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Noblesville's own Nicole Liu wins Youth Service Award

Don't forget to thank a teacher this week

The REPORTER
Senior Nicole Liu from Noblesville High School was awarded the 30th annual Hamilton County Youth Service Award Monday afternoon. The ceremony was sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAOOD).
Liu was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.
Liu is a member of the Penions Club, Noblesville High School Literary Magazine, Key Club, Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council, New Dimension Varsity Show Choir, Miller Mentors, DECA and VOICE Indiana.
Liu considers her greatest accomplishment to be the work

she has done with VOICE Indiana, a grassroots organization that encourages teens to lead tobacco-free lifestyles. VOICE has provided her with opportunities to advocate for better tobacco control policies by speaking to lawmakers, schools, and the media.
"Too often Big Tobacco targets vulnerable populations like teens," Liu said. "VOICE has given me a platform to stand up against their harmful marketing campaigns."
Five other students were nominated for the Youth Service Award by their school's counseling department. The other nominees included Liam Courtney from Carmel High School,

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Photo provided by Hamilton County Government
Noblesville High School senior Nicole Liu was awarded the 30th Hamilton County Youth Service Award. She was joined by Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt (left) and Steve Dillinger (right).

Have you ever asked a military "brat" where they're from? It's always a complicated answer. My parents were in the military, so I lived in lots of places.
Because I served in the military for 22 years, my children are official military brats as well and have had the same experience. Having lived in Germany, then Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, then back to Texas, and then back again to Indiana, the question, "Where are you from?" begets a complicated answer. In fact, each of my two kids will probably give you a different response.
But I know one thing for certain. They both call Westfield home.
A big part of that "home" has been the incredible teachers at Westfield Washington Schools who have exemplified that.
Westfield Washington Schools and the teachers who work there take their responsibility to our students seriously – and it shows. Westfield High School has a graduation rate of 98 percent, well above the state average. The high school is also ranked 11th among all Indiana high schools statewide.
Additionally, our teachers work hard to have a personal impact on our students. Our community is incredibly lucky to still have a relatively low teacher to student ratio of 18 to 1, making it possible for teachers to have time for every student, every day. Our district also boasts a 100 percent teacher accreditation rate, ensuring that our students are being educated by the very best of Indiana teaching professionals.
When you take a step back and look at our awesome Westfield Washington schools, it's clear we have great teachers who really care about our children and their success. Maybe some of this is just me reflecting as my oldest is near graduation and onto college, but I truly want to thank every teacher my kids have had along the way – from Shamrock Springs Elementary through Westfield High School.
Thank you for helping my kids make Westfield home – no matter where they tell you they're from.
Matt McNally retired from the military last year after 22 years of service. He is a veteran of Afghanistan and a formal Naval Aviator. He and his family are proud to call the city of Westfield home.

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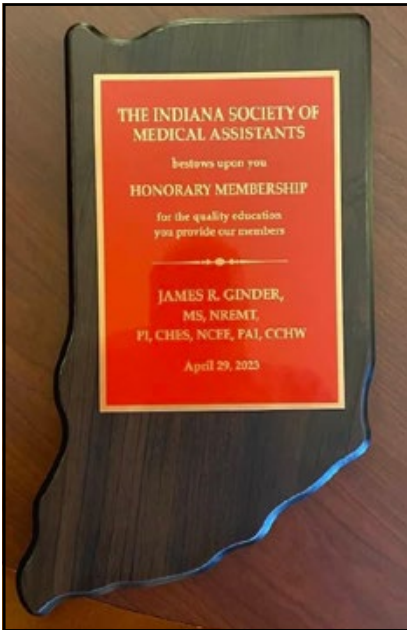
Westfield celebrates teachers with second Laugh It Off Comedy Night

By AMY ADAMS
For The Reporter
The Westfield Education Foundation (WEF), in conjunction with the Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) administration and Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO), honored WWS staff on Friday night, April 28, with the second annual Laugh It Off Comedy Night.
According to WWS and WEF Board member Amber Willis, the idea for the celebration came as school leaders were looking for a way to get everyone together coming out of COVID. She credits WEF Executive Director Ashely Knott with envisioning an out-the-box way to do that.
The success of last year's event had many anticipating this year's night out.
"I've been looking forward to tonight," said Westfield High School (WHS) science teacher

Volunteers gathered right before opening doors to welcome staff into the building for appetizers and a cash bar.
Riley Peppler. "It was so much fun last year, and I've been telling everyone about it."
Every staff member was offered the opportunity to claim two free tickets for the evening. From teachers to therapists, facilities to food service, and even substitutes, school staff reserved around 1,100 tickets for the event at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.
"I have never seen tickets go so fast," Knott said. "Reservations opened at 8 p.m. on March 1, and we were just blown away at how quickly ticket sales began to skyrocket. We were a little worried we might run out and were prepared to start a waitlist, but we ended up with just the right amount of tickets for everyone who wanted to come."
PTOs from each school started setting up around 9 a.m.

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Scholarship named in Jim Ginder's honor



Photos provided

The Indiana Society of Medical Assistants held its annual conference in Edinburgh, Ind., on April 29. Hamilton County Health Department Health Education Specialist Jim Ginder was presented with an honorary membership, and the Society established the James R. Ginder Award in his honor. Subsequent recipients of the award will receive registration to the annual conference to support their continued education and leadership development.

Noblesville & Pacers begin NBA G League partnership



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

(From left) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO Rick Fuson, and Noblesville Common Council President Aaron Smith.

The City of Noblesville announced on Monday afternoon a transformational partnership with Pacers Sports & Entertainment to bring the Mad Ants, the company's affiliate in the NBA G League, to Noblesville. The NBA G League is the second most prominent men's basketball league in the world, behind only the NBA.
To accommodate the move, Noblesville plans to build a new 3,400 seat, 85,000 square-foot arena on the east side of the city.
"We are excited to welcome Pacers Sports & Entertainment to Noblesville along with the players, coaches and staff of the G League team," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The Pacers are an iconic brand with deep roots in central Indiana. Partnering with such an impactful organization opens numerous opportunities for our community and drives forward our efforts for a larger sports and entertainment district with enhanced partnerships."
The new arena is anticipated to open during the 2024-2025 season, and the team would play at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in the interim. City and team officials are working through due diligence steps with local partners and plan to build the arena at Finch Creek Park near the Mojo Up Sports Complex, which generates nearly 1 million visits per year. The city expects to draw 65,000 fans annually to Noblesville and Finch Creek just for

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games, which is already the second most visited area in Hamilton County for sports visitors.

“This is another big win for Noblesville,” Duke Energy Government & Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. “Congratulations to Mayor Jensen and his team for their vision in bringing this unique entertainment opportunity to the area.”

“We are working with the Pacers and other partners on programming options for the arena on days it is not used by the Pacers,” Jensen said. “The facility would be available for events like IH-SAA tournaments and competitions, concerts, conferences, corporate events and graduations. Further steps are being taken to finalize development and programming partners, which may also incorporate additional project features and recreational amenities.”

The franchise will remain the Mad Ants through the 2023-2024 season. A new mascot will be unveiled prior to the 2024-2025 season and Mad Ants, a name with a special tie to Fort Wayne, will be retired.

“The G League is world-class basketball, and PS&E is proud to bring that to Noblesville as we strengthen our basketball operations and enhance player development in one of the state’s most vibrant and growing communities,” Pacers Sports & Entertainment CEO Rick Fuson said. “We are excited about the way this partnership fits into the bold vision for economic development Mayor Jensen has laid out, and we can’t wait to continue growing our NBA and G League fan base right here in Hamilton County.”

At the Noblesville Common Council meeting on Tuesday, May 9, a 10-



Renderings provided by City of Noblesville

The Noblesville Common Council unanimously approved the public-private partnership Tuesday night.

year partnership agreement between the City of Noblesville and Pacers Sports & Entertainment will be presented. The agreement includes \$5 million in cash investment from PS&E, which will also lead an effort to secure another \$5 million in naming rights and signage over those 10 years, as well as \$36.5 million from the city in building the arena.

“We welcome the new partnership with the Pacers,” said Noblesville Common Council Presi-

dent Aaron Smith. “The administration and council have made proactive, smart investments to assist with the financing of this partnership. We are excited to continue the strategic growth on the east side of our city and provide a new attraction for our residents and guests.”

Featuring 30 teams – 28 with one-to-one affiliations with NBA franchises – the G League offers elite professional basketball at an affordable price in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere.

“Fifty-four percent of NBA players have G League experience,” Jensen said. “Noblesville will compete in 27 media markets in 21 other states, plus Mexico and Canada. Noblesville also has a proud history of being a basketball community, including 1998 Mr. Basketball Tom Coverdale and the 2022 Millers Girls Basketball State Champions. Adding our partnership with the Pacers only cements us as a destination for basketball and youth sports.”

About Pacers Sports & Entertainment
Pacers Sports & Entertainment is an integrated sports and entertainment company including the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, an NBA G League affiliate, Pacers Gaming, Pacers Foundation, Inc., and operations of Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Its team of inspired and dedicated employees has a shared purpose of winning through a commitment to excellence, serving the local community and entertaining fans and guests.

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Victoria Chambers from Hamilton Heights High School, Mrithula Mukkani Karunamurthy from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Jacquellynne Bates from Sheridan High School, and Isabella Grady from Westfield High School. They will each receive a \$300 scholarship.

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



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(From left) Isabella Grady, Youth Service Award Winner Nicole Liu, Liam Courtney, HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer, Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Jacquellynne Bates, Victoria Chambers, Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, and Mrithula Mukkani Karunamurthy.

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and worked throughout the evening. They organized and ran a gift card pull for staff with around 700 envelopes given out, each containing multiple gift cards. In addition, the PTOs provided 14 gift cards valued at \$100 each for one staff member from each school plus the transportation, food services, and central services departments.

“To make this event possible it takes a dedicated team,” Knott said.

In addition to WEF and PTO volunteers, some event sponsors even gave of their time, like Melissa Stalbaum and Quinn Teague of Equitable Advisors and Lori Bancroft, Jess Bell, and Beth Ryshavy from McGraw Hill Education.

“Volunteer?” Bell asked facetiously. “Yes, we’ll volunteer for teacher appreciation night!”

Surrounded by welcome signs and hundreds of green, black, and gold balloons, the many volunteers welcomed staff and guests into the center starting at 5:30 p.m.

In addition to the warm welcome, guests also enjoyed a cash bar and tables laden with appetizers compliments of the WHS Culinary Arts department, affectionately known as “Foodies Rock.” The menu included chilled hors d’oeuvres like mango salsa with mojo-marinated shrimp and pimento and cheese dip with garlic crackers as well as hot dishes like pork and veggie spring rolls and Southern chicken bites with maple honey glaze.

Under the guidance of Chef Educators Nikki Heflin and Bryan Ferreira and Family and Consumer Sciences teacher Renee Coleman, around 30 WHS students prepared all the dishes from scratch, then transported and served them. Each of these students is ServSafe Manager Certified, which is the national standard for food safety and sanitation.

“The event is a testament to the curriculum we teach in the program,” Heflin said. “To be able to execute an event of this nature, the students can then take what they have learned, and they can perform at a professional level. Our students truly go above and beyond.”

Following the reception, guests were welcomed by a voice familiar to Westfield. Emcee for the evening Brad Neale, otherwise known as the “Voice of the Rocks,” announces for a variety of

WHS teams, including football, men’s and women’s basketball, and men’s and women’s volleyball. Neale, who has lived in Westfield for 20 years, is a father of three in the WWS district.

“You are special people,” Neale said to the guests. “You are underpaid, you’re overworked, and you’re the most underappreciated group of people on the planet. This is a fabulous night to celebrate you.”

Another longtime Westfield resident, magician Jeff Loeser, who is a member of the Academy of Magical Arts, shared his “Deliberate Deceptions” with the audience. Calling an assistant out of the audience, kindergarten teacher Kara Hopkins from Maple Glen Elementary School, Loeser performed a mind-boggling trick with random numbers given by audience members to ultimately illustrate that time is a gift.

“Thank you for spending time with our kids,” Loeser said to end his show. “You never know when you might be creating a magic moment.”

Following Loeser, educator-turned-comedian Gerry Brooks from Lexington, Ky., took the stage. Now a mentor for three principals, Brooks has 12 years’ experience as an administrator as well as six years in the classroom and two as an intervention specialist. He has also gained a following of nearly 600,000 on social media where he shares humorous videos based on the real-world experience of educators and school staff. He has also written a book titled *Go See the Principal: True Tales from the School Trenches*. His hilarious presentation blends his characteristic Southern humor with practical advice for personal climate and culture strategies.

“My goal is that everyone is going to walk out feeling encouraged and ready to get through the rest of the school year,” Brooks said.

WWS Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser enjoyed Brooks’ performance.

“He was funny, but he left us with some really good points,” Kaiser said.

After the show, guests had their choice of freshly-made, neatly-packaged desserts, like cookies, caramels, or even bread pudding, provided by local businesses.

“We just hope that this

event shares with our staff how much we appreciate them,” Knott said.

WEF exists to empower and invest in Westfield students, teachers, and staff. Since 1986, WEF has awarded more than 650 Westfield students with scholarships totaling more than \$1 million. This year, the foundation is projected to give scholarships to 50 students totaling \$73,000.

Michael Deck joined the WEF Board about six months ago because he sees the benefits of the organization first hand after his daughter Natalie received a scholarship last year, and he wants to help provide that opportunity to others.

“One of two or three things that makes Westfield stand out is the school system,” Deck said.

In addition, WEF provided 26 teachers with more than \$20,000 in grants in 2022. The foundation, in conjunction with Teacher’s Credit Union, also presents quarterly Rock Strong Awards to staff members in recognition of the great work they do.

“Laugh it off has proven itself to be a collaborative district activity for staff members to come together and spend time with other staff members,” Knott said. “As we keep growing and the district grows, it is really important that our staff has that opportunity.”

You can learn more about Westfield Education

Foundation at wwwswef.org or on social media @wwwswef.

In addition to Kaiser, Knott, Willis, and Matt Deck, WEF Board members include President Kyle Messmore, Vice-President Ronnie Saunders, Secretary Josh Andrews, Treasurer Tom Lunsford, Amanda Biedess, Janet Crenshaw, John Deck, Dorron Ferris, Amy Pictor, Shannon Russell, Grant Sindelar, Brian Tomamichel, Veronica Winkelman, and Sarah Worth.

PTO/Planning Committee Members included Michele Lyons, Whitney Moore, Jennifer Hill, Whitney Carriger, Justine McFall, Lorraine Comacho, Lauren Blake, Ali Coyne, Kelly Braun, Carey Miller, Corrie Weir, Ali Hoover, Amy Nelson, Amanda Androne, and Laura Estes.

Event sponsors included The Center for Performing Arts, Performance Services, Blades Audio Video, Equitable Advisors, MidTown Home Collective, Schmidt Associates, Southwest Foodservice Excellence, The Skillman Corporation, Kiwanis Club of Westfield, Rotary Club of Westfield, and Lions Club of Westfield.

Erin Baccari, Suzanne Boyer, Lori Cramer, Sarah Crews, Brooke Goldstein, Kyle Groves, Nikole Hayew, Becky Lane, The Leffews, Alexis Lowery, Kristi McAfee, and Jeff Newkirk all contributed as Friends of Laugh It Off.



Reporter photo by Amy Adams
WHS science teacher Riley Pepler is excited about her gift cards to Chick-Fil-A and Jan's Village Pizza.

Gift cards were generously provided by Chick-Fil-A, Crafters Pizza Draft-house, Field Brewing, Grand Junction Brewing Co., Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream, Indiana Members Credit Union, Jan’s Village Pizza, Joe’s Grille, Lou Malnati’s Pizzeria, McDonald’s–Westfield, McGraw Hill Education, Market District, Matt the Miller’s Tavern, Portillo’s, Quack Daddy Donuts, Rail, Texas Roadhouse, The Mill

Tavern, Turn the Page, Urban Vines, Westfield Diner, and Westfield Friends Church.

Desserts were graciously donated from Becky the Bakerster, Creolicious Bakery, Charleston’s, Chef Karyn, Cookie Dough On The Go!, Crumbl Cookies, DLV Caramels, Kimberly’s Delicious Dozen, Le Macaron–Carmel, McAlister’s Deli, Pastry Sweet & Salty, Waldis Cakes, and Mrs. Workman’s Confections.



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May 4, 6-7 p.m.
Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan

Storyteller Debby Gullery (*pictured left*) from Storytelling Arts of Indiana will lead the public in an interactive workshop on family histories and the importance of passing stories through generations.

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Rotary Club of Carmel announce first recipients of Portee scholarships

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel has announced the inaugural recipients of the Portee Leadership Connection Scholarships. Recipients will be honored at a special luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club on June 2 at the Woodland Country Club in Carmel. The guest speaker will be Danny Portee.



Portee

The winners, their current high school, and their college destination and course of study are as follows:

- Jaquelin Escobedo, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, plans to study nursing at IUPUI.
- Kiah Jackson, Carmel High School, plans to study epidemiology at Indiana University.
- Emma Metzger, Carmel High School, plans to study kinesiology at Purdue University.
- Maverick Surber, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, plans to study American Sign Language at Bethel College.
- Florgisel Garcia, Providence Cristo Rey High School, plans to study Biochemistry, biology, or criminology at Saint Mary's College.

In addition to a \$1,000 monetary award, each winner will receive a new laptop computer. The scholarship money can be used for tuition at a college, university, community college, or trade school.

Selection of the five scholarship recipients was made by a review committee at Professional Management Enterprises, a nationally recognized staffing company based in Indianapolis and led by Portee. Scholarships are awarded with equal emphasis on merit and need.

Applicants were asked to show why they desire to continue their education, to state the school or trade

school where they have been accepted, and to provide a brief description of what a \$1,000 scholarship and laptop would mean to them.

Recipients are encouraged to bring guests – someone who has been inspirational in their life – such as a parent, grandparent, teacher, coach, religious leader, or counselor.

Portee was instrumental in getting the funding in place for the scholarships. As the Owner and President of Professional Management Enterprises, he provides daily corporate leadership for his nationally recognized staffing company. He has an undergraduate degree in Human Resources and an MBA in Organizational Leadership. As an enlisted member in the Army from 1983 to 2003, he served in the capacity of Senior Telecommunications Manager, Recruiter, Sales Manager and Trainer during his 20 years of military service.

Dr. Rick Markoff, Immediate Past Chairman of Leadership Connection, gave special thanks to both Portee and Thaddeus Rex, Founder and CEO of iTeam, a local think tank, for making the Leadership Connection Scholarships possible.

“This program will play a major role in enhancing Leadership Connection by enabling business, community, and non-profit executives to have an impact on the next generation of leaders within our community and region,” Markoff said.

Students attending Leadership Connection come from both Carmel and Indianapolis and are in their senior year. They represent Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, Pro/Act Indy, Elevate Indianapolis, Carmel High School, and the Carmel Mayor's Student Advisory Council.

Duke Energy Foundation invests \$45K in three Hamilton County workforce development initiatives

The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$300,000 in shareholder-funded grants to 16 organizations across Indiana providing job search, education, and specialized training opportunities for Hoosiers.



Pinegar

“The most important investment we can make is in the people and communities we serve,” Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “Our Workforce Development Program grants aim to meet the needs of local employers while also providing resources and education to in-

dividuals to set them up for success in the workforce of the future.”

The grants are funded through the Duke Energy Foundation's Workforce Development Grant Program. For the past five years, the company has contributed more than \$1.2 million in grant funding to organizations that are helping to strengthen Indiana's talent pipeline.

Locally, a total of \$45,000 will go to Hamilton County:

- **Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation (\$10,000):** Funds will support the expansion of edu-



cational opportunities at the Fishers Agripark, including the installation of an aquaponics lab and a composter powered by renewable energy.

• **Sheridan Community Schools (\$10,000):** Funds will support various activities to expose students to careers in the energy industry.

• **The Pursuit Institute (\$25,000):** Funds will support the development of a mobile classroom to teach local pre-kindergarten through 10th-grade students

about sustainable energy.

About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholders. More information about the Foundation can be found at duke-energy.com/foundation.

Riverview Health to hold stroke care & prevention seminar

The REPORTER

Riverview Health will hold a seminar highlighting stroke care, including the benefits of physical, occupational, and speech therapies, as well as education on stroke prevention.

The seminar will fea-

ture Ron Miller, MD, who specializes in physiatry. The seminar will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 in the Krieg DeVault conference room, located in the lower level of Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Dr. Miller will detail

the therapy offered at Riverview Health that can help stroke victims return to optimal function.

The program is free, but registration is required. Light refreshments will be provided. Visit riverview.org or call (317) 776-7999 to register.

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State Rep. Goodrich's bill expanding work-based learning signed into law

The REPORTER

State Rep. Chuck Goodrich's (R-Noblesville) bill to increase high school relevancy by expanding work-based learning opportunities is now law.

Goodrich said **House Enrolled Act 1002** creates Career Scholarship Accounts (CSA) for Hoosier students to pay for career training, apprenticeships, certifications and internships. The new law will also allow quality, work-based learning to count toward high school graduation requirements.

“We know there are employers across the state who are struggling to find qualified candidates for job openings,” said Goodrich, a member of the House Education Committee. “This is a critical step toward connecting our students with the skills they need for in-demand careers right out of high school.”

Goodrich said CSAs can be used by sophomores, juniors, and seniors to enroll in earn-and-learn opportunities, as well as to pay for items like transportation and uniforms to remove barriers to accessing these experiences. The Indiana Department of Education and the Commission

for Higher Education will approve available courses and tracks, and accounts will be awarded \$5,000 under the state's next two-year budget.

According to Goodrich, this legislation incentivizes schools and career centers to partner and bring more experiences to high school students. The State Board of Education will re-examine high school diploma requirements to provide more flexibility in a student's schedule so they can pursue work-based learning and apprenticeship experiences.

High schools around the state will also host annual career fairs to provide more opportunities for students and employers to connect. Goodrich said that a Teacher Higher Education and Industry Collaboration Grant Program and Fund will be setup to will help teachers engage with colleges and employers to learn about industry needs and employment trends.

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State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) represents House District 29, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.



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Indianapolis man arrested for Carmel bank robbery

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At 4:49 p.m. on Monday, Carmel police responded to the Teachers Credit Union, 635 E. Carmel Drive, for a bank robbery.

A white male, later identified as Marty McConnell, 63, Indianapolis, presented a note to a teller demanding cash. The ensuing investigation led Carmel police detectives to an address in Indianapolis where McConnell was located and taken into custody later that evening.



McConnell

McConnell has been booked into the Hamilton County Jail and has been charged with Robbery, a Level 5 Felony.

If you have any information on this case, please contact Detective Brammer Wolf at the Carmel Police Department by calling (317) 571-2500, or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 23-32449.

CarmelFest going big

Find big rides, big fun & big entertainment in KidsZone

The REPORTER

KidsZone is a fun-filled part of the annual CarmelFest events that take place each year during the Fourth of July. This year's CarmelFest will take place Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, and KidsZone promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Presented by the Rotary Club of Carmel, this year's KidsZone will feature the same wide range of exciting activities for the kids as in years past but will include awesome new activities for the entire family.

"We truly want the KidsZone to be an enjoyable experience for all who attend," KidsZone Co-Chair Christine Zoccola. "This year, we have a larger selection of rides than we have had in past years and a great stage line-up featuring performances tailored to kids. We hope this year's KidsZone will be an amazing experience for families to enjoy together."

Older kiddos will have fun on the Ballistic Swing and the Pirates Revenge. For the younger crowd, there's the Gyroscopic and the Toxic Melt Down – two mechanical rides. They can also have fun on one of the many inflatables, including the Bungee Trampoline, the Obstacle Course, a rock-climbing wall, and more. Master Yoo will once again presenting martial arts demonstrations during both days of the festival.

After the parade on July



Photos provided

4, kids should keep their eyes open for Disney princesses and superheroes as they make their way around the KidsZone.

New this year, parents (and kids) can take a break in one of several resting areas – great areas to sit and cool off in the shade. There will also be a stage geared toward the 'kid' crowd. The entire family can enjoy musical acts, dance groups and more.

This is the third year Zoccola and William Howard have served as co-chairs for KidsZone. They are determined that this will be their best one yet.

"I have had the great fortune to team up with Christine on co-chairing the KidsZone for the last three years; this has been one of the most joyful experiences," Howard said. "Three years ago, Christine and I were committed to having a good experience, given the COVID restrictions at the time, in KidsZone, for all of the children, young adults and families. Each year since we have been dedicated to providing a



KidsZone that is reflective of our community's wants and needs. We have worked diligently and tirelessly each year to not only listen to feedback from the community, but actually implement changes so that we could provide Carmel with the best experience in KidsZone."

Over their time as co-chairs, they have made changes and improvements based on what families like or didn't like. Their belief is to listen; this year's KidsZone is a culmination of all they have learned.

"It has been such an honor to co-chair with William for the last three

years," Zoccola said. "It has been a great time and we are really looking forward to this year's CarmelFest."

To make events such as KidsZone successful, volunteers are invaluable. If you would like to volunteer, visit CarmelFest.net/volunteer.

Want to get attention for your cause or business? Naming rights for KidsZone are available. If interested, contact CarmelFest Chair Steve Krusie via email at chairperson@carmelfest.net.

Learn more about KidsZone and all the events at CarmelFest by visiting CarmelFest.net.

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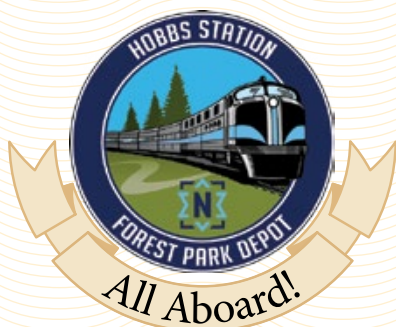
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Be a "Very Important Peony Person"

Indiana Peony Festival celebrates "Peonies in the Park" in Noblesville

The REPORTER

A very special night is in store as organizers of the annual Indiana Peony Festival host "Peonies in the Park" the evening prior to the festival. The over-21 ticketed event, sponsored by Smith Jewelers, is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at Seminary Park in Noblesville.

This kickoff for the Indiana Peony Festival at beautiful Seminary Park will feature incredible floral installations, peony-inspired food and drink – think St. Elmo's world-famous shrimp cocktail – music and much more. The generous donation and participation support of this Indiana Peony Festival initiative helps increase the peony beautification footprint in Noblesville and beyond and promotes horticulture education about the much-beloved state flower.

Organizer Kelly McVey says the event is the perfect opportunity to be a "Very Important Peony Person."

"Sip and stroll along the peony path and enjoy

a timeline of how the peony became the Indiana state flower," McVey said. "And, attendees can head over to the Little Pink Camper for a photo op that is Insta worthy."

Participating vendors and their offerings include:

- The Nesst: Smoked Salmon
- Matteo's Ristorante Italiano: Tortellini and Raviooli
- Taxy Mexy: Chorizo Mac and Cheese
- St. Elmo Steak House: Cocktails and Shrimp Cocktail
- 9th Street Bistro: Carrot Cake Pops
- Debbie's Daughters Bakery: Cookies
- Spencer Farm Winery: Wine
- Primeval Brewing: Peony Day's Beer
- Noble Coffee & Tea Company: Cocktails and Mocktails

Attendees will also get an exclusive chance to participate in a raffle of a tennis bracelet (valued at \$11,000) from Smith's Jewelers. Tickets to the VIP event

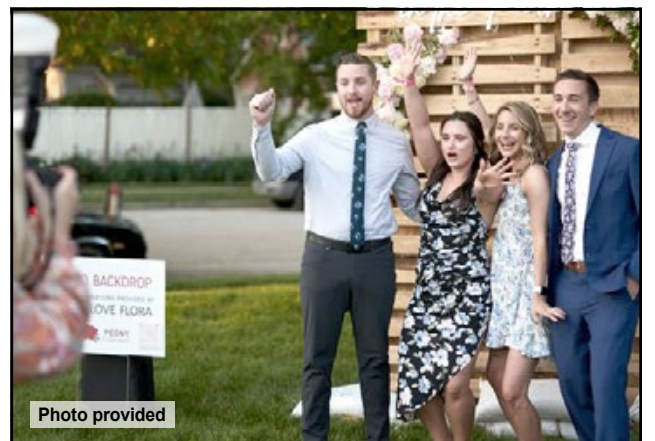


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are \$100 each and may be purchased online at indianapeonyfestival.com/peonies-in-the-park. Art, education, delicious food, and giveaways await you at this charming event.

The Indiana Peony Festival powered by Duke Energy returns to Seminary Park the next day, Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 50 vendors are anticipated for this year's event. Dedicated parking lots throughout downtown Noblesville will make access easy to this well-attended event.

Don't miss this year's "Brunch and Blooms"

brunch crawl during the day on Saturday, May 20. Brunch & Blooms provides visitors with peony-inspired food and drink throughout the day from local restaurants in seven outdoor locations around the historic downtown, including four of them in "full bloom" in peony-inspired decorated alleys. Tickets to Brunch & Blooms are \$6. For additional details, go to indianapeonyfestival.com/brunch-blooms.

Proceeds from the Indiana Peony Festival special events support beautification projects in Hamilton County.



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“Enthralling”: *Predictor* tells “sharp, funny, surreal” story

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

This week, change is on my mind. My assignment is a play that, among many things, asks a 2023 audience to consider the lack of power and agency faced by women just a scant 50 years ago.

This, in turn, got me thinking about change in general. One change that struck me was how fluid performing space has become. Those in control of physical spaces are not just helping smaller, newer theater companies by sharing – but in doing so, they are also helping to support their own missions in the process. One such symbiotic relationship is on display at the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Center, where American Lives Theatre has just opened the World Premiere of Jennifer Blackmer’s play *Predictor*.

Blackmer is a Professor at Ball State University and has won numerous writing awards. It is easy to see why. The playwright uses the arsenal of her talents to tell the story. *Predictor* is sharp, funny, surreal, and, at times, deadly serious. In addition, it is based on real events.

In 1967, graphic artist Meg Crane worked for a pharma company that, as part of its business, performed pregnancy test results for doctors. In this onstage telling of the story, it doesn’t take long before Crane’s ingenuity and cre-



Photo provided by American Lives Theatre
(From left) Brittany Magee, Clay Mabbitt, and Christine Zavakos in a scene from *Predictor*, on stage through May 28 at the Phoenix Cultural Center.

ativity get the best of her, and the creation of the first at-home pregnancy test is set into motion.

In turns, *Predictor* is a memory play, an absurdist romp, and a heartfelt dissection of the roles that gender and power play in nearly every aspect of life. A simple consumer product, who’s worth is immediately recognizable to any woman of childbearing age, repeatedly gets its existence controlled by men. Director Bridget Haight marvelously spins the story in the Phoenix’s black box Basile Theater with just a few mobile set pieces.

The cast is uniformly terrific and orchestrates every moment with precision

and a deft touch. Brittany Magee plays Crane with an innocence that builds to righteous anger. With her, actors Clay Mabbitt, Drew Vidal, Christine Zavakos, Zack Neiditch, Jen Johansen, and Miki Mathioudakis spin a cast of characters that I won’t spoil here. Each character is brought fully to life. They are amazing storytellers, individually and as a cast.

Kerry Lee Chipman’s scenic design is simple and ingenious. Molly VanNatta’s costumes set the time with perfection. Laura Glover’s lighting and Mina Keohane sound design are equally in tune with all the elements.

Bottom line: Ameri-

can Lives Theatre has once again demonstrated that it is home to serious artists making enthralling theater. *Predictor* is telling an important story and doing so in ways that every audience will appreciate. This is a play worth your time and your attention.

American Lives Theatre’s production of Jennifer Blackmer’s *Predictor* runs weekends through May 28 on the Basile Stage at the Phoenix Cultural Center, located at 705 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis. Tickets and further information can be found at AmericanLivesTheatre.org.

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

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Gregerson’s professional background is remarkably similar to that of her successor.

“Our world and our industry are constantly changing, but the heart of successful bank operations has always been a focus on prudent strategies and serving customers,” Gregerson said. “Chris has long been a respected colleague, and I believe his experience, skills, and attitude will

make the transition to his leadership smooth and comfortable for our employees and customers. I’m happy to know I’m leaving the bank in good hands.”

Cook is an avid sports fan with a particular interest in baseball. He’s also a runner who has completed 29 half and three full marathons. He and his wife have two daughters and will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year.

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Judith Ann Halbert
December 4, 1938 – May 4, 2023

Judith Ann Halbert, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Bridgewater Healthcare Center in Carmel. She was born on December 4, 1938, to Ralph and Florence (Werths) Gray in Granite City, Ill.

In her youth, Judith was a dance instructor and once danced for Bill Haley & His Comets. She worked as a secretary in the office of Judge Harry Sauce. Judith enjoyed golfing, watching horse racing, and eating out for breakfast.

She is survived by her son, Brad (Debra) Halbert; and three grandchildren, Tyler (Mercedes) Halbert, Nick (Ciara) Halbert, and Jenna Halbert.

In addition to her parents, Judith was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Lee Halbert, in 2013.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Mary Elizabeth Sedwick
July 17, 1924 – May 4, 2023

Mary Elizabeth Sedwick, 98, Sheridan, passed away on Thursday morning, May 4, 2023, at Wellbrooke of Westfield. Born on July 17, 1924, near Lizton, Ind., in Hendricks County, she was the daughter of the late Guy and Leona (Fiscus) Kelley.

She was a 1942 graduate of Pinnell High School in Lebanon, Ind., and an active member of Six Points Church in Sheridan.

Throughout Mary’s life the words “slow down” never seemed to register with her. She was constantly on the go and usually running circles around anyone who was with her. Prior to getting married, she worked for Scott’s Five and Dime and Winkler’s in Lebanon. On March 27, 1946, Mary married Fred Sedwick, Jr.; it was then that her family would become her number-one priority. For over 25 years, Mary worked on the family farm alongside her husband and their growing family. After the death of her husband in 1972, Mary took a position with Aero Drapery in Westfield (a company she would eventually retire from ... three separate times). Following her final (Aero) retirement, she hired on with Heartland Growers of Westfield, and later Crawdaddy’s and Power Mail in Sheridan.

No matter how busy life would get, there was always time for family, and Mary took her role as a grandmother very seriously. When the grandkids were involved in an activity, so was she. When they became more involved in marching band and drum and bugle corps, so did she ... cooking and serving meals, sleeping on gym floors, and being the resident grandma for the entire group was all part of the package. She cherished every moment that she was able to spend being actively involved in her family’s lives and came to love all the bonus family members she picked up along the way.

As the years started to catch up, Mary’s body forced her to slow down just a little bit. She was bound and determined to ignore it, telling her family that she was quite able to go back to work to help pay her expenses at Wellbrooke.

Mary is survived by her son, Michael R. “Mike” Sedwick (Anita) of Sheridan; daughter, Janet D. Roberts of Sheridan; four grandchildren, Raymond Roberts (Susan) of Arcadia, Kimberly Crouch (Jeremy) of Wauseon, Ohio, Scott Sedwick (Kim) of Sheridan, and Courtney King (Jacob) of Sheridan; eight great-grandchildren (with one on the way); and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Leona (Fiscus) Kelley; her husband, Fred Sedwick, Jr.; son-in-law, Paul K. Roberts; three brothers, Floyd Kelley, Delmar Kelley, and Raymond Kelley (killed on September 10, 1944, in France during World War II); sister, Frances Ping; and by her infant grandson.

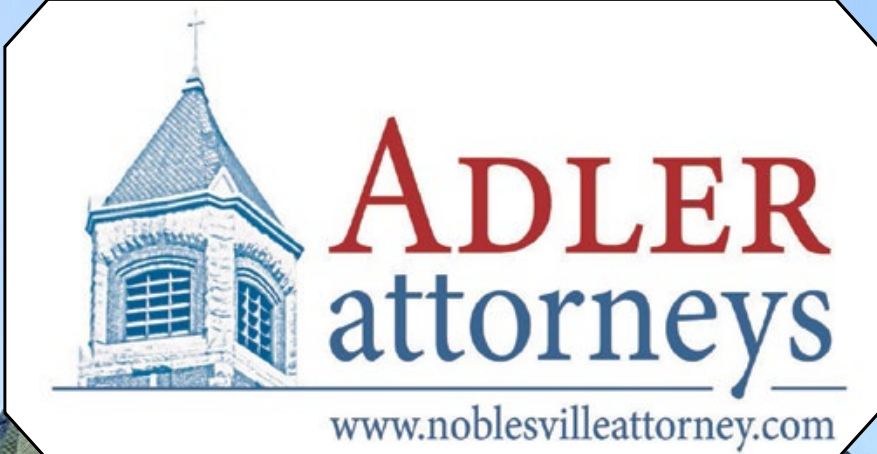
Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon, Ind.

Mary’s niece, chaplain Mary Ellen Kelley will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Meeting Notices	
The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, in the Community Room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, for the purpose of a public listening session to provide input and help create priorities that can help SPL better realize its potential for serving the growing community.	The Carmel Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.
The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at the HCPR Administration Building, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville.	The Carmel Mayor’s Advisory Commission on Human Relations will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.
Send Meeting Notices to: Notices@ReadTheReporter.com	The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.



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BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Krause & Klepfer Drain NOTICE Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the Krause & Klepfer Drain on May 22, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to increase the amount of the maximum unencumbered amount of the maintenance fund for the Krause & Klepfer Drain to be increased from four (4) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance of the drain to eight (8) times the estimated annual cost of periodic maintenance. The Board will not consider an increase in annual maintenance assessments at the meeting. The previously established Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been previously approved and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor. Attest: <u>Lynette Mosbaugh</u> R2491 Hamilton County Drainage Board 5/10/23, 5/15/23
— SHERIDAN —
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sheridan Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct a public hearing on May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, 46069, to consider a Declaratory Resolution (the “Declaratory Resolution”) adopted by the Commission on November 28, 2022, which identifies the Main Street Redevelopment Area and designates a coterminous Main Street Allocation Area. The Declaratory Resolution has been prepared by the Commission pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14 for approval following a public hearing and adoption of a confirmatory resolution thereon. The Declaratory Resolution may be inspected at the offices of the Commission, located at Sheridan Town Hall in the Clerk’s Office, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, 46049, during regular business hours. During the public hearing portion of the meeting, the Commission will receive and hear comments, remonstrances and objections, written or oral, from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to actions to be taken under the Declaratory Resolution and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed action. Written comments, remonstrances and objections may be filed with the Commission care of Parvin Gillam, President of the Commission, at Sheridan Town Hall in the Clerk’s Office, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, 46049, until May 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). All written comments, remonstrances and objections will be dated and time stamped at such time of filing. At the public hearing, the Commission shall consider only those written statements that were filed in a timely manner. Dated: May 9, 2023 SHERIDAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R2498 5/10/23, 5/15/23
Notice of Adoption of an Ordinance to Repeal the Existing Combined Zoning, Subdivision, and Development Ordinance and Adopt a Replacement Unified Development Ordinance for the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana Ordinance 2023-08, an Ordinance to Repeal the Existing Combined Zoning, Subdivision, and Development Ordinance and Adopt a Replacement Unified Development Ordinance for the Town of Sheridan, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Sheridan Common Council on May 1, 2023. The Ordinance applies to the corporate limits of the Town of Sheridan and to those areas outside the corporate limits of the Town that are subject to its extraterritorial jurisdiction under the laws of the State of Indiana. Violations of the ordinance will be penalized in accordance with Chapter 11: Enforcement and Penalties of said ordinance, and the Fee Schedule adopted by the Town of Sheridan. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana law, upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 2023-08 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Sheridan Clerk-Treasurer’s Office located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana and at the Sheridan Public Library located at 103 West 1st St, Sheridan, Indiana. Dated this 4th day of May 2023. Pam Howard, ZonedINPlanning R2499 5/10/23, 5/15/23

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4-6 (NIV)

Pattie Butler Slezak

January 17, 1929 – May 1, 2023

Pattie Butler Slezak passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2023, at Harbour Manor nursing home in Noblesville.



She was born on January 17, 1929, to Leo and Susan "Sude" Butler in Noblesville. She graduated from Noblesville High School in 1947. She worked at the Noblesville Courthouse for several years before she and her husband Jack moved to Florida. After 18 years in the Sunshine State, they returned to Noblesville in 2003. Pattie was a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in both Cicero, Ind., and West Palm Beach, Fla.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by first husband, Frank Edward Craig; she was a loving wife of 38 years to second husband, Jack Slezak; daughters, Karyl Hampton and Andrea Sylvester; sisters, Roseline Bray, Mary B Dropla, and Josephine Butler; and brothers, Joseph Butler and Nathan Butler.

She is survived by her son, Michael Craig; son-in-law, Danny Hampton; granddaughters, Kerry Hampton, Kelly Cope, and Jessica Branz; grandson, Brett Craig; and several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Graveside services only will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Pastor Aaron Clark will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society of Hamilton County or Seventh Day Adventist Church in Cicero.

Condolences: indianafuneralcare.com

George Winfield Mather

November 6, 1963 – May 7, 2023

George Winfield Mather, 59, Noblesville, passed away on May 7, 2023, after a one-month battle with pancreatic cancer, surrounded by his family in the comfort of his home. He was born on November 6, 1963, in Orange, N.J., to the late George and Florence (Sroka) Mather.

George is survived by his wife and best friend of 26 years, Cynthia (Loesch) Mather; daughter, Rachel Mather; son-in-law, Jackson Bertoli; son, Trevor Mather; sister, Alice (Mather) Zeller; nephew, Roland Drake; and nieces, Evelyn (Santiago) Rosa and Arlene Kaczka. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Marilyn Mather and Linda (Mather) Santiago; his niece, Claire Santiago; and his beloved dog, Ike.

George grew up in Kearny, N.J., where he made lifelong friends, and moved to California in 1987. He and Cindy met at work and were married cliffside at Laguna Beach in 1996. Settling down in Noblesville, they raised their children, Rachel and Trevor. George was employed with Anthem/Elevance Health for 23 years, working in the IT field.

George was a man of many facets. He had a deep passion for music that began as a teenager when he learned to play the guitar. His love for live music flourished over time, and he tracked the Grateful Dead through countless states and venues with close friends. He supported up and coming musicians, wanting everyone to experience the joy of making music.

George had a thirst for knowledge that could not be quenched. He was always reading and learning about the newest information about technology, science, art, medicine, politics. And the list goes on.

George had a deep love for his family. He felt raising his children was his greatest accomplishment. He had a passion for photography, capturing all the moments, little or big, in his family. He enjoyed family vacations, bike rides, and cooking. He was famous for his homemade meatballs and pizza.

George was a giving man who cared deeply for the well-being of others. He believed that everyone deserves equal treatment, and he was always willing to help anyone who needed it, regardless of whether they asked for help or not. He also had an incredible wit that kept everyone on their toes during conversations with him. "Good joke, bad joke?" – George Mather

A celebration of life will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. At 7 p.m., the celebration will continue where all attendees are welcome to share their personal memories of George.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the following: The BRCA Foundation, for research on preventing cancer caused by the BRCA gene (brca.jimmyv.org); or Pancreatic Cancer Research (pancan.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Karen Lee (Moody) Elliott

January 25, 1953 – May 1, 2023

Karen Lee (Moody) Elliott peacefully went to be with the Lord on May 1, 2023, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. The youngest daughter of Lee and Eileen Moody was born on January 25, 1953, two years behind her big sister Kathy. She attended Fall Creek Elementary then on to Eastwood and North Central, graduating in 1971. She attended Indiana Center after high school.

Karen's work life began in the medical field, first as a dental assistant then in the front office operations of three different medical offices, culminating with a position as manager of a new imaging suite in Noblesville. It wasn't until later in life that Karen found her true calling: working at the elementary school with special needs students. "Her kiddos," as she called them, felt her caring and loving spirit each day.

In September of 1976 she married Ed Elliott, and they have two amazing and wonderful children: Josh and Anne (Ted) Bearman; and four unique and fabulous grandchildren: Julia Bearman, Olivia Elliott, Lydia Bearman, and Evan Elliott. She was so proud of her family. There are in-laws, cousins, and numerous nieces and nephews who were touched by her life.

Karen was a remarkably beautiful, loving woman with a fierce spirit and quiet peace about her. A loving and caring wife, a proud and loving mother, a special Mimi to her grandchildren, and the best friend a person could ever want. Karen loved music and dancing, sitting around a fire with a good glass of wine, and shopping; but most of all she liked hosting special occasions and welcoming all who came. She was a unique and beautiful woman who will be missed by so many.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Wheeler Mission or Cancer Research.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on May 25, 2023, at West Fork Whiskey Company, 10 E. 191st St., Westfield.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel. You may leave condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

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Track & Field

Millers win six events & pull ahead to victory at county girls track meet

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD — It's happened before in track and field meets, and it will undoubtedly happen again, but it always bears repeating: Every point matters.

The latest example happened Tuesday at Westfield's Riverview Health Stadium, the site of the Hamilton County girls track meet. Noblesville and Carmel went back and forth with the lead, and in the end, the Millers won by four points. Noblesville scored 134 points to the Greyhounds' 130.

Both teams had their share of victories, and both managed a 1-2 finish in an event. But the Millers managed to get extra points here and there, which made the difference.

"We had some good performances, we had some records," said Noblesville coach Jim Pearce. "We had a lot of people that got two points, one point, three points throughout the mix." The coach believes that's what "pushed us over the top."

The Millers totaled six event wins, starting with the 4x800 relay, which they won in 9 minutes, 24.79 seconds. Summer Rempe blitzed to the finish in the open 800 with a time of 2:14.26, nearly four seconds ahead of second place.

"She got the county meet record by a few-tenths of a second," said Pearce. Rempe is not far away from the 2:13.34 that she ran last year at the regional.

She's excited about running well and we're excited about how she's going to do," said Pearce.

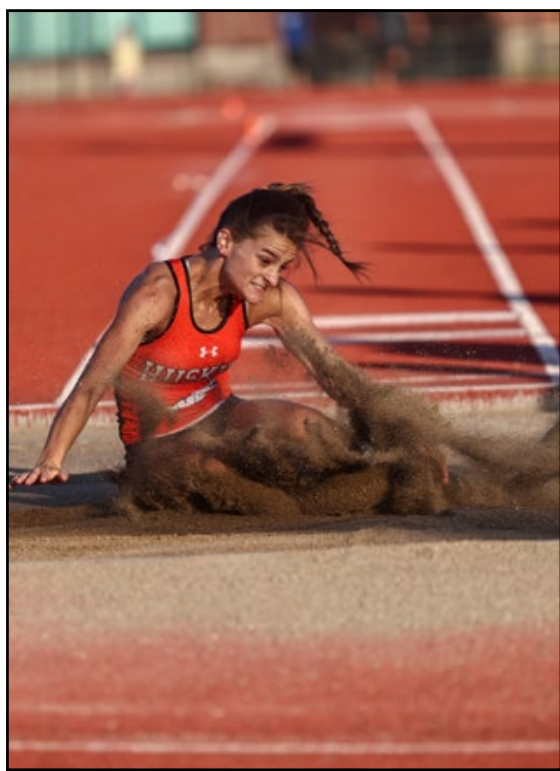
Noblesville also continued its mastery of the field events, winning four of them. Hannah Alexander put together a sweep of the shot put and discus, winning the latter event with a record throw of 150 feet, 9 inches, over 50 feet ahead of second place. Delaney Teachnor cleared 12 feet to win the pole vault. The Millers went 1-2 in the high jump, with Malina Miller first and Rylee Hassan second.

Carmel had four event wins, including a 1-2 finish in the 400 dash. Campbell Wamsley clocked in at 57.70 seconds, with Olivia



The Noblesville girls track and field team won the Hamilton County championship Tuesday at Westfield's Riverview Health Stadium. The Millers won six events, including four of five in the field.

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(LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Ella Ewing set a new county record in the long jump and was also the meet's high-point scorer. (RIGHT) Ewing (left) and Westfield's Lucy Hauser were both hurdles winners; with Ewing first in the 100 hurdles and Hauser winning the 300 hurdles.



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Cebalo next in line at 58.59 seconds. Freshman Sadie Foley was first in the 1600 run, Emily Norris won the 200 dash, and the Greyhounds ran away with the 4x400 relay, taking that race by nearly nine seconds over second place.

Carmel coach Aaron McRill was pleased with his team's performance.

"Emily Norris is just getting faster every week," said McRill. "She just ran a 24.9, which is right now the second-fastest in the state, and she's just getting stronger."

Hamilton Southeastern scored 115 points to finish third. Maggie Powers

won an event for the Royals, holding off Noblesville's Nadia Perez to win the 3200 run in 11:14.01.

Westfield placed fourth as a team and had two event winners. Princess Campbell won a close 100 dash in 11.99 seconds, 0.03 seconds ahead of second place. Lucy Hauser placed first in the 300 hurdles.

Fishers was a winner in the 4x100 relay. The Tigers also got second-place results from Maya Taylor in the 100 dash and from Macie Miller in the discus.

Hamilton Heights' Ella Ewing won two events, and finished as the meet's high-

point scorer. Ewing won the long jump in a new record of 18 feet, 5.75 inches and the 100 hurdles in 14.88 seconds, and also placed third in the 300 hurdles.

Team scores: Noblesville 134, Carmel 130, Hamilton Southeastern 115, Westfield 77, Fishers 72, Guerin Catholic 44, Hamilton Heights 40, Sheridan 5.

NOTE: Relay names were not immediately available.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville 9:24.79, 2. Carmel 9:27.51, 3. Southeastern 9:28.49, 4. Guerin Catholic 9:41.90, 5. Westfield 10:17.02, 6. Fishers 10:32.31.

100 hurdles – Finals: 1. Ella Ewing (HH) 14.88, 2. Lucy Hauser (W) 14.99, 3. Makenzie Loftin (HSE) 15.17, 4. Sophia Sullivan 16.19, 5. Anna Williams (F) 16.35, 6. Olivia

Fowler (N) 16.49, 7. Megan Mahon (C) 16.73, 8. Madison Clary (W) 17.16, 9. Olivia Boe (N) 17.33. **Prelims:** 10. Lilly Chesney (S) 17.22, 11. Elle Powers (F) 18.70, 12. Catherine Traub (GC) 20.31.

100 dash – Finals: 1. Princess Campbell (W) 11.99, 2. Maya Taylor (F) 12.02, 3. Emily Norris (C) 12.16, 4. Tobin Fapetu (W) 12.36, 5. Mireya Benjamin (F) 12.37, 6. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 12.76, 7. Lindsay Abeo (HSE) 12.99, 8. Mya Baker (N) 13.05, 9. Sana Smith (HSE) 13.06. **Prelims:** 10. Nova Cross (S) 13.05, 11. Elle Gilbert (N) 13.45, 12. Brooke Bunnell (GC) 13.53, 13. Keira Wolf (GC) 14.26.

1600 run: 1. Sadie Foley (C) 5:07.83, 2. Paige Hazelrigg (N) 5:08.61, 3. Ava Powers (HSE) 5:11.48, 5. Liz Smith (W) 5:15.72, 6. Olivia Mundt (W) 5:15.72, 7.

Anaya Lammie (HSE) 5:44.45, 8. Grier Swaim (F) 5:47.85, 9. Robyn Schemel (W) 5:52.58, 10. Ella Smith (GC) 5:53.19, 11. Tanvi Pothuri (F) 5:58.05, 12. Annie Shedlock (GC) 6:05.71.

4x100 relay: 1. Fishers 48.05, 2. Carmel 48.28, 3. Westfield 48.80, 4. Southeastern 49.13, 5. Noblesville 51.35, 6. Heights 53.17, 7. Guerin Catholic 54.55.

400 dash: 1. Campbell Wamsley (C) 57.70, 2. Olivia Cebalo (C) 58.59, 3. Ciara Kepner (HSE) 1:00.03, 4. Brinkley Cooper (N) 1:00.12, 5. Bridget Gallagher (GC) 1:00.49, 6. Nova Cross (S) 1:01.28, 7. Maddie Coates (N) 1:01.97, 8. Clara Cameron (W) 1:02.78, 9. Kyndall Osborne (GC) 1:03.10, 10. Devyn Day (F) 1:03.23, 11. Marina Agapios (F) 1:05.21.

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Noblesville places second in annual Kent Graham Relays

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys track and field team hosted its annual Kent Graham Relays Monday at Beaver Stadium.

The Millers placed second with a team score of 116.5 points. Caden Click won the 1600 run in a time of 4 minutes, 20.37 seconds. The Millers also got a victory from its freshman 4x400 relay team, with Will Biondich, William Chreist, Cooper Click and Matthew Prange clocking in at 3:45.07.

Carmel finished third as a team with a score of 115 points. Joseph Drew Franklin won the discus with a winning throw of 185 feet, 9 inches.

Team scores: Center Grove 176, Noblesville 116.5, Carmel 115, Pendleton Heights 68.5.

1600 run: 1. Caden Click (N) 4:20.37, 4. Alec Moore (N) 4:26.15, 5. Jack Strong (N) 4:29.76, 6. Asher Propst (N) 4:31.80, 7. Kyle Grove (C) 4:35.84, 11. Jack Shinneman (N) 4:38.22, 13. Josh Cale (C) 4:41.26, 14. Ronnie Neal (N) 4:41.68, 15. Deklin Bowser (C) 4:41.79, 16. Luke Mumaw (N) 4:46.19, 17. Sam Rinker (N) 4:52.79, 18. Lucas Mallon (C) 4:54.09, 20. Joey Arroyo (C) 4:57.09, 22. Julien Gourgue (C) 4:57.17, 25. Sebastian Balarezo (C) 5:03.68, 26.

Noah Yoon (C) 5:05.00.

4x800 relay: 2. Carmel "B" (Charlie Stuelpe, Connor Mallon, KJ Sweeney, Alex Mundt) 8:09.87, 3. Carmel "A" (Max Meisner, Kiefer Jay, Jack Capes, Carter Buhr) 8:14.35, 5. Noblesville "A" (Andrew Terry, Bradyn Livingston, Brady Barnes, Ashton Burns) 8:41.17, 6. Noblesville "B" (Caden Jackson, Blake Smith, Mason Jackson, Jacob Bragg) 9:30.09.

4x100 relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Derrell Coleman, Christ Degni, Sevin Barringer, Cameron Wilson) 42.80, 3. Carmel "B" (Josh Ott, Myron Pack, Eli Roberts, Carson Benton) 45.77, 5. Noblesville "B" (Ryan Chambers, Aiden Carrico, Peyton Cash, Elliott Soderberg) 46.06.

Shuttle hurdle relay: 2. Noblesville (Ben Kern, Gavin Woodrum, Ethan Feliciano, Peyton Cash) 1:07.52.

Sprint medley relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Coleman, Sidney Weaver, Will Johnston, Soderberg) 1:39.82, 3. Carmel "A" (Benton, Michael Delaney, Cole Hufford, Sriyesh Sirineni) 1:41.09, 6. Carmel "B" (Max Ledingham, Alan Lai, Simon Adams, Adi Naren) 1:44.65, 7. Noblesville "B" (William Chreist, Chambers, Cameron Gien, Chris Wenger) 1:46.27.

Distance medley relay: 3. Carmel "B" (Hayden Nagel, Capes, George Pedersen, Joel Spittal) 11:12.51, 4. Carmel "A" (Josh Goede, Kiefer Jay, Neil Fairman, Cohen Levy) 11:16.34, 6. Noblesville "B" (Adams, Terry, Barnes, J.D. Wax) 11:56.41, 7. Noblesville "A" (Ethan Wilson, Jose Flores, Sayen Jeong, Henry Wasemann) 12:34.36.



Noblesville's Caden Click won the 1600 run at the Kent Graham Relays Monday.

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4x200 relay: 2. Noblesville "A" (Chambers, Carrico, Soderberg, Barringer) 1:36.31, 3. Carmel "A" (Roberts, Andrew Moss, Delaney, Max Ledingham) 1:37.05, 5. Carmel "B" (Cole Hufford, Ott, Mac Murdza, Adams) 1:38.04, 7. Noblesville "B" (Henry Reno, Charles Compton, Zaythen Spears, Eli Buzzard) 1:41.77.

100 dash Heavyweight:

2. James Kuhlman (N) 13.95, 3. Jayden Ninete (N) 14.11.

4x400 relay Freshman: 1. Noblesville (Will Biondich, Chreist, Cooper Click, Matthew Prange) 3:45.07, 3. Carmel (Adams, Bowers, Moss, Murdza) 4:01.16.

4x400 relay: 2. Carmel "A" (Cole Taylor, Drew Willman, Andrew Cebalo, Everett Carlisle) 3:27.01, 3. Noblesville "A" (Coleman, Wilson,

Barringer, Degni) 3:33.04, 4. Carmel "B" (Sirineni, Nate Galanti, Garret Fuller, Naren) 3:40.73, 6. Noblesville "B" (Peyton Cash, Kern, Luke Etchison, Dario Torres) 3:44.83.

Shot put: 2. Joseph Drew Franklin (C) 52-3.5, 6. Sam Setmeyer (N) 40-4, 7. Kuhlman (N) 39-5.5, 8. Alex Herring (C) 38-3.5.

Discus: 1. Franklin (C) 185-9, 5. Herring (C) 119-0, 6. Mason Rose

(N) 97-0, 7. Ninete (N) 73-2.

Long jump: 3. Gabriel Davis (C) 19-9, 5. Weaver (N) 19-2, 6. Beau Snarr (C) 18-2.5, 7. Chreist (N) 17-10.

High jump: 2. Aydrin Caldwell (C) 6-2, 4. Davis (C) 5-8, 5. Reno (N) 5-6, 7. Max Miller (N) 5-4.

Pole vault: 3. Carter Jay (C) 11-0, 4. Dean Watson (C) 10-6, 5. Max Wambach (N) 10-0.

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(ABOVE) Westfield's Princess Campbell (center) won the 100 dash in a time of 11.99 seconds. (RIGHT) Carmel's Cambell Wamsley (right) won the 400 dash, with Olivia Cebalo placing second for a 1-2 Greyhounds finish.

300 hurdles: 1. Hauser (W) 45.40, 2. Ewing (HH) 46.00, 3. Ava Sinex (C) 47.07, 4. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 47.08, 5. Williams (F) 49.13, 6. Clary (W) 49.48, 7. Chesney (S) 50.06, 8. Loftin (HSE) 50.22, 9. Jaydi Jones (N) 50.49, 10. Elisabeth Green (C) 52.24, 11. Ally Hutchinson (N) 52.48, 12. Emily Catalano (GC) 53.76, 13. Taub (GC) 57.59.

800 run: 1. Summer Remppe (N) 2:14.26, 2. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 2:18.10, 3. Audrey Ricketts (C) 2:18.77, 4. Jasmine Klopstad (C) 2:24.43, 5. Elise Herman (HSE) 2:25.08, 6. Riley Flynn (N) 2:25.80, 7. Camille Morrow (GC) 2:27.67, 8. Isabella Murch (F) 2:28.40, 9. Claire

Milam (GC) 2:29.22, 10. Abby Lotter (F) 2:29.53, 11. Anna Monnin (HH) 2:32.56, 12. Gianna Ferreri (W) 2:33.40, 13. Mary Ella Bichey (HH) 2:37.79, 14. Olivia Barnett (W) 2:38.88.

200 dash - Finals: 1. Norris (C) 24.90, 2. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 25.29, 3. Taylor (F) 25.49, 4. Fapetu (W) 25.63, 5. Jocelyn Davis (HSE) 25.67, 6. Zinnia Pineda (F) 25.69, 7. Kate Rollins (N) 27.05, 8. Addy Horvath (N) 27.53, 9. Cross (S) 27.93. **Prelims:** 10. Bunnell (GC) 27.41, 11. Ashlyn Guerrant (C) 27.47, 12. Emily Burns (W) 28.56, 13. Cora McGee (GC) 28.84.

3200 run: 1. Maggie Powers

(HSE) 11:14.01, 2. Nadia Perez (N) 11:15.31, 3. Kennedy Applegate (N) 11:24.20, 4. Charlotte Konow (C) 11:38.59, 5. Emersyn Weaver (C) 11:48.48, 6. Emily Loiselle (W) 11:59.64, 7. Catey Campbell (HSE) 12:11.98, 8. Eva Parr (GC) 12:26.16, 9. Keira Hines (GC) 12:30.77, 10. Addison Kane (F) 12:39.49, 11. Cecilia Schmidt (W) 13:37.15.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel 3:57.49, 2. Southeastern 4:06.13, 3. Noblesville 4:09.97, 4. Westfield 4:10.00, 5. Fishers 4:11.34, 6. Guerin Catholic 4:12.26.

High jump: 1. Malina Miller (N) 5-6, 2. Rylee Hassan (N) 5-4, 3. Kori

Dues (GC) 5-0, 4. Macie Smith (HH) 4-10, 5. Makenzie Holcomb (C) 4-10, 6. Alyssa Karwowski (HSE) 4-10, 7. Lydia Pedersen (C) 4-8; Mallory Kixmiller (F) 4-8, T9. Amiyah Ballard (W) 4-8; Kenley Johnson (HSE) 4-8, 11. Julia Syljebeck (W) 4-8, 12. Hannah Samson (F) 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-0, 2. Riley Williams (HSE) 11-6, 3. Linley Burman (N) 10-6, 4. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 10-0, 5. Julia Dong (C) 9-6, 6. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 9-0, 7. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 9-0, T8. Riann O'Leary (C) 8-6; Savannah Strange (F) 8-6, 10. Ruby Schnitzius (F) 8-6, 11. Allie Hermann (GC) 8-0.

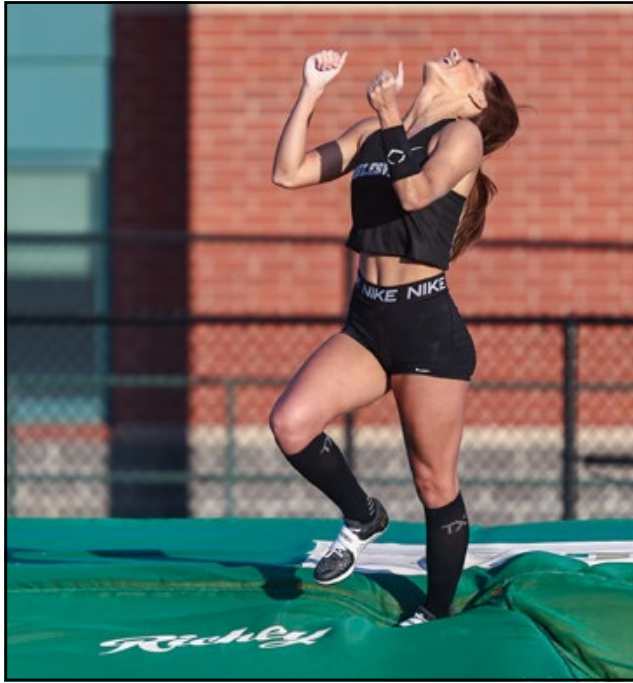


Long jump: 1. Ewing (HH) 18-5.75, 2. Mia Chang (GC) 18-3.75, 3. Grande Rosas (C) 17-4, 4. Karwowski (HSE) 16-7, 5. Kayla Stone (W) 16-3.25, 6. Jurnee Hall (F) 16-1.75, 7. Gilbert (N) 15-11.5, 8. Baker (N) 15-10.75, 9. Madison Paciorek (F) 15-10, 10. Chesney (S) 15-8.5, 11. Lydia Powers (HSE) 15-8.25, 12. Gracie Czubik (W) 15-6.5, 13. Rebecca Belager (C) 15-6.5, 14. Lizzy Smith (HH) 15-4.75, 15. Cristina Trice (GC) 13-3.5.

Shot put: 1. Hannah Alexander (N) 43-10, 2. Maris Bulger (GC) 36-11.5, 3. Macey Miller (F) 36-6, 4. Mia Tobias (F) 33-8.5, 5. Katie Wooden (HSE) 32-4.75, 6. Elaina Constan-

tine (HSE) 31-10.75, 7. Audrey Dickson (C) 30-6, 8. Marielle Fitch (N) 30-1.75, 9. Lilyana Steiner (HH) 30-0.75, 10. Jada Henson (W) 28-6, 11. Alana Halsted (W) 28-4.75, 12. Sarah Crook (C) 28-1, 13. Hadleigh Cherry (HH) 27-10.75, 14. Sophia Moore (GC) 25-9.5.

Discus: 1. Alexander (N) 150-9, 2. Miller (F) 109-7, 3. Victoria Vance (HSE) 105-7, 4. Bulger (GC) 105-5, 5. Anna Jozsa (HH) 97-10, 6. Dickson (C) 97-7, 7. Thalia Siefert (N) 94-6, 8. Wooden (HSE) 92-0, 9. Halsted (W) 87-3, 10. Kayla Gregory (F) 86-7, 11. Henson (W) 86-6, 12. Abigail Bonacker (C) 85-5, 13. Cherry (HH) 77-4, 14. Moore (GC) 67-4.



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(LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Maggie Powers (right) triumphed in the 3200 run. Pictured at left is the race runner-up, Nadia Perez. (CENTER) Noblesville's Summer Remppe raced to the finish in the 800 run in a new meet record. (RIGHT) Noblesville's Delaney Teachnor celebrates after clearing 12 feet in the pole vault.



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Corvette Z06 hardtop convertible to pace 107th Indianapolis 500

The REPORTER

For the first time in the storied history of this iconic car model, a hardtop convertible Chevrolet Corvette Z06 will lead the field to the green flag for the 107th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 28 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The exterior and interior of the Corvette Z06 convertible will be on full display as the car fulfills responsibilities on and off the track.

This is the first generation of Corvette Z06 to offer a hardtop convertible, greatly expanding the convertible's ability to serve on track at any speed and provide open roof comfort on the street.

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"As we celebrate the rich history of the Corvette Pace Car at IMS, it's amazing to see the evolution of these cars on and off the track," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "The hardtop convertible on the 2023 Corvette Z06 is just another example of the Chevrolet innovation that translates from track to street."

Red Mist Metallic exterior paint and two-tone Jet Black and Sky Cool Gray with Torch Red accents on the interior pair nicely with the Indianapolis 500 logos. Spider-design forged aluminum wheels finished in Tech Bronze complete the car's

iconic, race-ready look.

The 2023 Corvette Z06 is set apart by its beating heart, the 5.5L LT6 which creates 670 horsepower, making it the highest-horsepower naturally aspirated V-8 ever to ever hit the market in any production car. All that power will be held to the track with the Carbon Aero package, providing 734 pounds of downforce at 186 mph, more than any other Corvette.

In its 70-year history, Corvette has become synonymous with American sports cars, and the Z06 is the definition of America's supercar. It's authentic, optimistic, proud, young at heart and ingenious – values synonymous with both the Indy 500 and Chevrolet.

"We are honored to be pacing the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 with the Corvette Z06 convertible," said Scott Bell, vice president, Global Chevrolet. "Chevrolet and INDYCAR share the same spirit of competition, and we are proud Z06 will lead the pack across the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway."

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Look for results from this week's baseball games in Thursday's edition!

Tennis



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The Fishers girls tennis team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference tournament last Saturday, claiming their third title in four years.

Fishers girls win third HCC tournament in four years

The REPORTER

The Fishers girls tennis team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place last Saturday at Hamilton Southeastern.

The Tigers scored 41 points to claim their third

championship over the past four years. Fishers won four of the five divisions: No. 1 singles Misha Briggs, No. 2 singles Izzy Mokra, No. 1 doubles Emma Beehler and Cassie Maurer and No. 2 doubles Maddie Baron and Mer-

edith Ober. All of those players were named to the all-HCC teams.

Zionsville was the runner-up team with 31 points, with Noblesville third, scoring 26 points. The Millers had four players (three positions) earn All-

HCC honors: No. 1 singles Bella Duncan, No. 2 singles Allie Stamm and No. 1 doubles Lina Hamashuk and Cami Crist.

Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield both scored 22 points to tie for fourth place.

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Softball

Westfield, Heights & Carmel get all-county wins to start the week

The REPORTER

The Westfield softball team won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Hamilton Southeastern on Tuesday, 1-0.

The Shamrocks scored their run in the sixth inning, when Ava Kainrath's left field base hit drove in Maggie Roh. It was a big-hitting night for Roh, who counted a double in her 3-for-3 performance at the plate.

Chloe Tanner got the pitching win, striking out nine. Grace Swedarsky also pitched a complete game for the Royals, tossing 17 strikeouts.

Westfield is 4-2 in conference play and 10-11 overall, and plays this afternoon at Hamilton Heights, with the first pitch at 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern's Sage Ladig threw a no-hitter for the Royals on Monday, leading her team to a 23-0, five-inning victory over Anderson.

Ladig had five strikeouts and only allowed two walks. Southeastern scored six runs in the first inning, then put up 11 runs in the second innings, followed by one in the third and five in the fourth. Ladig, Morgan Hicks and Alex Kiemeyer all hit home runs, while Lani Wyrick and Payton Fox both hit one double.

Fox was 3-for-4 at the plate, batting in four runs and scoring three. Ladig and Kiemeyer both finished with four RBIs as well, while Hicks drove in three runs. Madi Yankauskas and Fox both scored three runs.

The Royals are 3-3 in HCC play and 14-6 overall, and travel to Richmond tonight for a 6 p.m. game.

Westfield dropped a Monday game to Cathedral 9-2.

The Shamrocks scored both of their runs in the seventh inning. Grace Feltz led

off with a triple, then scored when Roh reached on error. Roh scored on Makayla Watson's RBI groundout.

Roh and Kainrath both had two hits.

A no-hitter from Lily Roush gave Hamilton Heights an all-county win on Tuesday.

The Huskies beat Guerin Catholic 12-0 in five innings. Roush threw 12 strikeouts, allowing no hits and issuing no walks.

Heights scored eight runs in the second inning and another four in the third. Roush and Morgan Ottinger were 2-for-2 at the plate, while Hailey Hall, Ottinger and Taya Trosper all scored two runs. Hall also drove in two runs.

The Huskies are 14-6 and host Westfield at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon. The Golden Eagles are 2-10 and play Friday at Western Boone.

Carmel got an all-county victory on Monday, beating Fishers 8-3 at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The Greyhounds scored two runs in each of the first three innings. Jayden Kleiner drove in the first two runs, scoring Lily Sullivan and Hope McDonald, who hit a double. In the second inning, Mia Fleming singled in Gracyn Erickson, and Sophie Esposito smacked a triple into center field to bring in Fleming.

A series of doubles got Carmel its third-inning runs. McDonald sent a double into center field, then Kleiner cracked a double into right field to score McDonald. Kleiner was home soon after, as Erickson's right field double scored another run.

The Tigers got a run back in the fifth inning when Sophie Schoch batted in Victoria Abel with a left field hit. Carmel scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth: McDonald got home on Katherine Warren's right field hit, then Fleming doubled Lucy Broughton home.

Fishers' Taylor Duplessis hit a two-run home run in the seventh inning, also scoring Hailey Kinder.

McDonald was 3-for-4 for the 'Hounds, with two doubles and a single. Broughton got the pitching win. Schoch had two hits for the Tigers, and Jenna Grubb hit a triple.

Carmel is 3-12 and hosts Terre Haute North on Friday.

Fishers dropped an HCC game to Franklin Central

3-2 on Tuesday.

The Flashes scored a run in the top of the first inning, then put up two more runs in the top of the sixth. The Tigers scored their runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Sophie Schoch reached on error, then Victoria Abel came in to run for her. Hailey Trueblood smacked a double to move Abel to third, then Brooke Johnson hit a sacrifice fly to bring Abel home. Trueblood scored after Kate Murray reached on error.

Azstryd Alexander also hit a double. Murray pitched a complete game, tossing nine strikeouts.

Fishers is 3-2 in conference play and 12-6 overall, and hosts New Palestine at 5:30 p.m. today.

Sheridan split a pair of games to start the week.

On Monday, the Blackhawks won at Traders Point Christian 17-9 in a six-inning game. The Blackhawks opened with five runs in the first inning: Jacquelynne Bates scored on Maelei Casler's RBI groundout, Chaney Smith stole home plate. Mariana Lopez got home on a wild pitch, then Emma Settles singled in Claudia Headlee and Abbi Merritt.

Traders Point scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, then added a run in the second to get within 5-4. Sheridan added a run in the third inning when Settles cracked a triple that brought Shelby Eaton home.

Bates scored a fourth-inning run by stealing home plate, and the 'Hawks led

7-4. Sheridan then erupted for seven runs in the fifth inning: Kennedy Zachary singled in Settles, then Smith batted in Zachary. Casler's center field hit scored Bates, then Merritt doubled home Smith, Casler and Lopez. Merritt later scored on a wild pitch, and Sheridan was up 14-4.

Traders Point avoided the run rule by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fifth. The Blackhawks then scored five runs in the top of the sixth: Bates got home on a wild pitch, then a Lopez triple brought in Smith and Casler.

Smith and Lopez both had two hits. Settles struck out seven for the pitching win.

Sheridan dropped a tough Hoosier Heartland Conference game at Taylor Tuesday, 9-7.

Both teams scored one run in the first inning: Bates got the Blackhawks on the board by stealing home plate. Settles then stole home in the third inning to give Sheridan a 2-1 lead, but the Titans scored twice in the bottom of the inning to lead 3-2.

The Blackhawks put up five runs in the top of the fifth. Ashlynn Tryon singled in Claire Purciful, then Lopez scored when Eaton hit a single. Tryon later stole home, then Merritt's base hit scored Eaton and Cecelia Cox. That gave Sheridan a 7-3 lead, but Taylor scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Bates had two hits.

The Blackhawks are 2-17 and hosts Delphi at 5:30 p.m. today.

Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.
Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19
Laura Hayden's School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Koteewi Park - Taylor Center of Natural History, 12308 Strawtown Ave.
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.
Noblesville School Admin Building, 18025 River Road
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road
Restoration Church, 772 N. 10th St.
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Avenue (23297 Lafayette St.)
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road

SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.

WESTFIELD

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.



Millers takes down Yorktown, drops HCC game to Brownsburg to begin week

The REPORTER

Noblesville got its busy week started off right Monday with a visit from the Yorktown Tigers. The Tigers posed quite a test to keep the Millers honest, but Noblesville overcame a tie score for an 8-5 home victory.

Yorktown got the first run on the board in the top of the first, but it wouldn't take long until Noblesville struck back.

Gabby Fowler got the Millers on the board in the bottom of the third with a line drive to left that scored both Reis Sjolholm and Delaney Rundle for a 2-1 lead.

The Tigers clawed back to score two each in the fourth and fifth innings that jumped them ahead of the Millers for a short-lived 5-2 lead.

Maggie Harvey drove in Sjolholm in the bottom of the

fifth to cut Yorktown's lead to 5-3.

Addi Emmerson lined a single of her own to score Duvall that made it 5-4. Emmerson tied it at 5-5 on a Haley Schatko single to center.

The Millers kept it rolling in the sixth and added a few more. Taylor Thompson provided the game-winning hit with a three-run home run, plating herself, Rundle and Fowler for an 8-5 win.

For the second night in a row, Noblesville played at home at Miller Park. After a back-and-forth HCC tilt, Brownsburg was able to outlast the Millers, 10-7.

The Bulldogs led 2-0 early on a two-run grounder to left.

Noblesville took their only lead of the game on a three-run home run lofted to left by Gabby Fowler, driving in Rundle and Sjolholm to go up 3-2.

Brownsburg tied it and

grabbed the lead in the top of the fourth, 4-3 and didn't give it back to the Millers.

The visitors padded their lead in the top of the sixth and the Millers added another in the bottom for a 5-4 Bulldog lead heading into the seventh.

Two singles, a walk and a three-run home run proved to be the dagger for Brownsburg in the top of the seventh to take a 10-4 advantage.

The Millers gave it one last-ditch effort in the home half. For the second night in a row, Taylor Thompson launched a three-run long ball, sending home Harvey and Fowler. That would be all the Bulldogs yielded, clinging to a 10-7 road win on Tuesday.

Noblesville drops to 11-9-1 overall and 3-3 in HCC action. The Millers continue their week tonight at Roncalli (18-2-1) at 6 p.m. and finish off the week with a Saturday doubleheader at Leo (18-1) starting at 11 a.m.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 10

BASEBALL

Sheridan at Delphi, 5 p.m.
Anderson Prep Academy at University, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Culver Academies at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Center Grove at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
Carmel at Culver Academies, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral, 3:45 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville JV, 4:30 p.m.
Noblesville vs. Zionsville, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees
Westfield vs. Elwood, 4:30 p.m. at Elwood Golf Links

SOFTBALL

Delphi at Sheridan, 5 p.m.
New Palestine at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Roncalli, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 4:30 p.m.
Seccina at University, 4:30 p.m.
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Hamilton County meet, 5:30 p.m. at Westfield
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