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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Lions & S.O.S Club serve the Miracle League (& pancakes)

Raise \$2,250 for program helping disabled play baseball

Submitted

On Saturday, March 29, the Westfield Lions Club helped the Westfield High School (WHS) Service Over Self (S.O.S.) Club serve pancakes and raise funds for the Miracle League of Westfield. This is the third year in a row the S.O.S. Club has teamed up with the Lions to support the Miracle League.

Megan Springer, the WHS sponsor for the S.O.S. Club, once again did an amazing job facilitating the event and organizing the students to plan, promote, and run the breakfast. The Westfield Lions provided support by purchasing the supplies and volunteering to serve alongside the S.O.S. Club at the breakfast. The Lions have been supporting and serving the S.O.S. Club since it was formed during COVID. Before that, the Lions worked with the WHS LEO Club for 12 years serving the community and raising funds for various charities.

The Lions and the S.O.S. Club owe a huge debt of gratitude to the WHS Food Service staff for their help making the last three pancake



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(ABOVE) The Westfield High School baseball team and (from left) Miracle League Players Camilla Richmond and Londyn Hoffman. (BELOW) Westfield Lions and SOS Club members with (from left) Miracle League Players Graham Vollmer, Londyn Hoffman, and Camilla Richmond.

breakfasts successful. Paul Sherer, Director of Food Services for Westfield Washington Schools, managed the coordination of setting up and holding the breakfast in the high school's cafeteria. He and his staff members spent their Saturday morning assisting the S.O.S. Club and making sure the event ran smoothly.

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Reality blocked

My freshman year of college began at Purdue University. I felt honored to be accepted into Purdue and was excited to attend. A few of my friends were going to be joining me. Many times, concern about the size of the school was discussed with me. I was asked over and over, "do you think it is too big of a school for you?" I was adamant that I would be fine.

I started out at Purdue with some accommodations that were put into place to promote my success there. I had a room on the first floor with a semi-private bathroom, which were few and far between at the time. That was very nice to have, and very helpful to me. I also was allowed to bring my car and park it outside of my dorm, just steps away. That was also great. Those were the "special" accommodations that I "allowed." Desperate just to blend in, I ignored my glaring reality.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

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Lane Young to lead Carmel Utilities

Submitted by City of Carmel

A seasoned leader with experience leading utilities for large municipalities and organizations is joining the City of Carmel as Director of Utilities.

Lane Young previously served as executive director of Evansville Water and Sewer Utility and as campus director at Christian Union at Columbia University. He additionally held leadership roles at TeachBeyond Global and Evansville Titles.



Young

"I am very excited to welcome Lane to the City of Carmel as Director of Utilities," Chief Infrastructure Officer Jeremy Kashman said. "He brings extensive experience in leading a large public utility, as well as strong leadership and collaboration capabilities that will support our tradition of excellence and service to our residents and businesses."

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Sheridan Library gets TP'd for science

The REPORTER

Excitement (and toilet paper) was in the air at Sheridan Public Library (SPL) during the recent STEAM Celebration.

Professor Steve kicked off the event by presenting his "Unseen Forces" show in front of a crowd that was ready for fun. This comedy show had all ages engaged and eager to learn about science.

Professor Steve and Elisa Dee, the children's librarian, talked with the kids about how they, too, can be scientists by studying the world around them, asking questions, and being problem solvers.

To encourage this, Dee was thrilled to show off the new Grab and Go STEAM collection that contains over 30 kits

that cover a variety of topics related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Math. These kits are available to check out for one week at a time with one automatic renewal and can be placed on hold by visiting the following link: [Sheridan STEAM Kit Catalog](#).

The collection of kits was made possible through a grant from [Science Kits for Public Libraries](#) (SKPL), a division of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). As a recipient of an additional donation through SKPL from the Sander family, SPL was able to purchase a larger collection.

A longtime member of SKPL, Bernie Sander, always wanted to make a difference and knew the importance of all



Photo provided by Sheridan Public Library

Kids of all ages loved the "Unseen Forces" demonstration put on by Professor Steve at the Sheridan Public Library.

children having access to high quality STEAM learning experiences. When he passed away last year, his family knew they

wanted to donate to SKPL in his honor.

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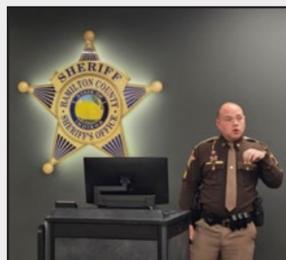
Sheriff's Office partners with Autism of Indiana to offer emergency preparation info

The REPORTER

On Monday, March 31, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office collaborated with Autism of Indiana to hold an Autism Emergency Preparedness presentation to kick off Autism Awareness Month for April.

The program, led by Rachael Eaton of Autism of Indiana, focused on strategies for handling emergency situations involving autistic children.

Eaton emphasized the importance of having a plan in place, which includes preparing emergency supplies tailored to a child's needs. These



Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Rachael Eaton of Autism Indiana (above left) and Sgt. Dillon McDaniel of the Sheriff's Office spoke on the importance of having an emergency plan if you have autistic children.

supplies could feature favorite toys, snacks, or other familiar and calming items, along with charged electronics to help pro-

vide comfort during stressful situations.

Another key topic discussed was the benefit of introduc-

ing autistic children to local fire and police departments.

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HCPR to honor John Bundy with dedication ceremony at White River Campground

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) will hold a special public ceremony at 2:30 p.m. April 22 to honor the legacy of John Bundy, founder of White River Rescue Inc., for his dedication to the preservation and restoration of the White River.

The ceremony will take place at the White River Campground, 11299 E. 234th St., Cicero, where a dedication plaque will be unveiled in recognition of John's unwavering commitment to the river and its surrounding ecosystem. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

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YOUNG

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A native of Evansville with a background in leadership and finance, Young holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Indiana University and a master's degree from Wheaton College. A veteran of the United States Army, Young served as a field artillery officer.

"I am thrilled to join the City of Carmel and look forward to serving the commu-

nity," Young said. "The decisions we make in utilities support residents' quality of life, and it is a responsibility I look forward to taking on."

Young began employment Wednesday and will assume director duties on April 18. He will fulfill the role held by John Duffy, who is retiring this month, following 33 years of service to the city.

STEAM

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SPL welcomed the Sanders family to the celebration and they were happy to be a part of the kick off. Toni, Bernie's wife, spoke at the event and said, "I know Bernie was here and I could hear him say, go make a difference."

SPL believes these kits will truly make a difference to the kids of Sheridan as well.



Photo provided by SPL Children's Librarian Elissa Dee explained how can kids can be scientists, too.

AUTISM

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This initiative helps not only the children become familiar with emergency responders but also allows first responders to understand more about the autistic children in their community. Learning about a child's preferences, dislikes, and familiar hangouts can be crucial in cases where a child wanders or goes missing.

Sgt. Dillon McDaniel also was one of the presenters, speaking about Project Lifesaver and the difference between PLS and using Airtags, Tiles, or GPS Trackers. He explained that the program is completely free for qualified clients and detailed what the pro-

gram entails, including the local fire departments involved with the HCSO and this initiative.

The event brought together several families with autistic members, providing them with an opportunity to connect with others facing similar challenges. Parents were able to exchange valuable information, share experiences, and offer support to one another.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Autism of Indiana continue to work towards ensuring the safety and well-being of autistic individuals by fostering community awareness and preparedness.

REALITY

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Although I had my car on campus, starting out, I didn't have permission to drive to classes and park near my classes. Again, I assured those asking me that I didn't need that provision. *I will be fine*, was always my response to the pesky adults asking me. I wanted to walk to class like everyone else.

About a week into the school year, walking back to my dorm from class, I quickly discovered just how big the campus was. I had underestimated how tough that

would be for me. It took me a very long time to walk to my classes and was exhausting on a different level. From out of nowhere, came a torrential downpour. Everyone around me became frantic and started running. Passing me on each side, nearly knocking me down. My pace did not change because it couldn't. Head down, I continued on, suddenly acutely aware that blocking my reality was not serving me well. Pretending my limitations did not exist was not helpful, and the person it was hurting was me.

That was one of the longest walks of my life back to my dorm where I arrived about 30 minutes later, battered by the rain, my confidence beaten to a bloody pulp. I was defeated and my attempts to hide my realities were exposed for all to see. I felt foolish, and I was most certainly not blending in.

After a long cry and a hot shower, I reached out for help. I was able to get further accommodations, which allowed me to drive to class

and park near the buildings that my classes were in. That was extremely helpful, and there was no shortage of willing participants to be my passengers.

That is just one example of how I tried to block my reality as a person with a physical disability. My life up to that point was a slew of similar instances. I suffered to try and blend in. It is that simple.

Looking back, that seems silly, but also, I still understand the young girl who so wanted to just blend in. I still feel that way at times, wishing I could just go somewhere, and no one would notice me. No one awkwardly staring or kids loudly saying, "what's wrong with her?"

I recently had a conversation with one of my sons about a part of him that he has always tried to suppress because it makes him stand out from others. As his mother, I see it as one of his greatest strengths. He is learning as he gets older, just like I did, that blocking our realities does not end well. Even-

tually, they force their way out and we are still faced with the same thing. Our reality.

We need to embrace our realities in order to serve our purpose well.

Embracing our realities can be an incredibly beautiful and powerful thing. It really allows us to align with our path and purpose in life, enabling us to live abundantly. When we are able to do that, it feels so freeing. We truly are holding ourselves back when we try to dim what makes us ourselves. I speak from experience.

It is a battle of the mind, but I am determined to continue to try my best to embrace mine. I hope you do, too.

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.

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About the Miracle League of Westfield

The Miracle League of Westfield is an amazing organization that provides the opportunity for children and adults with disabilities to play the game of baseball. The program is run out of the Roundtripper Sports Academy at 16708 Southpark Drive in Westfield. For more information on how the Miracle League is helping bring joy of the game of baseball to kids and adults that haven't been able to play the game, go to MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com. You can see firsthand how the program works and what you can do to support it.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club Miracle League Player Londyn Hoffman and Margo Hoaglan.

About the Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions Club has been serving the community since 1930, and they are looking for men and women

who would like to help them in the mission. Please go to WestfieldLions.org to find

out more about the Club and how you can become a member.

BUNDY

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John Bundy founded White River Rescue Inc. in 2000, following a dev-

astating pollution incident in 1999 that killed millions of fish in the White River. This tragic event sparked his mission to restore the river's health, protect its wildlife, and enhance its natural beauty for future generations. His work focused on river restoration, fish restocking, and environmental consulting, contributing significantly to the river's revival and making it a thriving habitat for fish, wildlife, and a beloved recreational space for the community.

"We are proud to honor John Bundy's remarkable contributions to the White River and the Hamilton County community," HCPDR Director Chris Stice said. "John and the efforts of the White River Rescue have not only restored the health

of the White River but have also created lasting opportunities for local families to enjoy its beauty and resources. The dedication of this plaque is a small token of our appreciation for his dedication to conservation."

White River Rescue Inc. made a generous \$52,000 donation to HCPDR, which funded the refurbishment of the fishing pier at the White River Campground. The donation has greatly improved the pier's accessibility, aesthetics, and overall experience for visitors.

Joining the ceremony will be members of White River Rescue Inc., including Valarie Bundy, Steve Schwartz, Lori Schwartz, and Don Watson, who made this substantial contribution to the White River Campground possible.

Fishers native gains experience interning at Indiana Statehouse

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Chris Jeter

Fishers native Emily Gebhardt is gaining experience as an intern with State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) and his fellow members of the Indiana House of Representatives during the 2025 legislative session.

Gebhardt, a Hamilton Southeastern High School graduate, is the daughter of Susan and Doug Gebhardt. She is currently a junior at Purdue University majoring in communications and minor in management.

“Working at the Statehouse has been my favorite professional experience so far,” Gebhardt said. “Between connecting with state representatives and staff while also being immersed in the legislative process of Indiana, I am confident to say this has truly been an exciting semester that has made me hold great appreciation for our legislators and all the work they do.”

As a communications intern, Gebhardt helps write

press releases, create legislative handouts, update web pages and produce podcasts.

“The work Emily is doing as a communications intern is helpful to both legislators and constituents alike,” Jeter said. “The communications team ensures that news gets out to the public in a quick, efficient manner and informs Hoosiers about legislation impacting them.”

At the start of each year, the House of Representatives offers paid internship opportunities to college students, law-school students, graduate students and recent college graduates for the duration of the annual legislative session.

Visit indianahouse-republicans.com/internship for more information about the House Republican internship program.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.



Photo provided State Rep. Chris Jeter (left) and Emily Gebhardt gather in the House Chamber as the March 20 legislative session convenes.

Tiffany Buzan named principal of Maple Glen Elementary

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools has announced Tiffany Buzan as the new principal of Maple Glen Elementary School, effective July 1, 2025. She brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the Westfield community.

Maple Glen Elementary, 17171 Ditch Road, opened in 2006 and is one of the district's six elementary schools. Following a thorough selection process, Westfield Washington Schools Administration and a committee of parents worked collaboratively to identify the next leader for Maple Glen Elementary. Buzan's dedication to student success and leadership experience made her the ideal choice.

Buzan has been a dedicated member of the Westfield Washington Schools family since July 2017, serving as the Assistant Principal at Carey Ridge Elementary. Her career in education began in New Palestine Community Schools, where she spent over a decade teaching kindergarten and first grade at Sugar Creek Elementary from 2003 to 2014. She later advanced into leadership, serving as Assistant Principal at Sugar Creek Elementary for three years before bringing her experience and passion for education to Westfield.

“I have truly enjoyed

working alongside the amazing staff, students, and families at Carey Ridge Elementary,” Buzan said.

“Being part of such a supportive and caring community has been an honor. I am excited to continue serving Westfield Washington Schools in this new role and look forward to building strong relationships with the Maple Glen Elementary family.”

A dedicated lifelong learner, Buzan earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Ball State University in 2003. She continued her education at Indiana Wesleyan University, obtaining a master's degree in Education in 2007 and a certification in School Administration in 2015.

Buzan and her husband, Larry, are proud members of the Westfield community. They have three children: Ella, who is attending Ball State University, and Jackson and Caroline, who are students at Westfield Washington Schools.

“We are thrilled to welcome Tiffany Buzan as the new Principal of Maple Glen Elementary,” Associate Superintendent Dr. John Atha said. “Her dedication to student success, leading the PLC process, and passion for the Westfield community make her the perfect fit to lead Maple Glen into the future.”



Buzan



Ready to dig? Duke Energy reminds residents to call 811 before beginning spring digging projects

The REPORTER

April is National Safe Digging Month, and Duke Energy is recognizing the importance of calling 811 before starting any digging projects. This simple step helps protect the nation's underground utility infrastructure and ensures the safety of both customers and professional excavators.

“Even if you or your contractor are digging just a few inches below the surface, underground utility lines can still be present,” Duke Ener-

gy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “Taking the time to check and be aware of what's buried below is the best way to dig safely and prevent potentially dangerous damage to our underground utilities.”

Call first, dig second

The national 811 “Call Before You Dig” system was created so anyone who plans to dig can make a free call to have underground utility lines clearly marked. Contractors, homeowners, business owners, and

anyone preparing for an excavation project should call 811 at least three business days before digging begins. The local utilities will send a crew to mark underground lines in the area (electric, natural gas, water, sewer, phone, cable TV, and others) with stakes, flags or paint.

Digging into the damage data

In 2024, Duke Energy reported nearly 350 cuts to underground electric lines in Indiana.

“Our strongest safeguard is raising awareness and providing continuous education about calling 811 before digging,” Pinegar said. “We are dedicated to the safety of our customers and communities, and spreading this message helps prevent digging and excavation incidents.”

For additional information about 811, visit Duke Energy's [Call 811 Before You Dig webpage](http://Call811BeforeYouDig.com). To get in touch with the 811 center, dial 811 or visit call811.com.

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Regional leaders will gather for 2025 Suburban Housing Conference

Submitted by HAND

As communities across central Indiana grapple with rising housing costs, population growth, and evolving workforce demands, HAND Inc. will hold its 2025 Suburban Housing Conference presented by the Hamilton County Community Foundation from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield.

Now in its 11th year, the conference brings together elected officials, business leaders, nonprofit professionals, real estate experts, and advocates to explore real-world solutions to one of Indiana's most pressing challenges: how to create housing that meets the needs of everyone who lives and works in the suburbs.

This year's theme, "Building the Future: Housing Solutions for Thriving Suburbs," emphasizes collaboration, innovation, and action. Through a mix of engaging panels and interactive conversation, attendees will learn from communities and organizations leading the way.

Key sessions
 • **Public Involvement Drives Change** – Exploring zoning reform, land use tools, and publicly led initiatives that are making housing more attainable.

• **Charity Begins with Home** – A look at how philanthropic and mission-driven organizations are stepping up to support housing through investment, partnerships, and land dona-



tions.

• **How Cross-Sector Partnerships Are Delivering Housing Solutions** – Highlighting employers and economic development leaders working together to address workforce housing and infrastructure challenges.

Keynote address
 This year's keynote will be delivered by the Housing Narrative Lab, a national organization that helps communities reframe the public conversation around affordable housing. Their session will equip attendees with the tools to shift community dialogue from fear and misinformation to shared values, solutions, and long-term impact.

Confirmed speakers

- Mayor Matt Gentry, City of Lebanon
- Christine Owens, Town of Cumberland
- Sarah Reed, City of Noblesville
- Jim Morris, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis
- Danielle Stiles-Polk, Hamilton County Community Foundation
- Karen Simon, GXO Logistics
- Ron Walker, CFC Properties (Cook Medical Workforce Housing)

"Affordable housing isn't just a big city issue

– it's a suburban issue, a workforce issue, and a quality-of-life issue," HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis said. "This conference brings people together who are serious about doing something, and we're proud to help lead that conversation in Indiana."

Register now at bit.ly/SHC2025. The cost is \$150 per person; tables and sponsorship opportunities are available. (Elected officials can attend free of charge. RSVP to kerry@handincorporated.org.)

For more information about the 2025 Suburban Housing Conference, registration, or sponsorship opportunities, visit handincorporated.org or contact Kerri at kerry@handincorporated.org.

About HAND, Inc.
 HAND is a nonprofit organization working to expand housing options in the northern suburbs of Indianapolis. The organization owns and manages 11 affordable rental communities across Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties. Since 2003, HAND has supported inclusive neighborhoods through housing development, education, and advocacy to ensure people of all ages and income levels can thrive. Learn more at handincorporated.org.

Braun announces new partnerships providing high school students direct path to their future

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun announced Wednesday new partnerships with higher education, business and industry, and the Indiana National Guard that will more efficiently connect Indiana high school students with their future goals. Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner, members of the State Board of Education and other key partners involved in the high school diploma redesign process were present for the announcement.

"Quality education is key to a prosperous economic future for Indiana," Gov. Braun said. "Today, by working with our partners, including many in the private sector, we have an opportunity to not only improve outcomes for students statewide, but also strengthen our state economy for years to come."

These new partnerships deliver on Indiana's commitment to ensure the high school experience provides the best outcomes for students by outlining a set of guarantees for students who earn Indiana's new honors plus readiness seals. This will provide students a direct path from high school to their next steps, whether straight into a career, college, or serving our Nation.

Below is an overview of the opportunities available to students beginning next school year for schools that opt-in and for all students beginning with the class of 2029.

For students earning the Enrollment Honors Plus Seal

All seven of the state's public colleges and universities and an increasing number of private institutions are guaranteeing automatic acceptance into their school for any student who applies and has successfully earned the enrollment plus seal. This includes:

- Purdue University
- Indiana University
- Ivy Tech Community College

- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- University of Southern Indiana
- Vincennes University
- Additional colleges and universities will continue to be added

For students earning the Employment Honors Plus Seal

Through the help of Ascend Indiana, students who earn the employment honors plus seal can receive dedicated career support. This includes helping students get connected through interviews with some of our state's top employers.

Students who interview and have completed an employment seal will also be eligible for direct entry into the Central Midwest Carpenters Union apprenticeship.

State leaders are also actively working with Operating Engineers Local 150 to offer similar benefits in connection with their apprenticeship.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce is actively recruiting businesses across the state to invite and encourage them to be part of this as well.

For students earning the Enlistment Honors Plus Seal

Any student who completes the Enlistment and Service Honors Plus Seal will be uniquely qualified to join the Indiana National Guard and other military branches.

Once accepted to the National Guard, students can:

- Earn college credits for completing training and reduce the time and cost required to complete a degree.
- Gain direct access to veteran mentors, military career counselors, and college ROTC liaisons, who can provide college and career guidance
- Access priority job placement programs designed for military professionals, offering job interviews for federal employment and private-sector roles where military experi-

ence is highly valued.

"Indiana is leading the way when it comes to re-designing the high school experience to ensure these four years are as valuable as possible for students, and I could not be more excited about the opportunity ahead to continue to grow our partnerships in this work," Dr. Jenner said. "In many ways, the adoption of the final diploma rule was only the beginning of our journey, and today's announcement is the logical next step as many of the same partners who helped us to develop the readiness seals are now solidifying their value for students. I want to thank Governor Braun for his leadership and also our partners for their unwavering commitment to Hoosier students. As we continue implementation of the new diploma, I look forward to growing our list of partners who want to ensure Hoosier students have a more seamless path to their future."

Indiana's new high school diploma requirements allow students to take an entrepreneurial approach to their education and increase flexibility for students to personalize their journey, as well as increase access to both work-based learning and credentials of value. With this increased flexibility, the ability to add a readiness seal provides students with a transparent blueprint for success, whether they plan to continue their education after high school, go straight into a career, or serve in the military.

After more than a year of stakeholder feedback, the SBOE unanimously approved the final high school diploma rule in December 2024. Per statute, Indiana's current graduation requirements will sunset Oct. 1, 2028, making the new diploma requirements effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029, or students currently in eighth grade. Schools may opt-in beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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Christmas In June Care Package Drive



"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12th till May 10th

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 Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
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44th annual IN-Focus photography competition opens Friday at Anderson Museum of Art

The REPORTER

The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) will open its 44th annual IN-Focus Photography Exhibition on Friday, celebrating the incredible talent and vision of photographers from across the region.

The public is invited to join the festivities from 5 to 8 p.m. this Friday, April 4, during First Friday, with an opening reception and awards ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This year's IN-Focus winners have demonstrated outstanding creativity and technical mastery across various categories: Animal/Wildlife, Architecture, Digital Manipulation, Nature/Scenic, Open, People, and Photojournalism. The exhibition offers a powerful visual experience that reflects the diverse perspectives of our artistic community. The show will remain on view through May 24.

In addition to the exhibition opening, AMOA will feature 15 local vendors as

part of its A.R.T.S. (A Reason to Shop) pop-up market, encouraging visitors to support local makers and artists. Families are also invited to enjoy children's activities inspired by the new exhibition, presented through AMOA's Art at Play program – an initiative that celebrates creative play and self-expression for all ages.

AMOA extends sincere appreciation to the exhibition sponsors whose ongoing support makes IN-Focus possible each year:

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Their contributions are vital in strengthening the arts and fostering a creative, connected community.

For more information about AMOA and upcoming events, visit andersonart.org or follow @AndersonMuseumOfArt on social media.

Misery loves company & audiences at Buck Creek

By GLENN DOBBS
A Seat on the Aisle

In the pantheon of Stephen King novels – and he has written an eye-popping 77 and still counting – *Misery* stands near the top. Published in 1987, it is ranked by *Esquire* magazine as his sixth-greatest of all time. Neil McRobert writes, "It's King's cleverest novel by far, and it looms above every other word he has written on the pleasure and pain of the creative life."

Many of King's stories have been made into movies but few translated to the screen quite as successfully as *Misery*. The 1990 film directed by Rob Reiner and written by William Goldman was a hit and made a star out of Kathy Bates, who took home the Academy Award for best actress.

The film was reimagined as a stage play first by Simon Moore and later by the film's screen writer William Goldman. Unlike most films, the story lends itself to the theater in that the bulk of the action takes place in a small home. The isolation of the simple house allows you to focus on the characters more intimately.

The genius of Stephen King's scary stories lies in his use of seemingly benign things and showing how truly frightening they can be. Things as banal as a garbage disposal, a scarecrow, a large dog, or a circus clown with a red balloon can transform into the stuff of nightmares.

Such is the case with the plot of *Misery*. There are no supernatural beings or mythical monsters here. A celebrated romance author is gravely injured in a car crash along an isolated snowy road and is rescued by a kind middle-aged woman who happens to be a nurse. What follows is a tale of horror that lingers long after the tale ends.



Photo provided by Buck Creek Players

Mark Meyer as Paul Sheldon being cared for by Lisa Banning as Annie Wilkes.

Lisa Banning steps into the titular role of Annie Wilkes. She attacks the part with the required energy and verve. When she changes from a sweet spinster to volatile sadist the result is startling. And that of course is the desired goal. This is a very difficult role for any actor and Ms. Banning embraces the challenge with relish.

Her patient – or victim – is the author Paul Sheldon. Mark Meyer accepts the task with the ferocity of a trapped animal. He is fighting for his survival against a larger than life foe. When Annie brutalizes him, we feel his suffering but are helpless to offer aid. She is "his biggest fan." Such love is deadly and Mr. Meyer shows us his pain every step of the way.

The cast is rounded out by Aaron Beal who plays Sheriff Buster. Mr. Beal brings a genuine authenticity to his role and is a welcome relief from the relentlessly oppressive atmosphere during his brief scenes.

Conveying menace and terror on a stage is a tall order for any actor. Movies

have the advantage of intense soundtracks, elaborate lighting, and forced perspectives to make the audience look in the direction the filmmaker desires. A stage play has a much more difficult task. Without such devices, the weight of keeping the sense of foreboding falls directly on the shoulders of the actor. Audiences often don't know how to react to such scenes and will titter and shift uncomfortably to help them deal with tension. It is not easy.

Director Jeremy Tuterow has staged the show in an efficient 90 minutes. Any longer would be too much to bear. The special effects, including the famous "hobbling" scene are well conceived and effective. If I have one quibble it lies with the overly frequent blackouts. Dramatic tension builds only to be released too soon with the blackouts and the audience has to start all over again. I am not sure if this problem lies in the staging or it is how the script was written, but, for me, the frequency of them was often off-putting.

The set, designed by Su-

sanne Bush, had a wonderful combination of Seventies-era kitsch mixed with cat lady vibe. I liked the use of the two rooms with the front door to keep the action moving. The lighting design as conceived by Ben Jones effectively brings a cold moody atmosphere to the story.

The cast enjoyed a full and responsive matinee audience on a stormy Indiana afternoon at the venerable Buck Creek Theatre. It is easy to see the loyalty and love Buck Creek has earned after delivering over 50 years of great theater here in Indianapolis. It was my first time here and I plan to come back.

Bottom line: An effective thriller well executed by the actors and production team. Worth the trip to see for yourself.

Editor's note: Three more performances are scheduled: Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 6 at 2:30 p.m. Get tickets at BuckCreekPlayers.com.

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

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Gun found in student's car at Hamilton Southeastern High School Student not believed to have had violent intentions

By PARKER CARLSON
WISH-TV | wistv.com

School administrators uncovered a gun inside of a student's car at Hamilton Southeastern High School.

A message was sent to parents about the gun being found during a search Wednesday morning.

Hamilton Southeastern

Superintendent Pat Mapes said they do not believe the student had any intentions of using the gun for violence. "However, this situation is being taken with the utmost seriousness," Mapes said.

The incident was reported to the school administration which prompted the search of the student's car. After the gun was found, the school resource officer and Fishers police were notified and the weapon was confiscated.

The student may face legal consequences as well as from the school district.

"This incident is also a critical reminder of the importance of 'See Something, Say Something.' We strongly encourage students, staff and families to report any concerns regarding safety to school administration or law enforcement. By working

together, we can help ensure a secure learning environment for all," Mapes said.

HSE Schools' full statement

Dear HSE Families,
Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority. With that in mind, we want to inform you about an incident that was brought to our attention and promptly addressed at Hamilton Southeastern High School.

This morning, a discipline investigation led to a search of a student's car by school administration in which a firearm was discovered. The School Resource Officer (SRO) was immediately notified, and along with Fishers Police, the weapon was confiscated.

At this time, we do not believe the student was in possession of the weapon to carry out an act of vio-

lence at school. However, this situation is being taken with the utmost seriousness. The student will be subject to consequences in accordance with our Student Handbook and may also face legal ramifications.

This incident is also a critical reminder of the importance of "See Something, Say Something." We strongly encourage students, staff and families to report any concerns regarding safety to school administration or law enforcement. By working together, we can help ensure a secure learning environment for all.

Sincerely,
Pat Mapes
Superintendent

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/local-news/student-gun-discovered-hse.

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First Farmers Bank & Trust teaching better money habits for Financial Literacy Month

Submitted

With April being Financial Literacy Month, First Farmers Bank & Trust provides a hands-on and easy-to-learn program to educate the community on how to improve their financial skills.

Everyone loves to spend money, but not everyone knows how to budget their money or save for their future. That's why First Farmers Bank & Trust is offering the opportunity to help people learn how to take charge of their finances through financial literacy.

What is financial literacy? It's a key skill that can help you make better decisions and improve your financial wellness. Whether you're a teenager saving for that first car or an adult planning for retirement or starting a business, financial literacy is a perfect opportunity to bring awareness of the importance of financial education to those who may not be money-savvy.

This program is free and covers a wide range of important topics such as:

- Saving for the Future



- Managing your Money
 - Building and Repairing your Credit
 - Home Ownership 101
 - Banking Basics
 - Fraud Protection
 - Retirement Planning
 - College Planning
- First Farmers commitment to their community is to help them thrive financially and that starts with financial education. They

believe that improved financial knowledge will help build stronger relationships and a better future.

If your organization is interested in learning more about the financial literacy workshops or interested in scheduling a workshop in your area, contact jordan.sharp@ffbt.com.

To learn more about First Farmers Bank & Trust, visit ffbt.com.

Keeping victims' voices at forefront

Prevail, Inc. highlights Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is a significant month for Prevail and the communities we serve. It marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 6-12, 2025). We highlight the importance of supporting survivors, raising awareness, advocating for justice, and fostering prevention efforts.



TAMI WANNINGER
Prevail, Inc.

Sexual violence affects people of all backgrounds, yet it is often shrouded in silence. This month, we focus on breaking that silence by educating our community, amplifying survivor voices, and engaging in crucial conversations about prevention and support for survivors on their healing journey.

During National Crime Victims' Rights Week, we also recognize the progress made in advancing victims' rights, while acknowledging the work still ahead. At Prevail, we advocate for policies and programs that empower victims, keeping their voices at the forefront of our work.

We invite you to join us in spreading awareness and taking action to support survivors. Thank you for standing with Prevail, your voice matters in this movement.

Together, Community Strengthens Survivors.
Tami R. Wanninger, MPA serves as the Executive Director of Prevail, Inc.

Have a Bank of America card? You can visit two area museums for free this weekend

The REPORTER

Bank of America, Merrill, and Bank of America Private Bank cardholders offer ways to get out and learn about the world around them with free general admission to local cultural attractions with Museums on Us.

The program provides

bank credit and debit cardholders free general admission to some of America's favorite museums and cultural institutions. As part of Museums on Us, more than 225 of the country's most prominent cultural institutions welcome bank cardholders in for free on the first full weekend of each

month.

This weekend – Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 – two area museums will participate in the Museums on Us program:

- Conner Prairie Museum, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers
- Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, 4000

N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis

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Last chance to hear from state legislators at Eggs & Issues

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce and the OneZone Chamber of Commerce have partnered for April's Eggs & Issues event.

The breakfast will take place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 25 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St. Registration, breakfast, and light networking will begin at 8:00,

with program starting at 8:30.

This is your last opportunity to hear directly from state legislators as they discuss key legislative updates and what's ahead for the state. Don't miss this chance to engage, ask questions, and stay informed.

All chamber members and non-members are invited to attend. Breakfast and

coffee will be provided.

[Click here](#) to register. If you have questions or difficulty registering, please email cheryl@onezonecommerce.com.

Editor's note: The February Eggs & Issues featuring State Health Commissioner Dr. Lindsay Weaver was sponsored by the following businesses and organizations: Presenting Sponsor

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SCORE Indianapolis wins Chapter of the Year award

The REPORTER

After helping to start 516 new businesses, SCORE Indianapolis has been named Chapter of the Year for the Indiana/Kentucky district.

The 2025 SCORE Chapter of the Year recognition is based upon SCORE Indianapolis' achievements in fiscal year 2024, which began Oct. 1, 2023, and concluded on Sept. 30, 2024.

SCORE Indianapolis, which provides no-cost mentoring to entrepreneurs in Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Hendricks, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, Johnson, and Shelby counties, received the coveted Chapter of the Year honor in 2024 as well.

For fiscal year 2024, SCORE Indianapolis' 69 volunteer mentors conducted more than 2,500 total mentoring sessions and helped to create 1,645 total jobs.

In all, mentors worked

with more than 1,100 entrepreneurs and small business owners. SCORE Indianapolis mentors conducted 20 local in-person workshops, which were attended by nearly 400 area business owners.

According to the annual Price Waterhouse Coopers survey, small business clients who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased business growth.

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award on behalf of SCORE Indianapolis," Chapter Chair Thomas Morgan said. "This would not have been possible without our mentors' steadfast dedication to SCORE's mission to help small businesses start, grow and prosper."

To learn more about SCORE, request a mentor or volunteer to be one, visit score.org.

AG Rokita to court: prisoners have no constitutional right to sex-change surgeries

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Federal and state authorities are operating well within the boundaries of the U.S. Constitution when they deny inmates' requests for sex-change surgeries or hormone treatments, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita told a U.S. district court this week.

"Across the country, medical professionals and policymakers are engaged in intense dialogue over how to address surging cases of gender dysphoria," AG Rokita said. "The Constitution leaves policy choices about best medical

practices to politically accountable policymakers."

AG Rokita is co-leading with Idaho a **24-state amicus brief** defending an executive order by President Trump setting new guidelines affecting federal inmates claiming to experience gender dysphoria.

The order – titled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" – prohibits



Rokita

inmates in federal prisons and immigration detention centers from obtaining taxpayer-funded sex-change procedures and requires biological males to be housed in men's correctional facilities.

On behalf of several transgender inmates, the American Civil Liberties Union and Transgender Law Center have sued the Trump administration. They claim the executive order constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment"

in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

"Nothing in the Eighth Amendment's text or history allows prisoners to demand whatever medical interventions they desire," AG Rokita said.

AG Rokita is also continuing a legal battle in Indiana to defend the state's own ban on using taxpayer funds to provide sex-change surgeries to prisoners. A federal judge has ordered that state officials must accommodate a convicted baby-killer's desire to obtain such procedures in order to assume the identity of a woman.

Help Red Cross keep blood supply blooming, give blood now

The REPORTER

This April, the American Red Cross urges individuals to give lifesaving blood now as seasonal travel ramps up.

The impact of busy spring calendars comes on the heels of an incredibly challenging winter, during which tens of thou-

sands of blood products went uncollected due to weather. With upcoming holiday celebrations and record-breaking spring break travel expected in the coming weeks, donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets.

Blood has a shelf life of only 42 days. With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential to patient care. Spring plans can disrupt normal giving patterns, but the need for blood is constant.

Help hope bloom this spring – book a time to

give blood now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS, or using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

All who come to give in April will be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners. Additionally,

those who come to give through April 13 will receive a \$15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. All who come to give later in the month, April 14 to 30, will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last. See RedCrossBlood.org/Hope for details on all three offers.

Upcoming donation opportunities

Carmel

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THE BURNT OFFERING

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Leviticus 1:4-9 (NIV)

Neil A. Fladeland

December 29, 1945 – March 30, 2025



Neil A. Fladeland, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on December 29, 1945, to Tilford and Kathleen (Bohman) Fladeland in Grand Forks, N.D.



Neil proudly served his country in the United States Army. He worked as an engineer for Insight Cable, retiring in 2009. Neil was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and enjoyed woodworking, boating, skiing and riding motorcycles. Most of all, he loved time with his family playing cards and watching his kids play sports. Neil especially loved his grandkids and he will be dearly missed.

Neil is survived by his daughter, Stacy (Andrew) Van Noy; sons, Barry (Shannon) Fladeland, and Randy (Sarah) Fladeland; grandchildren, Luke, Samantha, and Mason Fladeland; and his sister, Pat Ballantine.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Karen M. Fladeland; and his sister, Abby Perry.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Friday, April 4, 2025, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Rev. Clayton Thompson will officiate. Entombment will follow at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 (t2t.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Angela Renea Dishmon

November 16, 1972 – March 29, 2025

Angela Renea Dishmon, known affectionately as Angie, departed this world on March 29, 2025. Born in Tipton on November 16, 1972, she spent her life spreading joy and laughter in the hearts of those around her.

A charismatic and compassionate individual, Angie had an uncanny ability to bring smiles to the faces of everyone she met. She was a beacon of light and love in her community, always showing kindness and understanding. As the famous poet Maya Angelou once said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Angie truly embodied this sentiment, leaving an indelible imprint on the hearts of those she encountered.

Angela was a dedicated childcare provider for 33 years, a testament to her love and care for children. Her home in Arcadia was not just a residence, but a sanctuary filled with love and laughter. Angie was known for her funny stories and her love of TV reruns such as *Home Improvement*, *Friends*, and *The Big Bang Theory*. Her love for her cats was unparalleled, and she enjoyed simple pleasures like watching Sheridan football in the fall, shopping with her daughter Kailyn, and taking her kids to the pool during the summer. Above all, her children, Corbin and Kailyn, and her daycare family were what mattered most to her. She was extremely proud of her children and cherished seeing them graduate.

Survived by her loving children, Corbin and Kailyn, Angela was preceded in death by her parents, Terry and Jarilyn (Waggoner) Purvis.

A visitation will be held in her remembrance from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, Cicero. Following the visitation, a service to celebrate Angie's life will be held at 11 a.m. at Hartley Funeral Home with Pastor Carol officiating. Cremation will take place following the services and Angie will be laid to rest at a later date with her parents in Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a GoFundMe account to help Corbin and Kailyn at gofund.me/eafe0298.

Angela's charismatic spirit, compassionate heart, and devoted love for her family were truly the best and most beautiful aspects of her life. We invite you to share your memories and upload photos of Angela to the memorial page as we remember and celebrate her remarkable life.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Dempsey Neal King

March 23, 1936 – March 30, 2025

Dempsey Neal King, born on March 23, 1936, in Judsonia, Ark., passed away on March 30, 2025. Dempsey, an ambitious and resilient man, was known for his love of family and his reliable nature.

Despite moving frequently as a child due to his parents' work as sharecroppers, Dempsey found a home in Arcadia, where he resided until his passing. On November 16, 1956, Dempsey married Frances Horton and they shared 62 years together before Frances' passing in 2019.

Dempsey dedicated many years to the tree removal business, retiring as Superintendent from Townsend Tree Service in the year 2000. His hard work and dedication were revered by those who knew him in his professional life. Outside of work, Dempsey was an avid CB radio enthusiast and a proud member of the CB Club. Furthermore, he was a member of the Civil Service Club, reflecting his community involvement. As a lover of the outdoors, he often spent his free time hunting and golfing. His younger years were filled with memories of tending to a large garden, demonstrating his nurturing side. Still, what mattered most to Dempsey was his family. He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Dempsey is survived by his sons, Mike (Susan) King, Tom King, and Jim (Tena) King; his grandchildren, DJ (Jennifer) Thompson, Kyle (Courtney) Thompson, Candice (Steve) King, and Cody (Ashley) King, as well as 11 great-grandchildren; and his half-brother Bill (Linda) Robbins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances King; father, Thomas Robbins; his mother, Opal Wilson; his brothers, James and Ray King; his daughter, Kathy Thompson, and granddaughter, Megan Lane.

Visitation will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the same location. For those who cannot attend in person, the service will be live-streamed at my.gather.app/remember/dempsey-king.

We encourage all who knew and loved Dempsey to share their memories and upload photos to his memorial page. These shared moments will provide comfort and serve as a lasting tribute to Dempsey's loving and resilient spirit.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

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Coach Winegar honored

Fishers's own Garrett Winegar named Bob King Coach of the Year

The REPORTER

Fishers boys basketball coach Garrett Winegar is one of three Indiana high school coaches have been chosen as 2025 Bob King Coaches of the Year by their peers in the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Wednesday.

Eli Henson of Class 2A state champion Manchester and Seve Beach of Class 2A sectional champion South Ripley have been selected as honorees for the 2024-25 season through voting that occurred from late January through late March, IBCA executive director Marty Johnson said.

Honors are awarded according to IHSAA district boundaries, and one coach from each district is a recipient – Henson in District 1; Winegar in District 2; and Beach in District 3. These three coaches will receive plaques as an IBCA District Coach of the Year during the 2025 IBCA Clinic, which is set for April 24-25 at Mt. Vernon High School in Fortville.

The Coach of the Year award is named for the late Bob King, the IBCA executive director from 1984-94. King was a Lebanon native who coached at Sacred Heart and Shortridge high schools in Indianapolis before serving as an assistant basketball coach at Purdue University. He later also was as an assistant athletic director and associate athletic director at Purdue.

A list of former IBCA/Bob King Coaches of the Year in boys' basketball is below. The 2025 IBCA/Bob King Coaches of the Year for girls' basketball were an-



Joshua Herd / File photo

Fishers boys basketball coach Garrett Winegar was named the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association District 2 Coach of the Year on Wednesday. Winegar coached the Tigers to a 30-1 record and Class 4A state runner-up finish.

nounced on March 20.

Winegar guided Fishers to a 30-1 season and a Class 4A state runner-up finish. To reach the title game, the Tigers previously won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, Carmel Sectional, Frankfort Regional and Elkhart Semi-State.

Winegar's career record is 126-30 in six seasons, a total that includes a 108-24 ledger in five seasons at Fishers and an 18-6 mark in one season at Warren Central.

Winegar began his coaching career as a seventh-grade coach at Jackson Creek Middle School in Bloomington from 2013-15. He then assisted for one season at Bloomington South and three seasons at Warren Central, including assisting on the 2018 Class 4A state champs.

He was promoted to be the Warriors' head coach

in 2019-20, then moved to Fishers in 2020-21. With the Tigers, his teams have won four Hoosier Crossroads Conference titles (2021, 2022, 2024 2025) and has been named HCC Coach of the Year three times (2022, 2024, 2025).

Winegar is a 2010 graduate of Rochester High School, where he played four seasons of basketball and was a part of the Zebras' Class 3A state runner-up finish in 2009. He attended Indiana University, earning a bachelor's degree in sports journalism in 2014. He completed a transition-to-teaching-program in 2015. He currently is in his fifth year as a physical education teacher at Fishers.

Winegar and his wife, Sable, have three children – Guyten, 4; Griff, 3; and Ruckus, 1.

The Indiana Basketball

Coaches Association has presented Coach of the Year Awards since 1972. These awards are named for Bob King, a former executive director of the organization who also spent years on the Purdue University men's basketball coaching staff and later served as an assistant athletic director at Purdue. He played and then coached basketball and football for 13 years at Indianapolis Shortridge and is a graduate of Butler University. He was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1986. Honorees were selected one per district in five districts from 1972 through 2003, two per district in three districts from 2004-2022, and one per district in three districts starting in 2023. The boys' awards started in the 1972-73 season. The girls' awards started in the 1983-84 season.

Softball

Millers, Rocks get big HCC victories

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team opened its season with a big Hoosier Crossroads Conference win Tuesday.

The Millers played at Avon and pulled away late for a 10-3 win. Noblesville scored one run in the top of the first inning when Delaney Rundle got home on a wild pitch.

The Orioles scored twice in the bottom of the first for a 2-1 lead, but the Millers came back with two runs in the top of the second inning. Nevaeh Nash blasted a left field triple to bring home Addi Emmerson and Macie Duvall.

That gave Noblesville a 3-2 lead. The score stayed there until the sixth inning, when the Millers erupted for seven runs. Duvall bunted Faye Hostetter home, then Emmerson scored on Nash's RBI fielder's choice. Rundle cracked a left field triple to bring in Duvall and Nash, then Haley Schatko hit a three-run home run, also scoring Rundle and Izzy Zapp.

Rundle and Duvall both had two hits. Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game, striking out 12.

The Millers host Western Boone at 5:30 p.m. today.

Westfield cruised past Franklin Central 10-1 Tuesday in its HCC opener.

Ava Kainrath batted in the first run of the game, with a first-inning center field single that scored Sofia Easterhaus. Avery Banas scored in the second inning to give the Shamrocks a 2-0 lead.

Shelby Jordan smacked a two-run home run in the third inning, also scoring Reese Gettinger. The Flashes scored their run in the fourth inning, but that would be all.

Westfield put up three runs in the sixth inning. Dylan Todd scored when Kainrath drew a bases-loaded walk, then Chloe Tanner hit a left field double, bringing in Easterhaus and Makayla Watson.

The 'Rocks scored three more runs in the seventh. Easterhaus cracked a two-RBI hit, scoring Gettinger and Jordan. Easterhaus got home later, when Kainrath reached on an error.

Jordan was 3-for-4 at the plate, hitting a homer and two doubles. Easterhaus and Watson both had two hits. Tanner pitched four innings for the win, with two strikeouts.

Westfield is 2-1 and plays at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon at Pendleton Heights.

Guerin Catholic zoomed past Beech Grove 10-4 Tuesday in a home game.

The Golden Eagles scored three runs in the first inning. Madi Cain doubled Lauren Brady home for the first run, then scored when Anna Mauch hit a center field double. Kate Brady sent in the third run, with a single to score Mauch.

Jillian Davis scored the first of Guerin Catholic's two second-inning runs. Davis led off with a double, moved to third on Lauren Brady's single, then stole home plate. Lauren Brady scored on Lucy Kemp's RBI groundout.

Kate Brady added a third-inning run, scoring on Izzy Phillips' left field hit. The Golden Eagles put up four runs in the sixth inning:

Kemp got home on an error, Natalie Eiler doubled in Ava Augustinovicz and Mauch, then scored after Davis

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Baseball

Blazers win again in Panama City

The REPORTER

The University baseball team picked up another victory Wednesday at the Legacy Project event in Panama City, Fla.

The Trailblazers beat Owensboro Catholic 8-3. The Aces scored a run in the top of the first inning, but University came back to put

up five runs in the bottom of the first.

Cooper Cammack drove in the first run, with a single to score Ryan Castetter. Charlie Ranek's left field hit brought in Beckett Suh, then Cammack scored on a Phillip Jacobs bunt single. Sterling Davis sent Ranek home with a right field hit,

then Oliver Kingery batted in Jacobs with another right field hit.

Davis doubled in Jacobs for a third-inning run, while Cammack scored in the fifth inning on a passed ball. The Blazers scored again in the sixth inning: Castetter led off with a double, then Suh brought him home with a

center field triple.

Cammack and Davis both had two hits. Cam Rady pitched three innings for the win, throwing two strikeouts and allowing one hit.

University is 2-1 and finishes up play at the Legacy Project this afternoon with a game against the CEC Varsity Cougars from Louisville.

Volleyball

Shamrocks win two HCC matches

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys volleyball team picked up two wins this week over Hoosier Crossroads Conference teams.

On Monday, the Shamrocks beat Hamilton Southeastern 25-19, 25-17, 25-21. Carlo Huisden led the offense with 10 kills, eight digs, three blocks and one ace. CJ Fox hit five kills, served four aces and made

two blocks. Graham Weddige dished out 16 assists, clearing the 1,000 assist mark for his career during the match.

Westfield swept Avon 25-12, 25-9, 25-5 on Tuesday. The Shamrocks teamed up for 17 aces in the victory.

Westfield is 8-2 for the season and hosts Franklin Central Thursday in another HCC contest.

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Mace commits to Wabash



Carmel senior Carson Mace has committed to the Wabash football team. Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics

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BASEBALL
 Warren Central at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
 Carmel at Covenant Christian, 6 p.m.
 Noblesville at Clarksville Academy, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL
 Western Boone at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
 Westfield at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD
 Warren Central girls at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
 Franklin Central at Westfield, 7 p.m.
 Noblesville at Avon, 7 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

SOFTBALL

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reached on an error. Cain, Kate Brady, Eiler and Davis all had two hits. Augustinovicz pitched a complete game, striking out four.

Guerin Catholic is 2-2 and returns to action April 15, hosting Brebeuf Jesuit to begin Circle City Conference play.

Carmel dropped a 5-3 game Tuesday at Plainfield. The Quakers scored two runs in the first inning. The Greyhounds tied the game in the top of the fifth when Megan Pike and Ellie Goddard scored after Mia Fleming reached on error. But Plainfield put up three runs in the bottom of the fifth and held on from there.

Jayden Kleiner scored a seventh inning run when Winni Owens hit a sacrifice fly. Kleiner and Lolah Pence both had two hits.

Carmel is 0-4; its Wednesday game with Mt. Vernon was postponed due to weather. The Greyhounds return to action April 11 with two home games against Jasper and Bedford North Lawrence.

Hamilton Southeastern fell 4-1 Tuesday at Greenfield-Central. The Royals scored on their first at-bat, as Addison Richmond sent a home run into center field. Southeastern had 11 hits for the game, but the Cougars did not allow the Royals anymore runs. Greenfield-Central scored two runs in both the third and fourth innings.

Richmond, Kaleah McCarter and Chloe Smith all had two hits. Grace Swedarsky pitched two innings and struck out five, while McCarter pitched four innings with four strikeouts.

Southeastern is 2-1 and returns to action April 11 when it travels to the Castle Invitational. The Royals play games against Edwardsville (Ill.) and Daviess County (Ky.).

Fishers lost a 6-1 game Tuesday at Center Grove. The Tigers scored their run in the fifth inning. Frankie Jackson hit a one-out double, then was sent home when Kennedy Shockley hit a double.

Hailey Kinder also had a base hit. Kate Murray pitched a complete game, striking out eight.

Fishers is 2-1; its Wednesday game with Harrison was postponed due to weather. The Tigers are back in action April 11 when they host New Prairie.

Racing

IndyCar driver visits Indiana schools to promote safe driving

By **ANDREW CHERNOFF**
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

NTT IndyCar Series driver Sting Ray Robb has been staying busy over the past six months.

The Juncos Hollinger Racing driver has competed in two races already this season and most recently wrapped up a test on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

He also though stayed busy this past offseason.

"I've always said that if racing's all I ever do, if I just won races the rest of my life, I still would not be doing enough," Robb said. "Because the platform that I've been given is a gift. And so I got to steward that well."

In December, Robb visited high schools across Indiana to speak to kids about making responsible choices on the road.

Robb shared some photos of the events on his social media platforms.

The discussions with the students were part of an initiative by Choices Matter, "a life-changing program for students using personal stories and interactive materials to inspire students to make the right choices both behind the wheel and in life."

"Going to different schools," Robb said. "Telling kids, 'Hey. We want you to be smart. I know it sounds weird coming from a guy that drives 240 miles an hour for a living, but I know what it takes to be safe on the road.'"

Some of the messages Robb said he hoped he portrayed to the kids include:

- Don't drink and drive
- Don't do drugs and drive
- Put the phone down when driving



IndyCar driver Sting Ray Robb (right) spoke with WISH-TV's Andrew Chernoff to talk about Choices Matter, a program to help high school students learn how to stay safe on the road.

• Wear your seatbelt in the car
 "All those things lead to safe driving habits," Robb said. "But it might change your life. Choices matter not just on the road, but it's off the road as well."
 Robb is one of seven speakers listed on the Choices Matter website. Other speakers include Cara Filler, Chris Sandy, David Francisco, Karen Torres, Fletcher Cleaves and Steve Emt.
 Robb and the rest of the IndyCar grid will be back in action on April 13 when the series races on the Streets of Long Beach.
This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-indy-car-series-sting-ray-robb.

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 5:00 pm Bearden vs **Noblesville** | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

Sat. April 5 - Baseball
 1:30 pm Christian Academy of Knoxville vs **Noblesville** | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

Thurs April 10 - Baseball and Girls Lacrosse
 6:00 pm Avon vs **Noblesville** | Hoosier Crossroads Conference | Baseball | HCTV Sports
 7:20 pm Brebeuf vs Center Grove | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Sat April 12 - High School Baseball & College Lacrosse
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