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Columnists come together



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

We're just going to admit that Janet Hart Leonard, known to readers as the author of her weekly "From the Hart" column, is the unofficial ambassador of The Hamilton County Reporter. In this instance, she met with our newest columnist, Amy Shinneman, who writes very openly about the struggles and triumphs in her own life. If ever there were two talented ladies who were certain to be fast friends, it was these. Thanks to you both for making this newspaper better every week.

Things I love, part 1

There are so many things I love and am grateful for from all corners of my life. I so often hear and read about the importance of acknowledging your gratitude and how it shapes your mindset. If you approach everything with a sense of gratitude, it really changes your life. I figured in the spirit of love; I will write today's column about what I love and for which I am grateful.



I am grateful for my husband, Tim. I am so grateful for a man who loves me and our children. I am grateful for the way he makes me laugh. He has a sense of humor that is subtle and hysterical; you must really know him to experience this side of him. I am grateful for the fact that he puts us first and every decision he makes has the kids and me in his mind. I am grateful for his job at Our Lady of Fatima in Indianapolis that has provided an extended family to not only him, but also me. It has allowed him to flourish in his spirit and confidence. They see in him what I do, for which I am very grateful. I am grateful for our date nights and that he still tries as hard today as he did when we were dating to make me feel special. He gets me and I get him.

I am grateful for my children. I longed to be a mother and there is not a day that goes by, even when they're driving me crazy, that I forget how much I prayed for what I have now. The greatest joy of my life is my children, and I am so grateful God gave them to me.

I am grateful for my mom and sister. My mom, sister and I have been through quite a bit together. We have always been close. I am grateful my children grow up seeing them with regularity and the role they play in the lives of my children. They are there for my kids and love them fiercely.

I am grateful for my friends that are extended aunts to my children. There is something about raising children alongside others in the same season of life that bonds you. We started out as co-workers and are truly best friends. We call ourselves the SMS crew and I am so grateful for each of them.

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Kiwaniis Club of Cicero empowering young minds through gift of knowledge

Submitted by Kiwanis Club of Cicero
 Research shows that just the presence of books in the home improves educational outcomes. Books are critical and access to those resources is one of the greatest contributors to educational equality.

Despite all this, books are scarce for many students – meaning they are at a disadvantage from the start.

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero wants to close this gap and promote a love reading, by providing free books to Hamilton Heights Elementary School students throughout the year. Through its new program "Books For a Bright Future" students will be able to choose free, age-appropriate books at the school bookfairs as well as providing books for the school district's bookmobile that distributes books throughout the summer months to keep students engaged in reading throughout summer break.

"The goal of our Books For a Bright Future program is to help build the foundation of learning, by providing free books to these students," said Todd Clevenger, President of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero. "Literacy attainment is tied directly to academic achievement and lifetime outcomes, and we are committed to lifting up our community by raising readers and ultimately paving the way for lifelong learning and literacy."

See Knowledge . . . Page 2

Check your preconceptions at the door of Dalí's mindscape

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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When you step into the mind of Salvador Dalí, clocks won't be the only things to melt. Your sense of time, space, and what an art exhibit should be – all may be affected.

THE LUME Indianapolis featuring *Dalí Alive* opened on March 3 in the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, 4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, and will continue through March 2, 2025. At a preview of the experience – one hesitates to call this just an exhibit – The Reporter spoke to Newfields Vice President of Marketing & External Affairs Jonathan Berger about the work behind the *Dalí Alive* as well as the Salvador Dalí paintings they are putting on display for the first time in decades.

"Three years ago is when we started the project with THE LUME," Berger said. "That's when we brought in van Gogh. The following year was Monet. So a lot of the infrastructure was all set up. It's a permanent exhibition. We redo the cafe every year and, of course, highlight new art every year. But re-skinning the whole galleries took a little bit of time. We took two months to do the flip to get to



Reporter photo

Salvador Dalí."

Dalí Alive was created in partnership with Grande Experiences in Australia. Berger told The Reporter Newfields' initial talks with them were about van Gogh and Monet, but it was Grande Experiences personnel who brought up the possibility of a Dalí show.

"That was very exciting to me because we have these four pieces in our collection that haven't been seen in 45, 50 years and just are these undiscovered treasures," Berger said. "Actu-

ally, there's a fifth one that we don't even know where it is."

The four watercolors in the Newfields collection are small pieces that were designed to be projected and enlarged as backdrops for an opera in Europe.

"After the shows ran, the producer then married a woman from La Porte, Ind.," Berger said. "That's how we came to own these. They donated these back in the early 70s to us. And again, there's a fifth one that's still out there."

Berger said one of the goals at THE LUME is to teach people to experience art differently.

"It's for people that are maybe a little bit curious about art, but maybe feel intimidated about coming in an art museum where they don't know all the artists' names or they don't know an important piece to look at," Berger said. "You can come into THE LUME and you can really explore yourself

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Universal truth: when colored eggs are on the ground, kids must pick them up

The REPORTER

Come join the fun at the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, March 18 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Youth aged 8 and under are invited to hunt for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Please bring your own basket. Egg hunt for ages 0 to 2 will begin at 6:05 p.m., ages 3 to 5 begins at 6:10 p.m., and ages 6 to 8 begins at 6:15 p.m.

Farm animals will be available for petting and photos. For more information, please call (317) 776-0854 or visit extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton.

The Easter Egg Hunt is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders. For more information about Junior Leaders or the 4-H Program in Hamilton County, call Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton.



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The popular Community Easter Egg Hunt is back this year!

I LOVE KNOWLEDGE

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I am grateful for my job and students. I teach at Saint Matthew Catholic School in Indianapolis. I have been there for 14 years. My job came into my life at a time when I really needed a sense of belonging and that is exactly what it has always afforded me. I've been embraced by the community of Saint Matthew and am grateful for that. I began my job as a kid and since starting there. I met my husband, had two children, and met my best friends.

I am grateful that I work in an environment where we freely speak of Christ. Some days are easier than others, but I love my job and keep showing up because I really love the kids and feel like it's where I belong.

The more purposeful we are with intentionally and labeling our gratitude, the more our mindset changes and our outlook shifts towards positivity. There is simply too much that I am grateful for to list in one column, so tune in next time to see what else I am thankful for. In the meantime, take a minute to reflect on what makes you grateful.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

"The mere presence of books profoundly impacts a child's academic achievement," explained Dr. Derek Arrowwood, Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School District. "Regardless of how many books a family already has, each addition to a home library and books young readers can call their own, helps the children get a little further in school. When it comes to the role of books and reading in increasing achievement, the facts are indisputable. The Kiwanis Club of Cicero's program will help us get books into the hands of our younger students, helping to build the foundation of academic achievement."

How important are time and engagement with books? Research shows that the difference they make is nothing short of miraculous. Engaged readers spend 500 percent more time reading than do their peers who aren't hooked on books. All those extra hours inside books they love gives them a leg up in everything that leads to a happy, productive life. A deep conceptual understanding of a wide range of topics, expanded vocabulary, strategic reading ability, critical literacy skills, and engagement with the world that's more likely to make them dynamic citizens

drawn into full civic participation.

Sharing books, talking about them, and reading them aloud is the greatest precursor of success for children in all areas, especially reading. Again and again, it's found that the most important indicator of students' success in school and beyond is captured in the simple question: do they read?

Nowhere is access to books and the intellectual benefits they hold more evident, than in the phenomenon known as the "summer slide" or "summer setback." Research by Richard Allington and Anne McGill-Franzen in 2009 showed a decline in reading skills through the months when students have no access to school or books to read. Summer reading loss accounts for at least 80 percent of the reading gap by ninth grade, according to their research.

"I read somewhere, Johns Hopkins research maybe, that children who receive and read free books over the summer experience the equivalent of attending three years of summer school, and the difference in fall reading scores is twice as high," Clevenger said. "This obviously is a fact not lost on the Heights School District as they instituted a

summer bookmobile program providing access to books for students throughout the months of summer break. The Books For a Bright Future program will also provide free books for every student, regardless of grade level, that visits the bookmobile throughout the summer."

"The negative consequences of lack of access to books are devastating for individual students, but in reality, their collective setbacks affect us all, often leading to higher dropout rates, lost earnings and tax revenues, increased need for public assistance, and so forth," Dr. Arrowwood said. "We need to find ways to get books into our younger students' hands and into their homes, because it's the right thing to do. The Cicero Kiwanis' Books For a Bright Future program is exactly the type of initiative to make that happen."

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero's goal is to raise \$10,000 to jump start this program and begin providing books at the May Elementary School bookfair.

"We are well on our way to our financial goal of \$10,000 in part due to a generous grant award from the Kiwanis Children fund of \$4,000, as they truly believe in the mission of the pro-



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gram," Clevenger said. "But we are looking for additional funding and more permanent funding to sustain the program long-term."

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero is looking for community partners such as church groups, business groups, other service organizations, local businesses, and individuals to help sponsor and fund the Books For a Bright Future program moving forward. To contribute to the program, you

can go to cicerokiwanis.org scroll down and click on the Books For a Bright Future photo halfway down the page and make a secure online donation.

"Every dollar raised will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the lives of the young students we aim to serve," Clevenger said. "Together, we can empower these children to unlock their full potential and create a brighter future for our community."

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and consume art in a different way. As you go through the gallery spaces, that final gallery is a traditional gallery with four works of art in it. People then look at this art so much differently after seeing the life of Dalí and this artwork come alive. Like the elephants with long legs – that's one of our paintings. When you look at it, it's like, 'Oh, I just saw that in there!' You go into THE LUME and 'wow, this is great technology.' By the time that you're in that last gallery, we've tricked you into becoming an art lover."

The Reporter found walking through the mind of Salvador Dalí to be an experience that encourages one to lose track of both the time that has passed and what it means to be inside an artistic space.

The projections are carefully crafted to prevent most shadows, allowing you to walk through *Dalí Alive* in a strangely immersive way – almost becoming a part of the art itself.

"That's where we all are here at Newfields," Berger said. "We all love art. We just want to share our collection and our passion for art with everyone."

[Click here](#) to get tickets for this exhibit. Pricing will follow Newfields' seasonal experience ticket model, including:

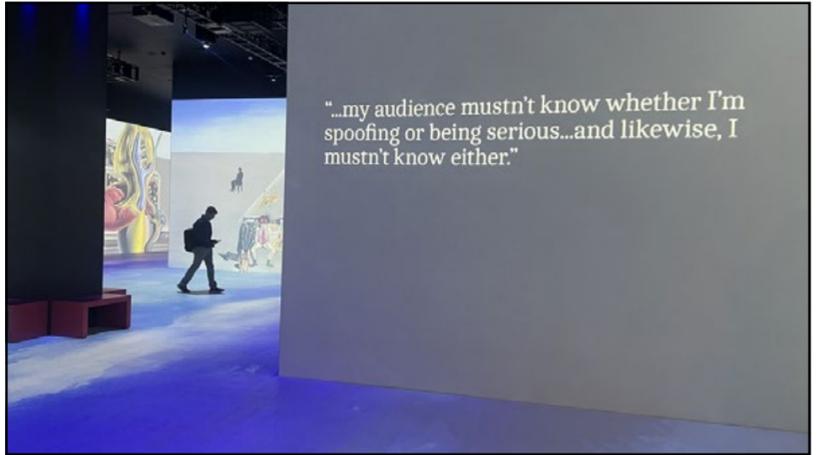
- Member Adults: \$24
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- Children ages 5 and under are free



(Above) There is a drink called the Canvasnova available in the café if you need a little break in the middle of the mind of madness. Reporter photo



Provided by "Dream It! Draw It! AI It!" at Newfields. Among the many other ways *Dalí Alive* seeks to pull you in, there is an interactive room where you can take photos of your friends inside a Dalí mindscape and (above) options to make Dalí-style original art with the help of some AI.



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Josh Lowry & Westfield Democrats pick up trash along Monon Trail



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Josh Lowry, candidate for Indiana House District 24, and the Westfield Democrats Club took a few hours out of their evening last month to pick up trash along the Monon Trail. Several trash bags later, the trail was spotless. The Westfield Democrats are Trail Ambassadors, volunteers responsible for keeping the Monon Trail trash-free and beautiful between State Road 32 and 181st St. Learn more about the opportunity to be a Trail Ambassador with Westfield Welcome at westfieldwelcome.com/volunteer. To hear about future volunteering and events from the Westfield Democrats, follow them on social media or sign up for their newsletter at [this link](#).



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Letter to the Editor

Celebrating progress of all women across this country during Women's History Month

Dear Editor:

As we celebrate Women's History Month in March, I encourage readers to reflect on not only those women who we know have been trailblazers, leaders, legislators, and authors, but others who have also made their mark in society and the history of our nation.

Let's include along with Florence Nightingale and Betsy Ross some others: Sarah Bradley Fulton, a field nurse during the Battle of Bunker Hill; Margaret Fuller, an early women's rights activist; Lydia Taft, a woman who voted in 1756; Susan B. Anthony; Sojourner Truth – and the list goes on.

The commemoration began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, Calif. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. In 1981, Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored the first joint Congressional Resolution proclaiming a Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress passed Pub.L. 100-9 designating the month of March as Women's History Month.

As we remember and celebrate not only the famous women noted above, let's give pause to consider how far women have progressed in the past 100 years. It was just over 100 years ago that we achieved the right to vote. Along the way, we have fought for equal rights in employment, legal matters and property rights, and advocacy in health care issues. (Keep in mind that cardiac symptoms are the No. 1 cause of death for women.)

If you wish to know more about what those women in your life have endured, overcome, enjoyed, and experienced ... talk to them! If your mother or grandmother is living, ask her to share her journey with you or another family member's journey. Those women who went to work in the factories when so many men were deployed during WWII have a very special story to tell of their experiences. Sadly, most are gone now, but if you have access to those stories, I encourage you to pass them along in your family legacy.

Finally, Hoosiers ... isn't it time the State of Indiana elected a female senator or governor?

Sharon McMahon
Noblesville

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Thanks for reading!

Artists from five states on display for HCAA & you



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The Midwest Exhibit at the Hamilton County Artists' Association (HCAA) is the big exhibition attracting professional artists from five different states and, of course, some local artists as well. HCAA even brought in another artist from Cincinnati to judge the entries. It runs for the whole month of March, and the exhibit is open Thursday through Saturdays at 195 S. 5th St., in Noblesville. Please plan to attend the reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 where awards will be presented to the winning artists.



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The Omnibus Show podcast welcomes Hollywood couple Linda Purl & Patrick Duffy

Submitted

On Monday, *The Omnibus Show* welcomed Hollywood acting couple Linda Purl and Patrick Duffy speaking about Purl's upcoming cabaret performance at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael, as well as their new joint endeavor, Duffy's Dough.

The Omnibus Show is Carmel's No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

Purl has been on shows from *Happy Days*, *Matlock*, *Homeland*, *The Office*, and many others. Duffy starred on *Dallas*, *NCIS*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, and more. Purl, who has been performing and recording jazz for the past several years, will perform on Thursday, March 7 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael.

Tickets are available for her show at [this link](#).

Purl and Duffy are now a couple offscreen and have entered into a new endeavor. Tune in to the podcast to learn how Purl helped Duffy to take the Duffy family sourdough bread starter and turn it into a business. This rather funny story has had surprising success, with all

the profits going to food-related charities. To learn more about Duffy's Dough, visit [duffysdough.com](#).

Next week's guest on *The Omnibus Show* will be Andris Berzins. Berzins is the Honorary Consul for the Republic of Latvia to the State of Indiana, the President of the Carmel and Jelgava Sister Cities Committee, and the City of Carmel, Sister Cities, and Community Outreach Consultant.

About The Omnibus Show

The podcast is for people who are interested in everything, with deep conversations on a wide variety of subjects. *The Omnibus Show* is a podcast started by Dave Gibbs. He started out, after graduating from Indiana University, as a journalist and photographer; he worked all over Indiana, the Pacific Northwest, and the Chicago area. His late father, John, was the Executive Producer for *City Desk* at WMAQ-TV (NBC) Chicago, which was a decades-long interview show between top reporters and celebrities, people, and politicians with ties to Chicago. Visit [TheOmnibusShow.com](#) for the audio podcasts and YouTube channel for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

Finkam appoints Nick Weber to serve as Carmel's Executive Director of Economic Development

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced on Monday that she has appointed Nick Weber as Executive Director of Economic Development for the City of Carmel.

With extensive experience in economic development investment for both the public and private sectors, Weber will serve on Mayor Finkam's leadership team, and lead the city's growth strategy and economic development initiatives and projects. He begins his role on Monday, March 25.

"I am thrilled to welcome Nick to my executive leadership team, and excit-

ed about what we will accomplish together," Finkam said. "The City of Carmel has seen unprecedented growth over the last several decades, and I look forward to partnering with Nick to ensure this continues in a responsible and strategic way, with community input, for the benefit of Carmel residents for generations to come."

For the past 14 years, he helped secure nearly \$500 million in capital in-



Weber



Finkam

Drinker advising public and private sector clients in Indiana and across the country on complex economic development matters, including site selection and incentive projects totaling more than \$1 billion in capital investment. He previously served as Deputy Mayor of Economic and Workforce Development for the City of Indianapolis where

vestment commitments and worked to expand the city's global presence.

"The mayor is charting an exciting vision for Carmel, and I am honored to join her team," Weber said. "Successful economic development harnesses the assets of the community to meet the needs of its residents. I look forward to working with Mayor Finkam, colleagues, industry professionals and the community to continue building a growth strategy that works for everyone."

Weber is a graduate of Indiana University and has been recognized as a Forty Under 40 in the *Indianapolis Business Journal*.

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Actors Theatre of Indiana welcomes new executive director

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) welcomes Brian E Frost to the ATI family. Frost took over as Executive Director following the retirement of James A. Reilly. Reilly retired in December after more than 12 years with ATI.

Frost has been involved with ATI for several years, first as a fan and supporter, then as a member of the

ATI Board. He served on the board for two years, the last six months as the Treasurer. He said he feels his background served him well in the role of treasurer and now as Executive Director of ATI.

"I was on the board for two years, but wondered, 'What is my niche?'," he said. "I really had no artistic talent and no musical talent. When they asked for a vol-

unteer for treasurer, I knew I had found that niche!"

Frost grew up in Plattsburgh, N.Y., and received a Bachelor of Arts from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., in 1972 with a major in Economics. He then came to Indiana University School of Business in Bloomington to get his MBA in 1977.

From 1982 to 1992, Frost worked as an Invest-

ment Advisor for Robert W. Baird & Co. and Prudential Securities, and from 1992 to 2017 he worked to provide investment advice to individual and small business clients of Fifth Third Bank.

Since 2017, Frost has been a Realtor/Associate Broker with his wife, Julianne Deely, in her real estate business, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

Frost had not planned to become Executive Director of ATI. Upon Reilly's retirement, Frost was filling in until a replacement was found.

"Judy Fitzgerald (Artistic Director/Co-founder of ATI) and Darrin Murrell (Associate Artistic Director) asked me 'Why don't you do it?'" Frost said. "Once I realized they were enthusiastic about me in this position, that convinced me."

Frost said he is excited about what is coming for ATI. He is looking forward to the time leading up to ATI's next production, *Forbidden Broadway*, which will be performed at The Studio Theater at the Center

for the Performing Arts in Carmel from April 26 to May 12. He is also excited as ATI prepares for the return of a four-program season.

"One of my jobs is to provide leadership. I want to continue moving things in the right direction," Frost said. He is doing what he can to share information about ATI — including programming and fundraising.

"I take brochures with me to share with people I meet," Frost said. "I have shared them with my fellow tennis players. So far, I've had some very positive responses as I try to get people involved with ATI."

Frost's interests outside of work will also combine to strengthen his leadership with ATI. He served on the board of Very Special Arts of Indiana in the late 1990s and was elected as President of VSA in 1999. He is an avid tennis player and has a membership with Indianap-



Frost

olis Racquet Club. **About Actors Theatre of Indiana** Actors Theatre of Indiana was founded in 2005 with a mission to celebrate the power of theatre and contrib-

ute to the quality of life in central Indiana by offering high quality, professional theatre performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate and entertain. An award-winning Equity Professional Theatre company, ATI is the only professional resident theatre company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Now in its 19th season of high-powered theatrical productions, world premieres and innovative community works, ATI is a majority female-owned nonprofit Equity House. Follow along on [X](#) and [Facebook](#). For more information on ATI's schedule, educational initiatives, and ways you can order tickets, visit ATIstage.org.

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Near black-box theater seems ideal setting for *Violet* to shine

By VERONIQUE DUPREY
A Seat on the Aisle

I had the pleasure of attending opening night of *Violet, the Musical* at the Switch Theater in Fishers, presented by Carmel Community Players. This gentle musical reminded me of *Spitfire Grill* in its focus on the story, and in tone, musical style, and absence of big dance numbers (or dance numbers at all, unless you count the hand-raising from the high-praisin' gospel choir as dancing).

Inspired by the short story *The Ugliest Pilgrim* by Doris Betts, the award-winning *Violet* takes us on the journey of Violet, who was accidentally disfigured by an axe in her youth and now (in 1964) travels across the South in hopes of being healed and made beautiful by a TV evangelist. On the way, she meets a pair of soldiers and manages to heal from deeper, hidden scars. It is a story of yearning, of faith (perhaps misplaced), of redemption, and of seeing others more than skin-deep.

The almost black-box set is enhanced by projections and the smart use of minimal set pieces and works well to move us from one location to another. Kudos to the production staff, too numerous to mention, for well-designed and well-executed time-appropriate costumes and hair, props, and sound and lighting.

Music by Jeanine Tesori ranges from American folk to gospel, with a little Memphis blues. Sarah Marone-Sowers truly shines in the title role, with rich



Photo provided by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
(From left) Violet (Sarah Marone-Sowers) meets Monty (Dominic Piedmonte) and his buddy Flick (Onis Dean) on the bus trip.

vocals and a wide range of emotions. Notwithstanding a little vocal fatigue on opening night, Onis Dean is excellent as the African American soldier Flick, who also longs to be seen past his appearance, and his duets with Marone-Sowers are delightful. Dominic Piedmonte as the self-assured Monty provides the third point of the love triangle in a well-balanced performance.

Other performers of note include Darrin Gowan as Father and Kenzi Stewart as Young Violet in touching flashbacks and intertwined visions, Scott A. Fleshwood as a spot-on Joel Olsteen-type character, and Christine Sanserino who makes the most out of her stage time.

I personally love gospel choirs and thoroughly enjoyed those numbers, even as I was aware we were supposed to think they were disingenuous. As a woman of faith, I was glad that the

musical managed to poke fun at flashy televangelism without disparaging faith entirely. Miracles do come in a myriad of ways, and the healing we may be blessed with is often not the one we thought we needed.

Bottom line: No doubt guided by able direction by Kathleen Clarke Horrigan, the actors manage to tell this story — which has difficult elements of racism, casual sex, and resentment — with some humor and moving authenticity, plus soaring voices to transport us through the journey. Highly recommended!

Violet, the Musical runs through March 10 at the Switch Theatre in Fishers; see CarmelPlayers.org for times and tickets. Be aware that it runs without intermission, for about an hour and 45 minutes; visit the restroom and concession stand before curtain.

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

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Noblesville man dies in hit-and-run accident

The REPORTER

At approximately 2:57 a.m. Sunday, officers from the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) responded to the intersection of Cicero Road (State Road 19) and Field Drive in Noblesville regarding a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian.

Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and located an adult male lying in the middle of Cicero

Road just south of the Field Drive intersection. Officers immediately assessed the man's condition subject but quickly concluded that he was deceased.

Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison has identified the deceased as John Finch, 52, Noblesville. The cause of the accident is under investigation and the official cause and manner of death are pending autopsy and toxicology results.

Based on his injuries and a large amount of glass in the area, it appears the subject was struck by a vehicle that eventually fled the scene.

Officers from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Cicero Police Department assisted NPD in searching the area for the suspect vehicle.

The NPD Crash Reconstruction Unit was summoned to the scene to investigate the crash and to

collect evidence.

Northbound and southbound traffic on Cicero Road from Forest Park Drive to Field Drive was closed during the crash investigation and reopened in both directions at 7:12 a.m.

The crash is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this crash is urged to contact Detective Joseph Jerrell at jjerrell@noblesville.in.gov or (317) 776-6371.



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Two Hamilton County natives awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships

The REPORTER

Bryn Edwards and Tierra Williams, Hamilton County natives and Honors College students at Ball State University, have been awarded Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships to support their study abroad endeavors.

This federally-funded, nationally competitive program provides up to \$5,000 to U.S. undergraduate students pursuing academic studies abroad to better prepare them to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world.

Additional support is available to selected students who will study Critical Need Languages or conduct STEM research while abroad.

Edwards, a junior from Carmel, will study at Johannes Gutenberg University in Germany from April

to July 2024. With majors in German and Psychology and a minor in Counseling, she intends to pursue a career as a therapist.

“Through studying abroad, there are opportunities to learn about other cultures, which is very important in counseling, as every individual is different and has different experiences,” Edwards said.

Williams, a sophomore from Fishers, is participating in a winter break trip to Greece. She has a major in Computer Science, with concentrations in Data Analytics & Machine Learning and Cybersecurity & Secure Software Design.



Edwards



Williams

Having studied Greek culture in many history courses, Williams said, “I want to try authentic Greek foods, shop at popular markets, and see how life in Greece is different from life in America and from my preconceptions of how life in Greece should be.”

Upon their return to the U.S., recipients of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship are required to carry out a follow-on service project that helps promote international education and understanding.

For her follow-on service project, Edwards intends to give presentations

about her study abroad experiences to other foreign language and Honors College students. For Williams, her minor in Studio Art will provide the foundation for her follow-on project, as she plans to show children at Muncie's Motivate Our Minds how to make tiny Greek-style pots.

For more information about nationally competitive scholarships available to Ball State students and recent graduates, visit the [National/International Scholarships and Fellowships webpage](http://National/InternationalScholarshipsandFellowshipswebpage).



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AG Todd Rokita co-leads 27 states to victory, SCOTUS finds Trump eligible to appear on ballot

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita co-lead the charge in support of former President Donald Trump's right to appear on the Colorado ballot, and on Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously agreed.

“I predicted this unanimous decision since the beginning,” AG Rokita said. “This was a clear attempt to disenfranchise and dilute the voices of millions of voters who benefited from former President Donald Trump's time as Commander in Chief.”

The U.S. Supreme Court opinion embraced the central argument put forward in two amicus briefs – one with 25 states, another with 27 states – led by Indiana and West Virginia. In this rare instance, the Constitution rightly gives Congress, not individual states, authority to decide who is eligible to run for federal office under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment.



Rokita

“With a 9-0 decision, I hope we can all now finally agree that Trump has a right to appear on the ballot,” AG Rokita said. “This is a huge win for liberty and preserves confidence in the integrity of our elections.”

As a result of the Supreme Court's decision, individual states cannot wield Section 3 to deny a candidate for federal office from the ballot – this resolves the issue nationwide.



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War in Ukraine: United States cannot lose to Russia & China but cannot win with Biden in charge

According to the media and the failed foreign policy establishment, you either support giving Ukraine an unlimited blank check written by American taxpayers while America's borders are overrun, or you are pro-Putin.

Nothing could be further from the truth. It's not a binary choice. It's just another false choice given to us by the same book-smart "intellectuals" who gave us Vietnam and Iraq, and who handed Afghanistan back to the Taliban in disgrace.

As someone who spent over a decade in business and finance, I ran for Congress to fix our destructive national debt, broken health care system, and burdensome regulations. I guess my plate was not full enough, and I had to become directly involved with major national security crises abroad – dealing with evacuating Americans in Afghanistan and a major war in Europe. I probably could write a book about all the things I have learned being on the ground in Europe, the Middle East,



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and the frontlines of a war-torn Ukraine, but now is not the time for writing books. We already have too many book writers.

It reminds me of what Cicero said when the Roman Republic was falling: "Times are bad. Children no longer obey their parents, and everyone is writing a book."

The situation in Ukraine is difficult and dangerous. Unfortunately, my appeals to Congress and the Biden Administration to implement proper oversight and a clear strategy for Ukraine in July 2022 were not implemented by and large, and I was right when I said at the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine that if we do not deal with Russia decisively, we will have a further escalation of conflicts.

Now, the world is on fire.

Russia is again advancing in Ukraine; Israel, our key ally in the Middle East, was attacked by Hamas terrorists; Iran is on the brink of obtaining nuclear weapons; Iranian-backed Houth-

is, who were taken off the terrorist list by the Biden Administration and given \$1 billion from the Ukrainian aid, are attacking our ships; and Iranian-backed terrorists attacked our base in Syria, killing Americans. Meanwhile, China continues to flex its growing military muscle on the world stage and threatens Taiwan.

Unfortunately, our foreign policy has been run by book writers in the Washington bubble, 25-year-old college graduates, and naive political creatures with little understanding of the real situation on the ground and the aggressive efforts of our adversaries to redefine the world order. Perhaps they missed the **joint statement issued by Putin and Xi** on Feb. 4, 2022, outlining plans for "transformation of the global governance architecture and world order."

Obviously, we can tell who the statement was addressed to. Ukraine just became one of the obstacles to Russian and Chinese ambitions, with the Ukrainian people's pro-American and pro-Western sentiment being dangerous to Putin's regime, and Trump's efforts to push Ukraine to prohibit

Chinese takeover of critical resources. We know which countries will be next on the list, but we do little in the way of deterrence as evidenced by Biden's recent decision to suspend liquid natural gas exports.

With this backdrop, two years into war, brave young Ukrainians die in the trenches while incompetence, political games, Russian infiltration, and corruption abound within Ukraine's bureaucracy and governing elites. Widespread corruption among Russian governing elites hurts the Russian people, too, as does the brutal KGB tyrant running the country, still brooding on the collapse of the Soviet Union, something he has called "the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century." He also forgot to mention in his recent interview that the ninth century Rus he yearns for was actually Kievan Rus, and Mongolia would have claims to Siberia if we go back that far.

In 1993, Ukraine, the third largest nuclear country by its arsenal, was pressured into giving up its nuclear weapons in exchange for assurances of its terri-

torial integrity by Russia, the U.K., and the U.S. The implications of Ukraine losing this war would be significant for the west, but also for nuclear nonproliferation. Unfortunately, I do not believe that Ukraine can win this war with President Biden in charge and his administration's strategy "not to lose." You can never win with this strategy, but actually might lose. We also should resolve conflicts not with "as long as it takes," but with "as fast as we can" strategies.

No one knows what President Trump would do in Ukraine, but we know what he has done, and what Presidents Obama and Biden did not do. President Trump provided Ukraine with lethal aid, pushed China out, demanded Germany decrease its dependency on Russian gas, pressed NATO to increase military spending, and unleashed domestic energy production to reduce dependence on Russian energy. We also know that President Trump does not like for America to lose, and we can expect a return to Trump's peace through strength policies.

The next election in the

United States will probably determine the result of this war, but in the meantime, Ukraine needs to survive.

Congress needs to loan, not give, lethal aid to Ukraine with proper accountability (Biden never invoked lend-lease passed by Congress almost two years ago), put pressure on the Ukrainian government to transition its economy into military mode, as Russia has already done, enhance oil sanctions on Russia, and put pressure on Europeans to step up military aid, and start confiscation of Russian sovereign assets.

Americans have every right to demand their leaders put their needs and defense of our borders first, but we are also generous people and understand the need to defend our allies and the free world from tyrants like Putin and Xi.

We don't need to write blank checks. We can be smart and loan Ukraine what it needs to win the war while protecting American interests first.

Republican Congresswoman Victoria Spartz represents Indiana's Fifth District, which includes all of Hamilton County.

You otter know: DNR closes otter trapping season early

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) closed the river otter trapping season on Tuesday after the statewide quota of 750 river otters was reported

harvested by licensed trappers. The season was scheduled to run from Nov. 15 to March 15, or until the quota was reached.

The framework of Indiana's river otter season

was carefully designed to limit the total harvest and support Indiana's river otter population. Databases and reporting allow regular monitoring of the total season harvest. By rule, when

total harvest levels approach the statewide quota, the season closes automatically.

"Mild winter weather gave licensed trappers great opportunity this year," said

Geriann Albers, DNR fur-bearer and turkey program leader. "Indiana is fortunate that our systems and regulations allow us to strike a good balance between providing trapping opportunity

and ensuring our river otters continue to thrive in Indiana."

Additional information on river otters and the trapping season can be found at on.IN.gov/ottertrapping.



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Former Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard endorses Raju Chinthala for Congress

Submitted by Raju for Congress

Former Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard has officially endorsed Raju Chinthala in the 5th District Congressional Race. Brainard, who served as mayor for 28 years, led the revitalization and growth of Carmel from a small suburb of Indianapolis to the fourth largest city in Indiana.

In his endorsement, Brainard states his reasons for choosing Chinthala over his opponents.

“Raju has worked hard for the people of central Indiana, bringing good jobs to Indiana,” Brainard said. “He cares about people and he cares about the issues that are important to me. That’s why I’m voting for Raju Chinthala for Congress, and I hope that you do, too. Raju is for you!”

Chinthala humbly responded to the endorsement

with gratitude.

“I am honored to be endorsed by Mayor Brainard and thank him for his support,” Chinthala said. “Mayor Brainard led Carmel through vibrant economic development, with a focus on the needs of the people and a long-term vision for success. These are attributes that I plan to take to Washington, D.C., on behalf of all the citizens in the 5th District.”

The full endorsement video can be seen at RajuForCongress.com.

About Raju Chinthala

Raju Chinthala, a native of Indiana since 1996, is a successful speech-language pathologist, Hoosier businessman, International Economic Advisor, and politico. He is the Treasurer of the Hamilton County Republican Party and has served as Senior Advisor for India at the Indiana



Photo provided

Economic Development Corporation and as Founder and President of the Indiana India Business Council.

Chinthala has been honored by President Biden with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 and has received the Sagamore of the Wa-

bash Award from both Governor Pence and Governor Holcomb. He lives in Carmel with his wife Dr. Prasanna Chinthala, their son Anoop, and their dog Snowball.

Learn more about the candidate at RajuForCongress.com.

Alerding endorsed by Indiana Family Action PAC in House District 29 race

Submitted

Laura Alerding of Noblesville has received the endorsement of the Indiana Family Action PAC.

Indiana Family Action PAC works to create and promote an environment where Hoosier families can thrive and endorses candidates they believe will defend traditional moral values.

Executive Director Ryan McCann said the following in his endorsement of Laura Alerding:

“We firmly believe that the family is the key institution of society, and that the overall health of any city, state, region, or nation is largely determined by the health of this bedrock institution. Our organization is encouraged by your willingness to defend the conservative values that so many Hoosier families hold dear. “Our organization ap-

plauds you for standing for truth, liberty, and Hoosier families. I wish you the best of luck in your campaign and look forward to the opportunity to work with you after the November election on policies that champion our shared values that will protect Hoosier children and families.”



Alerding

Alerding said she is incredibly grateful and humbled by the support she’s received by Indiana Family Action PAC. She says she is the only candidate in the race for House District 29 with a proven track record of standing strong on conservative principles.

“I will continue to work hard every day on the campaign trail and as your next representative to earn the support of the people of House District 29,” Alerding said.

Learn more about the candidate at AlerdingForStateRep29.info.

Indiana Democratic Party endorses Jennifer McCormick for governor

Submitted

On Feb. 29, the State Central Committee (SCC) of the Indiana Democratic Party unanimously endorsed Jennifer McCormick to be Indiana’s next governor in the 2024 election during its February meeting.

Dr. McCormick goes into the May primary as the only Democratic candidate on the ballot for governor. She is building a bipartisan, grassroots coalition across Indiana.

She served as Indiana’s last statewide elected Superintendent of Public Instruction between 2017 and 2021. Previously, she served as Superintendent of York-

town Community Schools. She got her start in education as a local public educator in east central Indiana, teaching special education and language arts.

Following the SCC meeting, the IDP released the following statement from Chair Mike Schmuhl:

“Throughout her life, Jennifer McCormick has been an advocate for Hoosier families and children. That’s why she’s never been afraid to stand up for what’s right – regardless of party. As a statewide elect-



McCormick

ed official as superintendent, she took on the GOP supermajority to fight against cuts to public schools and worked to increase teacher pay. She’s seen special interests threaten the future of education in Indiana, and as governor, she’ll be a tireless advocate to improve schools for every family and remove politics from the classroom.

“As a mother, she trusts Hoosier women and families to make incredibly important reproductive health decisions with their doctors, families, and faith leaders

– not the government. As governor, she’ll veto any attempts to ban IVF treatments in Indiana, and work to restore the right to choose for women.

“We’re behind Jennifer because 20 consecutive years of Republican governors is enough. One-party control and a legislative supermajority creates unbalanced policies, and it’s simply dangerous for our state’s future. We need more balanced leadership at the Statehouse that uplifts working families, and takes the best ideas from both parties. That’s the leader Jennifer McCormick will be as our next governor.”

Libertarian gubernatorial candidate Donald Rainwater signs Taxpayer Protection Pledge

Submitted by Rainwater for Indiana

Donald Rainwater signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge on Saturday, March 2, immediately following his gubernatorial nomination at the Indiana Libertarian Party Convention. This supports one of his main focuses: tax reform.

“I make the commitment of signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge very seriously,” Rainwater said. “Hoosiers need a gov-

ernor who will oppose and veto any state budget that includes new spending and/or tax increases. Hoosiers need to be able to determine how their hard-earned money is spent instead of the state government spending it for them. Calvin Coolidge said that collecting more taxes than is necessary to run the essential functions of govern-



Rainwater

ment is legalized robbery. I will not allow that legalized robbery to continue in Indiana.”

Rainwater’s run for governor in 2020 exceeded all expectations. His message then and now is that a smaller government is best. He understands that the purpose of government is to protect people’s rights and provide a system of justice when

problems arise. “Hoosiers don’t need the government to run their lives,” Rainwater said. “They need opportunity, and a small efficient government will create that. We need Better Government, NOT Bigger Government.”

The pledge for candidates for governor from the Americans for Tax Reform can be found at this link.

Learn more about the candidate at RainwaterForIndiana.com.

Meeting Notices

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, has been canceled.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: Wurster Construction
 C/O Hamilton Southeastern Schools
 13485 Cumberland Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
Attn: Mr. Matt Rapp
FOR A NEW: HSE Additions and Renovations to Fishers Elementary School
 11442 Lantern Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
UNTIL: 2:00 P.M., local time, Wednesday, March 13, 2024.
 (Hand delivered in sealed envelope)
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Work includes a New Additions and Renovations to the existing HSE Fishers Elementary School located at 11442 Lantern Road in Fishers, IN 46038.
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed to: Wurster Construction, c/o Mr. Matt Rapp, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038 and received on or before 2:00 pm, Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder.
BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 2:00 PM local time at the HSE Administration building located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held if requested. The meeting will be held at HSE Fishers Elementary School, located at 11442 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46038. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend.
CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work. The Construction Manager will contract with multiple First Tier Subcontractors for the Bid items listed below, with bids received on a lump sum basis for each bid item. Each proposal shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule, Project Manual and Technical Specifications.
 The Construction Manager will receive sealed Bids for the below listed Bid Packages:
 Bid Package #21: Fire Protection Work
 Bid Package #22: Plumbing
 Bid Package #23: Mechanical, HVAC Ductwork and Temperature Controls Work
 Bid Package #31: Earthwork and Utilities Work
 Bid Package #32A: Paving & Stone Work
SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: All subcontractors must be pre-qualified prior to submission of the bid. Pre-qualification forms can be obtained by contacting Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction, 317-841-1000, pschmitt@wcci.com. The completed pre-qualification forms with attachments shall be submitted to Phil Schmitt by 5:00pm Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Completed forms may be emailed to Phil Schmitt or a hard copy delivered to Wurster Construction’s office (8463 Castlewood Drive) in a sealed envelope. Pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00pm on March 18, 2024.

Documents Prepared by:
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 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc):
 Wurster Construction
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BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents are available as of January 19, 2024. Documents are available electronically by contacting:
 Phil Schmitt, Wurster Construction pschmitt@wcci.com
 Documents will also be available from Eastern Engineering:
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 Sean Keefe
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 Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to:
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BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:
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 13485 Cumberland Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
 2. Wurster Construction
 8463 Castlewood Drive
 Indianapolis, IN 46250
BID SECURITY: Bids are required to include a Bid Security or Bid Bond or Certified Check.
PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form.
E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7, <https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify> and background checks.
SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOWA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project. Contractors safety manuals will be evaluated during the prequalification phase.
TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the “Sales Tax”) for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.
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Note: The above notice was first published on February 26, 2024, with an incorrect opening date of March 7, 2024. The public bid opening will take place on March 13, 2024, and pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00pm on March 18, 2024.

Who’s on my ballot for the May 7, 2024 Primary Election?

Note that * indicates the candidate is the incumbent for that office.

To view precinct and district maps, please visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/221/Precinct-and-District-Maps.

NOTE: Candidates for precinct committee and state delegates will appear in upcoming editions of The Reporter.

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- *Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D)
- Nikki R. Haley (R)
- Donald J. Trump (R)

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- Marc Carmichael (D)
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U.S. HOUSE, 5th DISTRICT

- Raju Chinthala (R)
- Max Engling (R)
- Chuck Goodrich (R)
- Mark Hurt (R)
- Patrick Malayer (R)
- Matthew Peiffer (R)
- Ryan Pfenninger (D)
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- LD Powell (R)
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- *Victoria Spartz (R)

GOVERNOR

- Mike Braun (R)
- Brad Chambers (R)
- Suzanne Crouch (R)
- Eric Doden (R)
- Curtis Hill (R)
- Jennifer G. McCormick (D)
- Jamie Reitenour (R)

STATE SENATOR

- District 20
- *Scott A. Baldwin (R)
- Joel Levi (D)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

- District 24
- Bill Gutrich (R)
- Josh Lowry (D)
- Hunter Smith (R)
- District 29
- Laura L. Alerding (R)
- Christopher Hartig (D)
- Alaina Shonkwiler (R)
- District 32
- Patricia Bratton (R)
- *Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)
- District 37
- *Todd Huston (R)
- District 39
- Daniel (Danny) Lopez (R)
- Matt McNally (D)
- District 88
- Starr Joy Hairston (D)
- *Chris Jeter (R)
- Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)

JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT

- *Andrew R. Bloch (R)

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 1

- *Michael A. Casati (R)

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 6

- *Stephanie K. Gookins (R)

COUNTY AUDITOR

- Todd Clevenger (R)

COUNTY SURVEYOR

- Gary Duncan (R)

COUNTY TREASURER

- *Susan Byer (R)

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- *Steven C. Dillinger (R)

- District 3
- *Mark E. Heirbrandt (R)

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- At Large
- *Brandon (Brad) Beaver (R)

- Elizabeth Fouch (R)

- Keely J. Gladieux (D)

- *Sue Maki (R)

- *Steven R. Nation (R)

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSEPH'S DREAMS

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Genesis 37:1-2 (NIV)

Donna Marie Goolsby

April 22, 1945 – March 2, 2024



Donna Marie Goolsby, 78, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on April 22, 1945, to Donald and Lucille (Longest) Stroud in English, Ind.

Donna worked from 1974 to 2006 for Duke Energy. She enjoyed crocheting, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and being a Granny Taxi.

Donna is survived by her daughters, Misti Hampton and Kristi (Jim) Zachary; stepsons, Dan Goolsby and Michael Goolsby; stepdaughter, Mary Baber; sister, Judy Shelton; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Loyce "Lou" M. Goolsby; stepdaughter, Susie Barker; stepson, Joe Goolsby; great-grandchild, Avery Linville; sister, Carolyn Stroud; and her brother-in-law, Dewey Shelton.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at the funeral home, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tunnel Hill Free Methodist Church, 1610 W. Bennett Road, English, IN 47118.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to host 'Side-by-Side' concert March 20

The REPORTER

Talented students from across Indiana will join their professional counterparts on stage for a spectacular concert at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

Join the *Side-by-Side* participants as they perform alongside Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra musicians at Hilbert Circle Theatre after four weeks of intensive coaching. This concert will feature music of Wagner, Grieg, and Tchaikovsky, as well as Miranda Isbits, the winner of the Michael Ben and Illene Komisarow Maurer Young

Musicians Contest. This contest encourages accomplished young Indiana musicians to set and achieve goals of technical and artistic excellence by providing an opportunity to perform in a competitive setting.

The concert is family-friendly concert and tickets are only \$10.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets online.

The orchestra will be conducted by ISO Assistant Conductor Su-Han Yang. Pieces to be performed will include:

- Richard Wagner: Overture to *Die Meistersinger*

von Nürnberg

- Johannes Brahms: Violin Concerto in D Major, Op.77, I. *Allegro non troppo*
- Edvard Grieg: Suite No. 1 from *Peer Gynt*, Op. 46

- Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: *Capriccio italien*, Op. 45

About Miranda Isbits

Born in Clearwater, Fla., Isbits began studying violin at the age of 5. She has been a student of Indiana Professor Mimi Zweig since 2018. Throughout high school, she has performed many solo and ensemble works across several states with the Vi-

olin Virtuosi of the Jacob's School of Music. At 13 years old, Isbits twice performed as a soloist with The Florida Orchestra after winning the grand prize in their young artist competition. She went on to study full-time at the IU String Academy and has won numerous competitions in the state. In the fall, she placed first in the Sherer International Violin and Piano Competition. She also performed as a soloist with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra in August. Her Gand and Bernardel violin is generously on loan from The Friedman Family.

Fishers police arrest elementary school staff member after gun found on campus

By **DAJA STOWE**

WISH-TV | wistv.com

An employee at an elementary school in Fishers was arrested Tuesday morning after a gun was found on campus, police say.

Fishers Police Department officers responded to Hoosier Road Elementary after someone reported that a food service staff member brought a concealed firearm onto school property.

The School Resource Officers responded to secure the firearm. The staff member was questioned and taken into custody by Fishers' police, a release said.

Officers say no students were involved and there was never any imminent threat to safety.

The investigation is active and ongoing. Police say more details are expected to be released Wednesday.

"This incident is another reminder of the importance of our 'See Something, Say Something' culture. We urge anyone who notices any potentially unsafe situation to report it promptly to law enforcement.

"Furthermore, according to Indiana State Law and HSE Board Policy, it's crucial to note that firearms are strictly prohibited in school buildings."

Hamilton Southeastern Schools sent a statement to families and staff about the incident:

*Dear HSE Families and Staff,
Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students,*

staff, and visitors remains our top priority. With that, we feel it's essential to inform you about an incident that occurred at Hoosier Road Elementary.

Earlier today, it was reported that a staff member of our Food Services team had brought a concealed firearm onto the premises. Swift action was taken, with School Resource Officers promptly responding to HRE to secure the firearm. The individual in question was subsequently taken into custody without incident by the Fishers Police Department.

It's important to emphasize that no students were involved, and there was never any imminent threat to safety.

This incident is another

reminder of the importance of our "See Something, Say Something" culture. We urge anyone who notices any potentially unsafe situation to report it promptly to school staff, administration, or law enforcement. Furthermore, it's crucial to note that firearms are strictly prohibited in school buildings according to Indiana State Law and HSE Board Policy.

We extend our appreciation to our diligent School Resource Officers and to those who promptly reported the situation.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/fishers-police-arrest-elementary-school-staff-member-after-gun-found-on-campus.*

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Three Hamilton County girls basketball players are among the 18 that have been selected to play for the IndyStar Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars for 2024. Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky (top left) and Meredith Tippner (above left) are part of the Core Group, while Sheridan's Kenzie Garner (above right) is one of the Blue Group players.

Three county girls tapped for Junior All-Stars 2024

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls basketball stars are among the 18 players that have been selected to play for the IndyStar Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars for 2024, All-Stars games director Mike Broughton announced Monday.

Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky and Noblesville's Meredith Tippner are part of the six-player Core Group. In addition, Sheridan's Kenzie Garner is part of the Blue Group; six players each were voted to squads labeled Red Group and Blue Group.

The other Core Group players are Addison Baxter of Columbia City, Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central, Monique Mitchell of South Bend Washington and Brooke Winchester of Warsaw.

The Red Group players are Lilly Bischoff of Center Grove, Lily Graves of Franklin Central, Ellie Richardson of Scottsburg, Aniah Smith of Avon, Gabby Spink of Gibson Southern and Leah West of Greensburg.

The other Blue Group players are Laila Abdurraqib of Lawrence Central, Addie Bowsman of Twin Lakes, Avery Gordon of Brownsburg, Kira Reynolds of South Bend Washington and Vanessa Wimberly of Lake Central.

In addition, Hadley Crozier of Lanesville -- who was injured in the Class A State Finals -- is recognized as an honorary Junior All-Star player. Her health status,

however, will prevent her from playing in the games.

Kaley May of Danville will be the head coach and three-time state champion Angie Hinton of Lanesville will be the assistant coach for the 2024 Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars.

May has compiled a 234-83 record in 11 seasons at Danville, including a 24-4 mark with sectional and regional titles in 2023-24. Hinton is 145-20 in six seasons at Lanesville, including Class A state championships in 2023 and 2024. She has an overall ledger of 326-95 in 18 seasons as a varsity coach. Her overall record includes a 173-73 mark -- and the 1999 Class 4A state title -- at New Albany.

The Junior All-Stars will play one game against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars on Sunday, June 2 at a site to be announced. The Junior All-Stars also will play one game against the Indiana All-Star senior girls on Wednesday, June 5 at Kokomo High School. Both games will be doubleheaders with the 2024 Indiana boys Junior All-Stars, who will be chosen later.

The players listed as Core Group players each will play in two games. The players listed in the Red and Blue groups each will play in one game, the Red Group on June 2 against the Kentucky Juniors and the Blue Group on June 5 against the Indiana Seniors.

The Indiana senior All-Stars will play the Kentucky senior All-Stars on June 7 at a site to be announced. The

Indiana senior All-Stars will play Kentucky's seniors again on June 8 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The second IndyStar Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be played on June 3 at Hamilton Southeastern High School. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The Futures Games rosters will be announced later.

The 2024 Indiana girls' Junior All-Star team was selected through a process that allows all IBCA-member head coaches to nominate players through the IBCA all-state process. The IBCA 20-member Indiana Basketball Coaches Association all-state committee reviewed and voted on players for the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health girls All-State teams that were released on Thursday (Feb. 29).

The 20 all-state committee members also provided input to a seven-person IBCA subcommittee appointed by IBCA executive director Marty Johnson and chaired by Brandon Bradley of Kankakee Valley. Bradley, Broughton plus coaches Tyler Choate of Evansville North, Lisa Finn of Indianapolis Cathedral, Carrie Shappell of Leo, Jason Simpson of Greensburg and all-state committee chairman Doug

Springer of Northridge finalized the selections for the 2024 girls' Junior All-Stars.

The Indiana Junior All-Star program was founded in 1996 by former Indiana All-Star games director Patrick Aikman. In most years, 18 players have been chosen to the Junior All-Stars. In five years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2018 and 2019), 24 players were chosen to the Junior All-Stars. In 2021, just 12 players were chosen to the Junior All-Stars.

In games from 1996 through 2023 (with no games in 2020 because of COVID-19), the Indiana Senior girls lead the Indiana Junior girls 41-11 and the Indiana Senior boys lead the Indiana Junior boys 41-11. In seven years of games against the Kentucky Juniors, the Indiana Junior girls lead 11-1 and the Indiana Junior boys lead 7-5. Games against the Kentucky Juniors previously have been played in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2022 and 2023.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. *The Indianapolis Star*, with its IndyStar brand, is the title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academic is a presenting partner for All-Star Week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner of the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.

Is it the first or second sectional title for FHS?

I like high school basketball, especially this time of year. It's an Indiana thing. Our interest in it makes us Hoosiers a little different from folks in other states.

Some say it's not what it used to be, but try telling that to the thousands who attended sectional tournaments last week. My Carmel team didn't win this year, but that's the way it goes. They win their share, and they'll win in the future.

I like history too. So in the meantime, here is a little story about Fishers which was widely reported to have won its first sectional this year.

First? Well, that depends. Fishers can trace its first high school team to the early years of the last century. The original FHS operated until 1968 when a consolidated school district, Hamilton Southeastern Schools, was created.

It operated with a single high school, HSE.

But, by 2003 school officials in the rapidly growing district decided a second high school was needed. Fishers High School was re-established with the same name, school colors, and mascot as the original FHS.

Here is the interesting thing: Fishers won the local sectional in 1922, its first and only title until this year if you count the present school as a continuation of the first.

That's 102 years between sectional titles. So, maybe no one should begrudge Fishers a big win this year. They have waited long enough.

Columnist Fred Swift has worked in newspapers for decades. He has been sharing his opinions in the pages of *The Reporter* since it began. Email him at swift-fred19@gmail.com.



COLUMNIST

FRED SWIFT

The County Line

GC's Sorensen & Heights' Runner make Academic All-State first teams

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County basketball players are among the 76 high school seniors (38 boys and 38 girls) that have been chosen as first-team Academic All-State for 2024 by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Tuesday.

In addition, 218 more boys and 204 more girls were recognized as honorable mention Academic All-State for 2024, IBCA executive director Marty Johnson said. In total, 498 players received some level of recognition in this year's IBCA Academic All-State program.

Guerin Catholic's Robert Sorensen was named to the First Team on the boys' side, while Hamilton Heights' Camryn Runner was named to the girls' First Team.

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Updates on last weekend's gymnastics regional competition

The REPORTER

The Westfield gymnastics team competed at the Valparaiso regional last Saturday.

The Shamrocks scored 98.775 to place sixth as a team. Senior Elianna Reynolds placed 13th in the all-around with a score of 34.00. She also had the best individual place and score for Westfield, tying for 13th in the floor exercise with an 8.80.

Guerin Catholic senior Lyrric Barnett competed in two events at the regional. She scored an 8.65 in the vault, tying for 22nd, and an 8.30 on the floor, placing 26th.

Westfield scores on each event now follow.

All-around scores: 13.

Elianna Reynolds 34.00, 18. Isa Galan 32.525.

Vault: T25. Galan 8.55, T27. Madie Doran 8.45; Reynolds 8.45, Avery Mason 8.10.

Uneven bars: 16. Reynolds 8.20, 23. Galan 7.60, 27. Mason 7.25.

Balance beam: 21. Reynolds 8.55, 25. Galan 8.25, 27. Doran 7.85, 29. Heidi Burke 7.40.

Floor exercise: T13. Reynolds 8.80, T18. Doran 8.65, 29. Mason 8.174, 30. Galan 8.125.

Noblesville's Valorey Bittles competed in the balance beam event at the Franklin Central regional last Friday.

Bittles scored a 7.475 in the event, placing 27th.

NHS freshmen boys finish 22-1, win two tournaments



Photo provided by Susan Douthit

The Noblesville High School freshman basketball team went 22-1 for the season and won both the Hamilton County tourney and the conference tourney. (Front row, from left) Jayvon Cheshier, Dylan Knaga, Luke Schille, Royce Haney, Luke Fogg, and Jackson Kirk. (Back row, from left) Adam Hill, Travis Dotzert, Caleb Johnson, Coach Jayvia Mason, Colton Gauthier, Siota Elliot, Sunjay Narsinghani, Cooper Smits, Alvin Novell, Rylen Jenski, and Landin Clelland. Congratulations, Millers!



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County boys earning Honorable Mention are: Jackson Bledsoe (University), Trey Buchanan (Westfield), Andy Caron (Guerin Catholic), Luke Etchison (Noblesville), Tillman Etchison (Hamilton Heights), Tyler Garner

(Sheridan), Michael Griffith (Hamilton Southeastern), Ben Grissom (Guerin Catholic), Evan Krupp (Sheridan), Taden Metzger (Fishers), Dylan Murans (Guerin Catholic), Parker Perdue (Fishers) Joe Rozembajgier (Universi-

ty), Will Smits (Noblesville) and Hunter Walston (Noblesville).

County girls earning Honorable Mention are: Mia Bair (Guerin Catholic), Lucy Collins (Guerin Catholic), Kori Dues (Guerin Catholic), Jamie Elliott (Carmel), Ellie Kelleher (Westfield), Morgan Roberts (Fishers), Ava Shoemaker (Noblesville), Kate Thomas (Fishers), Hannah Wade (Hamilton Southeastern), Reagan Wilson (Noblesville) and Sutton Worman (Guerin Catholic).

The IBCA Academic All-State program is one where academic prowess and athletic prowess both are considered in the selections. Items such as grade-point average, academic class rank and SAT or ACT scores are considered along with athletic performance in areas such as points per game, rebounds per game and assists per game.

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"The quality of these

student-athletes shows that success in academics and success in athletics are not separate entities," Johnson said. "Rather, in many cases, a player's success in the classroom directly

IBCA-member head coaches from schools across the state may nominate their senior student-athletes who meet criteria that include a 3.50 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale, a class rank in the upper 25 percent of one's class and either an SAT score of 1100 (on the reading and math sections) or an ACT composite score of 24. Once nominations were received, an IBCA committee reviewed the information and determined awards for first team and honorable mention.

Those selected will receive certificates from the IBCA for their honor. Plans are for certificates to be distributed in PDF form to coaches via e-mail during April for the coach to print. The coach then may present the certificate to each honored player sometime before the conclusion of the 2023-24 academic year.

The IBCA has selected an Academic All-State team for boys since 1973. The program was expanded to include a girls' Academic All-State team in 1980.



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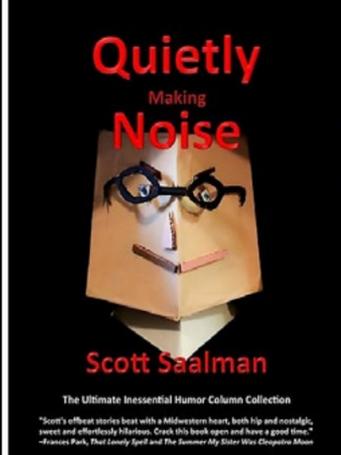
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Track & Field

Several Hamilton County runners shine at Zionsville Early Bird meet

The REPORTER

The Noblesville and Fishers track and field teams competed in the Zionsville Early Bird Meet on Monday, and several young runners got the chance to shine.

This was true especially on the girls side, as three freshmen won the running events. Fishers' Kylie Black was first in the 100 dash, the Millers' Sophia Shields paced the 400 dash and Noblesville's Kate Mumaw won the 1600.

In the field, Fishers senior Dajah Scott was the high jump winner, with her Tigers teammate, junior Kaelyn Heinrich taking the long jump. Millers senior Maya McDonald, a medal winner at the state swim meet, was first in the shot put.

Two Noblesville boys were event winners in that meet. Sophomore John Libs claimed the 1600 run and senior Nicholas Obuch was the 110 hurdles winner.

Results now follow with the top 10 in each event.

GIRLS MEET

100 meters: 1. Kylie Black (Fishers) 13.17, 2. Brianna Roberts (F) 13.32, 5. Angela Momah

(F) 13.93, 6. Coco Lane (F) 14.01, 8. My'Kelah Washington Lane (F) 14.06.

400 meters: 1. Sophia Shields (Noblesville) 1:04.18, 5. Shyane Abston (N) 1:08.82, 6. Madyson Reeder (N) 1:09.26, 7. Addison Scott (N) 1:09.40, 8. Kinsey Hoopingarner (N) 1:09.70, 9. Sophie Hedges (N) 1:09.89, 10. Kaylee Roberts (N) 1:10.19.

1600 run: 1. Kate Mumaw (N) 5:34.49, 2. Allie Belush (F) 5:46.37, 3. Lucy Clendenen (F) 5:47.34, 4. Isabella Lingenfelter (N) 5:47.40, 5. Dana Behlmer (N) 5:50.71, 6. Lexi Miller (N) 5:51.76, 8. Ella Wirkner (N) 5:53.86, 10. Megan Meinerding (N) 5:55.66.

100 hurdles: 3. Elexia Andersen (N) 19.62, 4. Kayden Kirk (F) 20.32, 6. Hillary Donzeu Sen (F) 20.84, 7. Gabrielle Wolf (N) 21.16, 8. Abston (N) 21.33.

High jump: 1. Dajah Scott (F) 4-10, 2. Maya McDonald (N) 4-8, 5. Alexis Roach (F) 4-2, 6. Ainsley Powers (F) 4-0.

Long jump: 1. Kae-

lyn Heinrich (F) 14-9, 2. Brianna Berry (F) 14-8, 3. Keaton Badua (F) 14-4.5, 6. Shields (N) 14-1.5, 7. Momah (F) 13-9.5, 9. Hoopingarner (N) 13-7.

Shot put: 1. McDonald (N) 29-7, 2. Jolisa Janik (F) 29-4.25, 5. Gabby Rose (N) 27-1, 6. Amelia Kring (N) 26-0, 8. Isabella Puff (F) 25-1.25, 9. Audree Lafrentz (N) 24-11.75, 10. Macey Durr (F) 24-6.5.

Discus: 2. Kring (N) 132-4, 4. Rose (N) 90-10, 5. Puff (F) 81-6.5, 6. McDonald (N) 80-6.5, 7. Abigail Ngene (F) 70-6, 9. Janik (F) 66-4, 10. Ailea Bledsoe (F) 63-1.5.

BOYS MEET

100 meters: 5. Dymonta Collier (N) 12.06, T8. Braxton Gardner (F) 12.12; Paul Stanley (N) 12.12.

400 meters: 3. Ethan Feliciano (N) 55.27, T4. Avery Williams (N) 55.37, 9. Henry Reno (N) 56.72.

1600 run: 1. John Libs (N) 4:34.51, 2. Jack Rush (N) 4:35.61, 3. Dylan Wolf (F) 4:37.51, 4. Cooper Mohr (F) 4:38.57, 5. Bradyn Livingston (N) 4:40.31, 6. Grant Yount

(F) 4:40.45, 7. Reece Torres (F) 4:44.51, 8. Mason Smith (F) 4:44.80, 10. Zach Brown (F) 4:46.00.

110 hurdles: 1. Nicholas Obuch (N) 17.42, 3. Khamari Ramsey (N) 18.54, 4. Feliciano (N) 18.67, 5. Zaythn Spears (N) 19.50, 6. Hudson Rose (N) 20.03.

High jump: T4. Reno (N) 5-6, 6. Camden Bush (F) 5-4.

Long jump: 4. William Christ (N) 18-11.75, 5. Austin Donahoe (N) 18-2.75, 8. Danny Yang (F) 17-7.25, 9. Aidan Schocoki (N) 17-7, 10. Braxton Gardner (F) 17-6.75.

Shot put: 10. Ekambir Chauhan (F) 34-4.

Discus: 6. Caleb Johnson (N) 102-3.5, 7. Anthony Schmidt (F) 95-4.5, 8. Ethan Dilts (N) 91-1, 9. Joseph Newhard (F) 88-11.5.

Two Guerin Catholic girls runners competed in the 3200 run at the Bloomington North Invitational last Wednesday.

Bailey Freese placed third in a time of 11:45.0, while Claire Milam was fourth in a time of 11:47.5.

Lacrosse

GC girls, Carmel girls, & Westfield boys teams start season with victories

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team began its 2024 season with two victories in Evansville last Saturday.

The defending Class 2A state champion Golden Eagles started with an 8-2 win over Evansville North. Gabby Deer and Alex Soucie each scored two goals, followed by one apiece from Katherine Constantino, Jane Cline, Avery Wilson and Caroline Ford. Deer also picked up three ground balls. Goalkeeper Ruth Abdalla made four saves.

Guerin Catholic fol-

lowed that with a 14-2 win over Evansville Memorial. Deer put in four goals, with Soucie scoring three and Lucy Esposito netting two. Also scoring goals were Claire Flannagan, Camryn Carter, Cline, Sophia Adolay and Ford. Abdalla made three saves and Audrey Pappay had two.

Carmel's girls lacrosse team, the 2023 2A state runner-up, opened its season with two wins over the past few days.

Last Saturday, the Greyhounds beat Louisville Sacred Heart 14-6. Sophie

Mock scored six goals, with Brekin Hare putting in five goals and handing out three assists. Goals by Riley Putnam, Elizabeth Tomalia and Avery Goehl rounded out the Carmel scoring.

Ella Pacilio and Goehl both made two assists, with Mock and Tomalia both dishing out one. Brookelyn Jenkins made two saves.

The Greyhounds beat Westfield 15-6 on Monday. Stats from that game will appear in a later edition.

The Westfield boys lacrosse team began its season Tuesday with a 19-6 win

over Heritage Christian.

Sam Meyers scored five goals for the Shamrocks, with Owen Foreman and Theo Dager both netting four. Zach Lunsford, Keegan Krupp and Lucas Smaagaard all added two goals. Foreman dished out four assists, Meyers handed out two, while Jackson Gilbert, Lunsford, Smaagaard and Evan Kondrat each had one.

Lunsford picked up five ground balls, followed by Hunter Jones with four and Dager with three. Spencer Ellis had four saves in goal, with Hayden Buck making three saves.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 6
BOYS LACROSSE
 Fishers at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Noblesville, 8 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
 Hoosier Crossroads Conference indoor meet, 6 p.m. at Indiana State Fairgrounds
 Sheridan at University of Indianapolis HSR Qualifier, TBA

Thursday, March 7
GIRLS LACROSSE
 Center Grove at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
 Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
 Hamilton Heights vs. West Lafayette, 5 p.m. at Purdue University

Friday, March 8
BOYS LACROSSE
 Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
 Sheridan at Taylor University HSR Qualifier, TBA

Saturday, March 9
BOYS BASKETBALL
Regional 3 at New Castle
 Fishers vs. Kokomo, 4 p.m.
Regional 13 at Lebanon
 Guerin Catholic vs. Indpls. Washington, 4 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
 South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:30 a.m.
 Carmel at Louisville St. Xavier, 1 p.m.
 South Bend St. Joseph at Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Evansville North, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
 Carmel at Evansville North, 11 a.m.
 Perry Meridian at Carmel, 11 a.m.
 Homestead at Westfield, noon
 Carmel at Evansville Memorial, 3:15 p.m.
 Northridge at Westfield, 4:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
 Carmel, Hamilton Heights at Indiana Wesleyan HSR Qualifier #2, 10 a.m.
 Carmel boys, Guerin Catholic at Pike 2024 Individual Championships, 10 a.m. at University of Indianapolis
 University at McCutcheon HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL
 Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m.
 Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral Hilltop Tournament, 9 a.m.
 Monrovia at Westfield, 9 a.m.
 McCutcheon at Westfield, 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 10
BOYS LACROSSE
 Guerin Catholic at Evansville Memorial, 1 p.m.

Monday, March 11
GIRLS LACROSSE
 Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
 Bishop Chatard at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
 Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
 Fishers at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.
 Roncalli at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12
BOYS LACROSSE
 Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
 Cathedral at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
 Penn at Westfield, 8:15 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
 Fishers boys at Carmel, 5 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
 Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson, 6:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7 p.m.
 Noblesville at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.
 Fishers at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

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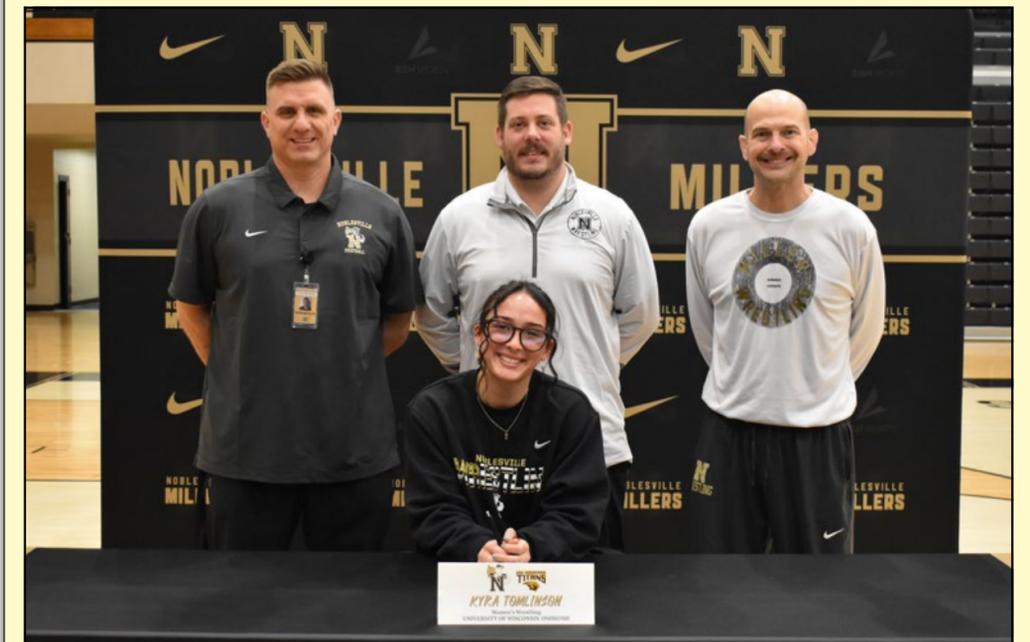


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 Noblesville's Kyra Tomlinson has committed to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh wrestling team. (Front row) Kyra Tomlinson. (Back row, from left) Adam Metzler (Noblesville Wrestling Assistant), Andrew Fleenor (Noblesville Wrestling Assistant), and Michael Weimer (Noblesville Wrestling Head Coach).

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