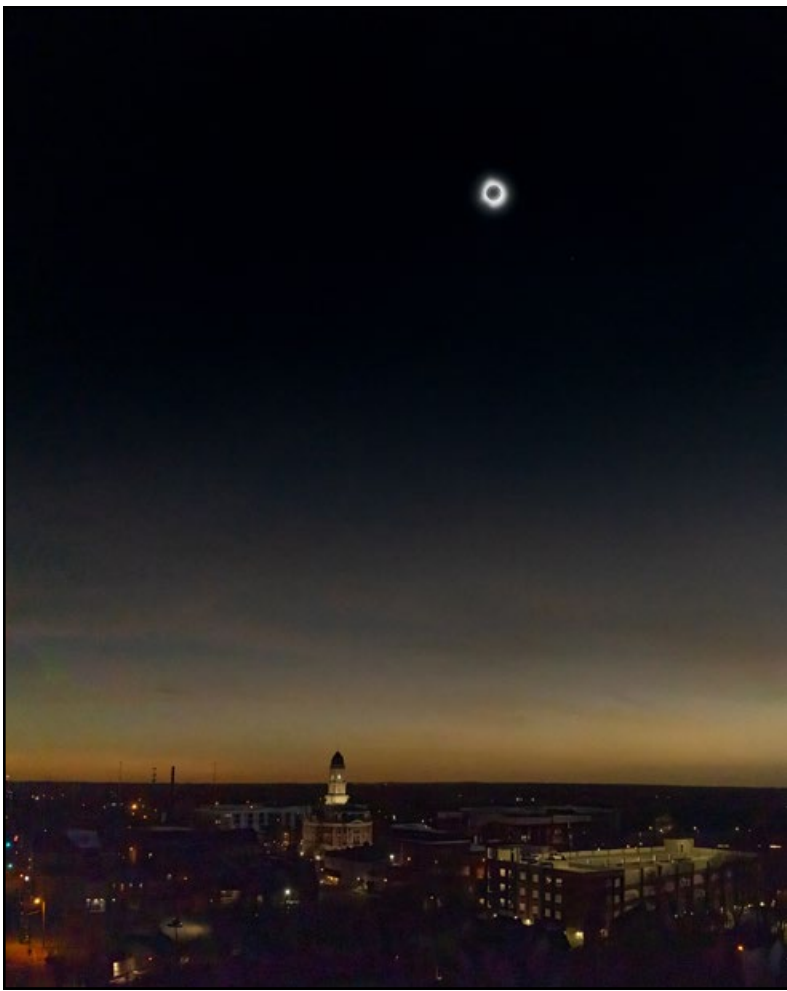


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(LEFT) Photo by Matthew Doudt Photography. Printed Copies available by contacting Matt@MatthewDPhotography.com. (ABOVE) Few places are more iconically Noblesville than the Hamilton County Courthouse clock tower, so how could we resist asking Nik Roberts to get us an eclipse shot there? Answer: we could not.



Photo provided by Mike Berry / MorseLakeWeather.com

(ABOVE) The horizon over the lake during totality in a 360-degree view, Cicero and the causeway can be seen on the right. On the left, looking south is the Morse Marina. Notice how the lights have come on.



Photos provided by Robert D. Bridges

(ABOVE) Once the word was out that The Reporter was running eclipse photos, it spread far and wide. Almost wider than the path of totality. This shot was given to us by someone in Montgomery County, right on the edge of the moonshadow.

FUNBELIEVABLE!

from Page C1

Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said his people were on standby in case anything went wrong.



LaBarr

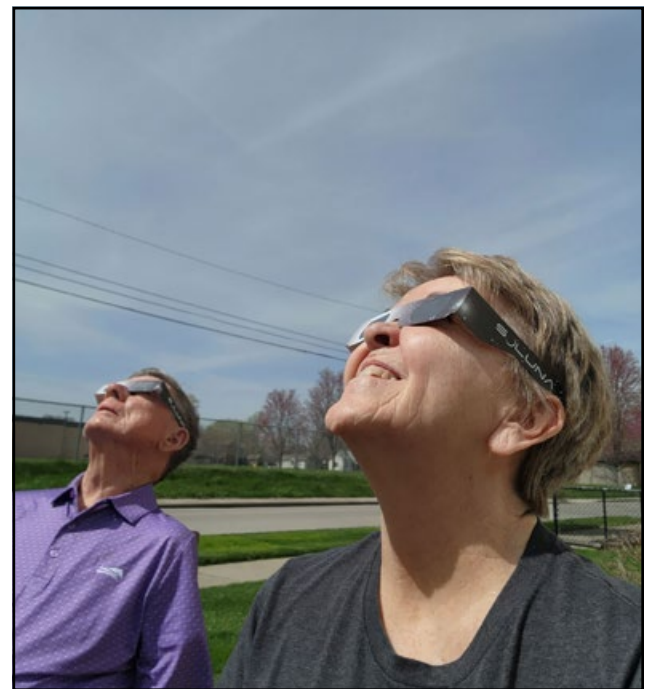
"In anticipation of significantly increased traffic during the day of the eclipse, Duke Energy strategically staged crews throughout our service territory to respond quickly in the event of an outage," LaBarr told The Reporter. "Our company also donated hundreds of pairs of eclipse glasses to organizations and sponsored events throughout our Indiana service area supporting the opportunity to witness the rare event." On the news coverage side, The Reporter

couldn't be everywhere, but we certainly gave it a shot.

"I'm so proud of this crew," Publisher Stu Clampitt said. "Amy Adams, Bill Miller, Nik Roberts, Janet Hart Leonard, and Richie Hall just nailed it. Thanks to Janet we have permission to use an amazing aerial shot by Matt Doudt. Thanks to Amy we have photos from the City of Westfield. Our friend Mike Berry got a shot over Morse Lake you won't believe. People we met along the way sent us their own photos to use. Everybody came together to get their memories in Hamilton County's newspaper." If you were at a Hamilton County Parks event,



(ABOVE LEFT) Emmalee and Lori Schwartz snap a quick selfie. (ABOVE RIGHT) Reporter Columnist & Ambassador Janet Hart Leonard and her husband Chuck Leonard are in awe of the impending total eclipse.



Photos provided

you can thank Community First Bank of Indiana, Duke Energy, Fredericks, J.P. Morgan, Construction, Sobczak Insurance, and Hamilton Counties like you will find in these pages would not have happened. Sincerely, Amy Adams, Bill Miller, Nik Roberts, Janet Hart Leonard, and Richie Hall. Without their sponsorship, memories like you will find in these pages would not have happened.

So many roundabouts, only one eclipse

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

versity who gave updates on the eclipse.

CARMEL – On a picture-perfect spring day, several hundred people gathered in Carmel’s Civic Square were happy to see the sun – and then watch it disappear for three minutes.

The City of Carmel hosted its solar eclipse party on Monday at the square, located near City Hall. Spectators for the eclipse were joined by dignitaries, special guests, and a diverse array of music.

The Indiana Wind Symphony played as the moon made its way across the sun. As totality drew near, hosts Carmel City Councilman Jeff Worrell and Hamilton County Councilman Tim Griffin spoke with Dr. Tom Sale, Emeritus Professor from Colorado State Uni-

Once totality began, there were plenty of oohs, aahs, and cheers as the moon blocked out the sun, sending the sky into darkness for a few minutes. The party didn’t stop when totality ended, as the popular group The Bishops entertained the crowd with an array of upbeat songs. Marielle Sellers and DJ Jesse White also provided music during the day.

In all, it was a successful event. “I’m super pleased with the turnout,” Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam said. “When you plan something like this, you’re never sure what you’re going to expect. You don’t know what the weather’s going to be. But people seem to be happy and engaged and excited, so, couldn’t be more thrilled.”



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Several hundred spectators converged on Civic Square to watch the eclipse.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel City Councilman Jeff Worrell (left), Dr. Tom Sale, Emeritus Professor from Colorado State University (center) and Hamilton County Councilman Tim Griffin talk to the crowd a few minutes before totality beings. (ABOVE CENTER) Even the statues along Carmel’s Monon Trail were fitted with special glasses during the hours leading up to the eclipse. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam (center) talks with new Carmel Chief of Police Drake Sterling (left) and Carmel City Councilman Adam Aasen.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Popular local band The Bishops entertained the crowd after totality had finished. (ABOVE RIGHT) Moon shadows were seen on the pavement as totality drew near.

Popsicle ... check! Glasses ... check! OK, Mom, bring on the historic event



Photos provided

Sarah Cox Dedrick’s son Cameron could hardly contain his excitement for the eclipse! Dedrick is the Senior PR & Marketing Strategist for Pence Media Group.

When weather is unpredictable, you can trust Your Hometown Weatherman! 

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Reporter photos

Cool Creek Park & Nature Center in Westfield was totally packed Monday. And yes, that is a pun, since this shot was taken at the beginning of totality.



(ABOVE LEFT) We are calling this look a cross between The Cat In the Hat and Where's Waldo. So let's go with "that Waldo cat." (ABOVE RIGHT) This group of eclipsians wandered down from Chicagoland with no real destination in mind. Serendipity and good advertising brought them to Cool Creek Park so they could be in Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper. (From left) Tania Sebastian, John Sebastian, Sofia Sebastian, Doris Ayres, Andy Phalen, Caroline Teichner, Sloane Phalen (little girl), Theo Phalen (little boy), Jason Sebastian, and Lester Teichner.



(ABOVE) Hannah Balogh and Kiyo were all smiles!



(ABOVE & RIGHT) Everyone wants to be friends with Hoosier Weather Daddy Paul Poteet. He practically had to hold court in order to address all the praise lauded upon him for bringing such perfect weather for a perfect day. (BELOW) The night before the eclipse, Publisher Stu Clampitt (wisely holding the camera to stay out of the shot), Paul Poteet, Brett Morrow, and Don Nicholls gathered at The Shack in Tipton for last-minute logistics and tasty treats.



Mama always told me not to look into the eyes of the sun, but mama, that's where the fun is . . .



Reporter photos

You knew it was going to happen, right? You knew, without the moonshadow of a doubt, that The Reporter was going to get at least one photo of people staring at the sky in the middle of totality instead of looking up at the spectacle ourselves.



Photo provided by Teresa Whittern

Musical group The Echoes of Pompeii provided entertainment at "Park Side of the Moon" on Monday.



(ABOVE) Be proud, Hamilton County Parks & Red staff! Months of planning certainly paid off. (From left) Christopher Gullion, Steve Sneath, Chris Stice, Melissa Paradise, and Kerry Graham.



Thank you to all law enforcement for ensuring everyone's safety on the big day.



(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton County Parks & Recreation offered this map of the continental United States for people to place a pin to signify their home locations. You may notice that some travelers originated outside the United States! (ABOVE RIGHT) MashCraft Fishers General Manager David Halt took a moment to smile for The Reporter's camera. If you didn't get any Sol Invictus during the solar eclipse, go to [MashCraft.com](https://www.mashcraft.com).



(ABOVE LEFT) Teresa Whitman, Elijah Setters, and Brian Setters rolled up on The Reporter's camera three deep.



(ABOVE RIGHT) Evan Nicholls (far right) gets in a hippie state of mind by throwing up the peace sign while waiting for beer.

Magic at Moon Market in Strawtown



Reporter photos by Bill Miller

(ABOVE LEFT) Donna Holmes of Arlington Heights, Ill., was caught by Reporter photographer Bill Miller getting crafty before the eclipse hit Strawtown Koteewi Park's Moon Market. She reportedly had a great time at the event itself and at Erika's Place in Cicero for fine local fare after the ... uh ... fair? (ABOVE RIGHT) Finding the right words became difficult as totality approached.



Acea & Missy McIntosh with Busy Bee's Mom & Me (above left) and Huna MaKaReSa with Place of Afia (above right) were among the many vendors helping visitors make the eclipse into something much more than just a celestial event.



(ABOVE) Robin Harrison serenaded folks during the solar eclipse at Strawtown Koteewi Park. (BELOW) Stephen Brooks of Indiana Paper Co.



Behold! One of the largest pairs of solar eclipse glasses on Planet Earth!

Times were Grand at the Park in Westfield



(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Tim Nimitz and Kathy Fohr of Carmel welcome Daniel and Emy Vig of Raleigh, N.C., and Nikole Fohr, behind, of Madison, Wisc. They watched the 2017 total solar eclipse together in South Carolina. (ABOVE RIGHT) The band 1985 makes sure eclipse viewers at Grand Park Sports Campus have plenty of tunes to enjoy.

Reporter photos by Amy Adams



(ABOVE LEFT) Carl Smith, Jr., and Olivia Smith take advantage of their new Westfield residence to watch the total eclipse at Grand Park. (ABOVE CENTER) Elijah Egan, visiting with his family from Griffith, Ind., is all smiles for his first eclipse. (ABOVE RIGHT) Susan Neff of Sheridan and Jerry Regan of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, sport custom eclipse shirts made by Regan's wife.

Reporter photos by Amy Adams



(ABOVE LEFT) Sisters Lizzy and Abby Collins from Madison, Ala., came north to visit family in the path of totality. (ABOVE CENTER) Bill Soule of Rochester, Mich., readies his cameras with solar filters to catch photos of the eclipse. (ABOVE RIGHT) Dr. Cher Samonte and her son Reid of Westfield take photos to remember where they were on this momentous day.

Reporter photos by Amy Adams

Westfield Lions Club gets crash course in astronomy



On April 8, six Westfield Lions volunteered to assist the City of Westfield's "Total Solar Eclipse" event at Grand Park. With a LOT of coaching from Greg McCauley, the president and CEO of Westfield's Grand Universe, the Lions helped people use three special telescopes to view the sun and the eclipse. These telescopes showed sunspots, solar flares, and eventually the total eclipse. It was a tremendous preview of some of the special technology Grand Universe will feature once it's constructed. To find out more about Grand Universe and all that it will offer, go to granduniverse.org. Also, anyone interested in learning more about the Westfield Lions Club, including how to become a member, should go to westfieldlions.org. (ABOVE LEFT, from left) Lions Jeff Larrison, Gary Smith, Bill Nesbitt, Jeff Schneider, Carrie Larrison, and Bob Benson. (ABOVE RIGHT) Lion Carrie Larrison adjusts one of the telescopes.

Photos provided by Jeff Larrison / Westfield Lions Club

Photos provided by City of Westfield

Westfield held the city's official celebration on the fields at Grand Park Sports Campus.

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It's primary election season, and we have a fine selection of candidates for you to get to know.

In these pages you will read all about the candidates who have chosen to respond to The Hamilton County Reporter's request to share their information and help you make an informed decision at the polls on or before May 7.

Candidate information is presented as it was submitted.

The Reporter takes no responsibility for any typographical, grammatical or factual errors. These are the candidates speaking to you in their own words (or in the words of duly designated campaign staff). The only edits we have made have been to cut down those statements that were submitted over the 200-word limit we set to ensure everyone had equal space in our pages.

Candidates vying for the same office are grouped together in a shaded box.

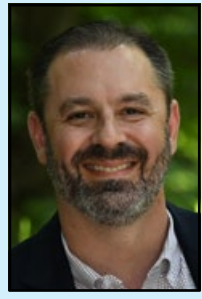
Sincerely, *The Hamilton County Reporter*

STATE

Danny Lopez

Republican for State Representative District 39

Danny Lopez is a husband, father, and Republican candidate for House District 39.



As a leader in the civic, corporate, and public sectors, Danny Lopez has spent his 20-year career championing efforts to strengthen families, build communities, and create sound public policy in education, economic development, and healthcare. He has held leadership positions in the Daniels, Pence, and Holcomb Administrations and was state Director for Indiana Senator Dan Coats. Lopez has also served on the boards of directors of a long list of impactful not-for-profit organizations and currently serves as a senior executive with Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

Danny is running for State Representative to tackle the issues Hamilton County families care about, from fighting inflation and keeping taxes low, to fully funding public safety, supporting our veterans, students and seniors, and ensuring our workforce prepared to help enable our communities to thrive.

Danny and his wife, Sofia, live in Carmel with their children, Daniel and Alexandra.

Connect with Lopez at [LopezForIndiana.com](https://www.LopezForIndiana.com), on Facebook, or by emailing lopezforindiana@gmail.com.

Matt McNally

Democrat for State Representative District 39

Matt is a veteran of Afghanistan, airline pilot, union member, and proud husband and father. He served in the military for over 22 years and retired in 2022 after attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Matt currently serves the Carmel and Westfield communities as the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10003, on the board of the Westfield Kiwanis Club, and was an English as a second language instructor with Exodus Refugee. He and his wife, Brooke, have two children who attended Westfield public schools.



Matt first ran in 2022, when his campaign connected with more than 30,000 voters on their doorsteps. Matt is running because, after talking to many community members, he knows the policies pushed by the current super-majority are out of step with Hoosiers in the 39th District. Matt is ready to start working together for Indiana.

Connect with McNally at [McNallyForIndiana.com](https://www.McNallyForIndiana.com), on Facebook, or by emailing matt.mcnally@mcnallyforindiana.com.

Victoria Garcia Wilburn

Democrat for State Representative District 32

Victoria Garcia Wilburn's experience as a healthcare clinician and health researcher and advocate has earned the respect of her colleagues in the Statehouse upon being elected in 2022.



She is centered on improving the lives of Hoosiers through policies that advance health outcomes for all Hoosiers. She has championed initiatives for public safety (police, fire, EMT), increasing the safety and accountability of vulnerable children who are part of the Indiana Department of Child Services system, and is proud of her track record promoting the values of House District 32 to include a high quality of life and strong economic growth.

She serves on the Indiana Behavioral Health Commission, Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Employment Labor and Pension Committee, Family Children and Human Affairs, and the Judiciary Committee in her role as State Representative.

This campaign cycle she has received the endorsement of OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Vote Mama, and AgElect of the Indiana Farm Bureau. Dr. Garcia Wilburn has also received a distinction as a Mom's Demand Gun Sense Candidate.

Victoria, her husband Chris, a retired police officer, and her three children are the reason first ran for State Representative and remain her most cherished legacy.

Connect with Wilburn on Facebook, at [WilburnForIndiana.com](https://www.WilburnForIndiana.com), or by emailing victorias@wilburnforindiana.com.

Joel Levi

Democrat for State Senate District 20

Joel was born and raised in Anderson, Indiana. He attended Anderson University where he met his wife Megan. After getting married they lived in Nashville, Tennessee from 2013-2020. Upon moving back home, they settled in Cicero, Indiana where they now live with their five year old son Mitchell. Joel's son currently attends the Little Huskies Pre-K at Hamilton Heights.



Megan and Joel have always had a heart for healthcare. His wife is a nurse practitioner at Community Health. Joel is a pharmacy technician in the Coumadin Clinic and Outpatient Pharmacy at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Levi is running for State Senate so that our children can live in the Indiana they deserve. This starts with our kids feeling safe at school. The simplest way to ensure this is with common sense gun laws.

If elected into the Indiana State Senate, Levi's top priority would be spearheading legislation so that Democrats and Republicans can join together to keep our Hoosier children safe. His goal is to reach across the aisle and find Republican legislators that believe in the Second Amendment, but that also believe in requiring background checks at gun shows and on third party sales.

Connect with Levi at [JoelLeviForIndiana.com](https://www.JoelLeviForIndiana.com), on Facebook, or by emailing joelleviforindiana@gmail.com.

Laura Alerding

Republican for State Representative District 29

I am a Conservative Republican serving my fourth year on the Noblesville School Board. My conservative record makes it clear that I stand up for Parents Rights, children, family and faith.



As a twenty-year business owner, I understand budgets, and working with client's of all sizes from Eli Lilly to an individual's small project. Working with clients begins with listening followed by asking questions to learn their goals. I provide solutions and products within budget. This is how I will work as your State House Representative.

I will show my gratitude for your vote by working long hours with grit and determination to find solutions to issues that affect your daily life. I am pro-life, pro-business, pro-family, and pro-first responders and I will stand strong to protect each group. You may see me knocking on doors introducing myself to voters, or meeting with business owners, elected officials, residents, or community leaders to learn their concerns, or perhaps at a school board meeting where our work affects the \$160 Million Dollar budget, 10,300+ students and 1500+ employees.

My husband Jim and I love Noblesville and living close-by to many of our children and grandchildren!

Connect with Alerding on Facebook, at [AlerdingForStateRep29.info](https://www.AlerdingForStateRep29.info), or by emailing Laura@AlerdingforStateRep29.info.

Dr. Chris Hartig

Democrat for State Representative District 29

Dr. Chris Hartig was raised by a Vietnam Veteran Marine who taught him that "you must put in the work to get the results," and a mother who gave him the values to "do the right thing, especially when it seems like a hard choice." He is ready to put in the work as the Democratic candidate for Indiana House Representative, District 29 (Noblesville and part of Fishers).



Dr. Hartig worked 15 years in the mortgage and finance industry and spent the last decade as a Management and Leadership professor at WGU Indiana, supporting working Hoosiers to upskill to earn training and certifications to improve their lives. He earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University, an MBA in Management and Strategy from Western Governors University, and a BA in Economics from Ball State University.

His legislative priorities are to serve as a guardrail against the unchecked extreme supermajority, protect personal freedoms, and support public schools.

Connect with Hartig at [DrChrisForIndiana.com](https://www.DrChrisForIndiana.com), on Facebook or by emailing chrisforindiana@yahoo.com.

Alaina Shonkwiler

Republican for State Representative District 29

Alaina Shonkwiler has lived in Noblesville for most of her life, is a Noblesville High School alumnus, and a conservative Republican candidate for House District 29.



Having served in numerous economic development roles throughout her career, Alaina has the experience to tackle our challenges and ensure Hoosier communities continue to thrive. Currently serving as a Manager in Government Advisory for Katz Sapper Miller, she helps communities achieve their goals, and is a longtime public servant, having previously held roles with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, City of Noblesville, and Noblesville Schools.

She is pro-life, will always defend the Second Amendment, and has been endorsed by the Hamilton County FOP #103 and Noblesville FOP #198 for her commitment to supporting law enforcement. She is supported by the business community through the Indiana Business for Responsive Governance PAC, the Indiana Manufacturers PAC, the Indy Chamber BAC, and Hamilton County's OneZone Chamber BAC for her economic growth experience and policies.

Alaina supports a lower tax environment that protects families and seniors from rising taxes including property taxes. Alaina is ready to fight for us.

She lives in Noblesville with her husband, Jason, a Noblesville Police Sergeant, and their children, Hannah and Kyle.

Connect with Shonkwiler at [AlainaForNoblesville.com](https://www.AlainaForNoblesville.com), on Facebook, or by emailing alainafornoblesville@gmail.com.

Robert (Bob) Bragg

Republican for Hamilton County Treasurer

My objectives:

1. Maximize return on investments with minimal risk:



Hamilton County's rate of return was 3.95% in 2023 and 0.99% in 2022 compared to 5.30% and 1.48% for the State of Indiana's Investment fund (www.TrustINDiana.in.gov). Matching the state fund would have resulted in an additional \$8.7 million in investment income over 2 years.

2. Adopt benchmarks to evaluate investment performance:

Currently, there is no stated benchmark for investment returns. I will adopt the US Treasury three-month Bill ETF (TBIL) and the "Trust Indiana" fund as our benchmarks to properly evaluate performance.

3. Increase transparency in investments:

Currently, there is no data on invested funds on the Treasurer's web page. I will post investment returns and investment composition every quarter.

4. Increase adoption rates for E-billing of property tax statements:

The Treasurer mailed 125,000 paper copies of property tax bills in 2023. E-billing has been available for 12 years but I do not believe it has been communicated effectively. I believe we can save over \$50,000 a year by reducing paper statements.

I am a lifelong investor and a fiscal conservative with over 30 years' service to Hamilton County. I am a 1989 graduate of Taylor University.

Connect with Bragg on Facebook.

Mark Hurt

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Mark is Conservative Republican with over 25 years' experience in the practice of law with offices in Noblesville and Kokomo. Mark also served as one small brick in the wall of justice when serving as a part time prosecuting attorney in Howard County. Mark was born and raised in the 5th Congressional district and graduated from Madison Grant High School, Taylor University (teaching/coaching), Baylor University (foreign policy) and Michigan State University (law).



Mark is uniquely positioned to make a difference and start the job running. At the federal level, Mark served as a professional staff-person for United States Senator, Dan Coats, helping create health care savings accounts and assisting on committee activity on pharmaceutical/medical device issues and for United States Congressman, Fred Grandy, where Mark assisted in the management of floor activity on education and labor issues, and developing private sector health care reform. At the state level, Mark served Michigan Governor, John Engler as a health care policy advisor, worked with the auto industry and National Governors Association in defeating the Clinton health care reforms.

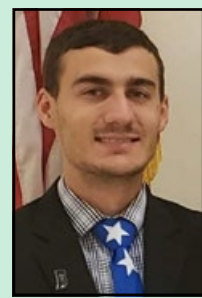
Mark is committed to the Reagan 11th Commandment, standing up for convictions and also treating people with respect when solving problems.

Connect with Hurt at [MarkHurt.org](https://www.MarkHurt.org) and on Facebook.

Matthew B Peiffer

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Matthew Peiffer was raised in the Grant County Van Buren area attending church in Miami Indiana. Matthew got into foster care at 16 years old and aged out at 18 years old and has been pushing policies ever since. After losing his sister to suicide at 19 Matthew has become passionate about being the voice for others.



Matthew has received congressional and National awards for the work he has done helping others across the United States as featured in USA TODAY. Being a kidney donor in Nov 2022 Matthew has seen firsthand the challenges that face living donors. Matthew is currently a Police Officer and has worked closely with immigration visas. He will work for Hoosier all across the 5th district to ensure their voice is heard and ensure their tax dollars go back to serving them.

Matthew has always been passionate about problem solving and taking care of his community. Matthew currently sits on the Muncie Housing Board and numerous other positions in Advocacy.

To see the work he does for his community check out on Facebook Muncie's Smile Man.

Connect with Peiffer on Facebook.

Dr. Valerie McCray

Democrat for United States Senate

My name is Dr. Valerie McCray and I'm working hard to become your next U.S. Senator representing Indiana.



As a Psychologist, I've witnessed how U.S. policies profoundly affect the mental well-being of our people. I've worked directly with veterans struggling with PTSD, incarcerated individuals in desperate need of support and rehabilitation, and youth struggling to overcome the effects of violence. It's clear that mental health must be a national priority and we cannot address our nation's challenges one crisis at a time. That's why I'm running for U.S. Senate.

Relentlessly, I will fight for beyond-subsistence wages, unions, healthcare for all, women's rights to choose, equal rights for everyone, strengthening public education, and repealing Citizens United so people (not corporations) can be truly represented. In addition, I will champion student loan debt reduction, closing the wealth gap, and funding environmental restoration efforts.

I am both compassionate and fierce, and can relate to the struggles of working class Hoosiers. I will break barriers and build a brighter future for Indiana. Together, we can build a movement for change - one that prioritizes mental health and ensures every individual has access to resources needed and policies that help us thrive.

Connect with McCray on Facebook and at [ValerieMcCray.org](https://www.ValerieMcCray.org).

COUNTY

Sue Maki

Republican for County Council At-Large

Sue Maki is currently serving as Hamilton County Councilor At-Large where she holds the position of Vice President. Sue has been active in the Hamilton County civic community for many years. Her leadership roles include past president of Hamilton County Tourism Commission, Carmel Rotary, Carmel Middle School PTO and the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board. She currently serves on the board of Invest Hamilton County, the Economic Development Organization for the County.



Her professional experience includes 18 years in the insurance industry with most of the time in a management capacity. She worked for the City of Carmel Utilities for 15 years, retiring from them in 2022 to devote her time to County Council work and other volunteer endeavors.

Making an impact across all towns and cities in Hamilton County, Sue served as Executive Director of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy from 2000 - 2003. She is also a 1999 graduate.

Sue holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Anderson University and a bachelor's degree in political science from Baldwin-Wallace University Berea, Ohio.

Sue lives in Carmel with her husband of 41 years, Tom Kapostasy. They have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law and a Cairn Terrier dog, Cooper.

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**Candidates can click
this box to submit their
information to The Reporter.**

LEGAL NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

The voters of HAMILTON County are notified in accordance with Indiana Code 3-8-2-19 that a primary election will be held within the county on May 7, 2024, with the polls open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time. I certify that based on the declarations of candidacy filed in the office of the county election board (or the Lake, Porter, or Tippecanoe County Boards of Elections and Registration), and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county's election board, the following individuals and public questions will be placed on the primary election ballot:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Candidate name and address	Office sought
Joseph R Biden Jr. PO Box 58174 Philadelphia, PA 19102	US President
Marc Carmichael 3251 N. Pennsylvania St. Apt. C Indianapolis, IN 46205	United States Senator from Indiana
Valerie McCray 1075 Broad Ripple Ave #220 Indianapolis, IN 46220	United States Senator from Indiana
Jennifer G. McCormick 1341 W County Road 50 N New Castle, IN 47362	Governor
Ryan Pfenninger 12928 Brighton Lane Carmel, IN 46032	United States Representative, Fifth District
Deborah A Pickett 11668 Rosemeade Dr. Carmel, IN 46032	United States Representative, Fifth District
Joel Levi 263 Alvov Court Cicero, IN 46034	State Senator, District 20
Josh Lowry 521 Jet Stream Blvd Westfield, IN 46074	State Representative, District 024
Christopher Hartig 1512 Maple Avenue Noblesville, IN 46060	State Representative, District 029
Victoria Garcia Wilburn 9277 N Temple Ave Indianapolis, IN 46240	State Representative, District 032
Matt McNally 303 Fox Court Carmel, IN 46032	State Representative, District 039
Starr Joy Hairston 10302 Lakeland St Fishers, IN 46037	State Representative, District 088
Stephanie Jo Yocum 8783 Bay Pointe Circle Indianapolis, IN 46236	State Representative, District 088
Keely J. Gladieux 4913 Rustling Ridge Ct Noblesville, IN 46062-5001	Hamilton County Council, At Large

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY CANDIDATES

Candidate name and address	Office sought
Nikki R. Haley 186 Seven Farms Drive, Suite F-370 Daniel Island, SC 29492	US President
Donald J. Trump P.O. Box 13570 Arlington, VA 22219	US President
Jim Banks 341 N. Chauncey Street Columbia City, IN 46725	United States Senator from Indiana
Mike Braun 2080 W. 600 N Jasper, IN 47546	Governor
Brad Chambers 6986 Washington Boulevard W. Indianapolis, IN 46220	Governor
Suzanne Crouch 12345 Browning Road Evansville, IN 47725	Governor
Eric Doden 8830 Notestine Road Fort Wayne, IN 46835	Governor
Curtis Hill 3314 East Lake Drive South Elkhart, IN 46514	Governor
Jamie Reitenour 6711 Colville Place Indianapolis, IN 46236	Governor
Raju Chinthala 3557 Corsham Circle Carmel, IN 46032	United States Representative, Fifth District
Max Engling P.O. Box 2151 Noblesville, IN 46061	United States Representative, Fifth District
Chuck Goodrich 6842 Harbour Woods Overlook Noblesville, IN 46062	United States Representative, Fifth District
Mark Hurt 1536 Quail Run Drive Kokomo, IN 46902	United States Representative, Fifth District
Patrick Malayter 12955 Water Ridge Drive Fishers, IN 46055	United States Representative, Fifth District
Matthew Peiffer 119 S. Dill Street Muncie, IN 47303	United States Representative, Fifth District
LD Powell 5474 Cayman Court Carmel, IN 46033	United States Representative, Fifth District
Larry L. Savage Jr. 1734 Broadway Street Anderson, IN 46012	United States Representative, Fifth District
Victoria Spartz 102 Natasha Drive Noblesville, IN 46062	United States Representative, Fifth District
Scott A. Baldwin 11360 Hanbury Manor Boulevard Noblesville, IN 46060	State Senator, District 20
Bill Gutrich 16121 Haddam Lane Westfield, IN 46062	State Representative, District 024
Hunter Smith 2140 S. US 421 Zionsville, IN 46077	State Representative, District 024
Laura L. Alerding P.O. Box 340 Noblesville, IN 46061	State Representative, District 029
Alaina Shonkwiler 344 Banbury Road Noblesville, IN 46062	State Representative, District 029
Patricia Bratton 11535 Ralston Avenue Carmel, IN 46032	State Representative, District 032
Todd Huston 13378 Silverston Drive Fishers, IN 46037	State Representative, District 037
Daniel (Danny) Lopez 4591 Camborne Carmel, IN 46033	State Representative, District 039
Chris Jeter 14611 Normandy Way Fishers, IN 46040	State Representative, District 088
Andrew R. Bloch 16126 Creeks Bend Court Westfield, IN 46074	Judge of the Hamilton Circuit Court, 24th Judicial Circuit
Michael A. Casati 3008 Woodshore Court Carmel, IN 46033	Judge of the Hamilton Superior Court, No. 1
Stephene K. Gookins 3508 W. 206th Street Sheridan, IN 46069	Judge of the Hamilton Superior Court, No. 6
Todd Clevenger 1120 Cape Coral Dr Cicero, IN 46034-9374	Hamilton County Auditor
Robert (Bob) Bragg 404 Westchester Blvd Noblesville, IN 46062-9070	Hamilton County Treasurer
Susan Byer 10925 E 266th St Arcadia, IN 46030-9723	Hamilton County Treasurer
Gary Duncan 13129 Foster Ct Carmel, IN 46033-4615	Hamilton County Surveyor
Steven C. Dillinger Hamilton County Commissioner, District 2 19905 WAGON TRAIL DR NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060-1144	
Mark E. Heirbrandt 16121 Chancellors Ridge Way Westfield, IN 46062-7137	Hamilton County Commissioner, District 3
Brandon (Brad) Beaver 20755 Riverwood Ave Noblesville, IN 46062-8812	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Elizabeth Fouch 4949 E 246th St Arcadia, IN 46030-9668	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Sue MakI 317 2nd Ave NE Carmel, IN 46032-1813	Hamilton County Council, At Large
Steven R. Nation 6977 Willow Pond Dr Noblesville, IN 46062-8416	Hamilton County Council, At Large

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE OR "EARLY" VOTING INFORMATION

The dates, times and locations of in-person voting at the circuit court clerk's office and, if applicable, at satellite offices are as follows:

Location Address	Location Hours
CARMEL LIBRARY 425 E MAIN ST CARMEL IN, 46032	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
COOL CREEK NATURE CENTER 2000-1 E 151ST ST CARMEL IN, 46033	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
JILL PERELMAN PAVILION 3000 W 116TH ST CARMEL IN, 46032	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
WILFONG PAVILION AT FOUNDERS PARK 11675 HAZEL DELL PKWY CARMEL IN, 46033	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
BILLERICAY PARK BUILDING 12690 PROMISE RD FISHERS IN, 46038	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
ROY G HOLLAND MEMORIAL PARK BUILDING 1 PARK DRIVE FISHERS IN, 46038	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM
HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE ONE HAMILTON COUNTY SQUARE NOBLESVILLE IN, 460602233	Open Tuesday 04/09/2024 until Friday 04/12/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Monday 04/15/2024 until Friday 04/19/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Monday 04/22/2024 until Friday 04/26/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Saturday 04/27/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/29/2024 until Friday 05/03/2024 from 8:00AM to 4:30PM Open Saturday 05/04/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 05/06/2024 until Monday 05/06/2024 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM
HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 2003 PLEASANT STREET NOBLESVILLE IN, 46060	Open Tuesday 04/09/2024 until Friday 04/12/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/15/2024 until Friday 04/19/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/22/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 04/29/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Open Monday 05/06/2024 until Monday 05/06/2024 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM
WESTFIELD CITY HALL 130 E PENN ST WESTFIELD IN, 46074	Open Wednesday 04/24/2024 until Thursday 04/25/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 04/26/2024 until Saturday 04/27/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM Open Wednesday 05/01/2024 until Thursday 05/02/2024 from 2:00PM to 7:00PM Open Friday 05/03/2024 until Saturday 05/04/2024 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM

DATED, THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams, Circuit Court Clerk

2024 PRIMARY POLL SITES							
Site Name	Voting Location	Address	Add City/State/Zip	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4
Sheridan Community Center	Sheridan Room	300 E 6th St	Sheridan IN, 46069	0101 Sheridan 01			
Sheridan High School	HS Conference Room	24185 N Hinesley Rd	Sheridan IN, 46069	0102 Sheridan 02			
Six Points Church	Main Lobby	1545 W 226th St	Sheridan IN, 46069	0103 Sheridan 03			
Sheridan Town Hall	Meeting Room	506 S Main St	Sheridan IN, 46069	0104 Sheridan 04			
Hope Church	Fellowship Hall	2500 E 98th St	Carmel IN, 46280	0201 Clay 01	0240 Clay 40		
Brookshire Golf Club	Banquet Room	12120 Brookshire Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46033	0202 Clay 02			
Christ Community Church	Lobby/Sanctuary	4770 E Main St	Carmel IN, 46033	0203 Clay 03	0207 Clay 07	0253 Clay 53	
The Meeting House of West Clay	Second Floor	2000 North New Market	Carmel IN, 46032	0204 Clay 04	0262 Clay 62*	0263 Clay 63	0267 Clay 67
Pilgrim Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	3650 W 106th St	Carmel IN, 46032	0205 Clay 05	0268 Clay 68		
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church	Lounge/Main Street	1605 E 106th St	Carmel IN, 46280	0206 Clay 06	0212 Clay 12	243 Clay 43	
Carmel United Methodist Church	Gathering Place	621 S Rangeline Rd	Carmel IN, 46032	0208 Clay 08	0220 Clay 20		
Trinity Baptist Church	Gym	1010 E 126th St	Carmel IN, 46033	0209 Clay 09	0247 Clay 47		
Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis	Gym	3405 E 116th St	Carmel IN, 46033	0210 Clay 10	0238 Clay 38		
Carmel Friends Church	Lobby	651 W Main St	Carmel IN, 46032	0211 Clay 11	0232 Clay 32		
Mercy Road Church	Lobby	2381 Pointe Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46032	0213 Clay 13	0214 Clay 14		
John Hensel Government Center	Community Room	10701 N College Ave	Carmel IN, 46280	0215 Clay 15	0219 Clay 19	230 Clay 30	
Genesis Church	Lobby	13200 Old Meridian St	Carmel IN, 46032	0217 Clay 17	0241 Clay 41		
College Park Church	Gym	2606 W 96th St	Indianapolis IN 46268	0222 Clay 22	0228 Clay 28	0261 Clay 61	
Plum Creek Golf Club	Banquet Room	12401 Lynnwood Blvd	Carmel IN, 46033	0223 Clay 23			
Northview Church - Carmel	Atrium	12900 Hazel Dell Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46033	0224 Clay 24	0255 Clay 55		
Carmel Water Distribution	Truck Bays	3450 W 131st St	Carmel IN, 46033	0227 Clay 27	0233 Clay 33	0254 Clay 54	
Carmel High School Stadium	Community/Hospitality Room	2900 E 136th St	Carmel IN, 46032	0229 Clay 29			
Ritz Charles	Ballroom, Chapel, Pavilion	12156 N Meridian St	Carmel IN, 46032	0231 Clay 31	0237 Clay 37	0257 Clay 57	
Venture Christian Church	Auditorium	14501 Hazel Dell Pkwy	Carmel, IN 46033	0235 Clay 35	0249 Clay 49		
Harvest Church	Lobby	14550 River Rd	Carmel, IN 46033	0236 Clay 36	0265 Clay 65		
Foster Estates Clubhouse	Clubhouse	3131 Maralice Dr	Carmel IN, 46033	0239 Clay 39			
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church	Ministry Room B108- B110	10655 Haverstick Rd	Carmel IN, 46033	0242 Clay 42	0251 Clay 51		
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	1484 W Main St	Carmel IN, 46032	0246 Clay 46	0270 Clay 70		
Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Ctr	Public Meeting Room	5201 E Main St	Carmel IN, 46033	0248 Clay 48	0259 Clay 59		
Wilfong Pavilion at Founders Park	Room A & B	11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy	Carmel IN, 46033	0258 Clay 58	0260 Clay 60		
Jill Perelman Pavillion	Room A, B, & C	3000 W 116th St	Carmel IN, 46032	0256 Clay 56*	0266 Clay 66	0269 Clay 69	0271 Clay 71
Carmel Library*		425 E Main St	Carmel IN 46033	0252 Clay 52*	0264 Clay 64*		
Prairie View Christian Church	Sanctuary	8350 E 141st St	Fishers IN, 46038	0301 Delaware 01	0302 Delaware 02	0317 Delaware 17	
Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building	One Main Space	1 Park Dr	Fishers IN, 46038	0303 Delaware 03	0306 Delaware 06	0310 Delaware 10	
Delaware Township Community Center - Back	Inside Building	9094 E 131st St	Fishers IN 46038	0304 Delaware 04	0305 Delaware 05	0308 Delaware 08*	0322 Delaware 22
The Balmoral House	Main Floor	10101 Hamilton Hills Ln, Ste 100	Fishers IN, 46038	0307 Delaware 07	0314 Delaware 14*	0315 Delaware 15	0325 Delaware 25
Delaware Township Government Center - Front	Inside Building	9090 East 131st Street	Fishers, IN 46038	0309 Delaware 09	0318 Delaware 18		
The Historic Ambassador House	Front Family Room	10598 Eller Rd	Fishers, IN 46038	0312 Delaware 12	0313 Delaware 13	0321 Delaware 21	
Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel	Chapel	9900 N Allisonville Rd	Fishers IN, 46038	0316 Delaware 16			
Eastern Star Church	Chapel	8850 E 106th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0319 Delaware 19	0409 Fall Creek 09		
Fishers Fire Station 91	1st Floor Training Room	2 Municipal Dr	Fishers, IN 46038	0320 Delaware 20			
Alderman Automotive	Customer Waiting Room	13875 Trade Center Dr	Fishers IN, 46038	0323 Delaware 23			
Northview Church - Fishers Campus	Student Center	14842 E 136th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0401 Fall Creek 01	0413 Fall Creek 13	0428 Fall Creek 28	0442 Fall Creek 42
Legacy Bible Church	Foyer	13490 Howe Rd	Fishers, IN 46038	0402 Fall Creek 02	0430 Fall Creek 30	0432 Fall Creek 32	0440 Fall Creek 40
St George Orthodox Christian Church	ground level Fellowship Hall	10748 E 116th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0417 Fall Creek 17	0408 Fall Creek 08	0422 Fall Creek 22*	0429 Fall Creek 29
Indianapolis Yacht Club	Main Hall	12900 Fall Creek Rd	McCordsville, IN 46055	0404 Fall Creek 04	0421 Fall Creek 21		
Pennington Park Church	Church Lobby	13222 E 126th St	Fishers, IN 46037	0405 Fall Creek 05	0410 Fall Creek 10	0411 Fall Creek 11	
Al-Huda Foundation	Gym	12213 Lantern Rd	Fishers IN, 46038	0406 Fall Creek 06	0407 Fall Creek 07		
Fall Creek Township Building #2	Basement	11565 Brooks School Rd	Fishers IN 46037	0412 Fall Creek 12			
Life Church - Fishers	Worship Center	9820 E 141st St	Fishers IN, 46038	0414 Fall Creek 14	0416 Fall Creek 16	0436 Fall Creek 36	
Cornerstone Lutheran Church - Fishers	Hallway - East Side	13450 E 116th St	Fishers IN, 46037	0415 Fall Creek 15	0426 Fall Creek 26	0433 Fall Creek 33	0444 Fall Creek 44
Billerica Park Building	Main Hall	12690 Promise Rd	Fishers IN, 46038	0417 Fall Creek 17	0418 Fall Creek 18	0424 Fall Creek 24	0443 Fall Creek 43
Crosspoint Church	Inside front doors	13678 Silverstone Dr	Fishers IN, 46037	0419 Fall Creek 19	0423 Fall Creek 23	0434 Fall Creek 34	
Grace Church - Fishers	Room 122	12450 Ohio Rd	Fishers IN, 46037	0420 Fall Creek 20	0425 Fall Creek 25	0441 Fall Creek 41	
Cyntheanne Christian Church	Youth Center Gym	13151 Cyntheanne Rd	Fishers IN 46037	0427 Fall Creek 27	0435 Fall Creek 35		
Fall Creek Township Office	Community Room	11595 Brooks School Rd	Fishers IN, 46037	0431 Fall Creek 31	0439 Fall Creek 39		
The Chateau @ Britton Falls	Ballroom A-C	13079 Del Webb Pkwy	Fishers, IN 46037	0437 Fall Creek 37			
Arcadia Town Hall	Schaffer Room	208 W Main St	Arcadia IN 46030	0501 Jackson 01			
Arcadia Church of the Brethren	Fellowship Hall	8989 E 266th St	Arcadia IN 46030	0502 Jackson 02			
Dolles Park Shelter House	Main Room	130 Walton St	Atlanta IN, 46031	0503 Jackson 03			
Hinkle Lodge #310	First Floor	22520 Gifford Ave	Cicero IN 46034	0504 Jackson 04			
Cicero Street Department	Garage	1159 Stringtown Pike	Cicero IN 46034	0505 Jackson 05			
Cicero Christian Church	Gym	1715 Stringtown Pike	Cicero IN 46034	0506 Jackson 06			
Cicero Library - Hamilton North	Jenkins Meeting Room	209 W Brinton St	Cicero IN 46034	0507 Jackson 07			
Red Bridge Community Building	Main Room	695 W Jackson St	Cicero IN 46034	0508 Jackson 08			
Bethel Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	20650 Cumberland Rd	Noblesville IN 46062	0601 Noblesville 01*	0615 Noblesville 15		
Harbour Shores Church	Family Life Center	8011 E 216th St	Cicero IN 46034	0602 Noblesville 02	0624 Noblesville 24		
Noblesville Fire Station 76	Apparatus Bay	16800 Hazel Dell Rd	Noblesville IN 46062	0603 Noblesville 03			
Noblesville Baptist Church	Gymnasium	1338 Pleasant St	Noblesville IN 46060	0604 Noblesville 04	0640 Noblesville 40		
Forest Park Inn	Overlook Room	701 Cicero Rd	Noblesville IN, 46060	0605 Noblesville 05	0610 Noblesville 10*		
The Mill Church	Lobby	1399 Greenfield Ave	Noblesville IN, 46060	0606 Noblesville 06	0626 Noblesville 26		
Life Church - Noblesville	Auditorium	2200 Sheridan Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0607 Noblesville 07	0617 Noblesville 17*	0627 Noblesville 27	0636 Noblesville 36
First Christian Church	Narthex	16377 Herriman Blvd	Noblesville IN, 46060	0608 Noblesville 08	0621 Noblesville 21*	0639 Noblesville 39	
First Presbyterian Church	Fellowship Hall	1207 Conner St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0609 Noblesville 09			
Pilgrim Holiness Church - Family Life Center	Conference Room	1413 Westfield Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0611 Noblesville 11	0631 Noblesville 31*		
Hamilton County Government/Judicial Center	West Hallway, 1st Floor	1 Hamilton County Square	Noblesville IN, 46060	0612 Noblesville 12			
Forest Park Lodge	Main Room	701 Cicero Rd	Noblesville IN 46060	0613 Noblesville 13*			
Harbour Trees Golf Club	Ballroom	333 Regents Park Ln	Noblesville, IN 46062	0614 Noblesville 14			
Osprey Pointe Pavilion @ Morse Beach	Entire Building	19777 Morse Park Ln	Noblesville IN, 46062	0616 Noblesville 16*	0623 Noblesville 23		
Grey Stone of Noblesville	Clubroom	7160 Oxfordshire Blvd	Noblesville, IN 46062	0618 Noblesville 18			
Green Valley Church of Christ	Gymnasium	19005 Cumberland Rd	Noblesville IN 46060	0619 Noblesville 19	0629 Noblesville 29	0637 Noblesville 37*	
Senior Citizens Organization	Main Room	18336 Cumberland Rd	Noblesville, IN 46060	0620 Noblesville 20			
Talent Logistix & Feedingteam.org	Back Lobby	485 Sheridan Rd	Noblesville, IN 46060	0622 Noblesville 22			
White Rock Fellowship	Worship Center	21070 Schulley Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0625 Noblesville 25			
Noblesville Fire Station 75	Apparatus Bay	10170 E 191st St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0628 Noblesville 28			
Bethel A.M.E. Church	Foyer	17777 Little Chicago Rd	Noblesville IN, 46062	0630 Noblesville 30	0634 Noblesville 34	0642 Noblesville 42	
Hamilton County Fairgrounds	Hall C	2003 E Pleasant St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0632 Noblesville 32	0638 Noblesville 38		
Grace Church - 146th St Campus	Multi-Purpose East (door 12)	5504 E 146th St	Noblesville IN, 46062	0633 Noblesville 33	0641 Noblesville 41		
Hamilton East Public Library	Meeting Room 1st Floor	One Library Plaza	Noblesville IN 46060	0644 Noblesville 44			
Westfield City Hall	Council Chambers (front)	130 E Penn St	Westfield IN, 46074	0701 Westfield 01			
Cross Roads Church @ Westfield	Auditorium	19201 Grassy Branch Rd	Westfield IN, 46074	0702 Westfield 02*	0715 Westfield 15	0728 Westfield 28	0729 Westfield 29
Lifepointe Church	Right corridor	3233 W 166th St	Westfield IN, 46074	0703 Westfield 03	0723 Westfield 23		
The Palomino	Arabian Room	17111 Hamilton Boone Rd	Westfield IN, 46074	0704 Westfield 04			
The Clubhouse at Chatham Hills	Gymnasium	1100 Chatham Hills Blvd	Westfield IN 46074	0705 Westfield 05			
Countryside Clubhouse	Main Room	250 E 169th St	Westfield IN, 46074	0706 Westfield 06	0716 Westfield 16*		
North Circle Church	Main Auditorium	20101 Grassy Branch	Westfield IN, 46074	0707 Westfield 07			
Smith Memorial Complex @ Union Bible College	Gymnasium	208 College Ave	Westfield IN, 46074	0708 Westfield 08	0721 Westfield 21	0730 Westfield 30	
Village Farms Clubhouse	Clubhouse	453 Greyhound Pass	Carmel IN, 46032	0709 Westfield 09	0712 Westfield 12	0722 Westfield 22*	
Cool Creek Park Nature Center	Auditorium	2000-1 E 151st St	Carmel IN, 46033	0710 Westfield 10*	0711 Westfield 11	0713 Westfield 13	0724 Westfield 24
Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fellowship Hall	15605 Ditch Rd	Westfield IN, 46074	0714 Westfield 14	0718 Westfield 18		
The Fuel Church	Lobby	18686 Eagletown Rd	Westfield IN 46074	0717 Westfield 17	0731 Westfield 31		
Village Park Bible Methodist Church	Conference Room	219 W 161st St	Westfield IN, 46074	0719 Westfield 19	0720 Westfield 20	0725 Westfield 25	0726 Westfield 26
Thrive Christian Church	Lobby	15091 Towne Rd	Westfield, IN 46074	0727 Westfield 27			
Clarksville Christian Church	Basement	16600 Lehr St	Noblesville IN, 46060	0801 Wayne 01			
Refuge Christian Church	Main Hall	11772 E 196th St	Noblesville IN 46060	0802 Wayne 02			
Wayne Township Government Center	Community Room	18441 Durbin Rd	Noblesville, IN 46060	0803 Wayne 03	0807 Wayne 07		
Noblesville Fire Station 77	Apparatus Bay	15251 Olivo Rd	Noblesville IN, 46060	0804 Wayne 04	0805 Wayne 05		
White River Township Community Building	Big Room	12695 E 256th St	Cicero IN 46034	0901 White River			

* indicates change
 Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County has approved these locations as voting places for the Primary Election to be held in Hamilton County, Indiana on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 p.m. Dated this 23rd day of February 2024.
 Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court

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