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Westfield senior recognized at Youth Service Awards

Keegan Connor awarded \$1,000 scholarship

The REPORTER

Senior Keegan Connor from Westfield High School was awarded the 31st annual Hamilton County Youth Service Award Tuesday afternoon.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO). Connor was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Connor is a member of the Thespian Honor Society, National Honor Society, and a dance captain for her school's show choir. She is currently Miss Indiana's Teen and has performed in numerous musical theater productions. Connor considers her greatest accomplishment to be the creation of



Photo provided
 (From left) Sydney Schultz, Drew Wheeler, Commissioner Christine Altman, Keegan Connor, Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Gage West, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Monica Greer, and Andrew Morrison. (Not pictured: Gloria Lane and Maya Narsinghani.)

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Sweet summertime

Living in Indiana most of my life, aside from a five-year hiatus in Memphis, Tenn., I am very accustomed to the four distinct seasons. There is something to love about each one if you ask me.

However, one in particular stirs up a lot of anxiety in me. Yes, it's true. Summertime causes me a lot of anxiety.

It's not that I hate sunshine and warmer temperatures. Quite the opposite. I love the beauty and feeling of summer. It's magical! The sunsets, butterflies, fireflies, blue skies, lush green trees, and beautiful summer nights.

The reason for the increase in anxiety is simple. With summertime comes a big increase in physical activity. When the boys were younger and in school, we had a routine. My body got used to the demands, and it was manageable because I knew what to expect and how things would work for the most part each day. As summer break approached, I would hear other moms excitedly talking about how they couldn't wait for summer, and all the things they would do with their kids. It's physical and often spontaneous. Parks, pools, trips to the zoo, they couldn't wait to fill their calendars with all these fun things the kids were sure to enjoy.

The pit in my stomach grew. How would I keep up? I wanted my kids to experience all these things too, of course, and I wanted to experience it with them.

It wasn't just the activities, but also more physical demands because they were at home more. More meals to be made, messes to be cleaned up, more entertaining so they wouldn't argue constantly, or die of boredom! I felt so guilty having these feelings because that time with your children is a gift and goes by too quickly.

Summertime, of course, always came, and we always figured it out. Whether it meant I had to have help doing these things with my boys, or sometimes they would join a friend, we made sure they always got to experience all that summer has to offer.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

Fishers Mayor surprises local teachers with more than \$50,000 in grant funding

City awards seven local educators with new Educator Innovation Grants

The REPORTER

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness visited local schools this past week to surprise seven teachers with more than \$50,000 in funding as part of the new Educator Innovation Grant program. The program launched this year, with \$500,000 allocated from the 2024 budget to empower educators within HSE Schools with the resources to bring innovation to the classroom and inspire students to rethink learning.

Click here to watch the video.

Recent grant recipients included:
John Hochstetler
 (fifth-grade teacher at Riverside Intermediate)

\$35,000 to modernize the school's makerspace to better support its STEM program, which centers upon environment, agriculture, and engineering. Along with funding renovations to the makerspace, the grant will also fund professional development workshops for educators within the



Fadness

space, teaching them to adapt curriculum and utilize the new equipment for project-based activities to ensure longevity of the makerspace and STEM curriculum within Riverside Intermediate.

Anthony Sturgeon & Kevin Stumpf
 (seventh-grade teachers at Fishers Junior High School)

\$1,500 for professional development at the Library of Congress on implementing Primary Sources in the class-

room. This professional development opportunity will assist Sturgeon and Stumpf with leading civics education in the classroom and the **We the People** team at Fishers Junior High. HSE Schools has historically put forth strong performances at We the People competitions nationally – both at the junior high and high school levels. This opportunity allows Sturgeon and Stumpf to better prepare students for We the People in junior high as they progress to high school.

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Who will can the peaches?

Do you remember family stories or do you remember everyone else telling you the family stories? I think I remember.

The assembly line was working well. Mother had washed the cans and was now scalding golden jubilee peaches. Little Brother was gleefully slipping the skins off. Daddy was removing seeds. Sister was arranging luscious peach halves in the cans.

Sister laid each piece in carefully. She overlapped each piece so the cut side was turned down. Her finished cans were beautiful to behold.

Mother then poured in the hot syrup and processed the fruit in her big blue canner.

It was a good year. Each peach was perfect. The skins slipped off so easily, Little Brother didn't even know he was working. Each bushel made 30 quarts. A total of six bushels was put up before the season ended. Of course, some were made into fresh peach pie or sliced to eat with cereal or ice cream.

Peaches were Grandpa Howard's favorite fruit so several quarts went to him every fall. (Usually at least a bushel.)

One evening the work had gone smoothly. However, before the day's canning was finished the clock said 9 p.m. These peaches were at the peak of perfection. It really was time to get them canned.

But little children who stay up too late tend not to be happy the next day. Little Brother was obviously tired. It was already half an hour past his bedtime. He made no protest when Mother pointed to the clock and said, "Bedtime."

A peach half made a nighttime snack. Then he was ready for a bath.

Sister looked at the unfilled cans and the peaches yet in the basket. Her blue eyes filled with tears as she protested.

"Mama, who will can the peaches if I go to bed?"

When I hear of latchkey children, children on drugs, children saturated with television violence, children turned loose in cars as soon as they reached 16, children having children, then I wonder, too.

Who will can the peaches?
 (I wasn't in school; sister Verna was in first or second grade.)

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER
 Ask Adler

Westfield Washington Schools starts new rugby field, expansion of early learning center

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools held a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday for the much-anticipated expansion of the Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center and the renovation of the Monon Athletic Fields.

The event marks a significant milestone for the district and the rapidly growing city of Westfield.

The Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center, which opened its doors in 2022, quickly reached full capacity, underscoring the need for expansion. The center has 330 children enrolled and provides essential services including daycare for district



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
Not just building for the next generation . . . Westfield Schools is building with it!

staff's children starting at eight weeks old, speech therapy, developmental preschool, and a pre-kindergarten program

called All Aboard. The expansion project will add 13 new classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, offices, and storage,

as well as an enlarged playground enclosed at the center

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Monarch Medicine offers free sports physicals in June & July

Submitted

Starting Saturday, June 1, Monarch Medicine will offer free sports physicals every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon during the months of June and July.

This initiative is open to all athletes and parents in the community, providing an opportunity for comprehensive health evaluations at no cost.

"At Monarch Medicine, our primary mission is to serve and support the community we call home," Monarch Medicine Co-Founder Dr. Clay said. "We are excited to give back

to our community by offering these free sports physicals. It's our way of ensuring that local athletes are healthy and ready for their sports seasons, while also supporting parents who want the best for their children's health."

The sports physicals will be conducted by experienced medical staff, ensuring that each athlete receives a thorough and professional exam-



ination. These physicals are essential for detecting any potential health issues that could affect athletic performance and overall well-being.

All middle and high school athletes, as well as other community members, are invited to take advantage of this free service. No appointments are necessary; simply walk in during the designated hours. Monarch Medi-

cine's goal is to make healthcare accessible and to promote the health and safety of local athletes.

About Monarch Medicine
 Monarch Medicine is dedicated to providing compassionate, comprehensive, and personalized healthcare services to the community. With a commitment to putting patients first, Monarch Medicine strives to be a cornerstone of health and wellness in the Carmel area.

For more information, please call Monarch Medicine at (317) 804-4203 or visit monarchmedicine.org.

CONNOR

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Photo provided

Keegan Connor was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship.

her nonprofit Keegan Cares: Advocating for Scoliosis Awareness. She has partnered with State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) on **House Bill 1054**, also known as the “Keegan Cares Bill.” It would create guidelines for scoliosis screenings for children between 9 and 13 years of age.

Six other students were nominated for the Youth Service Award by their school’s counseling department. The other nominees include Sydney Schultz representing Carmel High School, Drew Wheeler

from Fishers High School, Andrew Morrison from Hamilton Heights High School, Gloria Lane from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Maya Narsinghani from Noblesville High School, and Gage West from Sheridan High School. They will each receive a \$300 scholarship.

“We are proud of each of the applicants that have chosen to lead a drug free lifestyle and contribute their time to help make positive changes in the lives of others,” HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer said.

SUMMER

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I was working three days a week, so the two days I was home with them, and the weekends, I knew would be full of physical activity. Being open and honest with my boys as they were old enough to understand, made things a little easier. I explained that it was hard for my body to adjust to the increased physical demands, but that I would do my best. That doesn’t mean things

were always smooth, and it wasn’t always easy to adapt.

One way I react when my body starts to shut down is that I get irritable. I think it’s because I’m scared. It’s a scary feeling when you feel your muscles failing you, and just won’t cooperate. You never really get used to that feeling living with Muscular Dystrophy. It’s not sore muscles from overdoing it that I’m refer-

ring to. This is different, and unless you’ve experienced it, it’s hard to explain.

With some adapting, we managed well. We had fun and memorable summers. Pool time with family and friends, sleepovers, camping trips, family reunions and track meets galore. I loved all of it. Walking head on into situations that produce anxiety is just a part of life. There is almost always

a way to figure things out and make them work. I’m going to soak summer up and do my best to keep up! Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

GRANTS

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Heather Butz (eighth-grade teacher at Fishers Junior High School)

\$600 to attend First Amendment Professional Development at the Constitutional Center in Philadelphia. As a We the People teacher, Butz anticipates this professional development opportunity will help her better prepare students for We the People competitions and continue to deliver strong performances nationally.

Ashley Eaton (fourth-grade teacher at Southeastern Elementary)

\$1,095 to bring the Orff-Schulwerk Method of Teaching Elementary Music to her fourth-grade classes. The Orff Schulwerk Method of Teaching is an innovative form of music education that allows students to learn music in a hands-on, interactive, and creative way. The method incorporates singing, movement, instru-

ments, composition, and improvisation to lay a strong foundation for students’ future musical endeavors.

Jennifer Suskovich (Teacher-in-Residence at Fishers Maker Playground)

\$6,000 to purchase two 3D printers for the **Fishers Maker Playground** to enhance science education for fifth grade students around the HSE Schools district. The Maker Playground 5th Grade Study Trip at Hub & Spoke provides hands on STEM activities for students to prepare them for future careers in STEM fields. The investment in 3D printers will further impact students’ creativity, problem solving, and technology literacy skills learned at the Maker Playground.

Jennifer Harmon (second-grade teacher at Geist Elementary)

\$6,300 to implement Vex Robotics, computer science and coding with Geist Ele-

mentary students. Students will learn algorithms, loops, engineering, problem solving, design thinking, and more. Harmon would like to continue building upon the investment until Geist Elementary has a strong coding program, to prepare students for intermediate, junior high, and high school with foundational STEM skills.

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City officials have awarded more than \$80,000 in grant funding to 10 educators to date. In April, three educators were awarded more than \$30,000 in grant funding for projects including bringing the LEGO Education SPIKE program to the classroom, a pilot virtual reality program, and a STEM lab expansion and robotics program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and there is no funding cap on project requests.

“I’m thrilled that our local educators are seiz-

ing this opportunity and pursuing projects that not only enhance learning in their classrooms, but also demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning through professional development,” Mayor Fadness said. “Their innovation, creativity, and passion are inspiring and speaks to the excellence of the HSE Schools system.”

Grants are awarded by a selection committee comprised of former educators from HSE Schools, community entrepreneurs, and HSE alumni. Committee members include Mike Fassold (retired junior high educator), Kaleigh Arndt (former elementary educator), Brad Jackson (retired junior high educator), Amy Murch (Conner Prairie teacher in residence), Jordin Alexander (HSE alum and City of Fishers Chief of Staff).

Learn more about the grant program at FishersIN.gov/InnovationGrant.

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EXPAND

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of the facility. Additionally, the administration wing will see a small office addition, and significant improvements will be made to the soccer, rugby, and baseball fields at the Monon Athletic Fields.

Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser expressed enthusiasm for the expansion.

"Today's groundbreaking is a testament to our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for our youngest Rocks," Kaiser said. "This expansion will allow us to better serve our community and accommodate the growing number of families choosing Westfield Washington Schools."

Director of Early Learning Marci Derado highlighted the impact on the community.

"These early education programs have been a cornerstone for early childhood education in Westfield," Derado said. "This expansion ensures that we can continue to meet the needs of even more chil-

dren and provide a nurturing environment for them to thrive."

Brice Johnson, client services manager for CORE Construction, played host to the event.

"As a father to a toddler, I know how important the early years of education are to our little ones," Johnson said. "Our team at CORE is honored to help expand the thriving early learning environment at Westfield Washington Schools with this project. The design and construction team has been hard at work to prepare for this day and we can't wait to see this project come together."

The expansion and renovation projects come at a pivotal time for the district, which has seen an influx of 550 new students this school year alone. As Westfield continues to grow, the improvements to the Early Learning Center and athletic fields will play a crucial role in maintaining the district's reputation as the top destination district in Indiana.



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 These seniors surprised Noblesville High Schools school resource officer (SRO) and coach Jason Shonkwiler at 6 a.m. Wednesday morning by showing up at his house for a before-school "sleepover." Considering this is finals week, all these students being willing to get up extra early as a thank you to their coach and SRO speaks volumes.

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Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

The REPORTER

The Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy, opens today. The market runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

May 30 vendor lineup

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- Preservation
- Schooley's Hots & Brats
- Taco Loco M&C
- The Kafe
- The Lemon Bar
- Three Shepherds Dog Accessories
- Tomi Makes
- Urban Vines
- Wild Loaf
- Willowood Apothecary
- Winegard Workshop
- With Wonder Cake House
- Wrightway Crafts

This list is subject to change without notice.

Kid's Activity Booth

A kid's activity area

sponsored by Centier Bank is new to the market. It will include a kid's activity booklet, sticker sheets and kid-sized canvas bags to decorate with custom stamps.

The Westfield Farmers Market thanks additional sponsors, including Renewal by Andersen, Leaf Home LLC, and Market District.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets, and a courtesy shuttle will run throughout the market. There are also designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets. Please note that Jersey Street will be closed each market day at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and weekly vendor updates, visit facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets.

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Survey says ... Carmel, Fishers & Zionsville considered quintessential cities for "white picket fence" lifestyles

Submitted

In today's whirlwind of modern romance where "sliding into DMs" is the new "asking out," there's something reassuringly steadfast about the charm of time-honored traditions.

Yes, in the era of digital courtship, many hearts still yearn for the sentimental allure of classic romance and the iconic white-picket-fence lifestyle — a nod to a more genteel, bygone era that's very much alive in our collective aspirations.

A survey of 3,000 singles by DatingNews.com aimed to uncover how many people envision a traditional "white picket fence" lifestyle in matrimony. Their findings paint a picturesque map of America's most beloved towns where old-fashioned dreams flourish amidst modern life.

Indiana's top three locations (along with their overall national positions) for a 'white picket fence' lifestyle are:

Carmel (No. 52)

Carmel offers residents a

serene and family-friendly environment while still providing access to the cultural and employment opportunities of a major metropolitan area.

One of the city's main draws is its commitment to quality of life, evident in its meticulously planned neighborhoods, well-maintained parks, and award-winning schools. The town's charming downtown area exudes a timeless charm, with tree-lined streets, boutique shops, and gourmet restaurants that cater to residents with discerning tastes.

Carmel is known for its vibrant arts and cultural scene, with numerous galleries, theaters, and music venues that showcase local talent and creativity.

Fishers (No. 69)

The town's commitment to green spaces is evident in its numerous parks, trails, and recreational areas, providing residents with ample opportunities for outdoor leisure and relaxation.

Fishers exudes a lively atmosphere, with a variety of

shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues that contribute to the town's unique character and sense of community. Community events and festivals, such as the Fishers Farmers' Market and the Spark!Fishers celebration, bring residents together to celebrate local culture, arts, and music.

Zionsville (No. 145)

This picturesque town offers an inviting atmosphere that resonates with those seeking a tranquil yet vibrant place to call home.

One of the primary attractions of Zionsville is its charming downtown area, characterized by brick-paved streets, historic storefronts, and quaint boutiques. Residents enjoy strolling along Main Street, where they can explore local shops, dine at cozy cafes, and immerse themselves in the town's rich cultural heritage.

Zionsville's welcoming neighborhoods exude a sense of warmth and community, with tree-lined streets, well-maintained homes, and friendly neighbors.

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Two Noblesville students earn Governor's recognition

The REPORTER

Congratulations to Alden Newby and Connor Lehman for receiving a work ethic award from Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. The award recognizes outstanding achievements, the ability to persevere through challenges, positive attitude, service to others, and commitment to school and community.

The students are part of the Noblesville Schools Limitless program for young adults with special needs and they earned over 200 hours of work training with Wyndham Hotel, Embassy Suites, Fueled for School, Noble Cause Food Pantry, Salvation Army, and Perkins Restaurant.

Limitless students lobbied state representatives, the Indiana Department of Education, and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to have their work training efforts be recognized. These students are the first to receive the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate and thanks to their efforts future Limitless students will also now qualify for consideration.

The students were recognized at a class celebration with parents, school leaders, and state government representatives.



Alden Newby (left) and Connor Lehman were honored for their perseverance and service to others, among other admiral qualities.

Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader says it's time to transition to cleaner energy

Dear Editor:
I am writing in response to a recently published letter advocating for continued reliance on coal as a primary energy source for Indiana. While I understand the concerns about reliability, I believe the future of Indiana's energy lies in transitioning to clean energy sources which are cheaper and safer.

Coal's legacy is undeniable. It has powered our state for generations. However, clinging to the past comes at a steep cost. Coal is a major contributor to air and water pollution, harming our health and environment. Just a few weeks ago the EPA stiffened the rules for pollution monitoring and cleanup at legacy coal generating plants to protect groundwater from lingering coal ash contamination risk.

Fortunately, the transition to clean energy is not just environmentally responsible, it's economically beneficial. Indiana is well positioned to become a leader in renewable energy. We have ample sunshine for solar power and wind resources waiting to be harnessed. Innovative utility scale battery storage projects underway at AES Indiana in Pike County and the Northeastern REMC in Whitley County complement renewable generation, mitigate reliability concerns, and save rate payers millions over the lifecycle of the projects. These types of projects should be replicated and expanded across Indiana creating new jobs in engineering, manufacturing, installation, and maintenance services.

The transition to clean energy won't happen overnight, but it's a necessary step for a healthier Indiana. By embracing innovation and investing in a clean energy future, we can ensure a brighter tomorrow for our state, our environment, and our children.

Joe Stapleton
Carmel

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Letter to the Editor

Westfield reader applauds Mayor Willis for standing against Duke Energy rate increase

Dear Editor:
I thank Mayor Willis for **standing against Duke's insane rate increase** affecting almost all of Hamilton County.

Citizens Action Coalition (CAC) estimates this rate increase means \$42 more per month for the average family's electric bill. It also increases electric bills for our schools, businesses, and local governments.

Adding insult to injury, Duke requests the highest profit margin in the state for its shareholders – uncon-

scionable given the profit margin for families, schools, businesses, and governments is shrinking due to inflation. Instead of investing in more affordable, cleaner wind and solar renewable energy, Duke pours more money from our community into their dirty coal plants, polluting our air and water and generating hundreds of tons of toxic coal ash waste.

The commission should categorically deny Duke's heavy-handed rate hike. You can bet the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) will

rubber stamp this increase if people don't speak out like Mayor Willis did.

People, visit the CAC website (ci-tact.org) to learn about Duke's rate case and go to the public hearings listed there. If you can't attend, submit a public comment though CAC's website.

There is a meeting scheduled at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 at the Fishers branch of the Hamilton East Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive.

Jodi Lewis
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Go beyond the stage at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel offers the following opportunities for educational experiences.

Free Student Matinees to feature top artists

The 2024-2025 Center Presents Season schedule has just been released, and it includes four free matinee events for local school groups, featuring national and international artists and presenters. They include the Buckets N Boards comedy percussion show on Nov. 18; Hamilton star Leslie Odom Jr. on Nov. 22; the hip-hop flavored GRIMMZ Fairy Tales on March 24; and a multimedia natural science presentation by Netflix's *Our Planet Live* on April 29.

Interested educators can **make group reservations now**. For questions, write to SchoolPrograms@TheCenterPresents.org. If you need a little help paying

for buses, drivers, and such, you can apply to the Center's donor-funded **Transportation Grant Program** for reimbursement.

Book club turns to rock 'n' roll novel

At their next gathering on June 10, the **Palladium Bookies** reading club for adults will discuss *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. The best-selling 2019 novel, which uses an oral-history format to tell the story of a fictitious '70s rock band, inspired the Amazon Prime streaming series of the same name.

Participation is fun and free. For additional information and RSVPs, just email Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org.

Prism Project campers preparing June performance

The **Prism Project at the Center** is now in its second year on campus, providing a month-long performing arts experience for



Photo provided

This year's public Prism Project performance will take place June 23 at the Tarkington.

youth with various cognitive and physical disabilities, culminating in an original stage production developed around the unique talents and interests of each camper. This year's public per-

formance for family and friends will take place June 23 at the Tarkington, and if you want to see what these remarkable performers can accomplish, get your Prism Project [tickets here](#).

Spaces available for kids music camp

It's not too late to sign up your kids for the Center's annual Jungle Jams music day camp for ages 5 to 7. Taking place each morning July 22

to 26, the camp emphasizes teamwork and positive character qualities while teaching the concepts of rhythm and groove and introducing campers to basic musical instruments. Learn more and register [here](#).

The Salvation Army's Clays for a Cause to raise funds in support of summer camp programs

The REPORTER

The Salvation Army's inaugural Clays for a Cause event is just around the corner, marking the beginning of summer camp season for the organization and hundreds of Hoosier children.

Sporting clays enthusiasts and first timers will gather at the Indiana Gun Club to enjoy a day of friendly competition while raising funds to send at-risk and disadvantaged kids from across the state to Hidden Falls Camp this summer.

Clays for a Cause centers around a 12-station sporting clays course where participants will test their skills and enjoy the great outdoors for a good cause. The morning will start with

coffee and donuts, courtesy of Parlor Doughnuts, and will conclude with a hot barbecue lunch and awards program emceed by native Hoosier **Creek Stewart**, who is known worldwide as a wilderness survival expert, author, and television host. Stewart will also operate a pop-up shop at the Indiana Gun Club throughout the event, which will be open to both Clays for a Cause participants and the public.

The event takes place on Friday, May 31 with check-in from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. and shooting set to begin on the course at 9 a.m. Lunch and awards will take place around noon with a silent auction running throughout the morning.

The **Indiana Gun Club** is located at 14926 E. 113th St. between Fishers and Fortville. Indiana Gun Club was established in 1954 and today hosts many of the state's biggest skeet and sporting clays events on its 77-acre property. In addition to the 12-station sporting clays course that will be used for Clays for a Cause, the club also has four voice-activated trap ranges and five skeet ranges that are open to the public year-round.

Proceeds from the day's events will help The Salvation Army offer at-risk and disadvantaged children from across Indiana the experience of a lifetime: a week at Hidden Falls Camp this summer. The 700-acre Hid-

den Falls Camp is located in beautiful southern Indiana in a landscape that offers rolling hills and wooded trails, rustic log cabins for campers, and a wide range of traditional camp activities. Kids at Hidden Falls Camps enjoy swimming, archery, fishing, arts and crafts, high ropes courses, mountain biking, and even zip lining. Themed camps each week immerse campers in the arts, STEAM, sports, and even the challenge of "roughing it" with outdoor survival skills.

More information about the event can be found at ClaysForACause.net.

Learn more about the beautiful 700-acre Hidden Falls Camp by visiting HiddenFallsCamp.org.

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Newly remodeled Walmart Supercenter now features community-focused mural

The REPORTER

Last Friday, Walmart customers in Westfield and Carmel were welcomed inside the newly transformed Supercenter at 2001 E. 151st St. as the much-anticipated project is now complete.

Walmart associates marked the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, community celebration, vendor booths, giveaways, and the unveiling of a community-inspired mural by artist Julie Xiao.

To reinforce Walmart's dedication to the communities it serves, the store manager presented a total of \$5,000 to local community organizations, including \$2,500 to Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County and \$2,500 to Westfield Washington Schools.

During this morning's celebration, Walmart store manager Ryan Day highlighted the store's transformations as well as the new interactive features now available to customers, including:

- Optimized grocery department with expanded Hispanic and Asian food selections, with a total expansion in the Dairy department
- Front-end transformation with an increased number of associate staffed checkout and self-checkout lanes, and the addition of a Walmart Pay line
- Expansion of Grocery Pickup and Delivery which will help reduce customer wait times while improving customer experience
- New apparel lines with a variety of new styles
- New and expanded merchandise in grocery, dairy and seasonal departments
- New pharmacy with new private screening rooms for pharmacist consultations and services and privacy checkout lanes
- Refreshed Vision Center: Walmart created a Vision Center experience designed around the customer that is convenient, comfortable, and affordable that offers an assortment of quality eyeglasses and sunglasses



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Created by artist Julie Xiao, the mural seeks to reflect the beauty and landmarks of Carmel.

- Improved the layout throughout the store to expand selection and streamline the customer shopping experience
- Added a new grab and go section in grocery area for quick meal and drink options for customers
- New signage, including some digital signage in key areas
- Updated vestibules at entrances with rubber flooring
- Polished concrete flooring
- New paint, inside and out

"We have great long-term associates and a fantastic, loyal customer base that care about our store and community," Day said. "This remodel will benefit everyone who walks through our doors and we are extremely excited to serve the people of Carmel and Westfield."

The store's new mural, designed and illustrated by artist Julie Xiao, is an eye-catching installation that reflects the beauty and landmarks of Carmel. The

mural is part of Walmart's Community Mural Program, the largest public-facing art installation celebrating communities across America. Walmart's Community Mural Program is an important part of each store transformation and furthers Walmart's commitment to the local community.

The store also recognized four associates for their years of work and dedication to the local store and customers. Those associates include:

- Jarold Cannon: 36 years
- Terri Jackson: 34 years
- Terri Garretson: 31 years
- Lisa Hiatt: 31 years

About the Walmart Community Mural Program
 Walmart Community Mural Program is a celebration of communities across America and an important part of new or newly transformed facilities. Inspired by the community and together with every store manager, each mural reflects the local diversity and cultural references. Every mural is a unique, original artwork. Walmart works with NOW Art, a public art agency, to curate artworks and engage artists across the country. Today, community murals are featured in hundreds of Walmart stores, and original artworks are unveiled weekly in newly transformed stores.

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Meet winners of second annual Portee Leadership Connection Scholarships

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel has announced the second annual Portee Leadership Connection Scholarship winners. The scholarships, which include a laptop and \$2,000 that can be used for tuition at a college, university, community college, or trade school for each recipient, will be given to five local seniors.

The first three winners are from Christel House Watanabe High School. First is Manuel Gomez. He will be studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Indianapolis. Next is Christian Gonzalez who will be studying Computer Science at IU Bloomington. Third is Maritza Hernandez. She will be studying Hospitality, Tourism and Event Management at IU Bloomington. Roshani Guragain is from Carmel High School. She



Photo illustration provided

will be studying Pre-Med at IU Bloomington. The final winner, Kamia Price, will graduate from Simon Youth Academy at Circle Centre Mall and will be studying Elementary Education at Purdue University.

Selection of the five scholarship recipients was made by a review committee at Professional Man-

agement Enterprises, a nationally recognized staffing company based in Indianapolis led by Danny Portee. The scholarships are awarded with equal emphasis on merit and need.

Presentation of the awards will take place June 7 at the monthly meeting of the Rotary Club of Carmel, with Danny Portee addressing

the recipients. Since its inception in 2021, Leadership Connection has impacted more than 350 Carmel and Indianapolis inner-city high school juniors and seniors in tandem with 100 business, community and non-profit executives and leaders.

For more information, visit RotaryLeadership-Connection.com.

Westfield Chamber invites you to ribbon cutting of city's new library

The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at noon on Saturday, June 1 for the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the new state-of-the-art Westfield Washington Public Library.

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 "Adventure Begins 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 spa-

acious community room, and a coffee shop. Additionally, the 3.6-acre property will offer outdoor activity space for the community to enjoy.

Visit wwpl.lib.in.us for all that is offered at the new

library. Follow Westfield Washington Public Library on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com), and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

This event is open to the public. Advanced registration is not required.



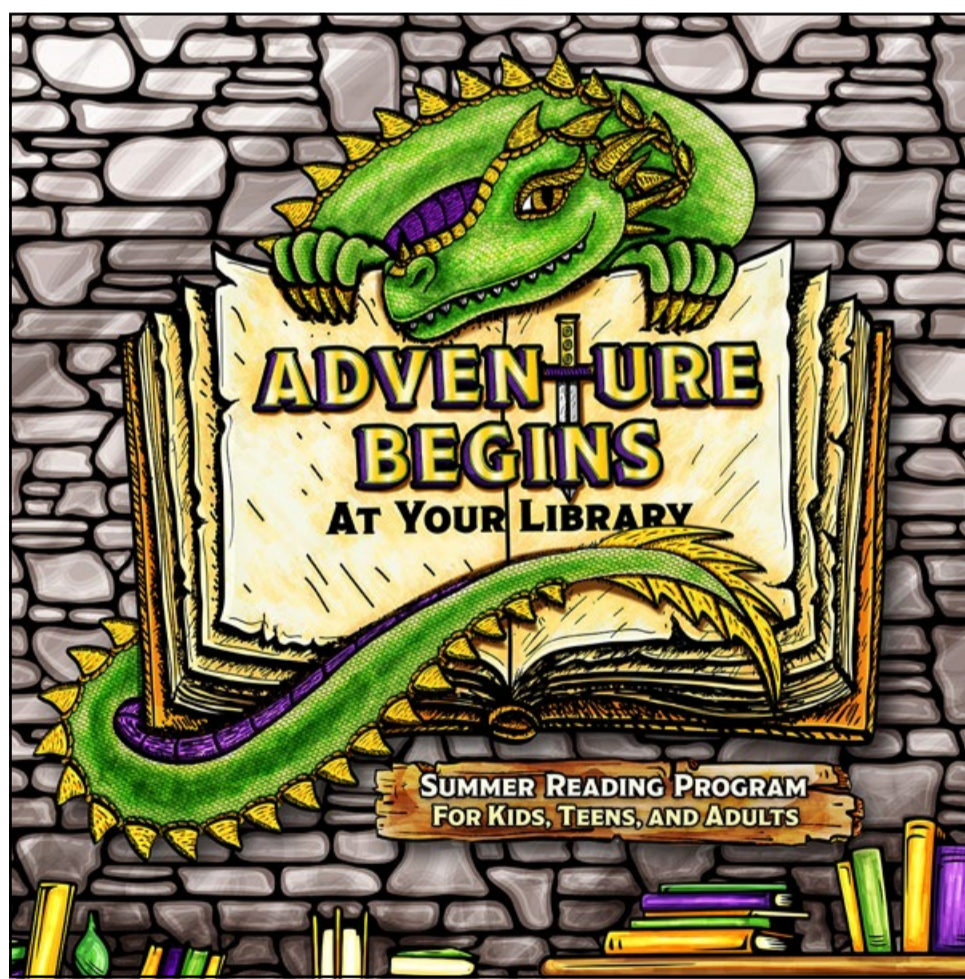
Go on two-month-long adventure at Carmel Clay Public Library

The REPORTER

Participants of all ages are invited to take part in the Carmel Clay Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program from June 1 through July 31. This year's program features a partnership with the Merciful HELP Center's Choice Food Pantry.

"One of the most popular things about our Summer Reading Program is the opportunity for readers to earn donations toward a local charity," Youth Services Assistant Manager Jennifer Humphrey said. "In the past, we've supported Hamilton County groups like the Shepherd's Center and the Humane Society. This year, our readers will be helping the Choice Food Pantry, which provides food and personal care items to neighbors in need."

Children who complete the Summer Reading Program will also earn two free books and a sticker to keep, while teen and adult participants will be entered into prize drawings. Participants track their reading online



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Complete program details, along with reading recommendations and a list

of upcoming library events, are available at carmelclay-library.org/summer.

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IU Kokomo announces students on chancellor's & dean's lists

The REPORTER

In the spring 2024 semester, 642 full-time Indiana University Kokomo students earned chancellor's list or dean's list honors. Chancellor's list students earned a 4.0 grade-point average (GPA), while dean's list students earned a minimum 3.5 GPA on a scale of 4.0, while carrying at least 12 credit hours throughout the grading period.

Seventy local students are listed by hometown.

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• Zionsville
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH AND THE FAMINE

Now the Israelites settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there and were fruitful and increased greatly in number.

Jacob lived in Egypt seventeen years, and the years of his life were a hundred and forty-seven. When the time drew near for Israel to die, he called for his son Joseph and said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, put your hand under my thigh and promise that you will show me kindness and faithfulness. Do not bury me in Egypt, but when I rest with my fathers, carry me out of Egypt and bury me where they are buried."

"I will do as you say," he said.
"Swear to me," he said. Then Joseph swore to him, and Israel worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

Genesis 47:27-31 (NIV)

Ethel Mae Ewing

June 17, 1930 – May 25, 2024

Ethel Mae Ewing, 93, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on June 17, 1930, to Joseph and Mary (Carey) O'Brein in Indianapolis.



Ethel was VP and general manager of Allied OSI Orthotics and was a member of Faith Missionary Church in Indianapolis. She enjoyed golf, traveling, and especially painting.

She is survived by her daughter, Anne (Jerry) Sparrow; son, Eric (Elizabeth) Ewing; niece, Mary Louise Parks; stepsister, Janet Turmail; and grandchildren, Ian Sparrow, Kyle Anderson, Sarah Ewing, and Will Ewing.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandchild, Dana Anderson; and sister, Marie and Dorothy.

Services will be held at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary at a later time. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Killer Queen & Sawyer Brown bring tours to Anderson this summer

The REPORTER

Get your tickets now for these two July shows at the Historic Paramount Theatre, 1124 Meridian St., Ander-

son, at AndersonParamount.org/shows.

Killer Queen

7:30 p.m., Friday, July 5
Killer Queen – A Trib-

ute to Queen began its journey paying homage to the legendary Queen's roots in 1993. Their popularity skyrocketed, earning them a groundbreaking residency and the "Worldwide Best Tribute Band" award in 1999 from Suggs of Madness.

The group has sold out venues worldwide, earning acclaim as the kings of musical impersonation. Hear your favorite Queen songs live, like "Somebody to Love," "Under Pressure," and "I Want to Break Free."

Learn more at KillerQueenOnline.com.

Sawyer Brown

7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 11
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in 1981, has captivated audiences for over four decades. With a unique blend of country, rock, and pop, lead vocalist Mark Miller, keyboardist Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard, guitarist Shayne Hill, and drummer Joe Smyth create a harmonious and recognizable sound.

Their breakthrough in the late '80s with the hit single "Step That Step" solidified their prominence in country music. They will appear with special guest Levi Riggs.

Learn more at SawyerBrown.com.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at AndersonParamount.org/shows or by calling the box office at (765) 642-1234.

Meeting Notices	
<p>The Hamilton County Council will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in the Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.</p> <p>A joint meeting of the Commissioners and the Council will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the same location.</p> <p>A regular meeting will then follow at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.</p>	<p>The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at HSE Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers. A work session will follow the regular board meeting.</p>
<p>The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.</p>	<p>Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com</p>
<p>The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.</p>	

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

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Softball

Swedarsky's 1-hitter, HSE's big hits clinch regional crown

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FISHERS – Not even an overnight postponement could cool off Hamilton Southeastern ace Grace Swedarsky.

With one no-hitter already on her resumé this postseason, lightning nearly struck twice for Swedarsky, as the sophomore carried a perfect game through five innings before recording her second complete-game, one-hitter this season during the two-day Class 4A Regional 4 championship.

The Regional 4 title game between the Royals (22-4) and visiting Logansport Berries (25-6) originally began on Tuesday night, but play was halted until Wednesday due to inclement weather with two outs in the top of the fifth and HSE up 5-0.

The delay didn't faze Swedarsky, who retired five of the final seven batters she faced to nail down HSE's 9-0 win and seventh regional title in program history.

Swedarsky struck out a personal-record 19 batters without a single walk issued, and the 4A No. 12 Royals' bats posted a pair of four-run frames to clinch HSE's first regional championship since 2017.

"It's definitely something all of us teams in the state of Indiana have had to battle this year. Rain delays, cancellations, makeups, just having to continue to figure

out how to get the girls in the zone and then put a pause on that and regroup," HSE head coach Emily Pusti said.

"The girls in general kept that energy, so I wasn't too worried about them. In the circle, we just kept it short and said, 'Yeah, it may say something on the scoreboard, but we have to play like it's 0-0 and kind of start right out of the gate.'"

From the first pitch on Wednesday, Swedarsky picked up right where she left off Tuesday, needing only three pitches to battle back from a 2-1 count suspended during the at-bat initiated the night prior.

A swinging strikeout to end the top of the fifth marked Swedarsky's 14th punchout and fifth-straight 1-2-3 inning.

"I knew from the first pitch she threw tonight that we were good," HSE senior shortstop Alaina Wyrick said. "It's just so much fun to cheer her on and watch her do her thing."

For 19 of Logansport's 22 at-bats, the HSE defense wasn't tasked to do much.

A pop up to Wyrick to open the fifth inning was easily handled to secure a 13th consecutive out for Swedarsky.

The first Logansport hit didn't occur until the top of the sixth, as sophomore Adrienne Scott (1-for-2) laced a hard, lead-off grounder to right field.

"It didn't really matter, and we were able to throw

her out, so we still got that out of it," Swedarsky said.

A strike'em out, throw'em out double play in the next at-bat erased the Berries' first base runner. The Berries didn't have another runner until a fielding error awarded junior Kellyn Cripe first base in top of the seventh.

Swedarsky stranded the final runner at first base with back-to-back strikeouts to end the game.

"We were up 5-0 and half of the game had already passed, so I felt pretty good going into today," Swedarsky said. "It was definitely strange (finishing today), but I still got a good warm-up before each part of the game, so it wasn't too bad. It was a big achievement to get 19 strikeouts."

Prior to Wednesday, Swedarsky's single-game best was 17 strikeouts, which she recorded three times as a freshman and three times this season, including during her first-career no-hitter against Zionsville in the Sectional 8 semifinals on May 21.

"Grace is really good at figuring out, especially in her sophomore year, how to get into the groove. She's very good at figuring out what calms her and then just stays focused on that," Pusti said. "That starts from her figuring out that pacing for her that works. She was ready to go today."

She was equally as dominant on Tuesday, striking



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern pitcher Grace Swedarsky threw 19 strikeouts and allowed only one hit during the Royals' 9-0 Regional 4 championship win over Logansport Wednesday. (ABOVE RIGHT) HSE's Jenna Chase had two hits for the Royals.

out the Berries' first 12 batters and 14 out of 15.

"You just have to be confident in those high-pressure games, and obviously, all of these games are high pressure, but if you can just take the pressure down and focus on the little things, then it's all good," Swedarsky said. "Honestly, I think, just keep it going."

The Royals provided ample run support, beginning with a Wyrick (1-for-2) scoring in the bottom of the first on one of Logansport's two errors.

HSE's 1-0 lead grew to 5-0 after a four-run bottom of the fourth, powered by a bases-loaded RBI double from Wyrick with no outs and an RBI groundout by senior Addy Justice (1-for-4). The Royals plated a run

on a wild pitch during the three-hit inning.

A four-run top of the sixth was fueled by four hits. A leadoff single by junior Chloe Smith (3-for-3) followed by a sacrifice bunt by Wyrick got the rally rolling.

"We had a whole bunch of momentum coming into today. We were five runs ahead, and we were so excited to keep going. Our team just wanted to win and finish it," Wyrick said.

A two-run double by junior Makena Burlingame (1-for-1) with the bases loaded and one out kicked off a string of three RBI hits. Keira Lodes, a junior, drove in a run on a groundout and senior Megan Wincek (1-for-2) lined an RBI single to right field for the fourth.

"I knew we had it in us

because our whole team is super talented, and we're putting the pieces together," Swedarsky said. "We're pulling out wins. It's awesome."

Senior Jenna Chase went 2-for-4, as seven of 12 HSE batters posted at least one hit each.

"We play for each other, and we just want to see each other succeed," Wyrick said. "For Grace to keep doing her thing is great to see. Throwing a no-hitter and then 19 strikeouts today, it's crazy."

On the season, Swedarsky now has 224 strikeouts in 119.0 innings pitched with 22 walks and a 14-2 record.

HSE travels to the Harrison Semi-state on Saturday to face Carroll (20-5) in the semifinals at 11 a.m.

Boys Lacrosse

Greyhounds roll past Center Grove to win state semifinals, will face off against HSE

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – The Carmel boys lacrosse team will get a chance to defend its Class 2A state championship this weekend.

The Greyhounds rolled into the Indiana High School Lacrosse Association's 2A title game by beating Center Grove 21-8 Wednesday at Murray Stadium. Carmel got a tough challenge from the Trojans in the first half before breaking away in the second half.

"We basically just had to settle down, stop playing too fast for us, which is a little bit unusual," said Carmel

coach Keith Allen. "Just settle down, take care of the ball, lock down our matchups and basically focus on fundamentals. We started trying to play too fast."

Carmel held two-goal leads twice during the first quarter, at 3-1 and at 5-3. Center Grove scored before the end of the period, then tied the game at 5-5 just a few seconds into the second quarter.

But the Greyhounds' Cole Roseman took a face-off ball right down the field and blasted it into the net, giving Carmel a 6-5 lead. Jackson Weaver scored moments later to put the Hounds up 7-5. The Tro-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Joshua Goodspeed was one of 14 Carmel players to score a goal during the Greyhounds' state semifinal win over Center Grove Wednesday at Carmel's Murray Stadium. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Leo Prosser scored four goals to lead the Greyhounds' scoring.

jans briefly cut the lead to 7-6, but Carmel ran off four

consecutive goals to end the first half, giving the Grey-

hounds an 11-6 lead.

Carmel sailed through the second half, outscoring Center Grove 10-2. Leo Prosser finished the game with four goals and three assists. Weaver, Charlie Rafalko, Brock Rose and Marsh all added two goals, with Rose and Coulter both handing out two assists. Remarkably, 14 different Greyhounds players scored at least one goal.

"We've been preaching that all season, which is

trying to get assists, trying to get everyone involved," said Allen. "Everyone understanding that their only job is to draw slide and then moved the ball."

Carmel will take on Hamilton Southeastern in the Class 2A state championship game, which takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday at Westfield. The Royals beat Cathedral 13-8 in the other semifinal game. Stats from that game will appear in Friday's edition.

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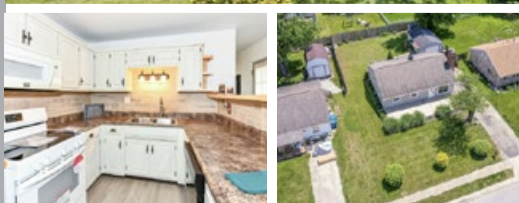


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Fields set for 2024 IBCA/IHSAA Team Showcase events

The REPORTER

Ninety-five girls teams and 154 boys teams are set to participate in the 2024 IBCA/IHSAA Team Showcase basketball events in June.

The second IBCA/IHSAA girls' Team Showcase is set for June 14 and 15 at Hamilton Southeastern and Mount Vernon, while the fifth IBCA/IHSAA boys' Team Showcase in memory of Charlie Hughes is planned for June 21 to 23 at Carmel and Westfield.

The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and the IHSAA partner to make each Showcase a "scholastic event" under NCAA and National Federation of State High School Associations rules, thereby making the events open for NCAA Division I coaches to attend in person for purposes of evaluating prospective players. Only events sanctioned by the IHSAA and IBCA may have NCAA Division I coaches attend during this "scholastic recruiting period."

The IBCA also works with Charlie Hughes Basketball in managing both events. Craig Lyon of Charlie Hughes Basketball coordinates with IBCA chief operating officer Tom Beach in making game schedules, hiring officials, securing game facilities (events may be played in only IHSAA-member facilities) and assists, if needed, in housing arrangements.

Participating teams generally play four games in the events, although some teams choose a one-day option where they play just two games. Each contest in these events is a regulation 32-minute stop-clock game, not a running-clock game like in many other summer events. No team plays more than two games in one day.

Teams are assigned a pool based on competitive play (organizers attempt to have teams play four competitive games against a "similar" team), regardless of whether a team's coach selects the one-day or two-day option. Organizers also try to avoid teams playing opponents they typically play during the regular season.

These Team Showcase events are not tournaments,

and no champions are determined. However, these Team Showcase events offer four competitive games to help each team develop while also allowing college coaches to watch the games in person.

The two-day girls' event begins at 9 a.m. June 14 with final games starting at 8 p.m. June 15. Games are at Hamilton Southeastern High School and Mount Vernon High School. Hamilton County girls teams participating are Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Sheridan and Westfield.

The three-day boys' event begins at noon June 21 with final games starting at 4 p.m. June 23. Games are at Carmel High School and Westfield High School. Hamilton County boys teams participating are Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Sheridan, University and Westfield.

Both IBCA/IHSAA Team Showcase events are open to the public. Admission is \$10 per day for adults, \$5 per day for students (ages 6 to 17) and free for children (5 and younger). IBCA members are admitted free by showing their membership card at the door.

The IBCA and IHSAA began working with Charlie Hughes Basketball in the fall of 2018 when the NCAA created a "scholastic" period in its men's basketball recruiting calendar for June 2019. Charlie Hughes Basketball started a summer boys' basketball school-team developmental event in 2005 and ran it successfully for 14 years. The event was renamed in Hughes' memory after he passed away in December 2014.

In 2023, 55 coaches from 49 colleges attended the first IBCA/IHSAA Girls' Team Showcase, while 100 coaches from 82 colleges attended the fourth IBCA/IHSAA Boys' Team Showcase in memory of Charlie Hughes.

Net proceeds from both Team Showcase events support the IBCA Scholarship Fund and Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Here is link with more information on these events: charliehughesbasketball.com.

Tillman Etchison signs to play basketball at Marian University

Submitted

Tillman Etchison, Hamilton Heights senior, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Marian University in Indianapolis. Marian University is a member of the Crossroads League and is a NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Tony and Toby Etchison.

Marian University was the top pick for Etchison. He said they have an amazing business program, it's close to home and it allows him the opportunity to play with his brother, Gus. Etchison plans to study business management and pursue a career in finance.

Etchison, who was also a member of Hamilton Heights Unified Football team, holds the school record for the most basketball assists. He was named to the All Hamilton County Team for two years, First Team All Conference for three years, Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Top 60, IBCA Scholarship recipient Top 100 his junior year, and Third Team All State.

"Ever since I was young, I loved basketball," said Etchison, who practices constantly and trains at M14 Hoops. He credits his father as the most influential person in his life in everything he does.

"I am really excited for Tillman getting this opportunity to play at the next level," said Chad Ballenger, Hamilton Heights Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach. "He is going to be able to play a true point guard position and excel at it. He leaves high school as our single game assist school record holder, and I look forward to watching him do the same at Marian. He has played the last two years for us with a lot of injuries, and I can't wait to see him get healthy and how far his game will grow. He has put a lot of time into his game and deserves this opportunity."

"Tillman has played a very important role in the boys basketball program the past four years," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "His strengths and skillset have

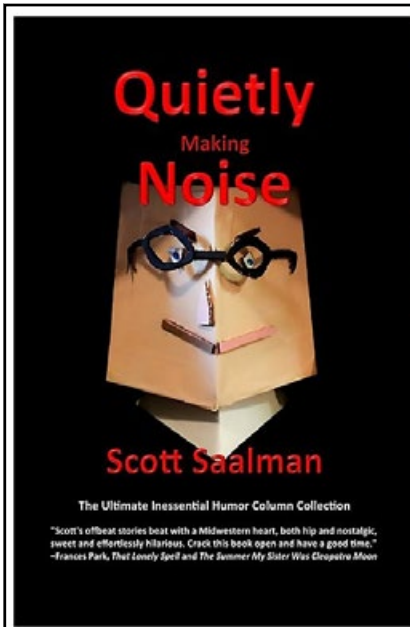


Hamilton Heights senior Tillman Etchison has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the Marian University Knights in Indianapolis. Etchison (seated) is pictured with Kathie Stretch (grandmother), Toby Etchison (mother), John Stretch (grandfather) and Gus Etchison (brother).

Photo by Jen Kauffman

provided the team with additional scoring and ball handling and those skills will be sorely missed next year. We're very happy that Tillman gets the opportunity to continue to play the sport he loves at Marian University."

When Etchison is not in the classroom or on the court, he can be found working on the family farm or golfing. He is also a member of the board for his father's foundation, the Tony Etchison Memorial Foundation. "I am looking forward to the next four years at Marian and the journey ahead," noted Etchison.



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 Hamilton Heights vs. Plainfield and Speedway, 4:30 p.m. at Brickyard Crossing

Friday, May 31

GIRLS TRACK

State finals at Indiana University, 3 p.m.

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At Carmel, noon

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