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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Scattered showers and storms, mainly in the morning and midday.
Tonight: Partly cloudy evening. Mostly clear overnight.

HIGH: 70 LOW: 55



Fred Farley Fans for as far as the eye can see



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Fred Farley, Hazel Dell Elementary Building Supervisor, has been named a RISE (Recognizing Inspirational School Employees) award winner by the State of Indiana. Farley was chosen from over 100 nominees for the prestigious award that recognizes support staff excellence. With 34 years of service to Noblesville Schools, he is beloved by students and staff for his leadership, expertise, hard work, magic tricks, and humor. Hazel Dell held a surprise program in his honor last week, complete with special "Farley Fan Club" T-shirts for all students and staff. Congratulations, Fred!

Growing butterflies



I have always loved butterflies. The idea of metamorphosis and seeing something turn into a creature of beauty has always intrigued me. A teacher who retired last year at my school would grow butterflies with her class every year. After over 50 years of teaching, she retired from teaching fifth grade. I always thought it was so cool that she did this with her class and after her retirement, I decided as a nod to her that I would continue it with my own class. There is so much to be learned about butterflies both physically and metaphorically.

I had seen advertisements for butterfly kits and decided to give it a try. The kit could either come with five live caterpillars or 32. If you're going to do it, why not go for the full spread and get 32, right? Well, I don't think I knew what to envision when 32 live caterpillars arrived. I quickly realized that perhaps most people with no experience doing this would start at five and maybe work their way up to 32.

The first thing you do when the kit arrives is prepare tiny clear cups that are provided by adding some caterpillar food and gently transferring each caterpillar with a paintbrush to their new home for the next couple of weeks. A lid is placed on the cup, which yes, I did read that direction at least a dozen times for fear I was going to be suffocating them.

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Ballet Theatre of Carmel's Enchanted Tales points to tradition

By AMY ADAMS
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Ballet Theatre of Carmel usually performs story ballets: *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*. However, the academy's upcoming performance, *Enchanted Tales: Celebrating the Golden Age of Ballet*, brings together a collection of shorter ballets, "The Firebird," "Les Sylphides," and a tribute to legendary classical ballerina Anna Pavlova.

The performance, set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 24, and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center in Zionsville, speaks to the breadth of influences in Artistic Director Jane Hachiya-Weiner's own professional dance career.

The upcoming performance pays homage to Ballet Russe, a ballet company that began in Paris in the early 1900s, performed all over the world, and is largely recognized as the most

influential ballet company of the 20th century.

"I really love art deco and art nouveau and the sensitivities that came out of the era," Hachiya-Weiner said. "It was very innovative and left an impression like a very deep well that we go back to pull from."

Hachiya-Weiner describes "The Firebird," with music composed by Stravinsky, as a "flamboyant" and "fashy" composite of a handful of Russian fairy tales. In contrast, "Les Sylphides," a celebration of Chopin, tells of a poet cavorting in the fields with the sylphs of the air.

"It's a gem of a piece," Hachiya-Weiner said.

In between these two shorter ballets will be a remembrance of Anna Pavlova, including a piece set to Saint-Saens' "The Swan" from *Carnival of the Animals*. From costumes to sets, each piece truly brings to life a glorious era of ballet.

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Reporter photo by Amy Adams

Guest dancers Gabriel Weiner and Erica Lohman prepare for their roles in "The Firebird."

Stamp Out Hunger proves success ... what happens next?

By AMY ADAMS
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Last Saturday was the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food drive put on the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers. The final numbers are not yet tallied, but tens of millions of pounds of non-perishable food is expected to be donated to food pantries around the country thanks to the generosity of countless Americans and the hard of the folks in collecting and distributing that food.

Now that Stamp Out if passed, what comes next?

Lend a helping hand

Cleaning out our pantries is great. What else can we do? We're glad you asked.

"Personally, I was always one of those people who cleaned out their pantry when there was a food drive," said Carrie Larrison, vice president and director of special projects at Open Doors in Westfield. "But now that I volunteer, I do things differently. When I see something I know we need that is on sale, I buy it. Keeping your eyes open on a regular basis makes the best use of your own money."

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Elwood man dies in trench collapse accident in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Shortly after 9:45 a.m. on Monday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) was dispatched to the 14000 block of UMBER Avenue on a possible trench collapse.

The first units arrived six minutes later and found co-workers digging in an attempt to free the victim. Crews immediately began working to free the unresponsive victim trapped to his shoulders in the trench.

Witnesses stated the worker was installing a water line when the trench suddenly caved in. NFD extricated

the worker after an extensive rescue operation lasting over two hours and involving more than 30 firefighters.

Unfortunately, the victim was pronounced dead on the scene by Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison, who identified him as Shawn Young, 21, Elwood.

The rescue operation was led by the NFD Tactical Rescue Team. Its team members maintain a Technician-level Trench Rescue Certification and train regularly to be prepared for this type of emergency. This type of collapse is dangerous because the

event happens very quickly, leaving a small amount of time to react due to the weight and pressure of the soil. Rescue workers used pre-made barriers and pistons to shore up the walls and prevent a secondary collapse.

Once secured, the walls allowed firefighters to enter the trench and begin freeing the victim. Paddock's Wrecker & Heavy Transport supplied a Vac Truck, which firefighters used to help move loose dirt and soil away from the victim.

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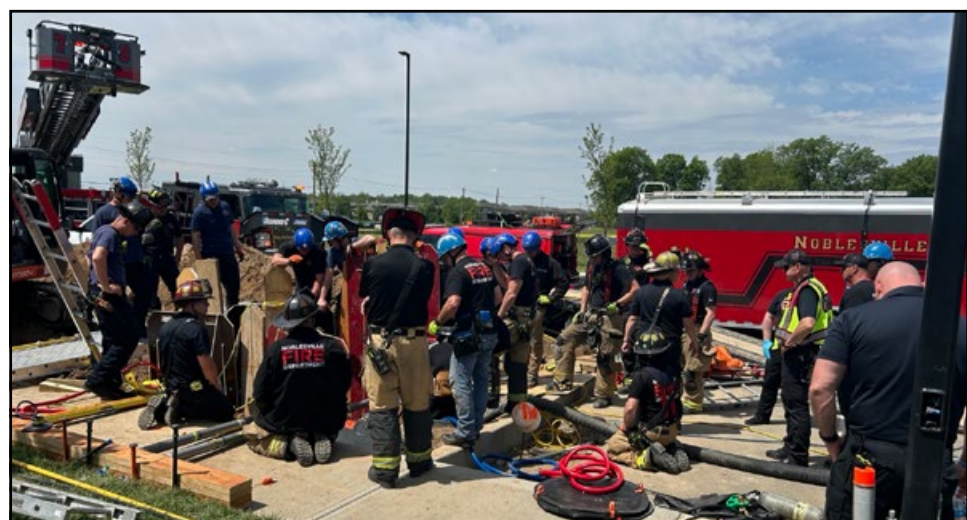


Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

Over 30 fire fighters attempted to rescue Shawn Young from the accident.

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NFD worked alongside the Westfield Fire Department, Noblesville Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Paddock's Wrecker &

Heavy Transport, and the City of Noblesville Utilities Department. All first responders send their deepest condolences to the Young family.

STAMP OUT

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Photo provided by Greg Garmong

According to Greg Garmong, Carmel collected more than 18,280 pounds of food, and Westfield collected over 14,750 – both of which are increases from last year. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

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Both Larrison and Anita Hagen of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) recommend familiarizing yourself with what your local food pantry needs and share these suggestions for how to support your local food pantry on a regular basis.

1. Check in with your local food pantry often to see what is most needed, then purchase items to donate when you see them on sale or as buy-one-get-one deals where you can still stay within your own grocery budget.

2. Set up a monthly subscription to items that are in ongoing need and have them shipped directly to your local food pantry.

3. Donate financially to your local food pantry. Often your dollar will go farther than if you shop on

your own since food pantries can purchase bulk food at a discount. You can also donate to specific causes such as Meating the Need and Meals for Kids at hhch-foodbank.org/donate.

4. If you have a garden and often find yourself with extra zucchini or too many tomatoes, go to hamilton-swcd.org/donateyour-vegetables.html to find out where you can donate your produce overflow. Or consider planting a row for those in need.

5. Volunteer your time. Many food pantries have SignUpGenius lists for volunteers to help sort and stock food, which is as needed as any commodity.

6. Initiate your own food drive anytime at your office or through your child's sports team. Or, on a larger scale, Hagen said HCHFB

and your local food pantry are always looking for collaborations and partnerships.

7. Lastly, participate any time you see a food drive, even if you just donate one item. Every little bit helps.

Don't miss Pack the Cruiser coming up Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In its eighth year, local police departments will be on hand at nine different Kroger stores throughout the area collecting food for the programs providing summer meals for local kids.

Need a helping hand?

If you or someone you know are in the position of needing more food than you have access to, Hagen recommends that you start by reaching out to your township trustee. Hamilton County is made up of nine townships whose mis-

sion is to help families and strengthen the community. They can provide a list of local food pantries as well as point residents to other resources, such as providing guidance with filling out SNAP applications. Find out more at hctaindiana.com.

Another useful resource, according to Hagen, is The Community Compass, a food assistance app and website through the Indy Hunger Network that can help you find food near you by ZIP code. Find it at communitycompass.app or where you download your apps.

You can also find a complete list of food pantries and meal programs across Hamilton County, go to tinyurl.com/HamCoPantriesApril2024.

Find out more at hch-foodbank.org.

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“Story ballet’s are very popular with young families,” Hachiya-Weiner said. “But we also need to look back and acknowledge the people whose shoulders we stand on.”

These are dancers and choreographers, many of whom came to the United States to become citizens and established schools and companies across the nation.

“This is a nod to my teachers and mentors,” Hachiya-Weiner said.

Born in Japan, Hachiya-Weiner began dancing at the age of 9 and apprenticed at Inoue Ballet in Tokyo, eventually becoming principal dancer. At the age of 16, she was chosen to dance the black swan with dancers from Paris Opera. Her professional dancing career brought her to the United States and eventually to Indianapolis where she met fellow dancer Frank Weiner.

Weiner, born in Zimbabwe, Africa, began dancing at the age of 15 in the U.S. and has had a full career in

ballet.

Both danced with the now inoperative Indianapolis Ballet Theatre and directed the Ballet Theatre of Carmel at The Performer’s Edge. When the owner of The Performer’s Edge retired, the couple founded Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy in 2018. In addition to being led by two professional dancers with vast experience, the Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy includes the American Ballet Theatre National Training among their methods.

Enchanted Tales marks the return of several BTC alums as guest performers.

Erica Lohman, of American Midwest Ballet in Omaha, and Emmanuelle Hendrickson, of Colorado Ballet Studio Company, will be dancing the role of the Firebird, on Friday and Saturday nights, respectively. From the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music Ballet Department, one of the top five ballet programs in the U.S., senior Aram Hengen



Reporter photos by Amy Adams (ABOVE, from left) Anya Stephensen (16), Miriam Danek (16), and Nisha Tague (18), will perform principal roles in “Les Sylphides.” (RIGHT) Charlotte McLaughlin (12) one of the enchanted princesses in “The Firebird,” ties her pointe shoes.



and junior Gabriel Weiner will alternate in the roles of Prince Ivan in “The Firebird” and the Poet in “Les Sylphides.”

And if Gabriel’s last name sounds familiar, it is. He is the son of Jane and Frank.

“These are the pools of water I grew up in,” Gabriel said. “I was surrounded by it on all sides. What I

plan to do with my life is all ballet, teaching, directing. I feel like, as a dancer, you should be looking at your own 20-year-plan. I feel like my parents have given me a firm foundation.”

“Coming back to perform with BTC feels nostalgic to Lohman, as well.

“This is my dance family,” she said. “Coming back here helps me remind

myself that I have this community that helps me and supports me; and if these talented humans believe in me, then I should believe in

myself.”

For tickets and information, visit ballettheat-roofcarmel.org/enchanted-tales.

BUTTERFLIES

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Photos provided by Megan Rathz

(ABOVE, from left) The butterfly kit. Day 1 for the little caterpillars. Our spring break friends – Pat was told not to touch the caterpillars. The caterpillars were much larger Day 11. (BELOW) Mary shows one of the butterflies that it’s nearly time to fly away and be free . . . but not before a sweet orange treat!

Mind you, I ordered 32 caterpillars, but as I was transferring them to each of the 32 cups, I noticed that I seemed to have a lot more caterpillars leftover than I did cups. Then, I noticed this little line in the pamphlet that read, “If we have sent you more than 32 caterpillars (sometimes this happens), leave the remaining caterpillars in the original 8 oz cup they were shipped in. There will be enough food in that cup to nourish the extra caterpillars throughout their life cycle.”

Well, exactly how many caterpillars was I sent? I received 45 caterpillars. Yes, 45. A total of 13 more than I was expecting and probably 40 more than I should have started with for my first time.

Another aspect of my butterfly growing that I did not anticipate was that this would coincide with my school’s spring break, so what started out as an experience for my students also overlapped in my living room where 40 of my new pets took residence. I was afraid to leave them in case something drastic happened with the temperature of my classroom or if they were ready to be transferred to their habitat and I wasn’t there. I felt very responsible for my new caterpillar friends and wanted to do right by them, so they went into my living room.

Once the caterpillars were transferred to their cups, you basically leave them alone and observe their changes. It can take anywhere from 10 days to two weeks. You want to be sure you don’t disturb them as they are changing into chrysalides. You must monitor the room’s temperature and humidity. I noticed that there was silky webbing in the cup of the caterpillars that is used to attach the butterfly to a leaf, so they don’t get blown away by the wind. I also noticed what is referred

to as “frass” in the tiny cups.

What is frass, you may ask? Well, that is a lovely way of saying caterpillar poop. The caterpillars climb to the tops of their little cups once they have eaten their fill, stored enough energy, and are ready to become chrysalides. Something else I learned is that if you shake or disturb your chrysalides, you will see them wiggle, which is what they do in the wild to ward off predators.

It is important at this stage to pretty much leave them be until it’s time to transfer them from their cups into their butterfly habitat.

Once the chrysalides are hardened (usually after about three days or so), you gently move them to their butterfly enclosure with a paintbrush and attach them to the sides of the mesh of the habitat, so they can securely attach themselves and transform into butterflies. It was at this point that I also noticed another little note in my pamphlet, “Like any birth, the transformation from chrysalis to butterfly can be a little messy. You may notice a small amount of red meconium. Do not be disturbed by this natural occurrence. Meconium is not blood; it is liquid waste left over after metamorphosis.”

Well, that’s lovely, isn’t it?

Fast forward a couple of weeks and the transformation begins to happen. The chrysalids became fuzzy and hardened. They hang in a J shape from the top of their cups and stay that way for about 10 days. At that point, I transferred them into their butterfly habitat to wait and see them turn into butterflies. I would find myself periodically looking at them to see if there was any movement, but for the most part, they just stayed that way doing what seemed to be nothing. I even started to think: *Are they still alive? Did I not do the transfer to the habitat correctly?*



A couple of weeks went by, and I came downstairs to check on my butterflies, and before my eyes, was an entire habitat filled with painted lady butterflies. The habitat that was holding what seemed to be lifeless chrysalides was a sea of orange fluttering all over the place. A few days later (when the temperatures were warm enough), the butterflies were released with the kids at my school in our Nature Lab. As I carried the butterfly habitat outside and heard the excitement from the kids throughout the building, I realized just how cool this process was for not only them, but also me.

One of the teachers commented that the noise of hearing the kids see the butterflies was the best sound she heard in the building that day.

If there is one thing that I have learned about doing this, it is that butterflies are a lot like us. Sometimes we do not look our best and some of us get to where we are going quicker than others. Sometimes it feels like it is taking forever for it to be our turn. Sometimes when we are covered with web-

bing and frass, it is hard to see our own beauty. Things will happen and bloom when they are supposed to. Sometimes you bite off more than you can chew, but you figure it out. Sometimes

you think you’re getting 32 of something and you end up with 45. Whatever the case may be, we are all evolving all the time. We are all at different stages in our lives and there’s a plan for

all of us. Nature is teaching us. What are we learning?

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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Where to park for this weekend's Peony Festival

By **KELLY McVEY**
Indiana Peony Festival

You asked and we've answered – over the past year, we've worked closely with Noblesville's public safety team to tackle a plan to accommodate every single festival goer for this year's Indiana Peony Festival. Here's your one-stop-shop for everything you need to know to get to Noblesville and Seminary Park.

State Road 32 construction

As is the case with most cities in the Midwest, it's construction season in Noblesville! The most impactful project that you may notice getting to the festival is INDOT's closure of SR 32 for reconstruction. On the day of the festival, SR 32 will be closed from 15th Street through 9th Street.

Plentiful peony parking

As you can see in the map at [this link](#), there are so many parking options

around downtown Noblesville for you to consider, depending on the direction in which you're coming into Noblesville.

• **Parking Garages:** The Levinson (#11), the County (#12), and the Federal Hill Parking Garages (#13) will all be open, accessible to visitors the day of the festival, and free all day long without limit!

• **On-Street Parking:** If you find a spot on a street in downtown Noblesville, it's yours. These spots are free to use as long as you'd like, so far as you are far enough from intersections and fire hydrants.

• **NEW ... Shuttle Lots:** New to this year's festival, we've partnered with The Lacy Arts Building and Janus Developmental Services to provide additional parking lots with complimentary shuttles blocks away from the Peony Festival. The shuttles will frequently visit Stony Creek Elementary (#5), the Firestone Lots

(#4), and Ivy Tech (#6) throughout the day. A map detailing the shuttle drop off locations near the festival can be found at [this link](#).

• **Other Surface Lots:** We also have secured additional parking options in private and public lots near downtown Noblesville. These lots include CCHA Law (#1), City Hall (#2), the Mill Top (#3), Hamilton County Lot 1 (#7) and the City's Gold (#8), Orange (#9), and Purple (#10) lots. The City's Employee Lot (#14) will strictly be used for attendees needing accessible parking.

Expanded pedestrian experience

Over the last few years, visitors to the Indiana Peony Festival have shared their desire to see enhanced pedestrian access to Seminary Park and to downtown Noblesville. This year, we're excited to share that we've partnered with public safety to **expand our footprint** and close part of 10th Street

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to provide more space in Seminary Park for floral installations and for vendors along 10th Street. On the map, you'll see where 10th Street is closed (approximately from Cherry to Mulberry).

What's the best way to walk downtown Noblesville?

On the day of the festival, we'll have bright colorful peonies painted on the ground guiding the way to and from downtown Noblesville! The Peonies will

take you up 10th Street, across Maple, up 9th and through the quaintest alley. The pedestrian walkway is marked with a yellow person on the map included above and available at [this link](#).

City support

Of course, we couldn't do any of this without the support of the City of Noblesville. From their **investment in Seminary Park** and their partnership to ensure a safe pedestrian experience, they have stepped

in to make your experience in Noblesville an excellent one!

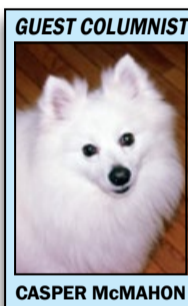
As you consider your best path into Noblesville, here are helpful links:

- [Downtown Parking Map](#)
- [Downtown Traffic Detours](#)
- [Comprehensive Noblesville Detours](#) – please note the closures in red and the detours in orange
- [Shuttle Map](#)

Can't wait to see you at Seminary Park so soon!

As warmer weather nears, it's time to pay special attention to our furry friends

"I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons." – Will Rogers



CASPER McMAHON

Thanks to public service awareness, most people are now aware of the dangers of hot cars, for both people and pets. Did you know that the inside of a closed car on an 80-degree day will heat up to 99 degrees in only 10 minutes and up to 109 degrees in 20 minutes?¹

Yikes!

This week I am subbing for my human mom as she is on a well-deserved get away from me and my dog sister, Blue. I will be spending some fun time with my pet sitter Ashley, and Miss Blue has other arrangements made this time. Sometimes we need a break from each other as well!

Both Blue and I are what you might say "middle age" dogs, so we don't cause too much trouble around the house except for some barking now and then, that sort of thing. We love the groomer and just tolerate the veterinarian – although we know that we need our health updates.

In considering some topics for this column, I find I have a few which may be news to some and hopefully taken in the spirit in which they are intended. After all, my furry friends and their well-being is important to me, and I know it is to all of you pet owners, too.

Summer is just around the corner – yay! More outdoor time, more walks, more yard creatures at which to bark, I love it! However, there are some summer related issues which might affect us dogs so let's talk about it.

Fleas and ticks – yuck! I am very grateful that my humans make sure that I have the necessary meds to keep those pesky and dangerous critters away from me. Not only are they dangerous for me (and Blue of course!) but may also affect my humans so we need to follow our vet's advice on that topic.

Outdoor activities – as much as we love spending time with you, we do not especially enjoy being taken along on a hot day to a ballgame, concert, parade ... you get the picture. If you feel you must take us along, please be sure we have access to shade and water. And I don't know if you would like to walk barefoot on hot pavements, but OUCH, that can be quite dangerous.

"Pavement, like asphalt or artificial grass, can become incredibly hot and cause discomfort, blisters, and burn a dog's paw pads," says Dr. Jerry Klein, DVM, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC and an expert in veterinary emergency and critical care.

I bet he has seen a few examples in his practice.

up to 99 degrees in only 10 minutes and up to 109 degrees in 20 minutes?¹

So, I hope you reconsider traveling us around to events in very hot weather as most of us (all of us I imagine!) would prefer to wait at home in the A/C until you come home to play with us. You may also know that both the City of Noblesville and Hamilton County have passed legislation which addresses the legal obligations of pet parents in relation to the above.

I think a mention of crowds and associated noise levels warrants a mention here. We canines have very sensitive ears, as you may know. Most dogs are uncomfortable at a noise level over 70 dB. Most humans are uncomfortable over 85 dB. Many outdoor concert venues present music over 120 dB.² We know our humans love their music and they like to show us off (that is sweet), but really, we do not have the need to be exhibited nor are we able to cover our ears. This applies to the Fourth of July events as well!

If I could put in a word about the importance of pet rescue organizations, please consider adopting your next pet – and yes, I am a rescue dog. What a relief – I was really scared (still kind of a sissy) and it has taken a lot of love and patience, but I am much better now – whew! Blue is also a rescue, and although she is really lazy and not much fun, I know that she is very happy here as well.

We miss our humans, but we know that they will be as glad to see us (right?) as we are to see them when they return. I have enjoyed writing for you – and who knows, maybe I will get another opportunity if the humans need a break. This was fun!

Casper (and Blue)

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Carmel HS teacher awarded 'Free Pizza for a Year' from Lou Malnati's

The REPORTER

The Lou Malnati's Pizzeria team visited schools across central Indiana during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6 to 10) to honor the winners of its "Ce-LOU-Brate" teachers contest.

Two teachers were selected as grand prize recipients. Joseph Knight from Bishop Chatard High School and Michael O'Toole from Carmel High School were awarded 'Free Pizza for a Year' from Lou Malnati's during a presentation at their schools. The pizzeria also provided a \$250 catering pizza party package to the two schools.

O'Toole teaches social studies at Carmel High School and was nominated by several students. One



Photo provided

student said, "Mr. O'Toole is what I've always wanted in a teacher ... I've tended to notice that his classroom is

a large safe space for everyone who knows him, even students who don't have him for any class. His reputation

across the school is probably the most wholesome I've seen, and we all call him the world's smallest celebrity."

The Waterpark in Carmel to open May 25

The REPORTER

The Waterpark in Carmel, located at 1195 Central Park Drive West, will open for the 2024 season at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 25. Make it a summer to remember with fun for all ages and abilities on the FlowRider surf simulator, AquaClimb, kiddie pool, lazy river, adventure slides, and more.

Operating hours for The Waterpark will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, from May 25 through Aug. 4. Day passes will be available for purchase in person at The Waterpark, priced at \$17 for adults (ages 16 to 64) and \$14 for youth and seniors (ages 3 to 15; ages 65 and over). Season passes are available for purchase in person or online at carmelclayparks.com.

The public is encouraged



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to join [The Waterpark Facebook group](#) to stay informed on the latest news and updates. In this group,

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation will answer questions and share information about The Waterpark.

For more information about The Waterpark, visit carmelclayparks.com/the-waterpark.

The Waterpark in Carmel to hold annual sensory-friendly swim events this summer

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold its annual Adaptive Sensory-Friendly Swim events (formerly known as Open Swims) at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Drive West, this summer.

Adaptive Sensory-Friendly Swims will be held throughout the summer from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, and July 30. These events are designed for individuals with disabilities and their families.

"The constant noise and activity at The Waterpark can be overwhelming," said Kelvin Solares, CCPR inclusion program supervisor. "We want people of all abilities to enjoy themselves,

which is why we host accessible, inclusive events that remove barriers like loud noises and crowds. These evenings will allow those with sensory differences to have fun rather than worry about becoming overstimulated."

During Adaptive Sensory-Friendly Swim events, the concession stand is closed, music is turned off, and capacity is limited. Outside food and drink are welcome. The main activity pool, slides, and lazy river will be open for families to swim, play and interact with others.

Each event costs \$20 per family to attend. You only need to register one member per family. Pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) to sign up today.

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Sheridan Community Schools listed among best places to work in Indiana

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On May 8, Sheridan Community Schools was part of the celebration of Hoosier organizations prioritizing internal cultures that bolster their workforces and companies.

The **Indiana Chamber of Commerce** honored a record 193 employers from throughout the state at the 2024 Best Places to Work in Indiana Awards Dinner, presented by trueU, which was held in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center. Sheridan Schools was proudly represented at the event by Dr. Dave Mundy, Lacey Truex, Lindsey Martin, Valerie Love, Lisa Samuels, Ali Kiser, Madeline Sweger, and Katy Gould.

Honorees and rankings were determined through employer reports and a comprehensive, anonymous employee survey. The Workforce Research Group handled the selection process.

"The theme of this year's program was 'Show Off Your Superpower,' and these winning organizations are definitely 'super' in the ways in which they enhance the lives of their employees," Indiana Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sindors said. "The fun staff events, terrific benefits and benevolent efforts



Photo provided
Representatives from Sheridan Community Schools include (from left) Lacey Truex, Lindsey Martin, Valerie Love, Dr. Dave Mundy, Lisa Samuels, Ali Kise, Madeline Sweger, and Katy Gould.

to improve their communities are just some of the ways these leading businesses are setting examples for workplace culture."

All companies that participated in the 2024 Best Places to Work program receive an in-depth evaluation identifying strengths and weaknesses according to their employees. In turn, this report can be used in developing or enhancing employee retention and recruitment programs. 2024 marked the 19th year for Best Places to Work in Indiana. Sheridan

Community Schools has been fortunate to have made the list four separate times.

In addition to the awards, winners will be recognized via a special section of the Indiana Chamber's *BizVoice* magazine and through *Inside Indiana Business*, a Division of IBJ Media – both of which reach statewide audiences. Additional program partners are HR Indiana SHRM, Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Institute for Workforce Excellence, Wellness Council of Indiana, and Workforce

Research Group.

More information about the Best Places to Work honorees is available via the current edition of *BizVoice* magazine, available online at bizvoicemagazine.com.

Superintendent Dave Mundy praised the Sheridan team.

"Sheridan Schools is a great place to work because of our tremendous staff and community," Mundy said. "We appreciate this honor as recognition of the fantastic family atmosphere we have here."

Local artists help each other improve their work at HCAA

Submitted by Walt Thacker

Hamilton County Artists' Association

At the Hamilton County Artists' Association, our members' meetings take place the second Wednesday of the month.

For May, after discussion of business and upcoming events, members had a "Critique Night" where HCAA artists are encouraged to bring a piece they have been working on and have it critiqued by the rest of us. Of course, at HCAA we are all individual artists with own individual styles, but it's always good to get some outside feedback and sometimes some fresh perspectives on our work.

In my own case, my own artwork has really blossomed. We are all professional artists here, but we are all evolving. We are constantly honing our skill levels and creativity levels to grow into the best artists we can be.

You are invited to attend one of our First Friday Open Houses or any of our upcoming exhibits. Learn more at hcaa-in.org.



Photos provided by HCAA

Ivy Tech Hamilton County celebrates graduates

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College of Hamilton County celebrated the academic and leadership accomplishments of its graduates during its commencement ceremony on May 11.

The Hamilton County campus also held its inaugural nursing pinning ceremony on the Friday prior to graduation. The Pinning

Ceremony occurs at the end of a student's program in a school of nursing and signifies the completion of this level of education and official initiation into the profession. This cohort of 18 students is the first to complete the nursing program on the Hamilton County campus.

In addition to recognizing 2024 graduates, Outstanding Student Awards

were presented. These awards are faculty nominated and are presented to students in each of the seven academic schools. Students receiving the Outstanding Student Awards demonstrate excellence in academics and in the campus community.

Local Outstanding Students included:

- Lucas Sarver, Fishers – School of Advanced Man-

ufacturing, Engineering and Applied Sciences

- Mayra Cisneros, Fishers – School of Arts, Science and Education

- Emma Ping, Cicero – School of Nursing

- Sean Jelley, Noblesville – School of Information Technology

- Brooklyn McCandless, Carmel – School of Public and Social Services

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Temporary lane restrictions coming to 146th Street

Beginning on or after Thursday, May 16 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the contractor will use a lane restriction for the delivery of materials in the work area along 146th Street and Allisonville Road.

The lane restriction will take place in the left-hand westbound lane of 146th Street. Be sure to use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

[Click here](#) for more project information.

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H Steakhouse coming to downtown Westfield

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield announced at Monday's meeting that plans will be filed with the City Council for a \$6.4 million restaurant investment, H Steakhouse.

Nestled in the heart of downtown Westfield at the southwest corner of Jersey and Mill streets, a new culinary experience is set to redefine the dining experience in the city. H Steakhouse, owned by local restaurateur Henri Najem, will be a sprawling 9,500 square-foot restaurant with more than 200 seats, an elegant yet contemporary ambiance, and a year-round patio.

H Steakhouse is driven by a relentless pursuit of culinary excellence. Under the guidance of a team of seasoned chefs, each a master in their own right, the restaurant will present a meticulously curated menu that pays homage to the finest cuts of meat sourced from the most reputable suppliers.

"Revitalizing downtown Westfield is a key priority for my administration, and the investment from the Najem family will be an excellent addition to the area," Mayor Scott Willis said. "We are excited for our residents to enjoy an elevated dining experience in Westfield."

Najem said, "Our vision is to create more than just a restaurant; we want to provide a haven where guests can escape the ordinary

and immerse themselves in an extraordinary culinary adventure. With our globally influenced menu, contemporary and inviting ambiance, and year-round patio, we are confident that H Steakhouse will become a destination for discerning diners and culinary enthusiasts alike."

Najem's two sons, Nick and Alec, who operate and manage Flamme Burger and Savor, respectively, will also be involved in the restaurant's operations. The menu will feature a wide selection of handmade pasta, fresh seafood, free-range chicken, and USDA prime aged beef options, along with unique side dishes and desserts, an impressive wine list, and hand-crafted cocktails.

"H Steakhouse will anchor a prominent corner directly west of Grand Junction," said Jenell Fairman, director of Economic Development. "The Westfield Redevelopment Commission has partnered with Najem to bring this project to market. Tax increment generated from this project will be used to invest in public improvements downtown, including public parking and streetscape improvements."

H Steakhouse will appear before the Advisory Plan Commission in June and anticipates opening in early 2025, coinciding with the Union Square parking garage opening.

Subscriptions on sale now for Actors Theatre of Indiana's 20th anniversary season

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana's (ATI) 2024-2025 Season Subscriptions are now on sale. This is your chance to get the best seats in the house for this exciting season of "Laughter, Legends & Love."

The season kicks off with *Ring of Fire*, running Sept. 13 to 29. Celebrate the iconic Johnny Cash – the Man in Black – whose razor-sharp vocals and stripped-down country sound helped shape the American rock 'n' roll landscape in the 20th century.

The musical follows Cash's early life in the cotton fields of Arkansas and moves to Memphis as he launches his music career, hits it big and marries the love of his life, June Carter. Five actor-musicians deliver crowd-pleasing renditions of Cash's musical catalog, from country rock 'n' roll to searing ballads of love and faith, including "I Walk the Line," "Folsom Prison Blues," "I've Been Everywhere" and, of course, "Ring of Fire." It'll be a toe-tapping, soul-stirring musical biography like never before.

Next, ATI will present

She Loves Me running Nov. 1 to 17. Start your holidays right with this euphoric romantic comedy with a soaring score by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock (*Fiddler on the Roof*). *She Loves Me* shares its source material with the classic movies *The Shop Around the Corner*, *In the Good Old Summertime*, and *You've Got Mail*.

Amalia and Georg work together at a modest Hungarian perfumery and have disliked each other from the very beginning. He thinks she's stuck up; she thinks he's arrogant and mean. But each rapturously writes to a lonely-hearts pen pal when the workday is done, and it doesn't take long for the audience to see that they're in love without realizing it. Inevitably, through some of the most iconic songs in the musical theatre canon, ("Vanilla Ice Cream," "She Loves Me," "Will He Like Me?"), Georg and Amalia discover the truth, as well, and rejoice in their love for each other at the story's sweet and musically delightful conclusion.

In the third slot, solve the mystery with *Whodunit: The Musical*, running Jan. 31 to Feb. 16, 2025. This musical, by longtime Broadway actor and playwright Ed Dixon, is a farcical mystery based on *The Circular Staircase* and *The Bat* by Mary Roberts Rinehart, often considered "America's Agatha Christie."

A wealthy spinster and her cockney maid take a beautiful Connecticut summer home in 1931. When



they arrive, all the help has quit, except for a very odd butler who warns that something strange is going on. They are soon joined by the spinster's niece who's brought a friend – a "friend" who turns out to be a young man! Heavens! After a night of attempted break-ins, the sound of gunshots and the discovery of a dead body – or two – the detective arrives and things get REALLY strange!

Whodunit is a tuneful, riotous romp that's part mystery, part drawing room farce and all musical comedy.

The season wraps up with *9 to 5: The Musical*, running April 25 to May 11, 2025. Based on the hit movie, it features the blockbuster title song plus an exciting new score of 18 original numbers by Dolly Parton.

Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking, and even a little romantic. Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even

with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy, and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down.

This musical is a celebration of friendship, empowerment, and the pursuit of a fair and equal working environment.

As a bonus, your Season Subscription includes a gift certificate for a free beer from Sun King Brewery and a free glass of wine from Sugar Creek Vineyard and Winery, ATI's partners for the upcoming season.

To get your subscriptions, go to atistage.org, visit the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel or call the box office directly at (317) 843-3800. ATI can't wait for you to join them for their milestone: this 20th Anniversary Season.

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Carmel firefighters rescue water-happy dog who jumped into pond to chase after ducks

By MICHAELA SPRINGER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

“Not sure who we rescued here,” the Carmel Fire Department said Monday after firefighters had to chase down a dog who leaped into a pond to chase a family of ducks.

In a Facebook post made Monday, the department relayed the tale of the daring rescue.

Rex, a Hungarian pointer, was seen doing “hot laps” in a neighborhood pond after he caught sight of a family of ducks.

Rex refused to come back to his owners, who feared he would tire or drown. “To save everyone, the fire department was dispatched!” the department said.

Firefighters broke out their new rescue boat, called the “nanner,” and took to the water to get the dog and free the ducks.

“We’re not sure who was

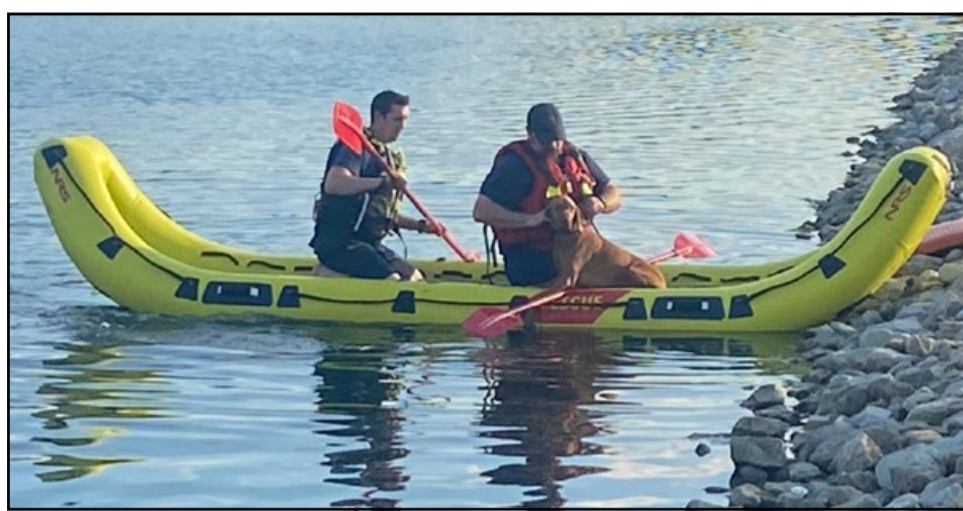


Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department

Carmel firefighters saved Rex in their new boat, dubbed “the nanner.”

having more fun, Rex or the firefighters chasing him down,” they said. “But eventually, they were able to catch up and bring him home.”

Rex’s dog mom commented on the department’s post, apologizing for Rex’s escapade. She said Rex was being cared for by a relative while she and her husband were away, and Rex man-

aged to get out of the house.

“We can do nothing but take accountability and apologize for this incident,” she said. “We are incredibly grateful, first of all, for our wonderful first responders who addressed this emergency with such generosity, professionalism, and even humor.”

She further thanked

the family’s neighborhood friends for their sympathy and the “numerous texts” they received to make sure Rex was okay.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/carmel-firefighters-rescue-water-happy-dog-who-jumped-into-pond-to-chase-after-ducks.



Westfield Washington Public Library to hold ribbon cutting & grand opening June 1

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) has announced that the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art building is set for Saturday, June 1. The opening festivities will commence with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon in the atrium.

“This building has been meticulously planned to meet the evolving needs of Westfield’s residents,” WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. “We invite everyone to join us as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.”

The grand opening will be followed by a slew of activities to kick off the library’s Summer Reading

Program, promising an exciting day of celebration and entertainment for visitors of all ages. This year’s theme is “Adventures Begin at Your Library” and will include a visit from life-like dinosaurs and folklorico dancers at 2 p.m. and a ukulele circle at 4 p.m.

The new 43,000 square-foot facility, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd., features expanded parking, a dedicated teen area, a spacious community room, and a coffee shop. Additionally, the 3.6-acre property will offer outdoor activity space for the community to enjoy. The Westfield Washington Township offices will call the west side of the building home.



Sollars

Hear from Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre’s Olivia Payton on The Omnibus Show podcast

Submitted

On Monday, *The Omnibus Show* welcomed Olivia Payton, Director of Social Media for The Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre.

Payton explained the many hats she wears, as well as what the dance theatre is all about. She shared the exciting new shows coming up, as well as advice to aspiring dancers – and anyone who has a goal like dancing – in life.

The Omnibus Show is Carmel’s No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

Payton started as a dancer herself. Hear about the rather “picky” situation she found herself in as she started her dance career, and how that developed into her dancing from here to New York and back again.

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre is the resident professional dance company at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel and performs at The Tarkington Theater. The founder, Gregory Hancock, brings a unique perspective to the shows he chooses to put on. The shows highlight international cultures, diversity, and creativity, and they reach out to a wide variety of people. Payton pointed out the diversity of the shows presented – everything from a murder mystery ballet to a modern take on Exodus from the Old Testament.

Payton offered her outlook on what Gregory Han-



Photo illustration provided

cock is all about.

“I always tell people, it’s like when you go into someone’s home, it’s like you learn a lot about someone if you look at their music and their books,” Payton said.

Looking at the shows presented, it is clear to see the values and art that Gregory Hancock is sharing with the community.

The dance theatre does large shows, like those at The Tarkington, but also smaller pieces at the home theatre, The Florence, also located in Carmel. It is here where the dance theatre’s next show, *The Melange Series*, will take place. This is an improv series where the audience will experience art coming to life in front of their eyes. It features a musician, a dancer, and a visual artist. Payton will fill the role of the dancer in the next of this series, which takes place May 18 and 19.

“She [the musician] has the blueprint for everything,” Payton said. “So, she knows what she’s singing. The dancer, myself, doesn’t know anything. So, I get to walk

in and improv. In front of all these people, I hear the music for the first time, which is a very unique experience.”

On June 7 and 8, Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre will close out its 26th season with *Sagas and Superstitions*.

For more information about the dance theatre and the shows, visit gregory-hancockdancetheatre.org.

Next week’s guest on *The Omnibus Show* will be Anne Marie Chastain, Executive Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, speaking about, among other things, the Summer Series for the CSO.

About The Omnibus Show
The Omnibus Show is Carmel’s No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

Visit TheOmnibus-Show.com for the audio podcasts and YouTube channel for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.



Chastain

Attorney General Todd Rokita co-leads half of U.S. states against new EPA rule

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and 24 other attorneys general this week took the next step in working to prevent the Biden administration’s “Clean Power Plan 2.0” from coming into effect.

According to the attorneys general, the rule would “impose a stranglehold on the states and everyday Hoosiers as they cool, heat and light their homes.” AG Rokita’s office is [leading a motion to stay](#) this new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule that places anti-coal and gas mandates on power plants.

The attorneys general says the new rule exceeds the EPA’s statutory authority – effectively requiring a shift away from coal by setting unrealistic standards for coal plants. The U.S. Su-

preme Court held in *West Virginia v. EPA* that Congress never gave the EPA such statutory power.

“By trying to foist this economy-crushing debacle on Indiana, the Washington elites are proving once again they have nothing but contempt for hardworking Hoosiers,” AG Rokita said. “Rest assured that we’re working nonstop to protect our people from these ruthless schemes and hold these federal bureaucrats accountable to the rule of law.”

In their court motion, the attorneys general note that the new rule effectively forces some power plants out of business – ignoring



Rokita

the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2022 *West Virginia v. EPA* decision clarifying that Congress did not give the EPA power to “direct existing sources to effectively cease to exist.” Rather, Congress sought to respect the role of individual states in balancing regional economic interests with environmental priorities such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

AG Rokita is co-leading the 25-state effort with West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey. After filing the initial lawsuit last week, the attorneys general are now seeking a stay of the new rule pending the outcome of the litigation.

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 Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") will hold a special meeting at 9:00 a.m., on May 17, 2024, at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, to introduce and adopt a Resolution (i) approving Lease Agreement and (ii) approving Sublease terms, form of Sublease Agreement, and execution of Sublease Agreement and (iii) authorizing issuance of Bonds.
 HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
 R4358 5/14/24

HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE
 Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
 R4359 5/14/24

Meeting Notices

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an executive session at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 208 W. Main St., Arcadia. The discussion will be held pursuant to 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.

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

The Carmel Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on the following dates in 2024. All meetings will take place in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.
 May 16
 June 13
 July 11
 Aug. 8
 Sept. 12
 Oct. 10
 Nov. 14
 Dec. 12

Notice is hereby given that the Committee on Reorganization for Adams Township and the Town of Sheridan will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Sheridan High School Auditorium, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

The Hamilton County Park & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024.
 A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, has been canceled.

The Westfield Finance Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on June 28, 2024, instead of the normal time of 3 p.m.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB GOES TO EGYPT

These were the sons Leah bore to Jacob in Paddan Aram, besides his daughter Dinah. These sons and daughters of his were thirty-three in all.

The sons of Gad: Zephon, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi and Areli.

The sons of Asher: Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi and Beriah.

Their sister was Serah.

The sons of Beriah: Heber and Malkiel.

These were the children born to Jacob by Zilpah, whom Laban had given to his daughter Leah—sixteen in all.

The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin. In Egypt, Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On.

The sons of Benjamin: Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppm, Huppm and Ard.

These were the sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob—fourteen in all.

The son of Dan: Hushim.

The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, Guni, Jezer and Shillem.

These were the sons born to Jacob by Bilhah, whom Laban had given to his daughter Rachel—seven in all.

Genesis 46:15-25 (NIV)

Beverly Sue Brown
 April 14, 1945 – May 10, 2024



Beverly Sue Brown, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 10, 2024, surrounded by her family and friends. She was born on April 14, 1945, to Virgil and Lela (Bray) Welch in Bloomington, Ill.

Sue married Herbert M. Brown on February 11, 1967. She had a lifetime career in nursing while raising her four children. Sue's passion was her grandchildren and women's health at Humana Women's Hospital. She was awarded nurse of the year at local and regional levels. Sue was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church for over 40 years.

She is survived by her husband, Herb Brown; sons, Chris Brown (Angela Eckholm) and Eric Brown (Heather); daughters, Carrie Brown and Kelly Bodine; grandchildren, Zoe, Lucie, Marissa, Logan, Lucas and Maya; sister, Carolyn Armstrong (Skip); brother, Gene Welch (Kathie); as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by her in-laws, Cecil and Nelda "Ruthie" Brown.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m., with a Nurses' Tribute at 5 p.m., on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Monday, May 20, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Rev. Clayton Thompson will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wapella Village Fire Department, 315 Main St., Wapella, IL 61777; or National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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Golf

Royals hustle to secure Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team sailed to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship Monday at Bear Slide Golf Club in Cicero.

The No. 1-ranked Royals totaled a team score of 295 for first place, with No. 6 Westfield the runner-up by scoring 306. Third-ranked Zionsville finished with a 311.

Southeastern was led by Mattingly Upchurch and Nate Benson, both of whom had great performances on the back nine to score 73. Benson went 32 on the back nine, while Upchurch scored 34.

Both players were named to the All-HCC team at the conclusion of the meet. The Royals had two additional All-conference players: Kai Warner carded 74 (tying him for fourth place) and Jordan Huxford scored 75 (tying him for sixth place).

"Couldn't be more proud of the guys because they just battled back and fought back all day," said HSE coach David Young. The coach said his team

handled the adverse conditions during the match.

"The course was playing pretty tough today, especially with the wind," said Young. "They did that incredibly well, and couldn't be more proud of their hard work and sticking with it today."

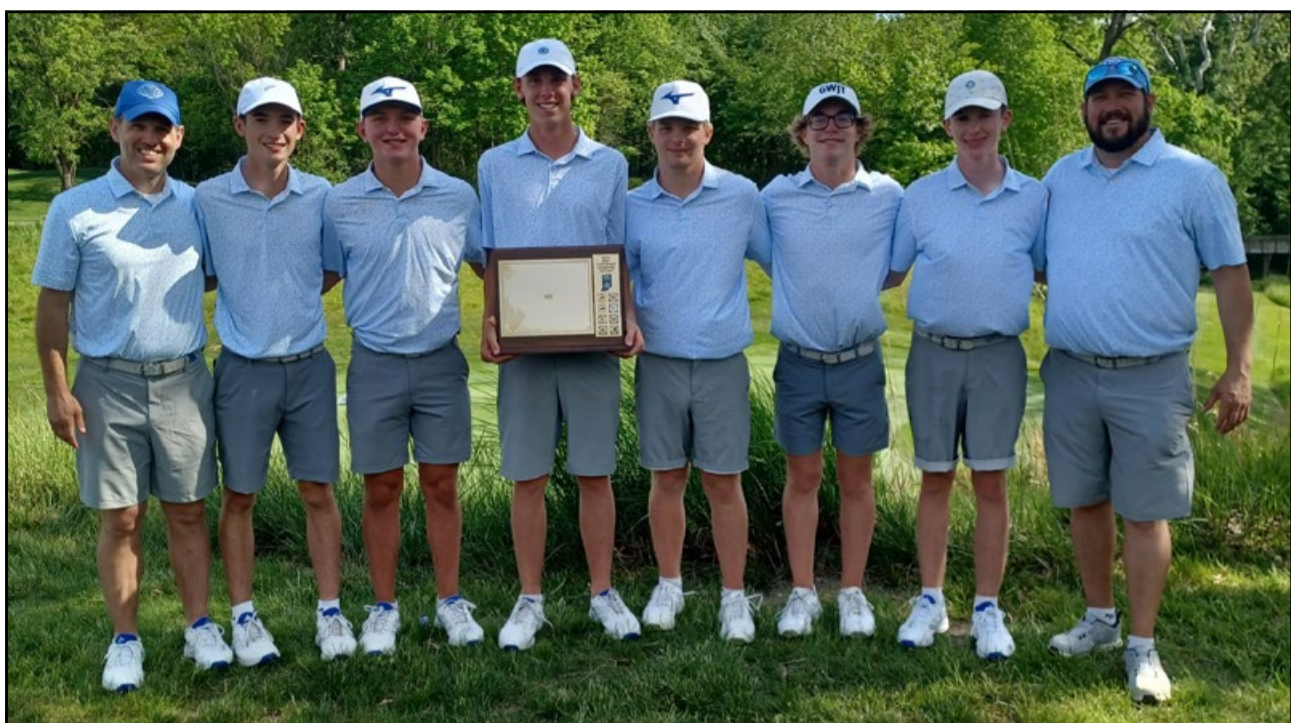
The Shamrocks got three players on the All-HCC team. Jake Cesare also tied for fourth with a 74, while Will Harvey tied for eighth place with a 76 and Ryan Cesare placed ninth with a 77.

Zionsville's Gavin Poole was the meet medalist with a 72.

Ninth-ranked Noblesville was a close fourth, scoring 313. The Millers had two all-conference plays: Rory Bushong tied for sixth with a 75 and Lance Decker tied for 10th place with a 78.

Fishers took sixth place as a team, scoring 330. Lucas Brown was the Tigers' low man with an 81.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 295, Westfield 306, Zionsville 311, Noblesville 313, Brownsburg 328, Fishers 330, Franklin Central 356, Avon



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship Monday at Bear Slide Golf Club.

364.

Medalist: Gavin Poole (Z) 39-33=72.

Southeastern scores: Mattingly Upchurch 39-34=73, Nate Benson 41-32=73, Kai Warner 35-39=74, Jordan Huxford 36-39=75, Dane Starnes 38-41=79, Aiden Huffer 41-39=80.

Westfield scores: Jake

Cesare 37-37=74, Will Harvey 40-36=76, Ryan Cesare 39-38=77, Brayden Worthington 39-40=79, Hudson Kutchman 41-40=81, Jack Harris 45-37=82.

Noblesville scores: Rory Bushong 37-38=75, Lance Decker 37-41=78, Drew Werkley 42-37=79, Alex Peck 40-41=81, Tyler Marucci 43-38=81,

Brady Mangin 39-43=82.

Fishers scores: Lucas Brown 42-39=81, Carson Peters 42-40=82, Ethan Poto 40-43=83, Tommy Klinker 39-45=84, Will Major 43-43=86, Sam Keithley 39-49=88.

Hamilton Heights won its Senior Night match Tuesday in a rainy three-team

competition at Bear Slide.

The Huskies scored 166, followed by Northwestern with 169 and Western with 183. Kole Kirtley led Heights with 40, followed by Nathan Cox 41, Ethan Millsaps 42, Caleb Sullivan 43, Drew Woodruff 47, Simon Knott 49 and Hunter Doak 63.

Baseball

Millers stumble against Greyhounds in sectional preview

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The Noblesville Millers opened Monday evening in a celebratory mood after honoring the 10-year anniversary of their 2014 Class 4A state championship season.

However, by night's end, those good feelings faded, as the visiting Carmel Greyhounds upset the 4A No. 2 Millers, 5-3, at Dunker Field.

In a preview of next week's 4A Sectional 8 quarterfinal on May 22 at The Dunk, the Greyhounds jumped out fast behind a two-run home run from Baylor recruit Hunter Snow in the top of the first inning and halted the Millers' 10-game winning streak.

The Greyhounds pitching trio of Cincinnati recruit Adam Buczkowski, Gabe Mathison and Cal Carmichael combined for a two-hitter and despite walking 10 batters overall found a way to disrupt the red-hot Millers.

Noblesville (20-4), which clinched a share of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference title last week, was coming off a stretch of six straight league wins that pushed their HCC record to 12-0.

Against the Greyhounds (13-10), the Millers' offense fell quiet, and their home record dropped to 9-2.

"We didn't play particularly well obviously, but give Carmel credit, they made plays to win. We did a lot of uncharacteristic things tonight that haven't been us all year," Noblesville head coach Justin Keever said. "I suppose that happens, but if we want to do special things, they can't happen, so hopefully, we learn from it and we go from there."

The Millers worked the count and had three batters hit by a pitch, but 11 strikeouts and 11 runners left on base (six in scoring position) kept the deficit intact.

Carmel had lost four of its last six games prior, but Snow's one-out bomb over the right-field fence after DePauw commit Tyler Walkey (1-for-3) reached base with a single put the win in motion.

"We kind of went on a drought there. We couldn't get anything to go for us. No momentum, but this helps us with a couple more games left this week and helps with the confidence, for sure," said Snow, who went 2-for-4. "This helps our momentum going forward. We're talented, and we have to believe it."

The Greyhounds led 3-0 by the second after manufacturing a run in the top half. Gabriel Silva laced a leadoff double and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by John Zangrilli before a sacrifice fly to right field brought him

home.

Noblesville's Eli Hall, who was charged with the loss, started the first three innings with five hits allowed and three runs surrendered.

The Millers turned to DePauw recruit Lucas Stephan in the fourth inning, and he struck out one and avoided potential disaster following two Noblesville fielding errors. Two induced outfield pop ups left both runners stranded.

Notre Dame commit Joe Glander took over for the Millers in the top of the fifth, and the Greyhounds gained the advantage rapidly with two leadoff walks.

Carmel drew three walks in the inning, plating two runs for a 5-2 lead off an RBI groundout by Parker Heaney and a wild pitch by Glander.

"I was proud of our at-bats against him because that's a good arm and we laid off that high fastball when we needed to," Carmel coach Ty Neal said. "We

sat on some balls down, and then we capitalized. We didn't even have a hit and we scored two runs that inning. That's good team baseball."

Josh Peek, the Millers' fourth pitcher of the game, continued to keep the Greyhounds hitless through the final 1.2 innings, walking one batter. Carmel's five hits were all recorded in the first three frames.

J.D. Stein was 1-for-3 for Carmel with a double. The Greyhounds had three extra-base hits and struck out four times – three times against Glander, who walked four and with one earned run in 1.1 innings pitched.

"We just have to play better. We kind of got ourselves at the plate in some of our approaches, but we'll go back to work and get after it in the Zionsville series which hopefully will clinch (the HCC)," Keever said. "We have a share, so we just hope we get it by

ourselves now."

The Millers showed their grit in the second to cut the deficit 3-1 behind a sacrifice fly to right field by Glander to score McCoy Fulk, who reached on a walk and advanced with a pickoff error at first base and later a wild pitch.

Carmel had three errors resulting in two runs.

Noblesville used a two-out fielding error to extend the bottom of the third, and a delayed double steal with runners on the corners brought Indiana commit Aiden Reynolds (1-for-1) home from third base to make it 3-2.

Buczkowski ended the threat with a strikeout and two runners stranded. The senior right-hander pitched 4.0 innings with six strikeouts, three walks, one hit allowed, one earned run and three hit batters.

Mathison earned the save with two hitless frames, three strikeouts, six walks and one earned run allowed

in the sixth on a bases-loaded wild pitch.

The Millers loaded the bases twice in the inning behind four walks, but a strikeout ended the rally.

A leadoff double by Nolan Decker, a Troy recruit, to lead off the bottom of the seventh marked Noblesville's first hit since the first – a single by Reynolds – but Carmichael struck out two and forced a game-ending groundout.

Next week, Carmel will attempt to eliminate Noblesville in pursuit of the program's first sectional title since 2016. Noblesville is chasing its first title since 2014 – the same year they won both the HCC and state.

"It was great to see the guys (from 2014). We tried to do this two weeks ago, and it got rained out," Keever said. "It felt so good to see them. It's a special group of guys, and they also had their own bumps in the road along the way, too. And they learned from it."

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Gainbridge Fieldhouse went wild last Friday when Andrew Nembhard hit a 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter to help send the Indiana Pacers to a 111-106 win over the New York Knicks in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Among the fans reacting to Nembhard's 3 is Mario Massillamany (center), Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman and founding partner of Massillamany Jeter & Carson law firm in Fishers.

Softball

Millers move past McCutcheon, Westfield wins over Western

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team won 13-7 at McCutcheon Monday.

The Mavericks led 3-0 after four innings. The Millers began their rally with two runs in the fifth inning: Neaveh Nash scored the first run when Izzy Zapp hit a sacrifice fly, then Gabby Fowler sent a solo home run into left field.

McCutcheon put up two runs in the top of the sixth for a 5-2 lead. But Noblesville took over after that, with 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth. Macie Duvall led off the inning with a home run, then Delaney Rundle doubled in Addi Emmerson and Bella Hughes to tie the game.

Reese Newsome hit a two-run single to score Rundle and Zapp, then Fowler scored on Mack Harvey's RBI fielder's choice. The bases were loaded, and Emmerson emptied them with a grand slam to center field, also scoring Newsom, Duvall and Harvey.

That gave the Millers a 12-5 lead. The Mavericks got two runs back in the bottom of the sixth, but Noblesville scored one more run in the seventh: Newsom singled in Rundle for her third RBI of the game.

Rundle also hit a dou-

ble during the game, while Zapp, Fowler and Newsom all had two hits. Lulu Van Beek pitched three innings for the win, striking out five.

The Millers are 14-9 and play a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game tonight at Brownsburg.

Westfield scored a walk off win over Western Monday by the score of 5-4.

The Panthers put up two runs in the top of the first inning. The Shamrocks got one back in the bottom of the first when Sofia Easterhaus scored after Cara Snedeker reached on error.

Westfield went up 3-2 in the fourth inning. Reese Mahannah got on with a two-out double, then Chloe Tanner blasted a home run into left field to score them both.

Western tied the game in the fifth inning, then led off the top of the eighth with a home run for a 4-3 lead. But Snedeker tied the game with a double to bring in Makayla Watson, then Grace Fanelli sent a double into right field, sending Snedeker home for the winning run.

Snedeker also hit a double during the game. Shea Vohs went six innings, striking out four.

Westfield is 11-11 and

plays an HCC game today at Avon; the game was postponed on Tuesday due to the weather.

Guerin Catholic dropped a tough 13-12 game Monday at North Central.

The Golden Eagles scored two runs in the first inning: Brooklyn Fritsche singled in Madi Cain, then Anna Mauch scored on a passed ball. Guerin Catholic added three runs in the third inning, with Fritsche getting home after Kate Brady drew a bases-loaded walk. Lauren Brady and Natalie Eiler both scored after Cain reached on error, giving GC a 5-0 lead.

The Panthers scored three runs in the bottom of the third. The Golden Eagles put up four in the top of the fifth. Lauren Brady scored when Lucy Kemp drew a bases-loaded walk, then Kate Brady got home on a passed ball. Fritsche sent a base hit into center field to bring in Mauch and Kemp, and Guerin Catholic led 9-3.

The Golden Eagles scored three more runs in the top of the sixth. Lauren Brady stole home plate for GC's 10th run, Kate Brady got home on Fritsche's RBI fielder's choice, then Cain scored when Lillian Everts drew a bases-loaded walk.

Girls Tennis — IHSAA announces sectional pairings

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced pairings for the girls tennis sectional tournament on Monday.

Defending state champion Carmel will host Sectional 35 at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. The No. 7-ranked Greyhounds play University today in one semifinal match, while No. 17 Guerin Catholic takes on No. 11 Zionsville in the other semifinal. Both matches start at 5:15 p.m.

Noblesville will host Sectional 56. The No. 9 Millers take on No. 16 Westfield today in the semifinals, with Hamilton Heights to play Lapel in the other semifinal. Both matches begin at 4:30 p.m.

Fishers and Hamilton

Southeastern will play in Sectional 31 at Anderson. Today's semifinal matches feature the No. 2 Tigers taking on the host Indians, while the No. 22 Royals will face Pendleton Heights. Both matches start at 4:30 p.m.

The winners of today's semifinal matches at all three sites advance to Thursday's championship matches.

Westfield dropped a close dual meet Monday at North Central, falling 3-2 to the No. 12 Panthers.

The Shamrocks' wins came from Isla Harvey, who won by default due to injury, and from Addi Kooi, who got a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Westfield finished 11-6 for the regular season.

Baseball

Rocks crush Kokomo, Blackhawks get big win over Carroll

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team dominated its home game with Kokomo Monday, winning 17-1 in five innings.

The Wildkats scored first, with a run in the top of the second inning. After that it was all Shamrocks, with Westfield putting up five runs in the bottom of the second, one run in the third and 11 in the fourth.

Matt Drozlek had a sensational game, hitting two three-run doubles. Drozlek cracked his first double in the second inning, then another one in the fourth inning for a total of six RBIs.

Nick Fero and Lincoln Hoffman both scored three runs during the game.

Nathan Bodenberg pitched two and two-thirds innings for the win, striking out seven.

Westfield is 14-10 and begins a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series tonight at Avon.

Sheridan opened play at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament Monday with a 12-4 victory over Carroll.

The Blackhawks started strong with four runs in the first inning. Cole Mackintosh doubled in Caleb Alexander for the first run, then Jack Oland's left field line drive scored Braelan Bochner and Mackintosh. Keegan Stout scored the fourth run when Clinton Slopsema reached on error.

The Cougars got on the board with a third inning run, then scored three in the top of the fifth to tie the game at 4-4. Slopsema got Sheridan back on top in the fifth inning with a right field hit to score Mackintosh.

The Hawks blasted their way to victory by scoring seven runs in the sixth inning. Dayne Voegt tripled in Gavin Schwerdtfeger, then scored on a Zach Bales triple. Bochner came in to run for Bales and was soon home on a Mackintosh right field hit.

Oland drew a walk to move Mackintosh to second base. Mackintosh scored after Camden Spencer reached on error, then Stout hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Oland. Chance Spencer reached on error, then both he and Camden Spencer were sent home by Voegt's center field hit; Voegt finished with three RBIs.

Mackintosh finished 3-for-4 at the plate, while Camden Spencer hit a double. Bales pitched a complete game for the win.

Sheridan is 13-9 and plays Rossville at 4:45 p.m. this afternoon at Kokomo Municipal Stadium.

Fishers dropped a 2-1 game Monday at Columbus North.

The Bull Dogs scored their first run in the first inning. The Tigers tied the game in the top of the third when Deagan Repp singled in Jase Ruggles. But Columbus North scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning and held the lead from there.

Fishers is 19-8 and hosts Brownsburg tonight to start an HCC series.

Hamilton Heights fell to Kokomo 16-6 in five innings in a Tuesday away game.

The Huskies scored first, putting up three runs in the first inning. Nick Hulen batted in Phoenix Vondersaar, Dean Mason scored on a passed ball, then Hulen got home on another passed ball.

The Wildkats scored five runs in the second inning, then added two in the third and seven in the fourth for a 14-3 lead. Heights got three runs in the top of the fifth, with Mason scoring the first run of the inning. Hulen was brought in by Luke Davis' right field hit, then Landon Cook scored when Cohen Boyd reached on error. But Kokomo scored two in the fifth to get the run-rule win.

The Huskies are 13-12 and play a doubleheader at Frankfort on Saturday.

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Dixon tops 229 on rain-shortened opening day at Indy Motor Speedway

Submitted by IMS

Short, but still speedy. Persistent rain curtailed the opening day of practice May 14 for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as the 2.5-mile oval was open for just 23 minutes, until 9:26 a.m. Showers intensified during the afternoon, preventing any more laps.

Speeds were impressive despite the brief session. Six-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Scott Dixon led at 229.107 mph in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda. 2020 "500" pole sitter Marco Andretti was second at 228.399 in the No. 98 MAPEI/Curb Honda fielded by Andretti Herta w/Marco & Curb-Agajanian. Both Dixon and Andretti benefited from aerodynamic tows as morning traffic was brisk while teams eyed the leaden skies.

Two-time Indy 500 winner Takuma Sato was third at 225.551 in the No. 75 AMADA Honda of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing.



Photo courtesy IMS

Pato O'Ward was fourth – and the fastest Chevrolet-powered driver – at 224.993 in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet.

Christian Lundgaard ended up fifth at 223.844 in the No. 45 Hy-Vee Honda, as Rahal Letterman Lanigan was the only team with multiple cars in the top five.

Just 219 total laps were turned before the rain arrived, with 29 of the 34 entries on track and no driver exceeding 13 laps.

2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Larson managed just two laps

in the No. 17 Hendrickcars.com Arrow McLaren Chevrolet before the rain. Larson, racing for Arrow McLaren/Rick Hendrick, is attempting to become the fifth driver to complete the "double" of racing in the Indianapolis 500 and the NASCAR Cup Series' Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on the same day. Kurt Busch was the last to achieve the feat, in 2014.

"It's good to finally have the Indy 500 here," Larson said. "I've known about this (double attempt) for a couple of years now, so it's been

a lot of waiting. Just happy to get this experience underway. The weather is getting in the middle of things today, but once we get through today, it should be good."

This is the second consecutive year rain hampered the first day of practice. Last year's opening day was a washout, with no laps turned.

Practice is scheduled to resume from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday. PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying is this Saturday and Sunday, with Race Day on Sunday, May 26.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 15

BASEBALL

Sheridan vs. Rossville (Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament), 4:45 p.m. at Kokomo Municipal Stadium
 University vs. Park Tudor (Pioneer Conference placement game - resumption of Tuesday game), 5:30 p.m.
 Fishers at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.
 Noblesville at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.
 Westfield at Avon, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

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

GIRLS TENNIS

Sectional 31 at Anderson
 Hamilton Southeastern vs. Pendleton Heights, 4:30 p.m.
 Anderson vs. Fishers, 4:30 p.m.
 Sectional 35 at Carmel
 University vs. Carmel, 5:15 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic vs. Zionsville, 5:15 p.m.
 Sectional 56 at Noblesville
 Noblesville vs. Westfield, 4:30 p.m.
 Lapel vs. Hamilton Heights, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Cathedral at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
 Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
 Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Girls sectional, 6 p.m. at Fishers (hosted by Hamilton Southeastern)

UNIFIED TRACK

Hamilton Heights, Western at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

BASEBALL

Greenwood Christian Academy at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
 Avon at Westfield, 6 p.m.
 Fishers at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.
 Kokomo at Carmel, 6 p.m.
 University at Center Grove, 6 p.m.
 Zionsville at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

Sectional 31 at Anderson
 Championship, 4:30 p.m.
 Sectional 35 at Carmel
 Championship, 5:15 p.m.
 Sectional 56 at Noblesville
 Championship, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Greenfield-Central at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
 McCutcheon at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
 Ben Davis at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
 Brownsburg at Fishers, 6 p.m.
 Zionsville at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Boys sectional, 6 p.m. at Westfield

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Today at the Indy Motor Speedway

Information about 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge practice track activity Wednesday, May 15 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

SCHEDULE (All times local)

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