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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms possible in the later afternoon.
Tonight: Showers and storms, with severe storms possible.



HIGH: 75 LOW: 53

Chicken & noodles feed \$800 Lions FFA donation



Photo provided by Wayne-Fall Lions Club
The Wayne-Fall Lions Club presented a check to the Hamilton Southeastern FFA last Wednesday night, March 25, for the proceeds made at the Feb. 28 Chicken and Noodle Dinner, which was served by the HSE FFA at the Lions Club. (From left) Wayne-Fall Lions Club Vice President Bill Daniels, HSE FFA Member Charlie Fletcher, HSE FFA President Lizzie Dekker, HSE FFA Secretary Liam Kenyon, and Wayne-Fall Lion Matt Haas.

Did COVID forever destroy public trust?

We humans are driven by incentives. We imagine ourselves as rational beings who make choices after measured consideration of a problem before us.



We humans have lovely imaginations. Too bad they're not based in reality.

Sure, some among us lean rational in our decision-making while others lean emotional. Mind and heart are not mutually exclusive, but when pressed, I think just about everyone desperately wishes they can claim to be more logical rather than heart-baring.

Incentives: those things that encourage one to action. Or inaction, I suppose.

Lately, the COVID pandemic has popped up in conversations with a few friends. Six years on from the start of the lockdowns, the question that's occurred to me is this:

After all that, what incentive do we have to trust what any political authority says about anything ever again?

I temper that distrust with an admission that I would have had no desire to be in charge during that brand-new crisis. However, I can't shake from memory my disgust with the fact that many in political power almost immediately were exposed as wholly incapable, or at least indecisive.

In fact, indecisiveness is worse. It's a weakness that can't even allow someone to resign from office.

Others in power were trigger-happy to implement restrictions. Never forget how many elderly Americans died confused and alone in nursing homes.

Never. Forget.

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Hamilton Heights eighth-grade students helped pack food for distribution in West Africa. It was part of the T1L1 community service project that took place on March 25.

Sheridan & Heights T1L1 students help IDES surpass 1 million meals

By KEVIN YANEY
For The Reporter

Student and mentors from the Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) chapters at Hamilton Heights and Sheridan middle schools took part in a food packing service project on

March 25. The event was held at Hamilton Heights Middle School and was coordinated by the International Disaster and Emergency Services (IDES).

In the end, the T1L1 students helped pack enough food to push IDES past the one millionth meal supplied so far in

2026. This is a record for IDES in the first quarter of the year.

T1L1 is a community mentoring program. It provides local caring adults to be mentors to students during the school day. The mentors teach the students 10 universal principals – skills they need to grow

into productive and responsible leaders. The 10 universal principals are respect, integrity, self-control, compassion, courage, teamwork, excellence, humility, enthusiasm and honor.

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Heights student files provisional U.S. patent for AI-driven engineering tool

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

An extraordinary team effort from Hamilton Heights administrators, educators, and legal partners created the opportunity for Hamilton Heights High School student Alexander Weiland to successfully file a provisional U.S. patent on Friday, March 6 for an innovative engineering tool he developed as part of a classroom project.

The patent filing marks a significant milestone for Weiland, whose work began in the high school's engineering classroom taught by Dave Post. Students were challenged to identify a real-world problem, design and test a solution, refine it through iterative development, and build a business case around their idea.

Weiland asked to pursue a concept he had been thinking about long before the assign-

ment, and with teacher support, he was encouraged to bring that passion into the classroom.

What followed was a remarkable display of student initiative, technical skill, and perseverance. Weiland wrote extensive lines of code, built detailed part-file libraries, and conducted deep research to bring his idea to life. His final product, the TraceAI Reverse Engineering Analysis Tool, uses artificial intelligence to dramatically reduce the time and cost associated with reverse-engineering printed circuit boards (PCBs).

- **The Problem:** Reverse-engineering a PCB typically requires 20 to 40 hours of manual tracing by engineers. The process is slow, expensive, and requires specialized tools.
- **The Solution:** TraceAI analyzes a photo of any PCB and automatically generates a

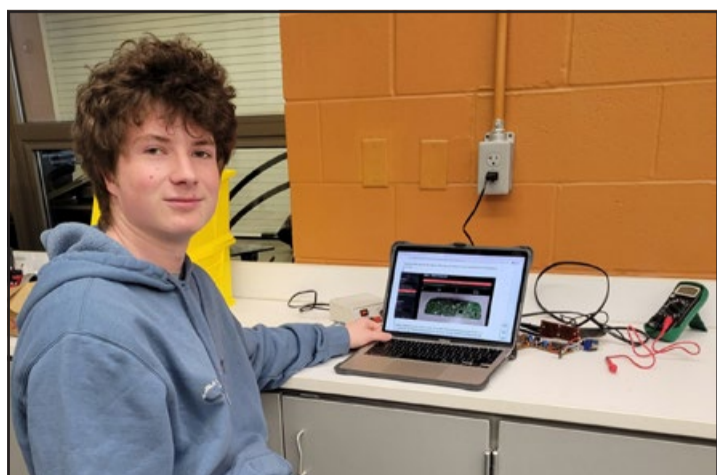


Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
Alexander Weiland, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, puts his engineering skills to work as he builds and tests TraceAI, the innovative project that led to his provisional U.S. patent filing and earned him a provisional U.S. patent and a spot in the STARTedUP Region 2 Finals at Purdue University in April.

schematic, component list, and netlist in minutes. Users simply upload an image, no specialized hardware required, and the tool

provides the design information needed to reproduce the PCB.

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Discover what's blooming at Indiana Peony Festival

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

We invite you to join us on May 16 for our sixth Indiana Peony Festival, sponsored by Smith's Jewelers. We are diligently working on crafting our most interactive festival yet. We are thrilled to share some of the key, focus areas that will be created on festival day.



A special thank you to these sponsors for their invaluable contributions in helping us create these essential zones for a memorable festival.

Hospitality Tent

Sponsored by Promenade Trails

One perfect spot you can explore on festival day is our Hospitality Tent in the park, sponsored by Promenade Trails. Promenade Trails will transform our hospitality tent into a must-see corner, allowing you to rest, catch your breath, and plan your next stop. Did you know Promenade Trails has the best model home in the state? Learn more about Promenade Trails, a 55 & Better Community, at the Hospitality Tent on festival day.

Music

Sponsored by Beaver Materials

We've got some amazing, musical talent lined up for festival day. We'll be featuring a handful of local artists and groups all day long at Seminary Park and at our Brunch & Blooms event, in downtown Noblesville. Our music is sponsored by Beaver Materials, a family-owned and operated gravel and

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T1L1

A requirement of the T1L1 curriculum is a service project where the students are giving back to others. In this case, they packed food for the people of West Africa, where roughly one-quarter of the world's population living in extreme poverty is located. IDES provides disaster response in the form of food, shelter, medical sup-

plies and other necessary items worldwide. Located in Noblesville, the organization offers volunteer opportunities for groups and individuals who would like to make a difference in the world. "Our partnership with IDES is perfect for what we are teaching these kids," T1L1 Central Indiana Area Director Josh

Tandy said. "Many of our students have never been asked to help someone else who needs a lift in life. Our students really enjoy this event." The millionth meal was measured, sealed, and packed around 11:30 a.m. last Wednesday. "The group helped us go over 1,000,000 for the first quarter of 2026," IDES

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GAP Director Jody England said. "This is the first time that has happened." T1L1 has been mentoring Hamilton Heights students since 2019. This is the first year the program has been at Sheridan. If you are interested in being a mentor in central Indiana and have a flexible schedule, visit T1L1.org/mentors.

TRUST

When voters vote, they do so with the expectation that those for whom they cast ballots will know how to handle a sudden, swift, sharp shock. Even if it's a problem never before faced, the understanding is those in power will know how to figure it out. It's foundational. It's the prerequisite for leadership. Policy and beliefs matter, but we need to know those in power will know what to do when – as Sue in the television show *Veep* so eloquently put it – "the S is about to hit the F." (No, that's not censored.) I think this implied agreement between government and citizens is why just about all of us were willing to go along with what many now admit were some clearly irrational ideas in an attempt to contain the virus.

(Remember when Governor Holcomb tried to enact an order that would have made a mask mandate violation a class B misdemeanor, thus carrying stricter penalties than committing a first-time OWI or indecent exposure?) Quickly the public's sensibility became "We will stop this virus because we're all in this together!" The irony! Good grief. Here's when I knew we all were living in Crazytown: I went to a restaurant in August 2020 after some restrictions had been lifted. It was crowded, which was expected. From what I can remember, there we no limits on party size or procedures to keep tables distanced from each other. Everything was normal – except you had to wear a

mask if you got up from the table. Now wait a minute. While I'm at my table in this crowded restaurant, I'm safe, but as soon as I get up from the table, I'm dead? The air is different between my table and the rest of the restaurant? I pointed this out to the people at my table and everyone laughed, which is the proper response to the absurd. I don't blame the restaurant for this policy. The policy didn't violate any government mandate or such a violation would have made it back to the health department right away. My guess is this was what the restaurant did in order to remain in compliance with what was clearly a thoughtless, toothless, useless public

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health order. Again, I don't mean to instill distrust in people working in public health now. Many good people were doing what they genuinely thought was best for everyone then. The fact is we're all susceptible to collective fear. Yet the question remains: what is our incentive for ever trusting authority again? Here I am, six years later, and I can't think of a good answer. Isaac Taylor is one of the owners of the Hamilton County Reporter, as well as the Circulation Director and page designer. You won't find him anywhere online, so don't bother looking. However, he welcomes your comments on his columns at ReadTheReporter.com.

HEIGHTS

"My provisional patent is for an AI system that can reverse engineer PCBs from photos," explained Alexander Weiland of the innovation behind his patent. "You take a picture of a circuit board and the software automatically figures out what components are on it, traces all the connections, and delivers a full schematic. The main inventions are a pipeline that combines multiple AI models for better accuracy, and an engine that reconstructs the actual circuit logic just from the image." Weiland's TraceAI web application project was entered in the STARTedUP statewide entrepreneurship competition, where his project has now advanced to the Region 2 Finals at Purdue University on April 16. The rapid turnaround from idea to provisional patent was made possible through swift collaboration. The initial outreach to legal counsel occurred on Feb. 24, and within two weeks, barriers were removed and the path cleared for Weiland to file. Weiland, who is already

looking ahead, said, "I want to turn my patent and idea into a technology startup. The goal is to make an integrated tool that hobbyists, engineers, and companies can use when they've lost documentation, want to understand how a product works, or analyze a competitor's product. I'm building out the AI training pipeline now and getting feedback from engineers. I will continue developing and improving upon my idea and hopefully it becomes a real product people can use in the next year or two." Reflecting on the classroom experience that sparked this achievement, he shared, "This was always something I wondered if I could pull it off, so getting it working was really fun. I like working on stuff that's challenging, and doing it during school time is even better. My engineering teacher gave me lots of good feedback, and I did most of the coding outside of school, which honestly gave me more freedom to experiment." For Weiland, the biggest thing he took away is that you don't have to wait until everything is perfect to start. "The patent process made me think about what sets my idea apart, and going through that actually



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
HHS junior Alexander Weiland and engineering teacher Dave Post share a moment of pride as Alexander's TraceAI project – developed in Post's class – earns a provisional U.S. patent and advances to the STARTedUP Region 2 Finals at Purdue University.

refined the idea itself," he said. "Building something real from an idea that you have is a great experience, and I'd recommend it to anyone." "I want to say a huge thank you to the patent attorneys, Todd Coffeen and Joel Tragesser, for their expertise," he added. "I also want to thank my engineering teacher, David Post, and the Hamilton Heights Administration for supporting

my patent efforts and giving me the space to pursue this." Hamilton Heights celebrates Weiland's achievement and extends gratitude to the administrators, educators, and legal partners whose support made this milestone possible. This accomplishment reflects the power of student-centered learning and the extraordinary potential unlocked when passion meets opportunity.

PEONY

material company based right here in Noblesville. A huge thanks to Noblesville Front Porch Music Festival for scouting and organizing all our bands for us. **Kids Zone** Sponsored by **Noblesville Boom** This year, our Kids Zone is sponsored by Noblesville Boom. Positioned on Hannibal Street and 11th Street, there will be amazing kid-friendly vendors for your little ones to enjoy. To name a few, we'll

have snow-cones, balloon art, glitter bar, kid-friendly crafts, and of course, the Seminary Park playground for all children to roam and play. Make sure to visit our Kids Corner for all the hands-on fun. **The Mural Garden** Sponsored by **Armstrong Accounting Solutions, Inc.** New this year! Visitors can experience a captivating live peony mural demonstration in scenic Seminary Park. Local artist Aly Kirkham will trans-

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form blank canvases into a vibrant floral masterpiece, painting lush peonies in real time while festival goers watch the creative process unfold. This interactive feature, sponsored by Armstrong Accounting, not only highlights the talent of local artists but also invites guests to witness the beauty of peonies brought to life in brushstrokes, making it a memorable centerpiece of the festival. Find out more at IndianaPeonyFestival.com.



Westfield Middle School Academic Team wins county championship



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School Academic Team recently claimed the Hamilton County Championship with a sudden-death overtime win, capping off an impressive performance. The team demonstrated strong knowledge, teamwork, and composure under pressure to secure the title. Congratulations to these students on an outstanding achievement.



Photos provided by Noblesville Fire Department

No injuries in Noblesville house fire

The REPORTER
At approximately 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) was dispatched to the 15000 block of Winning Colors Drive for a reported residential fire.

As crews approached the scene, they observed a column of dark smoke and upgraded the incident to a "working fire." Firefighters deployed multiple hose lines into the residence and were able to bring the fire under control quickly. The fire was declared under control a short time later.

The resident was home at the time of the incident and became aware of the fire after smelling smoke. He was able to safely exit the residence and contact Hamilton County Public Safety Communications via 911.

There were no reported injuries to civilians or pets. The cause of the fire has not yet been released. NFD was assisted on scene by the Fishers Fire Department and the Noblesville Police Department.

Muscari named Business Development Officer & Branch Manager of First Farmers Bank & Trust Carmel location

The REPORTER
First Farmers Bank & Trust announces the appointment of Jordan Muscari as Business Development Officer and Branch Manager of its Carmel location.

In this role, Muscari will develop and maintain strong relationships with both consumer and business clients while helping them achieve their financial goals. He will also deliver exceptional customer service and continue supporting organizations throughout the Hamilton County community.



Muscari

Muscari brings seven years of banking experience, with a strong background in business banking and client relationship management. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated success in driving revenue growth and expanding market presence.

He is actively engaged in the local business community and founded the Westfield Rocks Referrals Group to foster networking and collaboration among professionals. Outside of work, Muscari enjoys golfing and values mentorship as both a mentor and mentee. He and his family live in the Noblesville area.

Letter to the Editor

Are you certain you're registered to vote?

Dear Editor:
Voting time is near. As President of the Election Board, I see some of the voter confusion surrounding the voting process. It is always a good idea to check your registration in the month leading up to an election. If you want to check, visit IndianaVoters.com and click "Check Your Registration Record." You can easily check your voting status.

You can find the Voter's Bill of Rights in English or Spanish at the same location and obtain a Voter Registration Application, if needed. Sometimes voters believe they have registered to vote at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, but they have not fully completed the process. It is easy to double check that your registration has made it to the Election Office at IndianaVoters.com.

If you have a Boone County, Tipton County, Indianapolis, Zionsville, or Madison County address, make sure you're registered in this county if you live here. There has been some past confusion with voters who live just inside Hamilton County but register elsewhere.

The newspaper does not typically endorse candidates, but individually I think Hamilton County would be well served by electing Chris Evans for judge of Superior Court 3, Trampas Whalin for Superior Court 4, David Najjar for Superior Court 5, Danica Eyerl in Superior Court 8, and Paul Sweeney in Superior 9. You may have your own choices. All the candidates seem willing to talk to voters directly and answer questions. Evans has invited the public to appear in the Court-house and observe how he manages cases as a currently presiding Magistrate, and Danica Eyerl and Chadwick Hill have made that offer as well.

Make sure you are properly registered. Make sure you know where you are going to vote. Allow enough time to get the voting arena. Let the Election Office know if you have special needs for a travel board or an absentee ballot.

Become informed and vote.

Ray Adler
Noblesville

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Good drinks. Great people. Stronger businesses.

Submitted

Last month, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's first Pints & Partnerships was a packed house full of connections and conversations.

The Chamber invites you the next Pints & Partnerships from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at Crate Escapes Dog Park + Bar for special Yappy Hour Edition. [Click here](#) to register.

Come unwind and connect with fellow members of the Westfield business community. This casual after-hours gathering is designed to spark conversations, create new partnerships, and celebrate the power of doing business locally. Crate Escapes will offer buy one, get one half-off cocktails and 20 percent off the Tap Wall during this event.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event or a future Pints & Partnerships,

please reach out to Courtney Albright at calbright@westfieldchamberindy.com.

Come see what's on tap at the Westfield Chamber and get ready to make connections that matter. Enjoy responsibly.

Crate Escapes' entry policies

As always, entry is free for humans, and dogs are not required to visit. All guests must [sign a waiver](#) to enter the park, and dogs require a day pass or membership for entry.

It is recommended to register dogs in advance online or through the Crate Escapes Dog Park + Bar [App](#). Proof of vaccines (rabies, distemper combo, and Bordetella) is required to enter.

If you choose to register at the door, please plan on a 10- to 20-minute delay for entry. Use code LETSBE-FRIENDS at checkout for \$5 OFF for Chamber Members' four-legged friends.

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Community News

Coffee Hour for Veterans

Attention Veterans in northern Hamilton County ... From 9 to 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, Veterans and the general public are welcome to get together at Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St. (266th Street), Arcadia.

Come get to know other Veterans in the area. Tea drinkers are welcome.

See all Westfield Winter Programs ensembles in one place ... no fooling!

Westfield Band Winter Programs Community Night is just a day away ... Wednesday, April 1. This is your one opportunity to see all four ensembles in one place.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and include all four Westfield Winter Programs ensembles: RA Guard, Open Guard, Indoor Percussion, and World Winds. Senior members will also be honored ... and there may be a few other surprises throughout the night.

Tickets are \$5 (available online or at the door).

Get yours now at:

whsband.ticketspice.com/community-preview.

GOP Women to welcome Sheriff candidates

The Hamilton County Republican Women will welcome Sheriff candidates Dustin Dixon and John Lowes for a public safety update in April.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 on the second floor of the Courthouse in Noblesville, 33 N. 9th St. Please enter on the west side of the building.

Dixon and Lowes will share current public issues and their visions for the future of law enforcement in Hamilton County. Don't miss your chance to hear directly from the candidates.

Food and drink will be provided. There is no cost to attend for HCRW members, but guests cost \$5. RSVP to hamcogopwomen@gmail.com by April 6.

If you have not renewed your HCRW membership for 2026, there is still time to do so. Annual memberships are \$40 and can be purchased at [this link](#).

Workshop for pastors on technology in ministry

Local author David J. Swisher, a ministry technologist and bivocational minister, will offer a free workshop for pastors and ministry leaders in the area on "Navigating Technology Disruption in Ministry."

The event is scheduled for 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive.

This event will offer practical insight, a hopeful framework, and clear next steps for leading with wisdom in times of technological disruption. The event is free, but registration is requested through [Eventbrite](#).

You can sponsor HOPE & help people in need

The REPORTER

HOPE Bingo Night 2026 is HOPE's biggest fundraising event of the year.

This year's event promises to be a night filled with great appetizers, dessert, lots of games, and prizes like raffles, bingo, a silent auction and door prizes, all in support of HOPE's mission to provide FREE healthcare services to those in need who are uninsured or under-insured.

Amidst all the fun that will be had at Bingo Night, set for 6 to 9 p.m. April 16

at the Tipton County Event Center, 1200 S. Main St., Tipton, it is also important that HOPE reach its goal for increasing 2026 funding to cover the much-needed free healthcare services provided to patients in Hamilton, Boone, Madison, and Tipton counties. HOPE is seeing a 30 to 50 percent increase in patient visits already in 2026 compared with the same in 2025.

Do you own or are employed at a business that gives back to the community? Or are you an individual or family that serves their



Family Care Center

community through financial donations?

If so, please consider a tax-deductible \$350 Game Sponsorship or \$250 Table Sponsorship at HOPE's Bingo event, which will help HOPE reach its mis-

sion-driven goals for this special night. Only a few more of either of these sponsorships are still needed to hit the goal. [Click here](#) for information on sponsoring.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets to Bingo Night.

Happy Hour at Daddy Jack's

This week's

Happy Hour (HH) Adventure took us to Daddy Jack's at 9419 N. Meridian St. Daddy Jack's, along with its adjacent neighbor Kona Jack's, has been serving Indianapolis for over 35 years at this location. It is well established and has, from what we observed, a well-established clientele.

It has been a good while since Mrs. K and I have been in the place, but the old English style of the Daddy side, with dark wood walls, mirrors, and heavily cushioned booths, has always been inviting. The look of the bar room reminds me a bit of the Cheers bar. And the same friendliness prevails here.

Happy Hour is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and the menu features \$4, \$8, and \$12 selections. Our server Jeff brought



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat at the Table

around some waters and took our drink orders - Mrs. K asked for a Hess Chardonnay (\$10 for a generous pour - not a HH special) and I chose a \$4 HH Draft - Yuen-gling Amber.

The HH menu is available to look at [here](#). There is a nice variety of items to choose from.

We decided on the Wings (\$8 for five) with a teriyaki sauce, and the Southwest Chicken Egg-rolls (\$12 for three). Basically, the prices are one-half off the regular menu prices for a one-half portion. Lots of places do that and it's a good way for us to sample different things.

We had a pretty good wait for the food to arrive, but it was interesting watching the place go from nearly empty to quite bustling in a matter of one-half hour or so. Plenty of reg-



Photo by Ken Klingenstein

Our order at Daddy Jack's.

ulars at the bar, and after work groups as well. The six table "event room" had an affair, as well.

Our food came and we both agreed, we had never seen bigger chicken wings in all our experiences. They were extra-large and meaty, served in a pool of teriyaki sauce. Just delicious. Our egg rolls were good sized, too, with cups of salsa and sour cream. But, we didn't enjoy them as much as we did the wings. I mean, you can't believe they found chickens this big!

Overall, Daddy Jack's is a very comfortable place for HH, their menu variety is notable (pizza, quesadilla, cheese curds, potato skins, among others), the prices were good (\$37 plus tip for our repeat), and the vibe has an amiable "everybody knows your name" feel.

Ken Klingenstein offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants - specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading *The Reporter* for future restaurant reviews.

Carmel Symphony Orchestra presents Symphonic Odyssey to wrap season

Submitted

Join the Carmel Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18 as it wraps up the 2025-2026 season with a journey through four exciting and meaningful works for full symphony orchestra.

The night will include pieces by Antonin Dvořák, Cristina Spinei, Gustav Mahler, and Felix Mendelssohn.

Repertoire

- Antonin Dvořák - *Carnival Overture*, op. 92
- Cristina Spinei - ... *throes of increasing wonder*
- Gustav Mahler -

Adagio from Symphony No. 5

• Felix Mendelssohn - Symphony No. 5, op. 107, "Reformation," featuring Conductor Kelly Corcoran

Dvořák's *Carnival Overture* celebrates the bountiful joy we find in life. It shimmers with delight, imbued with life from the first note to the last. Written in 1891, *Carnival* was composed just two years before Dvořák set sail for America. The piece is meant to depict a lively scene at a traditional Czech carnival, an illustration of what it means to be alive in his native land.

Spinei's work ... *throes of increasing wonder* (originally composed for ballet performance) is shimmering, light, and lavish in its own way. Spinei is an up-and-coming composer

out of Nashville, Tenn. She studied composition at The Juilliard School with composer Christopher Rouse. Spinei's ... *throes of increasing wonder* was commissioned by The Pacific Northwest Ballet company in celebration of its 50th anniversary season.

Mahler's *Adagio* for strings and harp remind us of our own stories of boundless love for those closest to us. This piece flows slowly with complete loving adoration, enjoying the passing of time. The origin of the piece is born out of the composer's love for his wife, Alma Schindler, the socialite of her day - the "It Girl" of Austrian culture. She was a composer and musician in her own right, but upon falling in love with Mahler

in 1901, she relinquished her musical career in service of his.

Mendelssohn's *Fifth Symphony*, "Reformation," is its own wonder of composition, contemplating the great themes of faith and life. Mendelssohn's masterpiece will surely leave you in awe, juxtaposing "old style" polyphony (featuring two or more simultaneous, independent melodic lines that interact harmoniously) and his own ubiquitous style. The piece was received poorly when it was first performed, but it would be found and published decades after Mendelssohn's death. The "Reformation" symphony has posthumously earned a lasting space in the orchestral cannon.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the repertoire.

Outlaw Music Festival to stop at Ruoff Music Center this August

Submitted

Willie Nelson, Mark Rothbaum, Keith Wortman, Blackbird Presents, and Live Nation announce the return of the 2026 Outlaw Music Festival Tour as it enters its second decade on the road.

Following last year's milestone 10th anniversary, which Rolling Stone hailed as "undoubtedly the most exciting and eclectic multi-artist festival of the 2025 summer amphitheater season by a wide margin," the festival ushers in a new era, continuing its tradition of unforgettable music and community that has made it a true cultural phenomenon.

The Outlaw Music Festival will make a stop at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on Sunday, Aug. 23 as part of the Coors Light Concert Series,

featuring Willie Nelson & Family, The Avett Brothers, Lukas Nelson, Stephen Wilson Jr., Sierra Hull, and Don Was and the Pan-Detroit Ensemble.

Headlining this special limited run is once again the legendary Willie Nelson. With fewer appearances on the road this year, each night carries added significance, a rare chance to experience a living legend alongside a powerhouse lineup of iconic voices and next-generation trailblazers.

"Being on the road and playing for the fans is what I love to do," Nelson said. "We don't get to do as many shows as we used to, so every night out there means a little more. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and making it a special time."

Tickets are on sale now

at [OutlawMusicFestival.com](#). VIP packages will be available, offering great seats and exclusive festival merchandise.

The first Outlaw Music Festival debuted in 2016 in Scranton, Pa. The sold-out show was so popular that Blackbird, Rothbaum, and Nelson have made it one of North America's biggest annual touring franchises. Musicians such as Chris Stapleton, Neil Young, Luke Combs, Van Morrison, ZZ Top, Eric Church, Bonnie Raitt, Sheryl Crow, Tyler Childers, Sturgill Simpson, The Avett Brothers, and many more have been a part of the Outlaw Tour, sharing unforgettable music memories and unique vendor villages with local food, drinks, and shopping at Live Nation amphitheaters nationwide.

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Local Dems show support for national movement

The Noblesville “No Kings” rally and community gathering held on Saturday, March 28 at Federal Hill Commons, 175 Logan St., was both well-attended and peaceful. One attendee estimated 2,000 or more people came out to show support for the movement. There were information and activity booths from 19 local organizations and 10 candidates. At the end of the afternoon, protestors marched downtown to the courthouse and back.

Civic organizations included: MADVoters, Human Library, ReCenter Indiana, Common Cause Indiana, Fishers Resists, Food Not Bombs, Hamilton County Community Response, Hamilton County Democratic Party (including local clubs), Hamilton County Young Democrats, Hoosier Asian American Power, Indivisible Carmel & Westfield, Noblesville Indivisible, Hamilton County Democracy Coalition, Streetside Democracy Defenders, Voices4Democracy, Indiana Organizing Project, Grassroot Projects, Women4Change Indiana, Sierra Club, Indivisible Indiana, and Noblesville.Love. **Candidate booths included:** Coumba Kebe (Indiana House District 29), Devon Wellington (Indiana House District 29), Lauren Cole (Indiana House District 37), Kristina Moorhead (Indiana Senate District 29), Lasima Packett (Indiana Senate District 31), J.D. Ford (U.S. House District 5), Jackson Franklin (U.S. House District 5), Blythe Potter (Indiana Secretary of State), David Wetterer (Indiana Secretary of State), and Emily Angel Shaw (Hamilton County Superior Court 8).



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(From left) Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey, Westfield Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills, and Library Executive Director Sheryl Sollars.

Westfield Library Foundation launches brick fundraising campaign

Supporting the 'Read & Roam Garden' at Westfield Washington Public Library

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) has launched a commemorative brick fundraising campaign to support the upcoming Read & Roam Garden at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

The Read & Roam Garden will transform the library's outdoor space into a park and open-air classroom designed for reading, play, and learning. The space will provide new opportunities for families,

educators, and community members to gather and connect.

Community members can support the project by purchasing an engraved brick with the option to personalize their message, honor loved ones, or showcase their business or organization.

"This is such a special way for people to be a part of our story and be connected to this space for years to come," WLF Executive Director Erin

Downey said. "Each brick leaves a lasting legacy and creates something future generations will enjoy."

Brick options include:

- **4x8 Brick (no clipart):** three lines, 20 characters per line – \$200

- **4x8 Brick (with clipart):** three lines, 15 characters per line – \$200

- **8x8 Brick (no clipart):** six lines, 20 characters per line – \$400

- **8x8 Brick (with clipart):** four lines, 20 characters per line – \$400

- **8x8 Brick (corporate logo):** \$500. Corporate logo submissions should be emailed to Erin Downey at edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us.

Orders placed by April 20, 2026, will be installed in time for the Grand Opening of the Read & Roam Garden on June 1, 2026.

For more information or to purchase a brick, please visit fundraising-brick.com/online-orders/wlf or email Erin Downey at edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us.

Indianapolis man arrested in homicide of poker player in Westfield

By TIM SPEARS
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

An Indianapolis man has been arrested in connection to the **homicide of an international poker player** in Westfield.

Westfield Police arrested Ronald Dewayne Brown, Jr. for an initial charge of murder. Brown was booked in the Hamilton County Jail on Friday without bond.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Josh Kocher told News 8 police arrested Brown

in relation to the death of 47-year-old James "Matt" Lushin. Formal charges are pending.

Lushin, a real estate investor and accomplished poker player, was found dead on March 12 at his Westfield home. Police have previously said the death was believed to be isolated, but have not released details on the investigation.



Brown

"We understand the public wants answers, and we assure you additional information will be provided when appropriate," Westfield Police Department said in a statement Friday evening.

Lushin graduated from Kokomo High School and traveled the world competing in poker tournaments, according to his obituary.

He was laid to rest in a Mass of Christian Burial in Kokomo on March 20.

"Matt served many callings during his life, but none was more important than the parenting and raising of his son Leighton," his obituary reads. "The testament to a good man is the character of the children he raises. Matt exceeded in fatherhood."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/homicide-james-lushin-westfield.

Large amount of marijuana found at homes of Westfield murder victim, suspect

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Prosecutors on Monday said the man suspected of killing a Westfield poker player had been paying him for more than a year for marijuana.

Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen said someone called police to the home of James Matthew Lushin on the evening of March 12 after they went to check on him when he didn't show up for an appointment. They found Lushin dead from multiple gunshot wounds. Police said it was the first homicide in Westfield in about seven or eight years.

Court documents show during their investigation, detectives found several pouches in the home containing marijuana as well as multiple cell phones. They said friends and family

told them Lushin dealt marijuana. Lushin was also a known gambler, including trips to Amsterdam and Spain as well as local cash games. During a later, follow-up search of Lushin's property, detectives found nearly \$16,000 in cash in the master bedroom and nearly 11 pounds of marijuana in a safe in a nearby structure.

Investigators found Lushin had ties to Ronald Dewayne Brown, Jr. According to a probable cause affidavit released by the Hamilton County prosecutor, sources told detectives Lushin had loaned Brown somewhere between \$20,000 and \$70,000 worth of marijuana and that Brown owed Lushin money. Investigators said Brown



Lushin

paid Lushin a total of \$17,900 in a series of installments through CashApp between January of 2025 and March of this year, with the last payment going through on March 5.

Police said investigators served search warrants at a total of three Indianapolis residences associated with Brown on March 27, taking him into custody at a residence in the 3300 block of N. Butler Ave. They said they found several packages of marijuana, multiple cell phones and laptops, and a handgun loaded with ammunition that matched that found at the crime scene. Brown now faces a murder charge with a firearm enhancement in connection with Lushin's death. He had

his first court appearance Monday afternoon.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Josh Kocher said his office has several theories for a motive but would not offer any details, saying they were circumstantial. He said they do not have any additional suspects in the case. Although Brown has been charged, he said he still wants people to come forward if they have any new information.

"Anytime we can get more evidence, that's something that's good. Both something that can prove guilt of the accused but also anything that can prove the innocence of the accused. We want to make sure that we get it right," he said.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/lushin-brown-marijuana-murder.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer opines on Carmel's first roundabout

Dear Editor:

Thirty years ago, the first Carmel roundabout was built by a developer.

To this day, the roundabout at Main Street and River Road remains private property. This anomaly is a result of an unauthorized, secret deal by the newly installed mayor in January 1996, according to those familiar with the deal.

The new mayor agreed to allow the developer of the adjacent subdivision to bypass stormwater retention pond regulations if he'd build the European-style roundabout favored by the mayor.

Since that time, the homeowners' associations have maintained the roundabout and handled landscaping costs on city property leading to the roundabout with no compensation from taxpayers.

And the stormwater retention pond in question still has no plastic under-sheeting, meaning the pond levels vary unpredictably as rain water seeps out.

There is no public record of the number of accidents and injury accidents at that intersection before or since the first roundabout. Yet City Hall imagemakers claim the now-158 roundabouts reduce accidents and injuries.

The Great Carmel Fraud began 30 years ago and continues to this day.

Not to mention the unauthorized ownership of a piece of public thoroughfare.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Two men arrested in Noblesville after online predator investigation

The REPORTER

During the week of March 23 to 27, the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) carried out a targeted online predator investigation designed to identify and apprehend individuals seeking to exploit minors.

Throughout the week, specially trained detectives posed as juveniles between the age of 13 and 15, and living in Noblesville, in online applications and websites. During this time, numerous individuals communicated with our detectives even after being informed repeatedly that they were interacting with someone underage.

This week's investigation culminated with an operation Friday whereby two men were arrested after allegedly arranging meetings, and their actions demonstrated intent to engage in unlawful sexual activity with the perceived minor.

"The efforts during this investigation by the Noblesville Police Department, along with vital assistance of the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, are a clear indication that we are actively pursuing those who attempt to lure and prey on

children," Chief Brad Arnold said. "Let this be a warning that we will be relentless in identifying and arresting child predators so that they cannot harm those that are most vulnerable."

These two men were arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

- **Tyler A. Marcum, 26, Noblesville:** Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Level 4 Felony); and Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Attempted), I.C. 35-42-4-9 (Level 5 Felony)

- **Gregory A. Carter, 40, Carmel:** Child Solicitation, I.C. 35-42-4-6 (Level 4 Felony); Sexual Misconduct with a Minor (Attempted), I.C. 35-42-4-9 (Level 5 Felony); and Neglect of a Dependent (3 counts), I.C. 35-46-1-4 (Level 6 Felony)

A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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OneZone Business Action Committee endorses Republican Amy Massillamany for County Council

Submitted

The OneZone Business Action Committee (ZoneBAC) announces its endorsement of Amy Massillamany for Hamilton County Council, District 2.

"Amy Massillamany brings a thoughtful and fiscally responsible approach to county leadership," OneZone Chamber President Jack Russell said. "Her experience and commitment to supporting a strong business climate, while ensuring responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, make her a strong choice for Hamilton County Council."

Massillamany currently serves on the County Council and has been a steady voice for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and strategic investment. Her leadership has helped guide budgeting decisions that

support public safety, infrastructure, and the long-term economic vitality of Hamilton County.



Massillamany

The ZoneBAC is made up of OneZone Chamber members. In considering this race, the committee recognized Massillamany's leadership, experience, and understanding of the issues impacting the business community. Her commitment to responsible governance and continued growth made her a strong choice for endorsement.

ZoneBAC endorsement decisions are made by the committee using nonpartisan criteria. Committee members review candidate information and determine which candidates to support based on their positions, qualifications, and commitment to issues important to the business community.

BigBlue SWIM SCHOOL

Big Blue Swim School Hamilton Town Center waiving swim lesson fees for TSA families

The REPORTER

Big Blue Swim School Hamilton Town Center, a locally owned and operated small business, has announced it will waive all swim lesson fees for children of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents for the duration of the current partial government shutdown affecting the Department of Homeland Security.

As some federal employees continue to report to work without pay, Big Blue Swim School is stepping in to support the families of those who play a critical role in keeping communities safe.

"We are incredibly grateful for the TSA agents who continue to show up every day to protect travelers and keep us safe, even while facing financial uncertainty," said Big Blue Swim School Owner Tara England said. "As a local small business, we believe it's important to do what we can to support these families during this challenging time."

The initiative will pro-

vide free swim lessons to children of TSA agents until the government shutdown is resolved. Big Blue Swim School hopes this effort not only eases some financial burden but also provides a positive, enriching activity for children during an otherwise stressful time for their families.

Families interested in participating can contact Big Blue Swim School Hamilton Town Center directly at (317) 643-5601 or visit bigblue.com to enroll.

Big Blue Swim School is committed to serving the local community and believes that supporting those who serve others is one meaningful way to give back.

About Big Blue Swim School Hamilton Town Center

Big Blue Swim School is dedicated to helping kids build confidence and life-saving water safety skills in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. As a locally owned business, the Hamilton Town Center location is proud to be an active member of the Noblesville community.

Rising AI companion use can pose risks to adolescents

Parents should be aware of teens' AI use, talk with children & watch for changes

Submitted by Parkview Health

If you've opened the app store on your phone recently, chances are you've been bombarded by apps advertising AI companions.

Whether they're marketed as virtual emotional support, virtual friends, or virtual lovers, generative AI technology has led to a boom in chatbots that can simulate any type of relationship.

And that's part of the risk these companions can pose to adolescents, said Brandon T. McDaniel, senior research scientist at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research and Innovation, who recently **published a study** on AI companion use among teens and who has also **discussed the potential for AI attachment**.

Between 2022 and mid-2025, the number of AI companion apps available online has surged by more than 700 percent. About 70 percent of teens have used a chatbot of some kind, with surveys showing more than one in 10 have reached out to AI for emotional support.

While AI technology could potentially help teens navigate complex social and emotional interactions in their lives if used thoughtfully, it could also become addictive, isolating or objectifying, McDaniel said.

"Parents need to realize that it's happening, that many teens are using AI chatbots and companions, and it's not going away," McDaniel said. "Parents must work to understand these apps, how they operate, why they are so attractive to teens, and how they can help their teen navigate what healthy use of an AI chatbot or companion might look like."

Simulated intimacy

While people may be familiar with generative AI tools like ChatGPT, Grok, or Claude that can hold conversations, answer queries and create content, what differentiates those from an "AI companion" is that companion apps are built specifically to simulate relationships.

"These AI companion

apps are tailored toward providing emotional support, like a friend or romantic partner," McDaniel said, citing examples of popular apps such as Replika, Polybuzz, character.ai, or Candy AI, although there are hundreds of others. "They can also be heavily customized to fit with what is attractive to the user and their interests."

Teens are growing up in the ongoing AI boom and they are using it. National surveys have shown about 30 percent of teens use an AI chatbot product daily, McDaniel said. And since the teenage years can be a formative time socially, AI companions can seem like an attractive outlet for youth to interact in a space that feels safe.

"We know that teens are in a unique developmental phase of life," McDaniel said. "They're in this phase where identity exploration is really important, being able to make strong social connections with peers and explore romantic relationships is important."

Practice vs. dependence

AI companions can potentially benefit an adolescent's social skills, but there are also numerous pitfalls and risks, McDaniel warns.

On the positive side, AI companions present an opportunity for teens to practice social interaction or explore who they are without the risk of rejection, embarrassment, or ostracization from peers.

"AI companions might be able to provide opportunities to practice self-disclosure or express how they feel, or practice expressing their emotions without the fear of being rejected by their peers, which can be concerning and uncomfortable for teens," McDaniel said. "We could also see it possibly enhancing some of their social confidence if that 'practice' then leads to greater interaction in face-to-face relationships. But the jury is out on whether these good effects will come or not from teens' AI use."

Meanwhile, the way these applications are designed to function can pose



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notable risks.

First, almost all AI companions are designed to always be supportive, accommodating and validating. While that can feel good in the short-term, it can be damaging long-term because it may create unrealistic expectations of real human relationships. Because AI companions are often highly customizable, whether that's changing how their virtual avatars look or tweaking their personality, likes and dislikes, users can begin to objectify their virtual companion and expect similar behavior from real people.

"Real relationships are difficult and messy," McDaniel said. "AI doesn't have a bad day, but real humans do. Many of those messy experiences that make us human are not often experienced with AI."

Second, like any type of technology such as smartphones or video games, AI apps can be addictive. If an AI companion is giving a user heaping doses of emotional support, some teens may become dependent on that relationship and possibly withdraw from activities or real relationships with family, friends, or partners.

"If you're spending time on and with an AI companion, that automatically takes away the time you could have been spending with peers or family members or a romantic partner," McDaniel said. "If you get to the point of experiencing psychological dependence on the AI, you might become less likely to self-disclose to actual human partners and relationships."

Third, because AI apps have boomed so quickly and with so few regulations regarding them, some interactions can quickly devolve into topics that are inappropriate for youth, whether that's sexual content, information about illicit drugs, bad mental health advice, or encouragement of self-harm.

"Parents need to remember that these apps were designed to maximize engagement and profit," McDaniel said. "They were not designed to maximize child well-being. It's going to be very easy for emotional dependence to form over time or for users to access inappropriate content. And companies are harvesting all of this information, which opens the door to privacy concerns and data exploitation."

What to look out for

Parents should be aware of how their children are using technology and be willing to have dialogue and set boundaries and guidelines.

Talk to your children about how they're using AI, test out apps together, pose questions about how it functions, and talk together about its potential problems like over-validation and dependence, McDaniel said. Don't lecture teens, but try to keep an open dialogue.

"You're building their ability to recognize and be AI literate, all while building that relationship and setting rules and boundaries," McDaniel said. "It is really important to make that process collaborative."

Keep an eye on your teen's behavior, too. If they're secretive about how they're using an AI app, spending inordinate amounts of time with the AI, or withdrawing from activities or friends in favor of their AI, those are red flags of an unhealthy relationship with AI, McDaniel said.

"Nothing is truly a healthy replacement for real human interpersonal interaction," McDaniel said. "AI companions might be a place you can go to practice relationship skills, ask for advice, or escape sometimes from life and difficulties. Ultimately, it is just a computer program. It does not feel, it does not love you and, at the end of the day, loving and rewarding human interaction is what we need."

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Celebrate Spring 2026 with a Wildflower Walk at Teter Retreat

Submitted

Wander the woods and welcome spring on Sunday, April 19. Explore the trails with guided tours anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. at Teter Retreat and Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville.

From violets to trilliums, to wild geraniums, Teter Retreat and Organic Farm offers a wonderful display of wildflowers that you can learn all about with a guided tour.

“The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year,” said Emma St.Dennis, volunteer event organizer. “Especially after a cold winter (and spring), spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible treat.”

The event is free, open to the public, and great for



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The Wildflower Walk at Teter Retreat and Organic Farm is free, open to the public, and great for all ages, kids, scout groups, and adults.

all ages, kids, scout groups, and adults.

Although the walking path is moderate, it is not

wheelchair accessible.

In the event of lightning or downpours, the event will be canceled.

Questions? Contact Emma St.Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or threelsmom@hotmail.com.

Experience the Stations of the Cross at Hosanna Casa de Alabanza Internacional

A free event in Noblesville for all of Hamilton County

Submitted

During this special season, you are invited to partake in a meaningful spiritual journey, reflecting on the pivotal moments our Lord Jesus Christ experienced on earth before His sacrificial death on the cross. It is through Him that we enjoy fellowship and hope.

At Hosanna Casa de Alabanza Internacional, situated near downtown Noblesville at 675 Walnut St., we will present the Stations of the Cross at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2. This event offers a reflective opportunity to journey through signifi-

cant moments, such as Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Attendees will also have the chance to participate in Holy Communion, receiving the bread and wine, and to experience anew and profoundly all that Jesus did for us during His earthly ministry.

We look forward to welcoming you to share in this special time of reflection, faith, and connection with God.

Additionally, at 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, we will hold a service to commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It promises to be a joyful celebration in



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the Lord's presence, and we trust that each participant will encounter something truly inspiring.

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

We warmly anticipate

the opportunity to share this meaningful experience with the Noblesville community. [Click here](#) to watch a short video.

Learn more at HosannaInternacional.com.

Sheridan Public Library has full April calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers

April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m. | Discovery Time (ages: up to 3 years)

Preschool

April 7, 15, 21, 29 at 10:30 a.m. | Little Learners Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Grades K-5

April 7 at 3:30 p.m. | After-school Club: Spring Into Science

April 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Citizen Science: Animal Spot-a-thon (ages 8 and up)

Grades 6-12

April 28 at 3:30 p.m. | Teen Hand Sewing

Adults

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11 a.m. | Needle Crafters

April 15 at 5:30 p.m. | Sheridan Readers: *Tecumseh* by James Alexander Thom

All ages

April 1 at 10:30 a.m. | Family Easter Movie

April 2 at 10:30 a.m. | Homeschool Meetup: Citizen Science + STEAM Kits

April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. | STEAM Kit Exploration (Drop-In)

April 16 at 6 p.m. | Family Bingo Night

For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

Rep. Spartz to host live policy discussions on X Spaces

Submitted by Office

of Rep. Victoria Spartz

From April through July, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) will play host to a series of live policy briefings on X Spaces every first and third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m.

The discussions will provide an overview of major policy issues facing Congress and will include special guests and audience participation.

The upcoming discussions include:

• April 2 – National Debt: A Titanic Moment for Our Republic at 250?

• April 16 – FISA Re-authorization: How Much Surveillance Is Too Much?

• May 7 – Health Care: Is Government the Problem or the Solution?

• May 21 – Government Accountability Office: Does Anyone Audit the Government?

To join, participants should visit Rep. Spartz's official X page, [@RepSpartz](https://x.com/RepSpartz), at the time of the event.



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Margaret Rose Hendrickson

January 5, 1943 – March 25, 2026



Margaret Rose Hendrickson, 83, Arcadia, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Margaret was a much beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who spent her life pouring into her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and anyone who had the fortune of crossing her path. She was a woman who excelled in her work as a professional cleaner, but whose true legacy lives on in the lives of the many people she touched. She was a woman who was deeply committed to her family and who was generous beyond measure.

Margaret is survived by her three children, Paul Parsley, Charles (Angie) Parsley, and Heather Livingston. She was a proud grandmother to Amanda Parsley, Andrea (Jonah) Ferguson, Jr (Kelsey) Parsley, Jack Parsley, Shawna Parsley, Logan Parsley, Blake (Shelby) Parsley, Chevy Livingston, and Daxton Livingston. Margaret had 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She is also survived by her sisters Norma Hall and Carolyn Saylor. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bobby Gene Hendrickson; brothers, Teddy Arnold Brock and Jimmy Brock; sisters, Barbara Brock, Mona Abrams, and Francis Carol Brock; and parents, Charlie and Cledith Brock.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with funeral service to follow. Interment will be private.

For those who are unable to attend, a live stream of the service will be available at my.gather.app/remember/margaret-hendrickson-2026. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

Margaret left an indelible mark on everyone she met through her generosity, dedication, and love. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew her. We encourage family and friends to leave memories and upload photos on the memorial page to celebrate the life of our beloved Margaret Hendrickson.

Condolences: [hartleyfuneralhome.com](https://www.hartleyfuneralhome.com)

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

OFFERINGS FOR PRIESTS AND LEVITES

Then the Lord said to Aaron, "I myself have put you in charge of the offerings presented to me; all the holy offerings the Israelites give me I give to you and your sons as your portion, your perpetual share. You are to have the part of the most holy offerings that is kept from the fire. From all the gifts they bring me as most holy offerings, whether grain or sin or guilt offerings, that part belongs to you and your sons. Eat it as something most holy; every male shall eat it. You must regard it as holy.

"This also is yours: whatever is set aside from the gifts of all the wave offerings of the Israelites. I give this to you and your sons and daughters as your perpetual share. Everyone in your household who is ceremonially clean may eat it.

"I give you all the finest olive oil and all the finest new wine and grain they give the Lord as the firstfruits of their harvest. All the land's firstfruits that they bring to the Lord will be yours. Everyone in your household who is ceremonially clean may eat it.

"Everything in Israel that is devoted to the Lord is yours. The first offspring of every womb, both human and animal, that is offered to the Lord is yours. But you must redeem every firstborn son and every firstborn male of unclean animals. When they are a month old, you must redeem them at the redemption price set at five shekels of silver; according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs.

Numbers 18:8-16 (NIV)

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Track & Field

Carmel girls defend HSR championship

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls track and field team defended its team championship at the Hoosier State Relays Large School meet.

The Greyhounds finished comfortably ahead of Bloomington South at the meet, which took place Saturday, March 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum. Carmel totaled 63.5 points to Bloomington South's 50, thanks to its strong showing in the relay races.

The Hounds won the 4x800 relay in a new meet record time of 9 minutes, 1.92 seconds. Annabel Pollett, Sadie Foley, Kaitlyn Oshimura and Larkin Taylor were the runners in that event. Taylor, Oshimura and Foley later joined Gabriela Grande Rosas to place second in the distance medley

relay; their time of 11:56.95 was under the old meet record.

Carmel also placed third in the 4x400 relay and sixth in the 4x200 relay. Pollert placed second in the 3200 run.

Westfield tied for fifth place by scoring 26 points. Ella Jenkins picked an event victory for the Shamrocks, winning the pole vault by clearing 13 feet, 3 inches. Gracie Czubik helped out with a fifth-place finish in the high jump.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 25.5 points to place seventh as a team. The Royals earned a victory in the 4x400 relay; with Ava Kashani, Chloe Senefeld, Kaleah McCarter and Anissa Lammie clocking in with a time of 3:56.21.

Noblesville scored four points, tying for 32nd. Ains-



Photo provided
The Carmel girls track and field team defended its Hoosier State Relays Large School division team championship. The Greyhounds scored 63.5 points at this year's meet, which took place Saturday, March 28 at the Indiana State Fairground Coliseum.

ley Meinering finished seventh in the 60 dash and Nyla Young placed seventh in the shot put.

Boys meet
Two county teams reached the top 10 and Noblesville distance star Ban-

ner Barnes picked up an event win in the boys' competition.

a team, scoring 30 points. Alim Broadnax took third place. Carmel tied fourth as

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Heights girls finish as team runner-up, Guerin Catholic boys place third

HH's Woolever wins high jump, GC sets two records

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights and Guerin Catholic both had strong finishes at the Small School portion of the Hoosier State Relays on Saturday, March 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The Huskies girls earned team runner-up honors, scoring 69 points. Bishop Chatard won the meet with 97 points.

Waverly Woolever picked up a win in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 6 inches. Woolever also participated in the runner-up 4x400 relay, teaming with Norah Reiger, Gracie Bortone and Reagan Van Kirk.

All four of Heights' relays finished in the top seven, with the 4x800 relay placing third, the distance medley relay taking fourth and the 4x200 relay finishing in seventh. The Huskies also landed three runners in the top six of the 3200 run; Lillian Higgins led the way by taking third.

Guerin Catholic's girls finished tied for ninth with 18 points. Amelia Smith led a 1-2 result in the pole vault; she dominated that event by setting a new record of 13 feet, 0.25 inches. Zoe Travelsted placed second by clearing 10 feet, 9 inches.

Another Smith record

Seffrin Smith was a double winner for the Golden Eagles boys team. He set a new record in the 60 hurdles



Photo provided
The Hamilton Heights girls track and field team placed second in the Hoosier State Relays Small School meet.

with a victorious time of 8.03 seconds. Later, Smith joined Nolan Ratcliff, Isaac Justin and James Moody to win the 4x200 relay. The relay squad finished in 1 minute, 30.54 seconds.

Guerin Catholic tied for third as a team, scoring 36 points. Bishop Chatard won the meet with 59 points.

Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan finished second in the shot put, accounting for all eight of the Huskies' team points. Heights tied for 21st as a team.

GIRLS MEET

60 hurdles - Prelims: Reagan Burt (Guerin Catholic) 10.38, 23. Emma Parker (GC) 10.56.

60 dash - Prelims: 6. Norah Reiger (Hamilton Heights) 8.03.

3200 run: 3. Lillian Higgins (HH) 10:41.41, 4. Allie Bushey (HH) 10:52.60, 6. Matilda Higgins (HH)



(TOP RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith set a new meet record while winning the pole vault, clearing 13 feet, 0.25 inches. (ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever won the high jump. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Golden Eagles' Seffrin Smith won the 60 hurdles event in a new record time of 8.03 seconds.

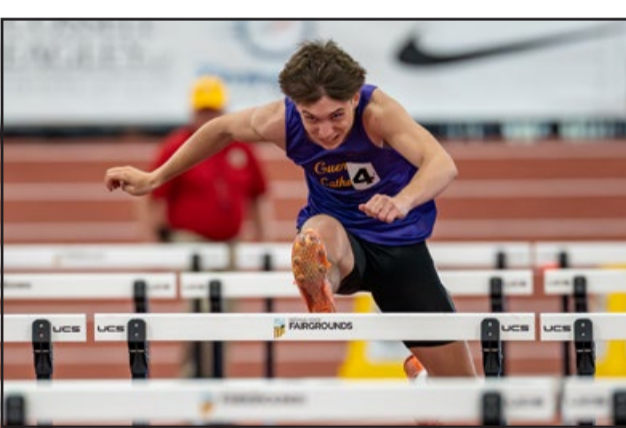
10:59.33, 20. Taylor Tragesser (GC) 12:46.42.

4x800 relay: 3. Heights (L. Higgins, M. Higgins, Bushey, Anna Monnin) 9:46.69, 14. Guerin Catholic (Emme Horvath, Tragesser, Kara Van Woerkom, Jillian Tichenor) 10:28.79.

4x200 relay: 7. Heights (Gracie Bortone, Reagan Van Kirk, Reiger, Brooke Cox) 1:48.42.

4x400 relay: 2. Heights (Reiger, Bortone, Van Kirk, Waverly Woolever) 4:02.02.

Distance medley relay: 4.



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Heights (L. Higgins, M. Higgins, Bushey, Monnin) 12:47.53, 11. Guerin Catholic (Tichenor, Bailey Grider, Keira Hines, Tragesser) 13:36.18.

Pole vault: 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 13-0.25, new meet record, 2. Zoe Travelsted (GC) 10-9.

High jump: 1. Woolever (HH) 1:35.45.

Long jump: 14. Alexandria Parker (GC) 16-0.

BOYS MEET

60 hurdles - Finals: 1. Seffrin Smith (GC) 8.03, new meet record.

60 dash - Prelims: T13. Nolan Ratcliff (GC) 7.19, 17. Isaac Justin (GC) 7.25.

3200 run: 12. Isaiah Heuer (HH) 9:43.13.

4x800 relay: 16. Heights (Nick Bragg, Tommy Girolamo, Heuer, Charles Wedmore) 8:36.15, 17.

Guerin Catholic (Austin Rankin, Hunter Kinzle-Gorman, Brady Linn, Cole Eckstein) 8:41.53.

4x200 relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Smith, Nolan Ratcliff, Justin, James Moody) 1:30.54, 16. Heights (Andenot Wolfgang, Jacoby Woolever, Hudson Holt, Rowan Donald) 1:35.45.

4x400 relay: 7. Guerin Catholic (Trevor Macey, Ratcliff, Aidan Horn, Isaiah Lewis) 3:31.60.

Distance medley relay: 19. Heights (Bragg, Holt, Heuer, Girolamo) 11:18.32, 23. Guerin Catholic (Rankin, Grant Bauman, Andrew Cantos, Eckstein) 11:34.23.

High jump: 7. Smith (GC) 6-4.

Long jump: 18. Woolever (HH) 19-5.25.

Shot put: 2. Will Duncan (HH) 59-0.25.

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Baseball Preview

No. 3 Millers poised with experienced mix

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

Noblesville is aiming to do what no team in Sectional 8 has done since 2014 and that's winning a sectional on their home field.

The Millers return a solid core back from last season's team that won 16 games but are looking to advance out of the sectional for the first time since winning the 2014 state championship.

Head coach Justin Keever enters his 22nd year with a record of 375-237, just three wins short (378-176) of previous coach Dennis Kas' program record. Keever's teams have five Hoosier Crossroads Conference titles (2008, '14, '16, '23 and '24), four sectional ('05, '07, '10, '14), three regional ('05, '07, '14), one semi-state ('14) and Hamilton County's first baseball state championship in 2014.

The 2026 version is led by a pair of senior all-state candidates and Division I

commits. Four-year starter Aiden Reynolds (Indiana) looks to keep his hot bat going to lead at the plate and 6'6 southpaw Beckett Doane (Mississippi State) is the top returning pitcher for the second season in a row.

Reynolds has a three-year .333 batting average with six home runs (three last season), 65 RBIs, 73 runs scored, five triples, 24 doubles and has 81 hits in 83 games played between shortstop and third base.

Junior Jalen Stidham is back as an outfielder and DH. Stidham scored 12 runs with a pair of doubles and four RBIs in 20 games in 2025. Senior Chris Martz started 21 games last year, improving his hitting with 12 RBIs, a home run, two doubles and nine runs scored. Catcher Garrett Dixon is back for his second season behind the dish. Dixon had a .983 fielding percentage in 26 games with five runs scored, three RBIs and a double in '25. Sophomore Zac Glander started the final 15 games

after playing the first half of 2025 with the Junior Varsity Black. Glander managed to score 13 times, drove in seven runs and belted a couple doubles.

Newcomers like senior Blake Riggs, junior Jackson Graf, sophomores Slade Hodges, Ethan Clark and Christian Penalzoza will all be counted on to produce.

On the mound, Doane brings two-plus seasons of starting experience. Over that span, Beckett is 6-5 with a 1.84 ERA in 80 innings pitched. He's also tallied 118 strikeouts (68 in '25), given up just 39 walks, 54 hits, 32 runs (21 earned) and held opposing hitters to a .182 average.

Pitching will have plenty of depth with seniors Ethan Kang, Brooks Riggs, Brooks Muse and Ryan Ruse. Juniors Eli Hall, Griffin Snider, Quin Hendrich and Graf, along with sophomores Rhett Hostetler and Paul Stewart give the coaching staff plenty of arms to work with.

HSE's Davidson wins National Coach of the Year award

The REPORTER

Greg Davidson, Hamilton Southeastern Girls Soccer coach, was named the National Girls Soccer Coach of the Year for the Large School Division at the most recent United Soccer Coaches national soccer convention and awards night.

Coach Davidson was named the Indiana Girls Soccer Coach of the Year, then earned Regional Coach of the Year honors (for the region that includes Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio) and then named the National Coach of the Year. Coach Davidson was honored to represent both HSE and Indiana in providing this kind of recognition.

HSE won the 3A state championship. The Royals went 22-0-1 while scoring 104 goals and allowing only six goals against the entire year. HSE finished ranked No. 1 in the nation in the MaxPreps rankings and No. 2 in the nation by the United



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Soccer Coaches.

Coach Davidson thanks his family for the years of support. He also shares this award with his coaching staff and players of which this honor they had a part of as well.

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in the long jump. His best jump was 22 feet, 6.5 inches. Lucas Bartlett finished third in the 3200 run.

The Millers were seventh as a team with 26 points. Barnes led the way with his 3200 victory, clocking in at 9:08.29. He also ran on Noblesville's runner-up distance medley relay, joining Isaiah Vohs, Jack Rush and Cooper Click.

Westfield scored 18 points to take 12th place. The 4x800 relay team of Donovan Ledford, Luke Moulder, Caleb Haney and Carson Ackley finished fourth.

Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern both scored 12 points and tied for 16th place. The Tigers' Konrad Haynes cleared 6 feet, 8 inches to place second in the high jump. Liam Powers finished fourth in the 3200 run for the Royals.

Large school results GIRLS

Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Carmel 63.5, 2. Bloomington South 50, 3. North Central 40, 4. Whiteland 30, 5. Westfield 26, 7. Hamilton Southeastern 25.5, T32. Noblesville 4.

60 hurdles - Prelims: 11. Devyn Day (Fishers) 9:26, 14. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 9:39, 15. Jenna Rhodes (W) 9:41, 22. Katelyn Eblen (W) 9:69.

60 dash - Finals: 7. Ainsley Meinerding (N) 7.74.

3200 run: 2. Annabel Pollert (C) 10:28.63, 21. Maddie Cox (C) 11:19.29, 23. Margo Halle (C) 11:29.56.

4x800 relay: 1. Carmel (Pollert, Sadie Foley, Kaitlyn Oshimura, Larkin Taylor) 9:01.92, new meet record, 6. Westfield (Jenna Burns, Mackenna Condon, Gianna Ferreri, Sam Foster) 9:37.45, 14. Southeastern (Evie Patch, Raegan Hissong, Anna Irish, Aubrey Berger) 9:57.23, 17. Fishers (Aaliyah Hayes, Riley Teurman, Abby Lotter, Lilah Gunn) 9:59.85.

4x200 relay: 6. Carmel (Livi Miller, Kalinda Lee, Jenna Harris, Gabriela Grande Rosas) 1:43.83, 7. Southeastern (Cianna Cunningham,

Senefeld, Kaleah McCarter, Anissa Lammie) 1:44.68, 11. Fishers (Day, Kylee Black, Ava Underwood, Zinia Pineda) 1:45.36, 17. Noblesville (Meinerding, Rylan Bell, Reginae Bell, Jady Bush) 1:46.32, 21. Westfield (Izzy Brady, Addy Busch, Gracie Czubik, Eblen) 1:47.76.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Ava Kashani, Senefeld, McCarter, Lammie) 3:56.21, 3. Carmel (Miller, Oshimura, Molly Foley, Grande Rosas) 3:58.00, 6. Westfield (Busch, Condon, Czubik, Eblen) 4:01.39, 16. Noblesville (Gretchen Graham, Olivia Seefeldt, Sophia Shields, Alyssa Lahee) 4:08.10.

Distance medley relay: 2. Carmel (Taylor, Grande Rosas, Oshimura, S. Foley) 11:56.95, under old meet record, 14. Noblesville (Nelani Render, Graham, Kate Mummaw, Ansley Applegate) 12:44.16, 17. Westfield (Busch, Burns, Ferreri, Foster) 12:52.26, 19. Fishers (Mia Quagliaroli, Hayes, Allie Belush, Caitlin Hawkins) 12:55.45.

Pole vault: 1. Ella Jenkins (W) 13-3, 7. Miller (C) 10-9; Riley Williams (HSE) 10-9.

High jump: 5. Czubik (W) 5-5.

Shot put: 7. Nyla Young (N) 39-11.25, 10. Mia Tobias (F) 38-7.75, 15. Amyla Holder (C) 35-11.5.

BOYS

Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Bloomington North 60, 2. Franklin Central 46, 3. Brownsburg 35, T4. Carmel 30; Avon 30, 7. Noblesville 26, 12. Westfield 18, T16. Fishers 12; Hamilton Southeastern 12.

60 hurdles - Finals: 6. Sam Long (HSE) 8:22. Prelims: 16. Sam Irish (HSE) 8:49.

60 dash - Prelims: 12. Maison McCray (W) 7.02.

3200 run: 1. Banner Barnes (N) 9:08.29, 3. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:10.07, 4. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:10.38, 10. Jonah Kaul (C) 9:23.65, 12. Grant VanNahmen (C) 9:24.65, 21. Isaac Smith (HSE) 9:38.61, 24.

Zach Flint (C) 9:47.07.

4x800 relay: 4. Westfield (Donovan Ledford, Luke Moulder, Caleb Haney, Carson Ackley) 7:52.90, 5. Carmel (Nixon Trisler, Cooper Szotek, Carter Buhr, Trevor Walton) 7:52.96, 7. Southeastern (Omar Elsayed, Liam McNiven, Powers, Will Henning) 7:56.20, 21. Fishers (Nate Thomas, Grant Fasnacht, Mason Lapp, Kale Ormes) 8:23.09, 22. Noblesville (Cooper Click, Josh Moller, Gavin Flynn, Kolten Simpson) 8:38.95.

4x200 relay: 5. Westfield (McCray, Cayden Gearhart, Logan Tuck, Ryd Wallerstedt) 1:29.33, 7. Carmel (Grant Carter, Daniel Pilling, Knox Leimer, Beau Snarr) 1:29.79, 12. Noblesville (Nathaniel Leach, Angel Wilson, Austin Donahoe, Paul Stanely) 1:30.49, 14. Fishers (Vincent Rozzi, Emil Lincey, Damell Mitchell, Jayden Bogan) 1:31.05.

4x400 relay: 13. Noblesville (Leach, Zaythen Spears, Donahoe, Preston Wells) 3:27.23, 16. Westfield (Wallerstedt, Ledford, McCray, Ackley) 3:28.47, 23. Fishers (Josh Jenkins II, Reece Torres, Declan Mohr, Tristan Breland) 3:51.29.

Distance medley: 2. Noblesville (Isaiah Vohs, Jack Rush, Click, Barnes) 10:12.58, 6. Carmel (Buhr, Zach Judy, Trevor Walton, Lucas Bartlett) 10:29.57, 8. Fishers (Torres, Jenkins, Brady FitzGerlad, Mohr) 10:32.46, 15. Southeastern (Smith, Henning, Elsayed, Powers) 10:42.26, 23. Westfield (Bryce Pitman, Chase Thompson, Deagan Imel, JP Mikels) 11:02.72.

Pole vault: 9. Brady Lemieux (W) 14-0.

High jump: 2. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-8, 7. Austin Geesaman (F) 6-3.

Long jump: 3. Alim Broadnax (C) 22-6.5, 13. Gabriel Davis (C) 21-2.75, 17. Donahoe (N) 20-5.

Shot put: 12. Mason Cantwell (F) 50-8.75, 22. Mason McDermott (N) 44-7.



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Boys Lacrosse

Westfield bounces back with Saturday win

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys lacrosse team bounced back after a tough loss to beat a Missouri powerhouse on Saturday, March 28.

The Shamrocks defeated St. Louis University 9-5 in a home game. Finnigan Smyth scored three goals, while Landon Clark scored one goal and dished out three assists.

Tyler Hamilton and Sam Meyers both contributed one goal and one assist. Keegan Hemingway, Daniel Sherman and Hayden Belleville all added one goal, while Jake Norris made one assist.

Jack Hamilton made eight saves.

Westfield is 5-1 and plays at Fishers tonight. Game time is 6 p.m.

Softball

Rocks split Saturday games

Westfield takes down No. 1 Center Grove to start

By RICHIE HALL

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The Westfield softball team finished the first week of the season by proving it can play with, and beat, the best teams in the state.

The Shamrocks hosted a round-robin with Center Grove and Penn Saturday, March 28 at the Monon Trail Athletic Facility. Westfield took on the Trojans first and stunned the then-No. 1 ranked team in Class 4A 9-3.

Center Grove scored two runs in the top of the second inning, but the Rocks answered with three in the bottom of the inning. Olivia Sampia got Westfield on the board by scoring on a wild pitch, then Makayla Watson tied the game with an RBI single, bringing in Alyssa Ayers, who got on base with a double. Sofia Easterhaus batted in the go-ahead run, scoring Watson with a single.

Freshman Carlyne Schrock led off the bottom of the third inning with a home run, giving the Shamrocks a 4-2 lead. The score stayed at that margin until the top of the sixth, when a Trojans leadoff homer cut that advantage to 4-3.

But Westfield was unbothered. Mac Delph struck out the next batter, then Dylan Todd made a huge catch in right field for the second out. After a walk, Delph got another strikeout to end the inning.

"We've been having some struggles with having errors and trying to get back, but we've been cleaning that up," said Todd. "I think we did a really good job today of not making as many errors."

The Rocks then barreled through the bottom of the sixth, scoring five runs. Ayers led off by reaching on an error, then Todd sent her home with a single. Later, Schrock batted in Easterhaus, then a walk to Bella Blakely loaded the bases.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) Westfield pitcher Mac Delph (right) pitched a complete game in the Shamrocks' win over Center Grove on Saturday, March 28. Also pictured is catcher Olivia Sampia. (BELOW) Makayla Watson had two hits, batted in one run and scored one run.

Reese Mahannah scored the next run after Sampia reached on error and kept the bases loaded. Cam Pulice drew a walk to score Schrock, then Ayers was hit by a pitch to score Blakeley.

The inning ended with Westfield ahead 9-3. Center Grove got two on with a single and a walk, but Watson caught the first out, then Easterhaus turned a double play to end the game, throwing to Sydney Jordan for the third out.

"It's definitely a lot of instinct and training, knowing your situation as well," said Easterhaus. "Knowing I did have a runner on first and if a ball were to come to me in the air, that I can double her off."

Easterhaus went 3-for-4 at the plate, while Schrock had two hits. Delph pitched a complete game, striking out seven.

Westfield played Penn in its second game and lost 8-3 to the then-4A No. 4 Kingsmen. Penn led 8-0 after four innings.

The Shamrocks scored twice in the fifth inning. Pulice singled in Sampia for



the first run; Sampia led off with a double. Pulice was sent home by an Ayres RBI single; Pulice got another RBI in the sixth inning, batting in Easterhaus.

Sampia also had two hits. Jordan pitched four innings, striking out four.

Westfield is now ranked 13th in this week's Class 4A coaches poll. Crown Point

is ranked No. 1, with Penn at No. 2. Center Grove is sixth. (Other county teams include Noblesville at No. 7, Hamilton Southeastern at No. 11 and Carmel at No. 14).

The Shamrocks are 2-2 and host Franklin Central at 6 p.m. tonight to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Baseball

Golden Eagles open season with big win

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team began its season Monday with an 11-1, five-inning victory over visiting Delta.

The Golden Eagles put up five runs in the first inning. Ian Taylor batted in Nolan Ratcliff with a single, then Ben Canada scored on an error. Karson Smith blasted a triple to bring in Liam Zorger and Taylor, then Smith got home on an error.

Guerin Catholic added another five runs in the fourth inning. Ratcliff got home on Carson Kail's sacrifice fly. Later, Grant Beard sent a home run over the center field fence, also scoring Taylor and Canada. Tate Troxell followed that with a solo homer into right field.

Delta got one run back in the top of the fifth inning, but Taylor hit a double to score Zorger and end the game in the bottom of the fifth.

Taylor was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4. Beard and Cooper Harmon both hit one double. Luke



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Ian Taylor was 4-for-4 on offense during the Golden Eagles' win over Delta on Monday.

Gremelspacher pitched all five innings, striking out seven and allowing only two hits.

The Golden Eagles play their first road game today, traveling to Frankton for a 6 p.m. contest.

Look for more baseball recaps in the Wednesday edition of The Reporter.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 31

BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Frankton, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield at Fishers, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Carmel at Westfield, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m.

Franklin Central at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Greenfield-Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Noblesville at McCutcheon, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

University at Lapel, 5 p.m.

Westfield at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Cathedral boys at Carmel, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern boys at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Westfield girls at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m.

Indianapolis Lutheran at University, 7 p.m.

Avon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Roncalli at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

BASEBALL

University at Cascade, 5:30 p.m.

Warren Central at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

Westfield at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Carmel at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Carmel vs. Westfield, 2:30 p.m.

University vs. Beech Grove, 5 p.m. at Sarah Shank Golf Course

SOFTBALL

Lapel at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

Avon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

Fishers at Harrison, 6 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Fishers girls at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Pendleton Heights boys at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Center Grove, 7 p.m.

Roncalli at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Fishers at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

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