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TODAY'S WEATHER

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HHMS students reach new 'Heights' at Beck's Hybrids

The REPORTER

Last week, over 200 seventh-grade and 15 eighth-grade ag students from Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) enjoyed an immersive experience at Beck's Hybrids in Atlanta.

Beck's corporate headquarters, located in Atlanta about two miles from the middle school, offered students a behind-the-scenes look at the family-owned and operated company. The primary focus of this trip was for students to learn about the vast array of career possibilities that exist at Beck's Hybrids.

Students learned about the company's history, its deep roots in the community, and toured its Atlanta operations. Students were able to see some of the special farm equipment used to plant test crops and venture through the greenhouses to learn about cross pollination. In addition, students spent time in the quality assurance seed lab where testing of germination for corn, soybeans, and wheat under various conditions takes place. The lab allows for hands-on interaction

with products to understand better what farmers experience in the field.

"This was not a one-off field trip," explained Connor James, Business and Preparing for Colleges and Careers Teacher. "This is the start of a long term (three-plus years) agreement with Beck's Hybrids as part of our 'Reaching New Heights' initiative designed to provide inclusive learning experiences for ALL students. We truly believe exposure to real-world industry and careers will foster student interest and increase engagement."

"The visit proved to be a powerful learning experience for the vast majority of our students," added James. "It was truly a special day."

James continued, "On behalf of HHMS and all the students who attended this immersive experience, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Jason Beck for helping to lead this effort within the organization and who helped coordinate the visit. Special thanks to Sonny Beck and Scott Beck

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Photo provided
Three HHMS seventh graders observe a robotic arm placing bags of soybeans onto pallets through the glass floor observation area in Beck's processing plant.



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Don Hinds Ford General Manager John Colglazier (left) presents the scholarship to Allison Giganti.

HSE FFA member receives Built Ford Tough Scholarship

The REPORTER

As part of Ford Motor Company's ongoing commitment to the National FFA Foundation, 323 scholarships were awarded this year across the United States.

The Built Ford Tough Scholarship is a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. The scholarship is equally funded by Ford Motor Company and local Ford dealers. Since 1997, over \$14 million in scholarships have been awarded to National FFA members. Scholarships are awarded based on FFA activities, leadership experience, community service and academic performance.

This year, Don Hinds Ford awarded a scholarship to support Allison Giganti, an FFA student at Hamilton Southeastern High School. Congratulations!

National FFA is grateful for Ford Motor Company and Don Hinds Ford's continued investment in local FFA members' future educational plans.

Over the railroad & through the woods, with the Nickel Plate Express we go

By ANNA MITCHELL
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Today, Nickel Plate Express (NPX) introduces railbikes.

The railbikes hold up to four passengers, but solo riders can hit the rails as well. Shipped from Pennsylvania, the bikes are American made and weigh a total of 260 pounds, but passengers can peddle down the tracks with ease.

NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds, said the railbikes complement the Nickel Plate Express train program.

"We can get people outdoors and physically active and do something totally different and unique," Reynolds said. "Nobody in Indiana is currently offering one."

The bikes have both baskets for purses and cupholders for water bottles, making them user-friendly. They are equipped with multiple safety features including seatbelts, brakes, and bumpers. The seats slide back and forth to accommodate for a rider's height, and staff can even



Reporter photo by Anna Mitchell
No matter how many ways you have crossed the White River, we're certain you've never done it like this. Book your ride at NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides.

turn the seats around when the bike needs to go the opposite direction on the tracks.

NPX offers two railbike

rides: the "Forest Park Rail Adventure," which is an eight-mile ride that takes around two hours to complete, and the "White

River Family Cruise," which is a shorter ride and takes about

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Hamilton East Public Library celebrates Crossroads Discovery Center grand opening

The REPORTER

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) is delighted to announce the grand opening of its newly renovated Crossroads Discovery Center (CRDC), a second-floor space at the Noblesville Library, formerly known as the Indiana Room.

A grand opening celebration will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8,

where attendees will have the opportunity to experience new interactive exhibits on local history and beginning genealogy research, preview new equipment to digitize and preserve photos and memories, and learn about the complete print and digital collection to research family members wherever they may roam.

"The Crossroads Discovery Center reimagines genealogy and local history services at the library," HEPL's Director of Experiential Learning Katelyn Coyne said. "We're celebrating the return of our Indiana Room collection of reference and circulating materials and bringing new technology and interactive experiences to our patrons. Come discover your story!"

The CRDC is proud to offer new equipment for preserving family histories for future generations. Take advantage of available scanners which include overhead, flatbed, and book cradle. Learn to convert old media to digital formats including VHS, cassette, Super 8, 8mm, photo negatives, slides, DVD/CD, floppy disk. Utilize a recording booth to focus on creating oral histories with

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Noblesville's Oakmont residents angry at city officials about tree removal

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

People living in the Oakmont neighborhood of Noblesville are furious at the city's plans to remove 163 trees from their community.

Most of the trees are along Hardin Oak Drive where Courtney Kulp lives. She said she chose the neighborhood because of the trees.

"I remember driving down the street when we were in kind of that phase of 'Are we really gonna buy this house?' And I remember just driving down the street and loving how the street looked," Kulp said.

Mayor Chris Jensen said the trees are causing the concrete sidewalks to buckle, posing a safety hazard for residents.

"At the end of the day, our job, number one in Noblesville, is public safety, Jensen said. "Making sure the city is safe, as well as ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] compliant."

Most of the Freeman Maple trees were planted in the late 90s and early 2000s and have reached the end of their lifespan. Jensen defended the city's decision to only replant 94 of the trees.

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Jensen



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“A lot of them can’t be replanted, especially if they are in violation of our ordinance,” Jensen said. “If they are blocking a stop sign, if they are too close to a fire hydrant.”

Kulp is upset the city isn’t considering other options, such as taking the trees out in phases rather than all at once or removing the sidewalk all together and creating

a bike lane. She also doesn’t like how quickly the city is moving with this project.

“We argue that this will affect property values, because when you have two developments next to each other that are essentially the same developers, and you have one with mature trees and one with sticks, you’re going to be drawn to the one with mature trees,” Kulp said.

Jensen said the tree removal should start in July. Jensen said an arborist will make sure the new trees won’t cause problems down the line.

This story was originally published by WISHTV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/residents-angry-about-tree-removal-in-noblesville-neighborhood.

REACH

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(ABOVE) HHMS seventh graders get up close and personal with some of Beck’s specialty equipment used in the farming and seed industry. (BELOW) HHMS seventh graders touring a greenhouse at Beck’s Hybrids in Atlanta to learn more about cross pollination as part of a day-long, interactive career exploration and learning experience at the company.

for their interest and generosity in opening their doors to our students. We also appreciate the time provided by the best tour guides in all the land, Paul Compton, Scott McCorkle, Bryan Will, and Toby Ripberger. They did a tremendous job guiding our students around the grounds. We also want to thank the entire Beck’s Hybrids team for the incredible experience they provided these students.”

“Lastly,” James said, “these trips would not be possible without our teachers, support staff, and bus drivers. Thank you to ALL who made this day possible. I’m convinced it will have an impact beyond what we are able to imagine.”

Thanks for reading!



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For one week each month this year, The Hamilton County Reporter is giving young artists at local schools the chance to design the banner at the top of the first three pages in Hamilton County’s Hometown Newspaper.

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RAILBIKES

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an hour and a half. Both provide beautiful scenery throughout Hamilton County and its sights.

Reynolds said the "White River Family Cruise" is perfect for families with small children because it starts off downhill, only takes 15 to 20 minutes to ride, and includes a 45-minute break in between.

"We'll let passengers get off, enjoy downtown Noblesville, grab an ice cream cone or a beer from Syd's, or whatever it is that makes your heart happy," Reynolds said. "And then we'll pedal back 45 minutes later."

Reynolds and her staff tested the bikes last fall and received training for them

on the weekend of May 18. They have made sure that the road crossings in the "Forest Park Rail Adventure" are safely conducted, and that all other safety features on the bikes are functioning.

Tickets are available online at nickelplatexpress.com/railbike-rides. Although NPX can take walk-ins, they recommend buying tickets online to guarantee a spot on the ride at the desired time. Rides are being offered all summer long.

What is a railbike?

Like a train, a railbike is a vehicle lined up on train tracks. Like a bicycle, it has pedals. Four people can take their seats and pedal together along the tracks.



Reporter photo by Anna Mitchell

Railbikes hold up to four people, and NPX staff will make sure you can safely pedal along.



DISCOVERY

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microphones, pop filters, headphones, USB audio box, and recording software. Finalize a project with the new book binding machine, and more.

In 2023, renovations to transform this library space began, becoming yet another expansion of HEPL's resources as they continue to improve access and expand possibilities. Through this, the Indiana Room was revamped into a transformative space, which not only includes the original collection but now offers so much more. The Crossroads Discovery Center is ready for visitors and will bring storytelling and genealogy together. With new equipment made available, the CRDC is making it easier than ever to connect the people of Hamilton County to their community and their personal histories.

For more information, please visit hamiltoncastpl.org.



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Learn about the countless ways to preserve both local history and your own family history at the new Crossroads Discovery Center at HEPL.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Sycamore South Lt. Gov. Greg Ayers, Kiwanis Sunrisers President Jeff DeMasie, and renowned racing legend and guest speaker Derek Daly. (ABOVE RIGHT) Kiwanis Sunrisers 500 Members Circle Awardees and club members. (From left) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Jennifer Templeton, Greg Ayers, Jeff DeMasie, Derek Daly, Roger Brown, Tom Gang, Rick Holmes, and Connie Chesney. (Not pictured: Josh Icenogle and Dr. Michael Augustino.)

Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers welcome famed racer Derek Daly, induct first 500 Members Circle

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers were thrilled to welcome renowned Formula One and Indy Car driver

Derek Daly to their recent meeting.

Daly, a proud Noblesville resident, captivated attendees with stories from his illustri-

ous racing career and offered an insider's perspective on the challenges and excitement facing drivers in the upcoming 2024 Indy 500.

Daly's engaging talk provided a unique glimpse into the world of professional racing, highlighting the dedication, skill, and passion required to compete at the highest levels. In addition to his presentation, the meeting marked the introduction of the inaugural Kiwanis Sunrisers 500 Members Circle. This new initiative recognizes members who have demonstrated exceptional support and service to the Noblesville community. The Sunrisers 500 Members Circle aims to honor those whose financial contributions have significantly advanced the mission

of the Kiwanis Sunrisers in fostering community spirit and service.

Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers President Jeff DeMasie expressed his gratitude to Daly for his inspiring address and congratulated the inaugural members of the Sunrisers 500 Members Circle for their unwavering dedication.

"Our community thrives because of the passionate involvement of our members," DeMasie said. "Recognizing their efforts through the Sunrisers 500 Members Circle is just one way we can show our appreciation and encourage continued en-

gagement and service."

The Inaugural Sunrisers 500 Members Circle recognized the following awardees:

- Roger Brown
- Jennifer Templeton
- Jeff DeMasie
- Greg Ayers
- Tom Gang
- Rick Holmes
- Connie Chesney
- Josh Icenogle
- Dr. Michael Agostino

The Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers continue to be a cornerstone of community service and engagement in Noblesville, fostering initiatives that benefit residents and beyond.

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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 129

As the 2023-24 school year draws to a close, I want to share my heartfelt appreciation to students, staff, and our families for another year filled with achievements and growth. I want to congratulate

all our families and students on your extraordinary accomplishments. The district's success wouldn't be possible with your ongoing partnership, involvement, and support.

Each week, I make it a priority to visit classrooms across our campus, attend as many extracurricular activities as is humanly possible, and meet individually with our teachers and staff. I saw students at all grade levels engaged with and excited about their learning; teachers who brought innovative ideas and activities to life; and staff members who met their responsibilities with great passion, enthusiasm, and pride.

I am thankful for the ability to work in collaboration with our educators, staff, parents, and community to build a school district that provides a rich tapestry of learning options and enriching experiences for students.

What stands out about our educators and staff across every level is their unique ability to think outside the box and create innovative programs, lessons, and opportunities that inspire, engage, and motivate students. An example that comes to mind is the work of Connor James, Business and Preparing for Colleges and Careers Teacher, and Lucia Garber, Business Computer Science Teacher at HHMS. They are a dynamic duo who are the backbone of two impactful programs: Husky Business Leaders Program and the Reaching New Heights Initiative.

The Husky Business Leaders Program was designed to provide inclusive learning experiences for all students by exposing them to real-world industry and careers that involve our business partners from around the county.

The Reaching New Heights Initiative offers engaging and immersive exposure to real-world industry and careers to help foster student interest and increase engagement to help narrow their focus on career pathways prior to entering high school.

Speaking of our partners, Invest Hamilton County is asking for our help as it works to develop a Childcare Action and Investment Plan. Kindly take a few minutes to take the short parent survey about the challenges and possible solutions to childcare and pre-K access that you may have experienced here. Thank you for making your voice heard and being a part of this important conversation. The deadline to respond is June 14.

Graduating from high



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

school is a once in a lifetime achievement. It marks both the end of a student's secondary journey and the beginning of their next chapter. Some of our graduates will attend post-secondary institutions, while others have obtained the necessary certifications to go directly into the workforce or began a career in the military. Regardless of the pathway chosen, I believe they are poised for success thanks in part to their journey at Hamilton Heights.

We are looking forward to celebrating commencement for the Class of 2024, Hamilton Heights High School's 59th graduating class, on Saturday, June 1 beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The event will also be live streamed and can be viewed here.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and involvement in helping these graduates as they prepare for the next step of their journey. Wherever they go and whatever they do, they will make us proud!

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Unique ways to bring joy to your workplace

We've done quite a bit of talking about food, which is probably making you just as hungry as it is me. Sometimes people's diets are so challenging that food isn't even an option. Or maybe you want to add some more fun to those yummy celebrations.

Can you sing? This is probably one of the more "out there" ideas in this series, but sometimes I'll make up a song for someone. Most of the time it's to the tune of a popular song.

For example, I went all "Weird Al" on my coworker Jayme and turned the popular Aerosmith song "Janie's Got a Gun" into "Jayme's Got a Bun." She often styled her long blonde hair into a striking, professional looking bun. Jayme loved it!

You can sing to someone individually, or if you're brave and/or crazy like me, you can sing to them when everyone is gathered. I'm talking about going beyond the typical "Happy Birthday to You" song. People. This is where you can be bold!

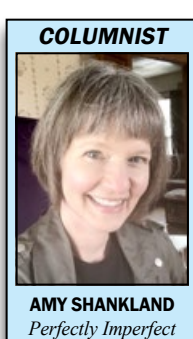
Just make certain the person won't be embarrassed by all the attention. And don't worry if your singing isn't perfect. Come on, look at the popularity of all those karaoke places!

I also like to sing a special song to someone on their voicemail. This is particularly great when they are away on a business trip and not around for their actual birthday. Or when I'm not in the office for some reason. Or when I just want to sing to someone and not have everyone in the world hear it.

The advantage to a voicemail song is they can keep it if they like and play it back when they need to be cheered up in the future.

Remember my silly email poems? You could also recite a fun poem to someone during a gathering over food, one on one, or on voicemail. The weirder the better. And don't fret about perfection here. My sixth-grade English teacher isn't going to come around and slap you for rhymes that don't quite work or the incorrect iambic pentameter.

You don't even have to make up a poem. Just hop online. The Poetry Foundation has over 40,000 poems you can choose from. PoemHunter.com has poetry from all over the world.



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

And NetPoets.com enables you to search for poems by keyword. Their poetry map helps you find different types of poems, and the Poetry Buffet category has humorous, holiday, and special occasion poems.

Maybe singing and poetry are well beyond your comfort zone. How about decorating someone's workspace for a special occasion? This can take as little as five minutes or as long as 45. For this category, I rely once again on the dollar store. You can get streamers, balloons, and other fun doodads at a reasonable cost. I like to stock up once a year, so I always have decorations on hand.

This is another area where you must proceed with caution. Most people will love coming in to work to see their special day recognized with decorations. If you know the person well and are certain they'll love all kinds of crazy decorations, go for it. If not, it's best to be on the safe side and go with some simple balloons and streamers.

No matter what, make certain your decorations don't hamper their work efforts. You don't want the birthday person spending a half hour undoing your efforts just so they could get to their desk when they're approaching a big deadline.

Sometimes you don't have to spend a dime to perfectly decorate someone's office, cubicle, or locker. I put small rocks from rock wall from home on a different boss's desk. Ginger was a self-proclaimed "rock hound" – an amateur geologist.

When I realized I would be out of the office on Boss's Day due to a vacation, I stayed a few minutes late one Friday. Since Boss's Day was the following Monday, I placed various rocks around her desk along with a table tent sign that simply said, "You ROCK as our boss!" I smiled when I got her voicemail of appreciation on my cell phone while strolling through Epcot with my family that Monday!

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Indiana sees decrease in overdose deaths thanks in large part to work of organizations like Overdose Lifeline

Submitted

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently published a report estimating that **fewer Americans died of drug overdoses** nationwide in 2023 compared to previous years.

According to the report, Indiana experienced a nearly 18 percent decrease in overdose deaths in 2023. Indiana is among four states that reported the largest year-over-year declines of 15 percent or more in overdose deaths in 2023.

Overdose Lifeline is a national nonprofit dedicated to helping individuals, families and communities affected by the disease of addiction/substance use disorder

through advocacy, education, and support, has played a crucial role in this progress. Founded by Justin Phillips after the overdose death of her youngest son, Aaron, Overdose Lifeline remains on the frontlines of the opioid epidemic.

Through initiatives like the statewide **NaloxBox project**, Overdose Lifeline has played a pivotal role in reducing overdose deaths in Indiana. By facilitating the distribution of approximately 24,000 doses of the opioid-reversal agent naloxone each month, the or-



ODLifeline

ganization has made life-saving medication readily accessible across the state. This success is driven by a comprehensive approach that includes strategic partnerships with distribution partners, easy access to **naloxone requests through its website** and widespread availability of NaloxBoxes.

The organization also provides a variety of services such as:

- **Fentanyl testing strips**
- **Xylazine testing strips**
- **CHARIOT program**

to share notifications and text message alerts relating

to bad batches, drug seizures and overdose spikes

• **Harm reduction strategies**

These efforts, supported by a holistic approach involving broad distribution networks and accessible request channels, have collectively contributed to a significant decrease in overdose deaths. Overdose Lifeline's commitment to these initiatives demonstrates a multifaceted strategy to combat the opioid crisis and save lives.

Overdose Lifeline is committed to continuing its mission of providing critical resources and support to those affected by substance use disorder. Learn more at overdoselifeline.org.

Bethel Lutheran Church preparing for annual rummage sale

The REPORTER

Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, will once again hold its annual Rummage Sale. The sale will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, June 14; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 15.

The sale encompasses 14 rooms in the church and will be filled with good quality items at very reasonable prices. There will also be items outdoors as well as a food court.

For more information, go to BethelLutheranChurch.com or call (317) 773-4315.

Dr. Mark Roark receives Meritorious Service Award

Submitted

Mark Roark, O.D., has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award, which is given to a member of the Indiana Optometric Association (IOA) in recognition for service to the profession of optometry in a specific category or categories.

The award was presented at Indiana Optometry's Meeting, the Association's 127th annual convention, on April 19 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

Recently retired, Dr. Roark practiced optometry at Allisonville Eye Care Center in Fishers. He was honored for his contributions to the profession, notably school screenings and international mission work, as well as his role for the past 10 years as the optometry representative for the Medicare Contractor Advisory Committee for the state of Indiana.

Dr. Roark has provided mobile eye care services in Bolivia, Honduras, Jamaica, Haiti, and Dominica, and has offered eye care to assisted living residents in Indianapolis for over two decades.

Founded in 1897, the Indiana Optometric Association is the voice of Doctors of Optometry in service to the eye and vision care needs of the citizens of Indiana.



Dr. Roark

Celebrate two five-year business birthdays at next Party on the Patio

The REPORTER

You're invited to an evening of celebration to continue the 2024 Party on the Patio series.

Presented by **Collective Beauty Salon and Med Spa** and hosted by the **Downtown Westfield Association (DWA)**, this event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at Collective Beauty on Main Street and will support **Women of Westfield**.

Collective Beauty and Women of Westfield are

both celebrating five years in business, so the Party on the Patio is meant for them. Come shop around while enjoying good company and great food while supporting an awesome cause.

Collective Beauty's mission is to provide a welcoming, relaxing, and inclusive atmosphere offering the highest industry



standards and expertise for all your beauty needs. Their staff is dedicated to curating experiences that transcend expectations.

Their vast menu includes rejuvenating skin-care, relaxing or therapeutic massage, stylish hair services, precise cosmetic injectables, refining laser treatments, and affordable luxury shopping within

their boutique. Additionally, weight management services are now offered by a Certified Nurse Practitioner. The multi-faceted beauty and retail offerings at Collective Beauty unveil an epitome of pampering and rejuvenation. Collective Beauty proudly supports the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, boasts an A+ rating at the Better Business Bureau, and supports many local philanthropies.

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Co-chairs lead planning for Center's 2024 gala

Annual Center Celebration, with headline performance by Chris Botti, will generate support for arts & educational programming

The REPORTER

A committee of local volunteers is making plans for the Center Celebration 2024 presented by Ice Miller, the annual gala fundraiser for the Center for the Performing Arts.

Scheduled Sept. 21 at the Palladium in Carmel, the event will include cocktails, dinner, a live auction, a performance by trumpeter-composer Chris Botti, and two after-parties. All proceeds support the Center's arts programming and its growing catalog of education and enrichment opportunities for people of all ages.

Leading the Gala Steering Committee this year are Carmel residents Adam Arceneaux, now serving his second year as co-chair, and Caroline and Michael Garvey, serving the first of their two years as co-chairs.

"We have a very enthusiastic group of volunteers who are spreading the word about this event," said Arceneaux, who serves on the boards of the Center and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. He is managing partner for the Indianapolis office of national law firm Ice Miller, now in its second year as presenting partner for the Center Celebration. "The gala is not only an important fundraiser but also an annual opportunity to remind the community that, alongside the big-name concerts and local Resident Company performances, there's so much more going on at the Center."

Programs supported by the gala proceeds include the Peanut Butter & Jam performance series for families with young children; the Prism Project at the Center, a performing arts summer camp for youth with disabilities; free matinee performances and science presentations for school groups; a donor-funded Transportation Grant Program that reimburses transportation costs for school groups attending Center events; and arts class-



Photo provided

(ABOVE) Chairing the Gala Committee for the Center for the Performing Arts' annual Center Celebration are Carmel residents (from left) Adam Arceneaux and Caroline and Michael Garvey. (BELOW) Trumpeter-composer Chris Botti will give a live performance at this year's gala.

es for adults, including vocal music, songwriting, two levels of stand-up comedy instruction and three levels of ukulele instruction.

The Garveys, who have supported the gala for the past two years as after-party and table partners, were eager to get more involved this year. Michael, Chief Investment Officer and Partner at Lauth Property Group, and Caroline, an Emmy Award-winning journalist familiar to local TV viewers as evening news anchor Caroline Thau, will serve again next year as senior co-chairs for the Center Celebration.

"We have always enjoyed the performances at the Center and the pure beauty of the Palladium, but the more we learned about the organization behind the scenes, the more we wanted to support its broader mission," Michael said. "On top of that, the Center Celebration is a marquee 'must attend' event for the central Indiana community."

Last year's Center Celebration 2023 presented by Ice Miller, which featured singer-songwriter Amy Grant as the headliner and drew guests including Gov. Eric



Holcomb and First Lady Janet Holcomb, generated more than \$585,000 to support the Center's mission "to inspire and engage the Indiana community with enriching arts experiences."

The gala revenue is generated through table reservations, corporate partnerships, direct donations, and a live auction for packages that include luxury getaways and VIP professional sports experiences, donated by Center supporters.

"We receive generous support year-round from our patrons, donors and partners, but it's especially gratifying to bring them all together once a year to celebrate and advance our mission," Center President/CEO Jeffrey

C. McDermott said. "The Center is truly an institution sustained by and for the community."

Hosted by five-time Grammy nominee Michael Feinstein, the Center Celebration 2024 presented by Ice Miller kicks off at 5 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Palladium with the First Merchants Bank Red Carpet Arrival and Cocktail Reception, followed by an elegant dinner served in partnership with Aaron Wealth Advisors, a live auction, the Botti performance and two distinct after-parties with live music from local band Soul Street and pianist Eric Baker. Information and table reservations are available now at TheCenterPresents.org/Gala.

Noblesville Lions support Indiana Honor Flight



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club / Jake Doll
On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Trina Winegardner as speaker. She represents Indiana Honor Flight (IHf) which flies veterans to our nation's capital to see the many memorials. To be chosen for this trip, a veteran must apply to the IHf organization. The current waiting list is around 1,000 vets in Indiana. Once a vet has made the trip, he or she is invited to many follow-up events the IHf has sponsored. (ABOVE) Lion VP Jeff Kozicki thanks Trina Winegardner.

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High schoolers helping pebbles



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Students from Westfield High School's Mentoring and Leadership, Helping Hands, and Service Leadership classes recently volunteered at Monon Trail Elementary School's Kindy 500. The high schoolers did an incredible job, being leaders for young Rocks (a.k. Pebbles), and cheering on each student.

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Overnight fire damages Noblesville KFC; no injuries

By **DAJA STOWE**
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A fast-food restaurant in Noblesville suffered damages after catching fire early Thursday morning.

The Noblesville Fire

Department said in a social media post at 4:21 a.m. that crews responded to a report of a business fire at the KFC located at 400 Sheridan Road on the city's west side.

Firefighters say the building was unoccupied

when the call was made reporting heavy smoke coming from the restaurant.

There were no injuries.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. There is no word on how badly damaged the restaur-

ant is or if and when it will reopen.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/fire-damages-kfc-in-noblesville-no-injuries.

THE ROBOCALL RECKONER

Attorney General Todd Rokita continues relentless takedown of illegal scam callers

Robocallers, your time is up & the bill is overdue

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team continue to rack up tens of millions of dollars in penalties from illegal robocallers, amassing court wins and settlements that stretch far beyond Indiana state lines.

Just last week, Rokita's office led 49 bipartisan attorneys general from the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force against Avid Telecom, a company which sent 24 billion problematic calls during a four-year period. Avid Telecom even continued transmitting robocalls despite hundreds of warnings that illegal phone calls were being transmitted across their networks – a blatant disregard for telecom privacy that is common throughout the illegal industry.

After successful arguments from Rokita's office, the Arizona District Court ruled against Avid Telecom's motion to dismiss, setting up Indiana's Data Privacy & ID Theft team to hold the company, owner Michael D.

Lansky, and vice president Stacey S. Reeves, accountable in the courtroom.

But beating robocallers in court – or sometimes even locating them – is the result of innovation and dedication within the Indiana Attorney General's office.

In the years leading up to Rokita's tenure as attorney general, Consumer Reports and trade magazines described the billions of robocalls hitting Indiana as "an epidemic ... no phone is safe."

Rokita's anti-robocaller attorneys pursued defendants who were responsible for hitting Hoosiers with more than 25 million scam calls in less than one year, taking advantage of everything from auto insurance claims to DirecTV payments. Defendants, like John Caldwell Spiller II, the owner of Texas-based Rising Eagle Capital Group LLC and JSquared Telecom LLC, spoofed phone numbers and bypassed both federal and Indiana "Do Not Call" lists to target their victims.

Rokita and his office's Data Privacy and Identity Theft team declared war on robocallers in 2021, filing a **first-of-its-kind** lawsuit against Startel Communication LLC, a now-banned gateway operation that allowed robocallers from India, the Philippines and Singapore to freely harass Hoosier phone lines. That same year, Rokita dismantled the massive Associated Community Services (ACS) telefunding operation, which swindled \$110 million from 67 million consumers nationwide who thought they were donating to charities.

Today, robocall tracking sites like Robokiller have removed Indiana entirely from their "top scammer target states," revealing a **reduction** of tens of millions of scam calls since 2020.

"Everyone knows robocallers are a huge nuisance, but they pose dangers much worse than merely disturbing our peace," AG Rokita said. "Quite often, these robocalls are part of



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criminal schemes aimed at stealing Hoosiers' identity and taking our hard-earned money. These annoying and illegal calls are the work of professional scammers looking to prey on unsuspecting victims. That's why we have fought robocallers so doggedly since my first day in office, issuing around \$392 million in fines and settlements from robocalling operations.

In August of 2022, AG Rokita announced that his team was co-leading (with North Carolina and Ohio) the Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force, a 51-member collective focused on actively investigating and pursuing enforcement actions against various entities in the robocall ecosystem. Rokita has earned national praise from telecom outlets over the years for the innovative ways in which his team has investigated and prosecuted wrongdoers – and their ability to work in lockstep with attorneys general offices across the country.

Some of these robocallers are amorphous and slippery figures that claim to have all the answers for unsuspecting U.S. victims of all ages, regarding Medicare rewards, Social Security Administration information, auto warranty "updates," or even posing as Amazon delivery personnel.

Many robocalling operations move frequently from state-to-state or even nation-to-nation, dissolving and then reappearing under new names. That makes pursuing individual robocallers a daunting, uphill task.

In response to their changing tactics, Rokita's anti-robocall attorneys led the innovative approach of going after the telecom gatekeepers: Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol (VoIP) providers. The move allowed Indiana to curb millions of calls and block out foreign scammers who abuse the American phone system. In another novel approach, Rokita's anti-robocall attorneys also targeted another key ally of robocallers – peo-

ple like Michael T. Smith and Scott Shapiro – operators of the physical call centers that profit from these robocalls.

Win rundown bullet points

• *State of Indiana, et al. v. John Spiller II, et al.*

– John Spiller: \$122,339,320, suspended to \$50,000. Injunctive terms to curb robocalling and telemarketing.

– Jakob Mears: \$122,339,320, suspended to \$10,000. Injunctive terms to curb robocalling and telemarketing.

– Scott Shapiro: \$73,076,930, suspended to \$250,000. Injunctive terms to curb robocalling and telemarketing.

– Michael T. Smith and Health Advisors of America: \$73,076,930, suspended to \$250,000. Injunctive terms to curb robocalling and telemarketing.

• *State of Indiana v. Startel Communication LLC, et al.*

– Startel and Wanda Hall: \$1,338,100, suspended to \$5,000, and total ban from industry.

– Piratel: \$150,000, suspended to \$50,000 and injunctive terms.

– VoIP Essential: \$150,000, suspended to \$25,000 and injunctive terms.

• *State of Indiana v. Eric Simkin, et al.*: \$2,500 settlement and injunctive terms.

• *State of Indiana v. Greg Sheppard, et al.*: \$30,000 settlement and injunctive terms.

• Other actions:
 – *State of Indiana, v. One Eye LLC*: Successful Civil Investigative Demand enforcement, with penalties.

– *State of Indiana v. MV Realty LLC, et al.*: Lawsuit

This past January, Rokita's office successfully led 45 attorneys general in a comment to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), ensuring that a new FCC rule would not impact the states' litigation into VoIP providers. Litigation against those that help and assist robocallers is important, as Rokita's office has shown. Rokita's office was able to secure an industry-wide ban against Startel

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Fierce Little Productions earns Telly Award for video about Carmel Christkindlmarkt

The REPORTER

Fierce Little Bird Productions announced on Tuesday that its “Tradition Meets Hoosier Heart: The Carmel Christkindlmarkt” has been named Best “Branded Content” in Events & Experiences in the record-breaking 45th annual Telly Awards.

[Click here](#) to watch the video.

The Telly Awards honors excellence in video and television across all screens and is judged by leaders from video platforms, television, streaming networks, production companies. This year’s winners include Adobe, Calvin Klein, ESPN, LinkedIn, Mother Jones, MTV Entertainment Studios, NASA, the LA Clippers (NBA), PlayStation Studios, Sawhorse Productions, TelevisaUnivision, and more.

“The caliber of the work this season truly has reflected the theme of going beyond the frame,” Telly Awards Managing Director Amanda Needham said. “Our industry is experimenting with new technologies like never before, crafting truly compelling stories to draw attention to some of the world’s most pressing issues. The Telly Awards is uniquely positioned to meet the industry where it’s actually making work, be that on television or TikTok.”

“It’s an honor to receive any recognition at all from such a prestigious and competitive institution like the Telly Awards, but to be awarded a Gold for one of our projects is a true blessing,” Fierce Little Bird Productions Lead Producer Adam K. Allen said. “This project was all about highlighting not just a holiday gem in Indiana, but the people behind it and the love and dedication they have to presenting something as culturally significant to Indiana as the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. They’re the real reason the Market is such a success and is so important to visitors all around the Midwest, and it’s why we wanted to make sure their story and mission were known.”

Fierce Little Bird Productions also received a Silver award in Branded Content – Documentary: Short Form (Under 40 minutes) for its “Craniosynostosis

Skull Reshaping: Dariush’s Story.” The short form documentary follows Dariush Zeman who, after years of searching for a way fix his head shape, finds a chance at a new life through Dr. Barry Eppley, the world’s foremost authority on custom skull reshaping.

When asked about this award, Allen said, “We’re very happy that Dariush’s story was recognized. His story is such a moving one, and documenting Dr. Eppley’s work is always fascinating.”

Committed to pushing the boundaries of creativity forward, this year’s new categories included topics within Generative AI, Brand Collaboration, Use of Data Visualization, Thought Leadership and Accessibility. These categories centered on cutting-edge technologies and storytelling formats that are actively evolving within the video and television industry. This was a record-breaking year with nearly 13,000 entries from across the globe and top video and television content producers.

Winners were chosen by The Telly Awards Judging Council which includes Nathalie Van Sasse Van Ysselt, VP of Design and Creative Services, MSG Sphere Studios; Barry Christie, Global Creative Lead, Meta Creative Shop; Farihah Zaman, Director, member of Brown Girl Doc Mafia; Aiden Darné, VP, Global Studio Lead Shutterstock; and Malinda Wink, Executive Director Minderoo Pictures.

The full list of the 45th Annual Telly Awards winners can be found at tellyawards.com/winners.

About Fierce Little Bird Productions

Fierce Little Bird Productions LLC is an award-winning video production company located in the central Indianapolis area. Offering everything from select to comprehensive production services to clients all around the world, Fierce Little Bird brings experience in corporate, commercial, narrative, and non-scripted video production. Fierce Little Bird strives to make sure clients’ stories are told in new and memorable ways that result in Quality Creative Content. Learn more at fbproductions.com.

Monon Mixers returning to The Waterpark in Carmel

Tickets for adults-only, after-hours events now on sale

The REPORTER

The fun doesn’t stop at closing time. Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold adults-only, after-hours **Monon Mixers** at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Drive West.

Monon Mixers will be held throughout the summer on June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, and Aug. 2. These events are for adults over the age of 21 and will take place from 8 to 10 p.m.

Participants can look forward to even more fun with themed events, including Glow Party (June 7), Christmas in July (July 5), and Swiftie Night (Aug. 2). Dressing for each night’s theme is encouraged, but

not required.

Each event costs \$25 per person and includes access to all The Waterpark’s amenities, including The Wall, plunge slides, and FlowRider surf simulator, as well as planned activities throughout the night like Aqua Zumba and log rolling.

New this year, Monon Mixer participants can reserve cabanas for the event for an additional \$45. Registered participants will receive an email one week prior to the event with details and rental information. Cabana rentals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from a variety of local vendors, in addition to concessions (limited menu). The Waterpark staff reminds guests to please drink responsibly. Guests are welcome to bring food and beverages, glass and alcohol are prohibited.



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In case of inclement weather, guests will be automatically enrolled in the next Monon Mixer available. If there is inclement weather on the day of the final Monon Mixer (Aug. 2), a refund will be issued. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Emagine Theatre to offer \$3 Summer Kids Movie Series

Stamps to be collected for children who see participating movies

The REPORTER

Emagine Entertainment is ready for summer and will introduce this weekend a Summer Kids Star Card Rewards Program.

The campaign goes into effect on Friday, May 24 and will last until Thursday, Aug. 15. Throughout the campaign, guests aged 12 and under will be able to visit any Emagine location and collect stamps on their Star Card and earn rewards when they see participating family-friendly films.

As part of the Summer Kids Star Card Rewards Program, Emagine will once offer discounted films during the Summer Kids Movie Series, with tickets priced at only \$3 per person. Magic Pack concession packages will also be available for \$5 for guests who purchase tickets to any of the Summer Kids Movie Series films.

The more movies you see, the more prizes you can earn. Each Star Card will contain a list of nine participating family-friendly films, which include new releases and Summer Kids Movie Series films. Guests 12 and under will be able to collect a stamp any time they see one of the participating films. For every three stamps collected, guests will earn a reward. Guests can only earn one stamp per film. Multiple visits per film will not count towards their upcoming

reward.

- Earn 3 Stamps = 1 Cotton Candy
- Earn 6 Stamps = 1 Magic Pack
- Earn 9 Stamps = 2 Movie Tickets + 2 Magic Packs
- Wide Releases Films (regular ticket prices)**
 - **The Garfield Movie** – in theatres May 24
 - **Inside Out 2** – in theatres June 14
 - **Despicable Me 4** – in theatres July 3

- **Harold and the Purple Crayon** – in theatres Aug. 2
- Summer Kids Series Films (\$3 tickets)**
 - **Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse** – playing June 14 to 27
 - **Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse** – playing June 28 to July 18
 - **Peter Rabbit** – playing July 19 to Aug. 1
 - **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** – playing Aug. 2 to 15

- **The Smurfs** – playing Aug. 16 to 22

Start your summer now and enjoy earning rewards while you sit and enjoy some great films on the big screen with your family. Emagine Theatre Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in the Hamilton Town Center. Purchase tickets online at Emagine-Entertainment.com, in the Emagine App, or visit your local Box Office.

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Communication, and other injunctive terms against providers like VoIP Essential and Piratel, and callers like Eric Simkin and Greg Sheppard.

Through bans and injunctive action, Rokita’s team has protected Hoosiers while winning millions in suspended settlements that ensure compliance and justice moving forward.

“Winning the war on rob-

ocallers requires constantly staying on offense and tracking the latest technologies the scammers are using to carry out their schemes,” AG Rokita said in March 2023, following a string of large settlements and trial victories against multistate robocall operations. “We have pledged to do that since we first took office, and we continue to make good on that promise.”

“If you aid and abet law-breakers in their commission of criminal acts, then you had best expect to be held accountable for your own role in those misdeeds,” AG Rokita said this week, four years into his anti-scams crusade. “We have sent that message loud and clear to the culprits paving the way for illegal robocallers, and we’re going to keep going after them tooth and nail.”

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Local WNBA legend launches cafe bottled tea onto Meijer's shelves

The REPORTER

Former Indiana Fever player and WNBA legend Tamika Catchings, owner of Tea's Me Cafe, has partnered with Meijer to provide delicious, bottled teas to Hoosiers in Hamilton County.

Meijer is now the largest retailer to carry Tea's Me's "Starting Five" bottled teas.

Catchings became the owner of Tea's Me in early 2017, growing its footprint to three successful brick-and-mortar locations in Indianapolis and launching bottled teas to retailers. In 2023, she jumped at the chance to take Tea's Me into retail when a Meijer representative stopped by the bustling cafe.

Offered at the Zionsville, Westfield, Noblesville, Carmel, and Indianapolis (96th Street) Meijer loca-



Photo provided

tions, Tea's Me bottled teas are sure to be the next legend tied to Tamika Catchings' name. Available fla-

vors include Pomegranate Blueberry and Keywine (herbal teas), Summer Blush and Tropical Cyclone (green

teas), and Kenya (black tea). Learn more about the Tea's Me Cafe at teasmeindy.com.

Indiana Hospital Association names Blake Dye interim president

The REPORTER

The Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) recently announced that Blake Dye has been selected by the IHA Board of Directors to serve as interim president of the association effective Monday, May 20.

"Blake is a visionary leader whose passion for health care aligns seamlessly with IHA's mission," said Steve Holman, chair of the IHA Board of Directors and president and CEO of Union Health. "As we begin the search for our next leader, I have every confidence that Blake will guide the association with a steady hand and amplify our efforts to advance Indiana's health care system."

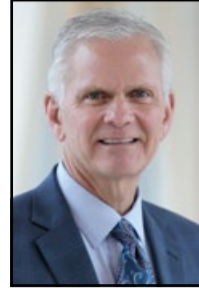
In addition to serving as chair of the IHA Board of Directors in 2010, Dye brings decades of experience in hospital administration across a broad range of health care facilities. He began his career at Henry Community Health, where he served 31 years in various roles, including more than a decade as president and CEO. He later served as president of St. Vincent Heart Center and as senior vice president at IU Health where he retired in 2022.

"It is a privilege to be given this opportunity to lead the incredible team at IHA," said Dye. "This is a critical time in health care, and I look forward to driving the priorities of the association forward to ensure continued progress for the patients and communities we serve."

Dye earned his Bachelor of Science in Public Health Administration and his Master of Health Administration from Indiana University. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, a former member of the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board, and previously served on the Executive Committee of the Suburban Health Organization Board

of Directors. In 2016, he was appointed by then-Governor Pence to the Executive Board of the Indiana State

Department of Health, where he was reappointed by Governor Holcomb and served a six-year term. In 2004, he was honored by the American College of Healthcare Executives with the prestigious



Dye

Regent Senior Executive Award.

Dye succeeds Brian Tabor, who recently informed the Board of his intention to step down from his role as president after 16 years of leadership.

"I simply cannot say enough good things about Blake as a person and a leader and it is an honor to be followed by him," Tabor said. "Today marks the start of an exciting new chapter for the association and I am looking forward to supporting Blake in any way I can over the coming weeks."

The IHA Board of Directors has engaged a national search firm to recruit the next president of the trade association which represents over 170 Indiana hospitals.

About Indiana Hospital Association

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana's General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety, and Hoosiers' health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit IHAconnect.org.

I-465 SB to close between I-70, I-65 on east, southeast sides for a month

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Southbound Interstate 465 on the southeast and east sides of Indianapolis will be shut down at the end of the May for concrete pavement and bridge deck patching work.

Indiana Department of Transportation plans to close I-465 southbound between I-70 and I-65 for the road work.

Construction is expected to take about a month

with the road re-opening by the end of June.


The detour route is I-70 westbound to I-65 southbound.

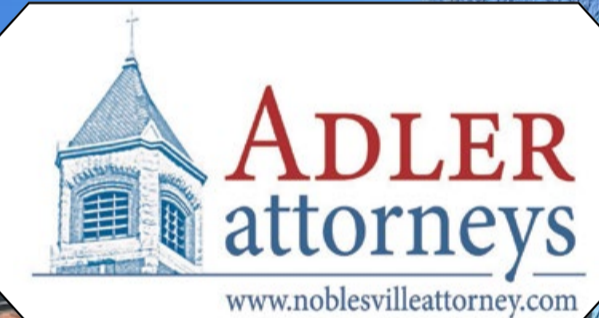
A news release from INDOT said, "This is the second of six parts for I-465 restoration work between I-65 and U.S. 31 on the east side of Indianapolis. This work is expected to be complete in spring 2025."

These ramps will also be closed starting at the dates and times listed:

- Pendleton Pike eastbound and westbound to I-465 southbound, 9 p.m. May 30.
- I-70 eastbound and westbound to I-465 southbound: 7 p.m. May 31.
- Washington Street/U.S. 40 eastbound and westbound to I-465 southbound: 9 a.m. May 31.
- Brookville Road/U.S. 52 eastbound and westbound to I-465 southbound: 9 a.m. May 31.
- Shadeland Avenue southbound to I-465 southbound: 9 a.m. June 1.
- Southeastern Avenue/Old U.S. 421 to I-465 southbound: 9 a.m. June 1.
- I-74 westbound to I-465 southbound: 9 a.m. June 1.
- Emerson Avenue northbound and southbound to I-465 westbound, 9 a.m. June 1.

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. A work session will follow at 1 p.m. in the same location.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a joint Personnel and Benefits Committee/Board of Trustees meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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Gloria G. Bayer

January 9, 1936 – May 21, 2024



Gloria G. Bayer, 88, Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. She was born on January 9, 1936, to "Red" Starling and Montene (Miller) Gower in Judsonia, Ark.

Gloria was an accountant for the U.S. Customs Department. She enjoyed playing piano, knitting/crocheting, and making cards. Most of all, Gloria loved spending time with her grandson.

She is survived by her daughters, Felecia Bayer and Candace Korklewski; and grandson, Jayden Korklewski.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Bayer; and brother, JW Gower.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with an Eastern Star Service following at 3 p.m. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Association of Indiana, P.O. Box 56023, Indianapolis, IN 46256 (webin.alsa.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Donald L. McKinsey

September 10, 1933 – May 18, 2024

Donald L. McKinsey, 90, Wilkinson, Ind., passed away on May 18, 2024, at Hancock Regional. He enjoyed a rewarding life, secured by his devoted family's love and gratitude. He was born in Hamilton County on September 10, 1933, to the late Cheever G. McKinsey and Ruth (Reed) Gascho.

Don was raised on his family's farm near Cicero. His parents divorced when he was just three years old. In spite of this and other adversities as a child, Don graduated early from high school and grew remarkably as a young adult through self-discipline. He discovered how fruitful life could be if he worked in earnest.

Don moved to Anderson as an adult, at first sharing tenancy with best friend, Raymond Coy. Ultimately Raymond (with wife Lena) introduced Don to his future bride, Miss Bonnie Kerry, formerly of Butler County, Pa. Don and Bonnie married in 1957, sharing 62 years mainly in the Wilkinson area until 2019, when Bonnie passed away.

Donald worked at Guide Lamp in Anderson for over 42 years, retiring in 1996. Thereafter he became very active in OEM auto parts specializing in rare spark plugs of every variety. This pastime bestowed on him a top-ranked reputation across the U.S. for two decades by collectors.

Donald is survived by son, Barry (Kristina) McKinsey of Greenfield; two daughters, Tawnya Ashley (Carlo Moore) and Denise (Daniel) Stone, both of Anderson; four grandchildren, Sharla (Jordan) Matthews, Benjamin (Joanna) Ashley, Kenda (Nitin) Bhatia, and Jeremiah "Jace" Ashley; five great-grandchildren; sister, Linda Jones of Indianapolis; sister-in-law, Brenda Gascho of Noblesville; nephew, Scott (Keri) Gascho; niece, Melody (Jonathan) Harvey; and his beloved dog, Dutchess.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bonnie; son, Cory Ross McKinsey; brother, Herbert Gascho, Jr.; and nephew, John M. Gibbs.

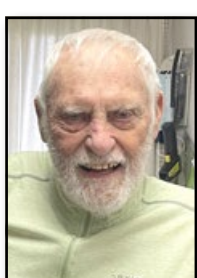
Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Condo & St. Pierre Funeral Home, 130 S. Main St., Wilkinson, Ind. Services will begin at noon on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the funeral home with burial thereafter at McCray Cemetery. Pastor Gary Cable will officiate.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Hancock County Humane Society.

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Ronald B. Shankland Sr.

January 19, 1936 – April 28, 2024



Ronald Shankland Sr., Manteno, Ill., gently passed away on Sunday, 28 April 2024, at his son's home in the presence of loved ones.

Ron Sr. was a loving father, father-in-law, grandfather (Bopah), great-grandfather, and dear friend to so many in his community.

Born in Newton, Iowa, on January 19, 1936, during a terrible blizzard, Ron was one of four children born to Vern and Gyneth (Wisely) Shankland. His parents and sisters, Jacquelyn Williams and Jo Dee Caliendo, preceded him in death. Sadly, Ron was also preceded in death by his middle son, Ralph Shankland.

Surviving are his sons, Ron Jr. (Michelle) Shankland of Bellevue, Neb., and John (Amy) Shankland of Noblesville, Ind. He leaves six granddaughters, Tyffini (Chad) Dalton of Lincoln, Neb.; Ashley (Josh) George and Amanda Shankland Harper of Parson, Kan.; Jessica (Chris) Mioton of Nashville, Tenn.; Joyce (Daniel) Golden of Fort Scott, Kan.; and Maggie Shankland of Kankakee, Ill. He leaves two grandsons, Jonathon Shankland and Jacob Shankland, both of Noblesville, Ind.

Ron has 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his younger brother, John Shankland, of Paw Paw, Ill.

Ron graduated from Batavia High School, Class of 1953, in Batavia, Ill. He was especially proud of his time of honorable services in the United States Marine Corps from February 18, 1954, until February 17, 1957. He was a Field Artillery Fire Control Marine in the 3rd Armored Amphibian Company, 3rd Amtrac Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Reinforcement), Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. Ron was deployed to Korea as the Korean War ended and spent his time there on post where the Imjin River joins the Han River downstream of Seoul, South Korea. Semper Fi, Marine!

A Celebration of Life will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Central Time on June 22 at the Chatterbox Café in Bourbonnais, Ill.

Laurie Ann Lacey

February 5, 1972 – May 21, 2024

Laurie Ann Lacey, 52, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at her home. She was born on February 5, 1972, in Noblesville.

Laurie loved shopping at Goodwill. She enjoyed collecting things, like stickers and coloring pages.

She is survived by her mother, Juliann Lacey; sister, Jennifer Lacey; nieces, Amber and Savannah Scalf; nephew, Neelix Scalf; and uncle, Bill (Pat) Spurling.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clifford Leon Lacey.

The Lacey Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with Laurie's care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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JOSEPH AND THE FAMINE

There was no food, however, in the whole region because the famine was severe; both Egypt and Canaan wasted away because of the famine. Joseph collected all the money that was to be found in Egypt and Canaan in payment for the grain they were buying, and he brought it to Pharaoh's palace. When the money of the people of Egypt and Canaan was gone, all Egypt came to Joseph and said, "Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? Our money is all gone." "Then bring your livestock," said Joseph. "I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone." So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave them food in exchange for their horses, their sheep and goats, their cattle and donkeys. And he brought them through that year with food in exchange for all their livestock.

Genesis 47:13-17 (NIV)

Kathleen A. Voss

July 3, 1951 – May 23, 2024

Kathleen A. Voss, 72, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at Reid Health in Richmond, Ind. She was born on July 3, 1951, to Mike and Kathleen (Frost) Heinzmann in Westfield.

Kathy was a faithful Christian, who loved her family. She was a kind and caring person and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her sons, Shawn Voss, Chris Voss, and David (Ann) Voss; and former husband, Charles "Mike" Voss.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Radiant Christian Life, 16162 Carey Road, Westfield, IN 46074.

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Softball

Huskies defend sectional title

Hamilton Heights set to face off against Beech Grove for regional

By **RICHIE HALL**
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INDIANAPOLIS – The Hamilton Heights softball team successfully defended its Class 3A Sectional 27 championship Thursday.

The Huskies traveled to host Bishop Chatard and beat a tough Trojans squad 7-5. Chatard had a 4-1 lead on Heights midway through the fourth inning, but the Huskies exploded for six runs in the bottom of the fourth and held the lead from there.

Playing as the home team, the Huskies got their first run in the bottom of the third inning. Addie Doak hit a sacrifice bunt to score Isabel Morrow. The Trojans then put up four runs in the top of the fourth, including a three-run center field hit from Meg Jennings.

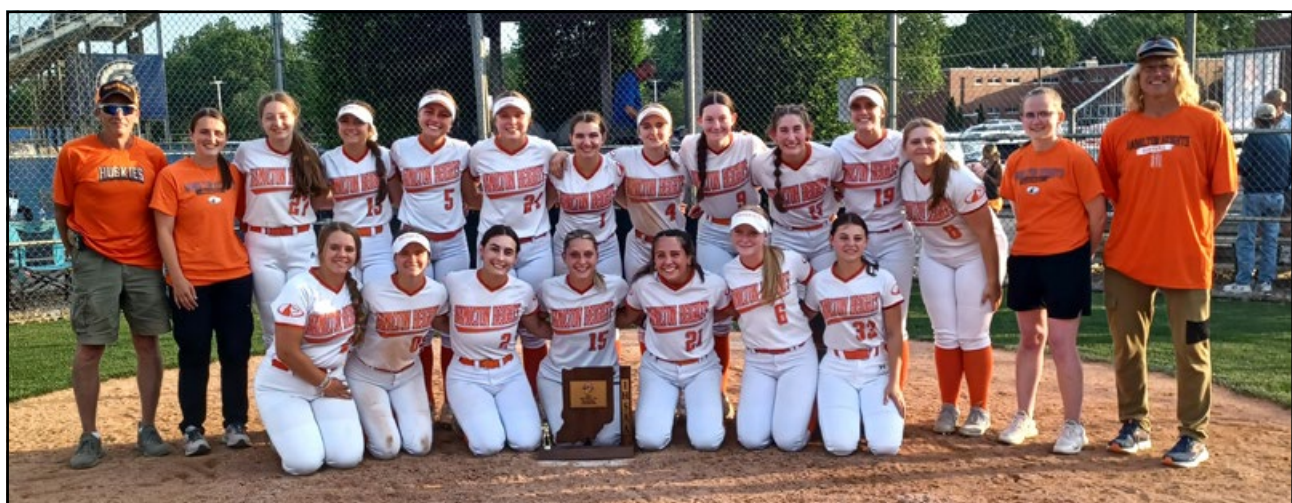
“You can see the progress they made this year,” said Heights coach Ken Olovich. “We’ve played them four times now in two years. It’s hard to beat a well-coached team that many years in

a row. They’ve improved so much, their pitching is healthy. They put some pressure on our defense and hats off to them. They played a great game.”

Heights got its offense going in the fourth inning. Lily Roush reached second base on error, moved to third base on a passed ball, then scored when Cassidy Schakel hit a sacrifice fly. The Huskies loaded the bases, then Hailey Hall and Alexia Nickerson got home when Doak reached on error, tying the game at 4-4.

Lily Cash made the go ahead hit, sending a single into right field to bring in Morgan Ottinger and put Heights up 5-4. Hannah Dent brought Doak home with a center field hit, then Cash scored on a passed ball. With that, the Huskies led 7-4. Cash went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Olovich said that the Huskies’ comeback right after the Trojans scored their runs is a “big difference” compared to where Heights was in the past.



The Hamilton Heights softball team defended its Sectional 27 championship on Thursday, beating Bishop Chatard 7-5 at the Trojans’ field. It’s the fifth sectional title for the Huskies and the second time they have won back-to-back sectional championships.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

“We believe that we can score anytime against anyone,” said Olovich. “Two, three years ago, we’d get down and we’d wonder if we had enough offense to come back. We have an offense. I could bat 15 girls and I’m only allowed to bat nine. I have lots of hitting on this team, so we’re never out of the ballgame.”

The Trojans scored a run in the fifth inning, but that

would be all. Roush struck out the side in the sixth inning, and after a couple runners got on base in the seventh inning, caught a pop out for the first out, induced a fly out to Dent in right field for the second out, then notched her 11th strikeout to finish the game.

Roush said that in the dugout, the team said “We’re going to keep going, we’re going to keep

pushing. And we did, and we ended up winning, and I just had my teammates back the whole time and everyone had each other’s back.”

Roush retired the first nine batters she faced, including another striking out of the side in the second inning.

This marks the second time Heights has defended a sectional title: The Huskies also went back-to-back in 2015 and 2016. Heights won

its first sectional in 1986, so the program now has five sectional championships in total.

The Huskies are 21-7, extending their record for season wins. Heights will play in Regional 14 Tuesday, traveling to Beech Grove to play for that championship. The Hornets won Sectional 28 Wednesday with a 3-2 victory over Speedway in the title game.

Boys Track & Field

Royals win first regional title in 11 years

Many Hamilton County runners qualify for state championship event

The REPORTER

For the first time in over a decade, the Hamilton Southeastern boys track and field team is a regional champion.

The Royals claimed their first regional trophy since 2013 Thursday at the Lafayette Jefferson regional. Southeastern scored 89 points, won three events and also qualified 12 on to next Saturday’s (June 1) IHSAA state finals at Indiana University.

Christian Ortiz was part of two Royals victories. He won the open 400 dash in a time of 48.44 seconds, then finished the meet by joining Hunter Hoeft, Jaxson Wanza and Michael Griffith to win the 4x400 relay. The foursome finished in a time of 3 minutes, 16.48 seconds.

Out in the field, Josiah Bird won the discus with a top throw of 177 feet, 8 inches. Southeastern also got an outstanding performance in the long jump, with three athletes qualifying for state in that event.

A school can enter three athletes in a post-season event as long as they all bettered the state standard

during the regular season. The Royals’ Dylan James, Blake Braden and Griffith all did just that, and they will all be advancing to state. James placed second with a best leap of 22 feet, 3.75 inches, Braden was fourth with 22 feet, 2.25 inches, and Griffith placed fifth with 22 feet, 2 inches. (The state standard is 22 feet, 0.25 inches.)

The top three athletes in each event, plus those outside the top three who reach the state standard, advance to state. Southeastern’s Mason Alexander took third in the 100 and 200 dashes. Mason Schmitz placed second in the 800 run, Elijah Adams was third in the 300 hurdles and Connor Langsford took third in the pole vault. HSE’s 4x100 relay team of Silas Newton, Chandler Weston, Liam Boyd and Alexander placed fourth but ran under the standard and will head to state.

Fishers was the team runner-up, scoring 73 points. The Tigers had five event wins, led by Tyler Tarter. The senior continued his hurdles dominance by winning the 110 race in

14.00 seconds and the 300 race in 36.17 seconds.

Matthew Kim paced the 800 run, winning in 1:52.77. Joel Gates was first in the shot put with a best throw of 62 feet, while JonAnthony Hall was the long jump champion with a best leap of 22 feet, 7.5 inches.

Gates also placed fourth in the discus, but was above the standard and qualified for state. Fishers also got all three relays on to state: Tarter, Kim, Leo Morrow and Makell Wiggins were second in the 4x400, Declan Mohr, Wiggins, Bryson Slagle and Kim placed third in the 4x800, and Joe Syrus, Carsen Eloms, Hall and Tristan Capps were fifth in the 4x100, but ahead of the standard. The Tigers have nine qualifiers to state.

Carmel finished sixth as a team with 49 points. The Greyhounds got a 1-2 finish from Tony Provenzano and Kyle Grove in the 3200 run; Provenzano won the race in 9:00.35, with Grove clocking in at 9:02.95.

Carmel had seven qualifiers for state. Adom Quist placed second in the 110 hurdles while Theo Thurmond placed third in the discus. The Hounds had three more qualify by the state standard: Cole Taylor was fourth in the 400, the 4x800 relay team of Provenzano,

Cooper Szotek, Kiefer Jay and Max Meisner were fifth, as was the 4x400 relay team of Taylor, Gabriel LaBoyteaux, Andrew Moss and Drew Grogan.

Noblesville got three qualifiers on to state, including two in the 1600 run. Caden Click won that event, finishing in 4:15.94, while Jack Strong took third place. The Millers’ 4x800 team of Bradyn Livingston, Banner Barnes, Jack Shinneman and Jude Naville finished fourth but were under the state standard.

Westfield got two relays on to state. The Shamrocks’ 4x800 squad of Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney, Jack Loisel and Will Snedeker took second place, while the 4x100 team of Caleb Terril, Deacon King, Cade Parker and Cato June finished sixth, but with a time of 42.30 seconds, under the state standard of 42.45 seconds.

Sheridan’s Damon Winston won the high jump with a best leap of 6 feet, 6 inches, qualifying him for state. Hamilton Heights’ Peyton McQuinn is also headed to state after winning the pole vault. McQuinn cleared 14 feet, 6 inches.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 89, Fishers 73, Avon 65, Harrison 56, Brownsburg 55, Carmel 49, Zionsville 39, Noblesville 35, Plainfield 22, Danville 20, West-

field 19, Mooresville 16.5, Hamilton Heights 15, Sheridan 10, McCutcheon 9, West Lafayette 8, Southmont 6, Twin Lakes 6, Carroll 5, Tri-West 4, Clinton Prairie 4, Crawfordsville 4, Lebanon 3.5, Cascade 2, Lafayette Jefferson 2, Frankfort 2, Delphi 1.

4x800 relay: 2. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney, Jack Loisel, Will Snedeker) 7:53.89, 3. Fishers (Declan Mohr, Makell Wiggins, Bryson Slagle, Matthew Kim) 7:54.33, 4. Noblesville (Bradyn Livingston, Banner Barnes, Jack Shinneman, Jude Naville) 7:54.43, 5. Carmel (Tony Provenzano, Cooper Szotek, Kiefer Jay, Max Meisner) 7:55.03, 6. Southeastern (Ian Ross, Deagan Baker, Will Henning, Mason Schmitz) 7:58.67, 10. Guerin Catholic (Wesley Street, Ben Grissom, Johnny King, Max Fish) 8:10.75.

110 hurdles – Finals: 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 14.00, 2. Adom Quist (C) 14.43, 9. Elijah Adams (HSE) 15.51. **Prelims:** 11. Harold Williams (HSE) 15.89.

100 dash – Finals: 3. Mason Alexander (HSE) 10.88, 7. Dario Torres (N) 11.24. **Prelims:** 11. Cameron Wilson (N) 11.23.

1600 run: 1. Caden Click (N) 4:15.94, 3. Jack Strong (N) 4:18.94, 9. Liam Powers (C) 4:28.71, 10. Jonah Kaul (C) 4:28.71, 12. Ian Porter (W) 4:30.40, 13. Andrew Smith (HSE) 4:33.42.

4x100 relay: 4. Southeastern (Silas Newton, Chandler Weston, Liam Boyd, Alexander) 41.55, 5. Fishers (Joe Syrus, Carsen Eloms, JonAnthony Hall, Tristan Capps) 42.10, 6. Westfield (Caleb Terril, Deacon King, Cade Parker, Cato June) 42.30, 7. Noblesville (Torres, Austin Donahoe, Angel Wilson, C. Wilson) 42.57.

400 dash: 1. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 48.44, 4. Cole Taylor (C) 48.91, 10. Livingston (N) 50.31, 11. Andrew Moss (C) 50.34, 12. Michael

Griffith (HSE) 50.56.

300 hurdles: 1. Tarter (F) 36.17, 3. Adams (HSE) 39.62, 9. Jack Huisden (W) 40.90, 14. Quist (C) 43.37.

800 run: 1. Kim (F) 1:52.77, 2. Mason Schmitz (HSE) 1:52.89, 5. Luke Mumaw (N) 1:55.80, 6. Drew Grogan (C) 1:55.85, 9. Alec Moor (N) 1:56.23.

200 dash – Finals: 3. Alexander (HSE) 21.71, Torres (N) DNF. **Prelims:** 4. Torres (N) 22.58, 10. Brian Shaw (University) 23.01, 11. C. Wilson (N) 23.09.

3200 run: 1. Provenzano (C) 9:00.35, 2. Kyle Grove (C) 9:02.95, 4. Sam Rinker (N) 9:19.33, 8. John Libs (N) 9:39.04, 10. Riley Schamp (HSE) 9:47.62, 13. Nick Vega (HSE) 10:00.78.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Hunter Hoeft, Jaxson Wanza, Griffith, Ortiz) 3:16.48, 2. Fishers (Tarter, Kim, Leo Morrow, Wiggins) 3:17.26, 5. Carmel (Taylor, Gabriel LaBoyteaux, Moss, Grogan) 3:22.59, 8. Westfield (Terril, Haney, Cade Parker, Snedeker) 3:24.81, 13. Guerin Catholic (Nick Bauman, Grissom, Robert Sorensen, Street) 3:29.52.

Discus: 1. Josiah Bird (HSE) 177-8, 3. Theo Thurmond (C) 172-6, 4. Joel Gates (F) 169-8, 7. Teddy Miller (HSE) 158-3, 8. Ozzy Pollard (C) 154-1, 11. Hayden Pentecost (W) 140-6.

Shot put: 1. Gates (F) 62-0, 7. Miller (HSE) 46-11.75.

Long jump: 1. Hall (F) 22-7.5, 2. Dylan James (HSE) 22-3.75, 4. Blake Braden (HSE) 22-2.25, 5. Griffith (HSE) 22-2, 10. Gabriel Davis (C) 20-9.75.

High jump: 1. Damon Winston (S) 6-6, 4. Tyler Runyan (HH) 6-2, 7. Robert Campbell (W) 6-2.

Pole vault: 1. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 15-6, 3. Connor Langsford (HSE) 14-6, 4. Alex Wilson (W) 14-3, T14. Colin Swain (F) 12-0; Lucas Bland (W) 12-0.

Boys Golf

Huskies prevail at Bear Slide meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys golf team won a three-team meet Thursday at Bear Slide.

The Huskies scored 166 to Lapel’s 168 and Sheridan’s 201. Kole Kirtley was Heights’ low man with 40, while Nathan Cox and Drew Woodruff both

added 41s. Other Huskies scores were Ethan Millsaps 44, Caleb Sullivan 45, Simon Knott 49 and Chad Long 53.

Zach Phillips led the Blackhawks with 47. Other Sheridan scores were Nathan Hinshaw 50, Tyler Garner 51, Rylan Garner 53 and Parker Williams 57.

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Snapshots from Girls Track & Field Regional



(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Anissa Lammie won the 400 dash at the regional. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Emily Norris won the 200 dash and Fishers' Maya Taylor won the 100 dash.

Photos by Mike Kepner



(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Sadie Foley (left) and Noblesville's Ansley Applegate made it to the state meet in the 1600 run. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Elia Blackmore (left) and Hamilton Heights' Ella Ewing both finished in the top three in the 100 hurdles event, qualifying them for the state meet.

Photos by Mike Kepner



(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Elise Herman (left), Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb (center) and Noblesville's Brinkley Cooper get ready to race in the 800 run during Tuesday's Lafayette Jefferson regional. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Ava Lozier (left) and Liz Smith competed in the 3200 run.

Photos by Mike Kepner

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 24

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Carmel vs. Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Noblesville at Yorktown Classic, 9 a.m. at Delaware Country Club

SOFTBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel

Championship: Noblesville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

BASEBALL

Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Guerin Catholic vs. Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.

GOLF

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Classic, 1 p.m. at Battle Ground Golf Club

Westfield at Providence Invitational, 1 p.m. at Champions Pointe

TENNIS SEMI-STATES

At Homestead

Westfield vs. Homestead, 11 a.m.

At Center Grove

Fishers vs. Cathedral, noon

At Culver Academies

Carmel vs. South Bend St. Joseph, noon

UNIFIED TRACK REGIONALS

Westfield at Kokomo, 11 a.m.

Fishers, Noblesville at Edgewood, noon

Monday, May 27

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Championship, 2 p.m.

Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Bishop Chatard, 10 a.m.

Shortridge vs. Saturday winner, noon

Championship, 7 p.m.

Sectional 43 at Sheridan

University vs. Cascade, 10 a.m.

Covenant Christian vs. Riverside, noon

Championship, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28

GOLF

Hamilton Southeastern, Zionsville at Fishers 4-Way, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Regional 14

Hamilton Heights at Beech Grove, 6 p.m.

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Baseball legend Ken Griffey Jr. to drive pace car at 108th Indianapolis 500

One of the most prolific home run hitters in baseball history to lead NTT INDYCAR SERIES field to green

Submitted by IMS

Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Ken Griffey Jr. has been named honorary Pace Car driver for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 26.

Griffey will drive the 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray and lead the field of 33 drivers to the start of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

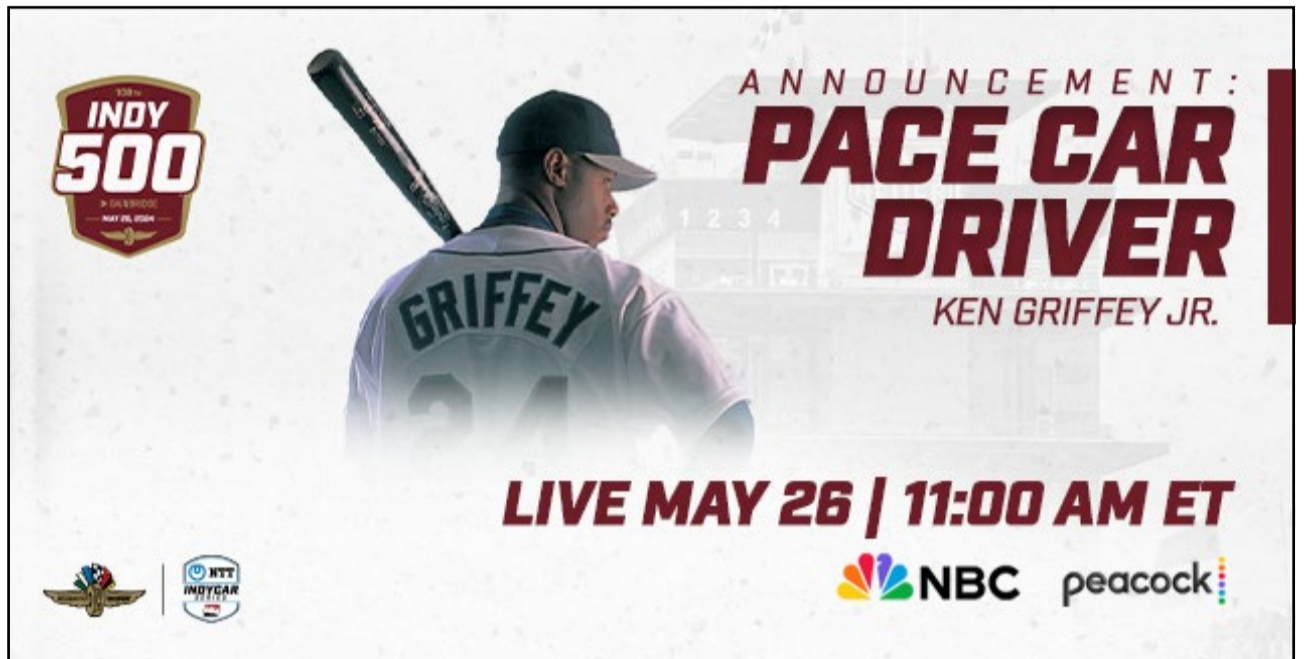
"Driving the Pace Car and leading the field to start the Indy 500 is one of the coolest experiences," Griffey said. "I came to the track a few years ago as a photographer and look forward to seeing the race from a different perspective."

Known as "Junior" and "The Kid," Griffey played 22 years as an outfielder in the Major League Baseball (MLB). He spent the majority of his career with the Seattle Mariners and Cincinnati Reds, with a short stint with the Chicago White Sox.

The first overall pick in the 1987 draft and a 13-time All-Star, Griffey is one of the most prolific home run hitters in baseball history. His 630 home runs rank as the seventh-most in MLB history. Griffey was also an exceptional defender and won 10 Gold Glove Awards in center field. He is tied for the record of most consecutive games with a home run (eight, with Don Mattingly and Dale Long).

One of only 31 players in baseball history to have appeared in major league games in four different calendar decades, Griffey was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2016. He received 99.32 percent of the vote, breaking pitcher Tom Seaver's record of 98.84 percent, which had stood for 24 years. He also was inducted into both the Mariners Hall of Fame and the Reds Hall of Fame.

"Every baseball fan knows Ken Griffey Jr.," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "Two leg-



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ends will come together as Griffey hops into the Corvette E-Ray to lead the field at the Racing Capital of the World."

Corvette has paced "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" more times than any car. The 2024 race marks the 35th time for Chevrolet to pace dating back to 1948

and the 21st time overall and since 1978 for America's favorite sports car.

The 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 26. Visit IMS.com for tickets and more information on all Month of May events and activities at IMS.

Today at the Indy Motor Speedway

Information about 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge Miller Lite Carb Day track activity Friday, May 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

SCHEDULE (All times local)

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m.:** Public Gates Open
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.:** NTT INDYCAR SERIES Final Practice
- 2:30-4 p.m.:** One Stop to Start Pit Stop Challenge
- 2 p.m.:** Concert Gates Open
- 3 p.m.:** Miller Lite Carb Day Concert (George Thorogood & The Delaware Destroyers, Gin Blossoms, Kid Quill)

TICKETS: General Admission tickets are \$50. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. The General Admission ticket will provide the opportunity to move between the IMS infield viewing mounds and first-come, first-served access to selected grandstands to view racing action from different vantage points.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (8 a.m.-6 p.m.): Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 6N, Gate 6B, Gate 7 South, Gate 7 Vehicle, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, Gate 11, Gate 11A, Gate 12

PARKING: Limited free parking is located in Lot 7 (North 40) and Lot 7 (North 40) for ADA. Paid parking is \$20 in Lot 1B, Lot 2, Lot 3G and Main Gate, and \$75 in Gate 1, while supplies last. Paid ADA parking is \$20 in Lot 3P, Lot 2 and Hulman Lot. Paid motorcycle parking is \$20 in South Carousel lot. Bicycle parking is located outside Gate 1, Gate 6 and Gate 9.

CASHLESS OPERATIONS: The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a cashless facility. Fans should be prepared to complete their ticket, credentials, parking, concession and merchandise purchases with ease during their event via debit or credit card.

Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Cash-to-Card machines, which convert paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located in Pagoda Plaza and outside Turn 1 by concessions stand 7. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/Visa debit cards are accepted.

MUSEUM: The IMS Museum is closed for a major renovation, reopening in April 2025. To learn more, please visit imsmuseum.org/renovation.

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