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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Heights BPA students score big at state, 16 advance to nationals

The REPORTER

Students from Hamilton Heights High School's Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) recently returned from the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis with bragging rights.

Several students placed among the Top 10 in their respective categories with 16 qualifying for the 2024 BPA National Leadership Conference set for May 10 to 14 in Chicago, Ill.

This year's National Conference is expected to bring together an estimated 6,000 delegates from across the country to vie for top honors in business and information technology skills competitions, attend leadership and professional development workshops, receive awards for community service activities and elect BPA's 2024-25 national student leadership team.



Members of Hamilton Heights High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter shine at this year's State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Sixteen students qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Ill., in May. See more photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.

The National Leadership Conference represents the culmination of a year's work for those students and chapter sponsors attending.

"All of our students have worked hard and did well

throughout the year," Kim Kaiser explained. "It's the icing on the cake for students who get to take their leadership and career skills to the national stage in May."

Hamilton Heights BPA Chapter also received cam-

paigned awards for "Quality Chapter Distinction," "Chapter Activities Award," "Marketing & Communications," and "Community Service."

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Rebirth of spring

There is something about spring that renews my hope. It reminds me that God knows exactly what He is doing.

I love the first bits of green that begin popping up after a long winter; it reminds me that just like the season of winter, Jesus was placed in a tomb. Just like the season of fall that leads into winter, there was death and darkness in the story of Jesus. Jesus experienced sadness and wept before He was raised. There was a dark season before the warm joys of Easter.

How many times in our lives do we want to skip over winter and go right into the warmth and renewed hope of spring? If you don't endure the colder days, you don't appreciate the warmth when it finally comes.

I love making a cup of coffee and walking in our gardens to see the green making its way up through the dead foliage of last year. I love all the bulbs I planted in the fall sprouting up and turning into a sea of color after a drab and gray winter. When I plant my bulbs in the fall, I tell myself this will be worth it in the spring even though I cannot tell as I'm doing it. This is true for so many things in life.

My favorite literary character of all time is Dickon from *The Secret Garden*. Dickon Sowerby is a little boy who grows up poor and lives in a little cottage on a moor in England with his many siblings. They didn't have much, but they had each other, and his friends were the animals on the moor.

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Hamilton County Sheriff's Office takes part in Autism Awareness Month

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is participating in Autism Awareness Month throughout April.

As part of HCSO's commitment to fostering understanding and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), you may have noticed some patrol vehicles adorned with multi-colored puzzle piece wraps.

This meaningful initiative stems from a profoundly positive interaction with a young autistic man in the HCSO lobby

by last year. During his visit, deputies engaged with him using simple sentences, positioning themselves at his seated level, and using the Autism Emergency Communication Board—a newly acquired communication tool at the time. Witnessing the compassionate and effective communication firsthand, the young man's father was deeply impressed with the deputies and their training.

Inspired by this encounter, HCSO has collaborated with

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt team now accepting designs for 2025 mug contest

The REPORTER

Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to submit a design for the 2025 Carmel Christkindlmarkt mug.

These iconic mugs have become a must-have for the nationally ranked holiday Market, with more than 55,000 mugs sold in 2023.

"Our classic boot mugs are beloved by so many of our visitors, and have become a staple souvenir item," Carmel Christkindlmarkt President & CEO Maria Rosenfeld. "We are so excited to see what members of our community can dream up in their designs for this contest."

For the 2025 mug designs, artists can choose to stick with the signature boot mug shape or

come up with an entirely new idea. Applicants can choose the colors, imagery, handle shape, material for the mug, and more when submitting their design.

Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2024. The applications will be reviewed by the Carmel Christkindlmarkt team and will be judged based on artistic merit, manufacturing feasibility, manufacturing cost, and how they are reflective of Market experi-



ence and the City of Carmel.

As far as design criteria, mugs must hold 0.2 liters, have a handle, say "Carmel Christkindlmarkt" and "2025," have the Carmel Christkindlmarkt logo, and feature only original or fair use imagery.

The winner will be announced in August 2024 and will be awarded \$1,000 in prize money, four 2024 Christkindlmarkt mugs, and four 2025 Christkindlmarkt mugs. They

will also be asked to participate in opening day and/or VIP Day festivities. The mug design will be unveiled in February 2025.

"We have seen so much creativity from our artisans, vendors and visitors when they come and create in our activity area," Rosenfeld said. "We know that the community will come up with something incredible that our guests in 2025 are sure to love."

For more information or to apply, please visit carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/mugcontest.

Please note: The 2024 mug will be the familiar boot shape in a yet-to-be-announced color; this competition is for the 2025 Market season.

Win big & help local charities at Poker for Sight

Submitted by Larry Clarino
Westfield Lions Club

In what has become a tradition at the Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Texas Hold'em Tournaments, the club will make a "Big Check" presentation at the start of each round of play to a local charity.

The club holds two national level poker tournaments each year that are said to be the best in the Midwest, each with a payout of \$25,000 with \$10,000 to the winner. The spring event will take place on April 26 and 27 at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

At the upcoming tourney, \$1,500 Big Checks will go to Chairs of Honor, Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp, Third Phase Mission, and Indiana Blind Children's Foundation. In addition, a check for \$500 will be presented to Indy Edge Beep Baseball.

Chairs of Honor, Indianapolis, tells the story of military veterans' sacrifice and service through handcrafted chairs that contain an individual digital record of each veteran's story.

Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp gives kids with Type 1 diabetes a chance to just be a kid for a couple of weeks of summer camp.

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BPA

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- Hailey Hall – 2nd Human Resource Mgmt., 1st Broadcast News Team
- Lizzy Smith – 1st Broadcast News Team, 3rd Digital Media Production
- Joely Hardacre – 1st Broadcast News Team
- Melissa Lovell – 2nd Global Marketing Team, 3rd Human Resource Mgmt., 9th HR Mgmt. & Marketing
- Adrianna Kauffman – 2nd Global Marketing Team, 2nd Meeting & Event Planning, 10th Medical Terminology
- Bekah Beechler – 2nd Global Marketing Team
- Jessa Steffen – 2nd Global Marketing Team

- Hannah Beechler – 1st Interview Skills, 4th Admin. Support Team, 3rd HR Mgmt. & Marketing
- Jackson Massicotte – 4th Admin Support Team, 6th Business Law
- Bella McDole – 4th Admin Support Team
- Camryn Runner – 4th Admin Support Team
- Andrea Ward – 2nd Networks using Cisco, 6th Admin Support
- Landon Faubion – 4th Networks Using Cisco, 7th Financial Math Analysis
- Audrey Meyer – 7th Networks Using Cisco
- Brinley Flaherty – 9th Networks Using Cisco
- Carson Lenze – 1st Python Programming, 2nd Information Technology Concepts
- Katelynn Bishop – 2nd

Digital Marketing

- Hailey Barnes – 9th Digital Communication & Design
- Natalie Newman – 8th Networks Using Microsoft
- Sarah Stapleton – 8th Computer Security
- Jack Morris – 8th Computer Network Technology
- Phillip Sliwa – 9th Computer Network Technology
- Alayna Kauffman – 9th Meeting & Event Planning
- Corbin Landrey (Virtual Member) – 1st Advanced Accounting, 1st Payroll Accounting, 1st Admin Support, 1st HR Mgmt. & Marketing, 2nd Financial Math Analysis, 5th Digital Communications & Analysis, Running for National BPA Officer Position in Chicago

The 2024 National Leadership Conference is presented by Certiport, a Pearson VUE business,

the leading provider of certification exam development, delivery, and program management services. Conference attendees can also obtain valuable industry certifications during the event.

While in Chicago, participants will also have opportunities to network with other BPA members and business leaders, visit famous Chicago attractions, and participate in community service activities. The conference's opening session on May 10 and awards ceremonies on May 14 will be streamed live online at thinkybis.com/bpa-live.

To donate to assist with these students in their trip to compete at nationals in California, contact Ms. Kim Kaiser, Hamilton Heights HS DECA, at kkaiser@hhschuskies.org or (317) 984-3551 ext. 1562.

AUTISM

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community members to observe Autism Awareness Month throughout this month. By participating, HCSO aims to raise awareness about autism, promote understanding, and highlight the importance of inclusive practices in law enforcement interactions.

"Our encounter with the young man last year reinforced the significance of empathy and adaptation in our interactions with individuals with autism," Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush said. "By participating in Autism Awareness Month, we demonstrate our commitment to fostering a supportive community for all residents of Hamilton County."

Throughout April, HCSO will continue to engage in educational initiatives, outreach programs, and organization visits aimed at promoting autism awareness and acceptance. All community members are encouraged to join in this important endeavor.

For more information about HCSO's Autism Awareness Month activities, to inquire about resources for individuals with autism, or about visits by one of the department's wrapped vehicles, please call Public Information Officer Deputy Bryan Melton at (317) 776-4140 or email him at bryan.melton@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

Together, we all can keep Hamilton County safe.

REBIRTH

Dickon soon meets Mary and Colin and teaches them how to heal themselves through his relationship with nature. Dickon teaches Mary and Colin how to tend to a garden, and a place that was once locked away for 10 years becomes the place where Mary and Colin learn how to be children. In many ways, Mary and Colin were both reborn in that very garden.

It is in this garden they develop an imagination all from a little common boy who grew up friends with birds and squirrels. Dickon teaches Mary and Colin how to clear the dead debris of winter in the garden. Flowers and roses that look dead at first glance are filled with life. The two children are amazed at Dickon and believe him to be some sort of fairy boy with magic because of the relationship he has with nature. Dickon often refers to the happenings in the garden as magic. There is an unassuming innocence to his character that I cherish and hope for my own children and myself.

The birth of spring is truly remarkable. You don't get



Photo provided by Megan Rathz

to experience the season of spring before you've gone through winter. You don't get to experience Easter without Lent. Life doesn't let us fast forward to the parts we enjoy, and press pause to make it last longer, but we can appreciate something from every season.

This is a season of rebirth. The season of Easter represents new life and reminds all of us that after the tomb of winter, the stone will be rolled away. Just as He rose on the third day, the green bits will pop up and make themselves known. May we all have a

spark of Dickon in our hearts and relish the magic of this season. Nature is speaking to us. Are we listening?

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

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- Third Phase Mission is not only a homeless shelter, but a thrift store helping the needy of Hamilton County grow and prosper.
- The Indiana Blind Children's Foundation is a philanthropic foundation that financially supports the unique work of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- The world champion Indy Thunder Beep Baseball has received support from the Westfield Lions for several years. Beep Baseball is a national league allowing the sight impaired to participate in very real, very serious baseball competition.

For more information on Poker for Sight or to enter, go to lionspoker.org.

About the Lions

Lions Clubs International is a non-political service organization of over 1.7 million members worldwide, established originally by Melvin Jones in 1917 in Chicago. It now has over 46,000 local clubs in more than 200 countries. The Lions' motto is "We Serve." Local Lions Club programs include sight, hearing, and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues, and many other programs.

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Westfield Washington Public Library will close April 22

Grand opening of new 43,000 square-foot library set for June 1

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) will temporarily close its doors on Monday, April 22 as staff embark on the monumental task of packing up the library's collections, furniture, and equipment and moving it to a new building at the corner of Westfield Boulevard and Park Street.

"The closure is necessary to ensure a seamless and efficient transition to the new building," Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. "Patrons are encouraged to keep any items they have checked out until the new building is open as nothing will be due during the closure."

A grand opening of the new library is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 – the same day the library's summer reading program launches. The new 43,000 square-foot space will include a makerspace and digital media lab, coffee shop, event space, additional parking, and outdoor patio seating.

"While we're sad to say goodbye to our current lo-



Photo provided

The site of the new Westfield Washington Public Library will open June 1.

cation, we're incredibly excited about the opportunities that the new building will bring," Sollars adds. "We can't wait to welcome everyone to our new home."

During the closure, the library will not be answering phone calls, emails, or social media inquiries; however, patrons



Sollars

can still access some services. The library's extensive digital collection, available for download and streaming, will remain accessible. Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of the countywide borrowing agreement, which allows cardholders to check out materials from

non-Evergreen Indiana public libraries in Hamilton County. They can also visit or call any other location in the Evergreen Indiana consortium of over 130 libraries to borrow items or get assistance with their accounts.

For more information and updates on the relocation process, please visit the Westfield Washington Public Library website at wwpl.lib.in.us/moving.

VIP fundraising party will offer first glimpse of new Westfield Washington Public Library building

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation is gearing up for an unforgettable VIP Preview Party at the new Westfield Washington Public Library on Saturday, May 18.

Those lucky enough to attend the Indy 500-themed soiree will be among the first to tour the brand-new library building. Tickets for "Race to Check-Out the New WWPL" go on sale today, April 3 – aptly enough, on National Library Giving Day.

"This unique event offers the public a chance to see the new library before we open it to the public," said Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation. "But more than that, every ticket sold will benefit the new library by outfitting our makerspace with cutting-edge equipment, expanding our collections, and providing free programming for all patrons."

The high-octane, adults-only evening will include a scavenger hunt through the new library, a silent auction, raffles, food and drink, and live music. Guests are encouraged to wear festive black and white attire.

"We are on the brink

of something truly extraordinary," said Sheryl Sollars, Executive Director of the Westfield Washington Public Library. "This VIP Preview Party isn't just about unveiling a brand-new building; it's about unveiling a new chapter in the story of our community."



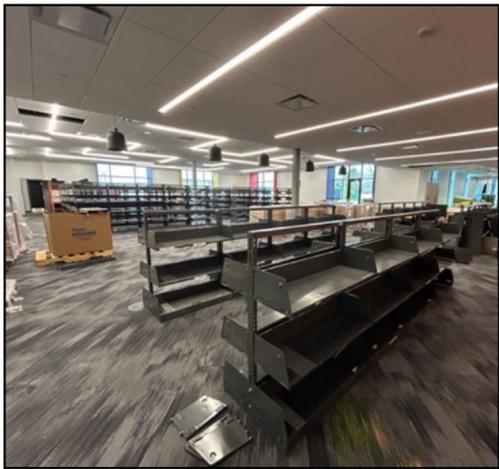
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Tickets for the VIP party are \$125 per person. Members of the library's 1902 Society enjoy a discounted rate of \$100. Anyone eager to join the ranks of the 1902 Society can purchase a special ticket for \$290.20 that combines the membership fee and discounted event admission.

Space is limited and the event is expected to sell out. Tickets can be purchased tinyurl.com/library-vip-event.

About Westfield Library Foundation

The Westfield Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting innovative programs and services for the Westfield Washington Public Library and its patrons through major gifts, bequests, corporate sponsorships, naming rights and private donations. For more information on the Westfield Library Foundation visit westfieldlibraryfoundation.com.



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Actors Theatre of Indiana welcomes new board members & new president

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) welcomes two new members to the Board of Directors. John M. Murphy will join the board, as well as assume the role of board president. Deborah Newman also joins the board. Both bring a work and personal background that will help in ATI's future growth and success.

Julie Eckert will step into the Vice-President position. ***

Murphy is a senior insurance executive whose career spans 45 years. He is the retired President of Ivy Tech Foundation, the largest community college foundation in the U.S. In his eight years in that position, he set forth new strategic direction and significantly increased revenue.

Prior to Ivy Tech Murphy was Managing Director of Wells Fargo Insurance Services, Inc., the fourth largest insurance broker internationally. At Wells Fargo, he was a key member of the leadership team and a founder of the former company, Acordia, Inc., which was the sixth largest broker worldwide. Additionally, he co-founded the Wells Fargo Marketing Expansion Committee and was a member of the Corporate International Cross Sell

Strategy Advisory Board.

Prior to Wells Fargo, Murphy was a member of the Executive Team that took Anthem to the New York Stock Exchange in 2001. As President of Anthem's Specialty Business, he increased revenue from \$300 million to \$1.3 billion. He managed and directed Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Indiana and Kentucky, producing \$3 billion in revenue across the bistate area. He was President and CEO of Anthem Life and Acordia Senior Benefits, Inc. and headed the integration of all administrative operations for Anthem of Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Murphy earned both his B.S. in Accounting and MBA in Finance from St. John's University in New York. He has attended executive certification programs at Northwestern, Michigan, and Indiana Universities.

Murphy has served on numerous for-profit subsidiary boards and non-profit



Murphy



Newman

boards, has been asked to serve on corporate pension, information technology and international marketing committees and task forces, and has served on the boards of private equity and hedge fund capital management companies. He has been the recipient of several sales and civic leadership awards.

Murphy will take on the position of President of the ATI board, as former President Dan McFeely steps down from that role. McFeely remains an active member of the board. ***

Also joining the ATI Board is Deborah Newman. She was raised in Madison County, studied at Anderson University, and relocated to Carmel in 2007. For the past 29 years she has been a Real Estate Broker and is currently associated with BHHS Indiana Realty.

Newman's prior occupations include various positions in city and county government and the Unified

Court System of Madison County. She has presided over and served on boards of directors, management committees and other governing boards. She has also participated in directing strategic planning efforts that enabled the organization to achieve short-term goals while positioning itself for long term success.

"With a passion for the performing arts and a strong desire to contribute to the city I love, I look forward to offering my time and skills to support the endeavors of ATI," Newman. "The history of ATI producing high-quality theatrical performances that inspire, engage and entertain audiences has enriched the cultural landscape in Carmel. I'm delighted to play a small part in creating memorable experiences for audiences. Looking forward to joining newly elected board President, John Murphy, and the other board members in developing plans for the future growth of ATI."

In her free time, Newman enjoys cooking, entertaining, sports, and participating in all the events the City of Carmel and surrounding areas offer.

Learn more about Actors Theatre of Indiana at atistage.org.



OneZone to welcome Anna Larson to April Caffeinated Conversations

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber will welcome Anna Larson from The Garrett Companies to speak at the April Caffeinated Conversation.

Larson is the Director of Marketing at The Garrett Companies, a Greenwood, Ind.-based real estate company with a national presence. She earned her bachelor's degree in international business, management, and marketing at Franklin College, where she also won the NCAA D3 800-meter run and became one of 30 women across all sports and divisions to be named NCAA Women of the Year.

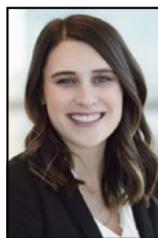
Larson joined The Garrett Companies as a Communications Manager in 2019 after working at the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure, she has grown the internship program from a small experiment with four students into a nationally recognized program in three years, recently ranked as the 29th best internship program nationwide by Firsthand.

"We hear from our membership about their interest in internships but have been looking for best practices, identifying metrics, and how to create an experience that is effective for the business while providing the individual a great experience," OneZone Chamber President & CEO

Jack Russell said. "That is why we brought Anna in to share more about the great work that The Garrett Companies is doing and how you can leverage their work around internships."

Attendees will hear from Larson as she shares her expertise with internship programs. She will lead the discussion on how companies can attract interns and how to build a successful internship program.

This event is free to members and will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 12 at Monterey Coastal Cuisine, 110 W. Main St., Suite 135, Carmel. Reservations can be made at onezonechamber.com or by calling (317) 436-4653.



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GOP women invite you to meet the candidates

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Women invite you to their upcoming meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9 at the Grand Park Events Center, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield.

Come meet elected officials and candidate for office. This month's featured

speakers are the candidates for Indiana House District 24 and Hamilton County Treasurer.

Light appetizers will be served. There is no cost to attend for members and sponsors; tickets are \$10 for guests.

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Atlanta gets egged like never before

The REPORTER

Last Saturday, Atlanta was packed with eggs and young hunter-gatherers for the town's annual Easter Egg hunt. With over 85 kids – not to mention their families – over 2,000 eggs, and a bunch of prizes, this was the town's biggest hunt yet!

The event was sponsored by the Town of Atlanta, Atlanta Wesleyan Church, and Atlanta Christian Church. According to Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Farley, a company from Kokomo donated a free year of pest control as one of the prizes. Farley also told The Reporter there

were abundant eggs, candy, refreshments, and prizes donated by the sponsors and by individual residents.

"The community all came together, the weather was beautiful, and lots of residents were involved," Farley said. "It was a perfect day."

According to Farley, the town had visitors from both Jackson Township Fire Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, which were on hand both to enjoy the festivities and keep everyone safe.

Photos provided by Town of Atlanta



Mad rush for Moose eggs



The Noblesville Moose Lodge 540 held its annual Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. The attendance was fantastic as always. The kids participated in four different age groups where several plastic eggs filled with candy were placed. Two of the eggs in each group were filled with a special tag for two Grand Prizes for each division. Those Grand Prizes were Easter egg baskets.

Photos provided by Rick Taylor

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec ready for Parks Beautification Month

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will host Parks Beautification Month in April to engage the community in a series of fun, educational park restoration volunteer projects.

The month kicks off with a Weed Wrangle on Saturday, April 6 and finishes with a tree planting in honor of Arbor Day on Friday, April 26.

“Parks Beautification Month is a time when we show appreciation to our environment and our community by working together to support our parks,” CCPR Volunteer Coordinator Abby Wallace said. “We are hosting several volunteer events focused on improving our parks by picking up trash, removing invasive plant species, and planting trees. We look forward to working with our community and encouraging park stewardship.”

Community members of all ages are invited to participate in Parks Beautification

Month activities. Volunteers ages 16 or younger must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required for each project. [Click here](#) to create your CCPR volunteer account.

Volunteer projects

• **Weed Wrangle at Westmeier Commons** – Saturday, April 6, 9 to 11 a.m.: Create valuable habitat for local wildlife by removing invasive honeysuckle from Central Park.

• **Central Park Clean Sweep** – Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Help remove litter from Central Park and the Monon Greenway.

• **Garlic Mustard Graba-thon** – Tuesday, April 16, 9 to 11 a.m.: Work with the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) to remove invasive garlic mustard from River Heritage Park.

• **Arbor Day Planting** – Friday, April 26, 4 to 6 p.m.: End Parks Beautification Month by helping plant native tree species at West Park.

OneZone Business Action Committee makes endorsement for county-level candidates

The REPORTER

The OneZone Chamber’s Business Advocacy Committee (BAC) has announced its endorsements for the upcoming races in Hamilton County. These endorsements reflect the BAC’s dedication to helping businesses and communities thrive.

The endorsements include:

- Steve Dillinger, Coun-

ty Commissioner, District 2

- Mark Heirbrandt, County Commissioner, District 3

- Sue Maki, County Council, At-Large

- Steve Nation, County Council, At-Large

As a non-partisan organization, the BAC carefully evaluated candidates through a questionnaire and selected candidates based on their support of OneZone

Chamber’s priorities.

Seamus Boyce, Chair of the OneZone Business Advocacy expressed the importance of these endorsements.

“We believe that these endorsements reflect our mission of helping businesses and communities thrive,” Boyce said. “These candidates possess the vision and dedication needed to serve Hamilton County.”

Rep. Spartz earns CPAC’s ‘Award for Conservative Excellence’

Submitted

Last week, Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) was recognized with the Award for Conservative Excellence by the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) for her conservative voting record in Congress.

“The most important job of a legislator is to pro-

tect our Constitutional rights to Life, Liberty and Property, which I always use as a guidance for my votes,” Spartz said. “I am honored to receive an award from a grassroots conservative organization like



Spartz

CPAC.”

CPAC Foundation’s scorecard is widely recognized as the original “gold standard” for measuring a member of Congress’ commitment to conservative principles.

Laura Alerding receives AQ rating from National Rifle Association

Submitted

Laura Alerding of Noblesville has received an AQ rating from the National Rifle Association (NRA). AQ is the highest possible rating for a candidate who has yet to hold office or voted on legislation impacting the 2nd Amendment.

Alerding is an NRA member who supports the organization’s mission to be the foremost defender

of 2nd Amendment rights, serving as a powerful advocate for responsible firearm ownership, hunting, and shooting sports.

Alerding is the only candidate in House District 29 who has received a rating from the NRA. She is a firm supporter of the 2nd



Alerding

Amendment and remains committed to defending law abiding citizens from government infringement on their right to keep and bear arms for the defense of their lives and property.

Learn more about the candidate at [Alerding-ForStateRep29.info](#).

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Hamilton County is in the narrow path of totality for the Total Solar Eclipse. These communities will be some of the best places to experience prime views of the epic event.

Arcadia	3m 6s	Fishers	3m 39s
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Cicero	3m 15s	Westfield	3m 19s

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New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. Princess of Las Vegas – Chris Bohjalin
2. Reaper Follows – Heather Graham
3. Remarkably Bright Creatures – Shelby Van Pelt
4. She's Not Sorry – Mary Kubica
5. Tourist Season – Brenda Novak
6. Truth About the Devils – Lisa Scottoline
7. Wildfire – Hannah Grace

Children's

1. First Cat in Space Ate Pizza – Mac Barnett

2. Goodnight Preschool – Adam Gamble
 3. Happy Ballentine's Day – Elle Stephens
 4. Now That You're Here – Loryn Brantz
 5. Oink! I'm a Pig – Merrill Rainey
- Inspirational Fiction**
1. Amish Country Ransom – Mary Alford
 2. Beyond Justice – Cara Putman
 3. Cold Case Revenge – Jessica R. Patch
 4. Deadly Exposure – Cara Putman
 5. Lethal Intent – Cara Putman
 6. Mountain Abduction Rescue – Darlene Turner
 7. Wyoming Ranch Ambush – Sommer Smith

Gutierrez speaks to Westfield Chamber on property taxes



Photos provided by Westfield Chamber of Commerce
The Westfield Chamber of Commerce welcomed Oscar Gutierrez, Principal and CEO of Bondry Consulting, as the guest speaker at the March luncheon. With a captivating discussion on property taxes and public finance, Gutierrez shed light on the significance of these topics for the community. If you were unable to attend, you can [click here](#) to see the presentation slides. The Chamber extends its sincere gratitude to Card & Associates for their generous support as the title sponsor of this event.



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HAMILTON COUNTY TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE APRIL 8, 2024 PARKS & RECREATION

Carmel announces latest details for total solar eclipse viewing

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has announced details surrounding the 2024 total solar eclipse. A Total Eclipse Viewing party will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, April 8 at Civic Square.

Members of the community are invited to join local officials for the special event. Mayor Sue Finkam will kick off the start of the eclipse at 1:30 p.m. with Carmel City Councilor

Jeff Worrell and Hamilton County Councilor and Carmel Firefighter Tim Griffin serving as emcees for the day. The event will feature music throughout the day from local artists including The Bishops, Marielle Sellars, the Indiana Wind Symphony, and DJ Jesse White.

Carmel Police Chaplain George Davis will offer opening remarks, while the Carmel Fire and Police Departments will be on hand with plenty of family-friendly giveaways and educational materials for all to enjoy.

In addition, the All Things Carmel store will sell Carmel Eclipse merchandise including viewing glasses. The city will have an eclipse Instagram spot with the larger-than-life Eclipse Glasses to snap a commemorative photo.

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Food vendors

- 317 Charcuterie
- Aunt Jean's Fun Foods
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- Joella's Hot Chicken
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- Poppin' Sweet Confections
- Samano's Mexican Food
- Stix

Beverage vendors

- Ash & Elm Cider Co.

- Danny Boy Beer Works
- Peace Water Winery
- Sugar Creek Winery
- Sun King Brewery

For those who can't make it to Civic Square, event partners with **Midwest GeoSciences Group** will be on location livestreaming the eclipse to the city's **YouTube, Facebook** and **Carmel's Cable Channel**.

Community members are encouraged to bike or walk, if possible. Civic Square and the surrounding roads will be closed for the event. Free public street and garage parking will be available.

Learn more at **Carmel Eclipse.com**.

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Working together to root out invasive species

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) has launched Invasive Species Action Month, which takes place throughout April. This initiative aims to raise awareness about invasive species and empower residents to take action in preserving local ecosystems.

Throughout the month, HIP partners will hold seven volunteer events aimed at removing invasive species from various locations across the county. These events provide an excellent opportunity for community members to come together, learn about invasive species management, and contribute to the protection of the natural environment.

In addition to the volunteer events, a special presentation titled "The Dirty Dozen: Are These Invasive Plants in Your Yard?" will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St. This informative session, led by experts in the field, will highlight common invasive plant species that may be lurking in local landscapes. The presentation is free to attend and open to all interested individuals.

“Our parks departments struggle to keep up with the constant pressure of invasive species growing in our parks,” HIP Coordinator Claire Lane said. “Through Invasive Species Action Month, we aim to educate and engage our community in removing invasive species from public properties and their own yards.”

HIP encourages residents to get involved by learning about invasive species, participating in volunteer events, and making informed choices when selecting plants for their home landscapes. By working together, everyone can make a positive impact on the environment and preserve the beauty of Hamilton County for generations to come.



For more information about Invasive Species Action Month and to view the full schedule of events, visit [hcinvasives.org](#) or call the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District at (317) 773-2181.

Chad Dilley named president of Ascension St. Vincent Carmel

The REPORTER

Ascension St. Vincent has announced that Chad Dilley, FACHE, has been selected to serve as president of Ascension St. Vincent Carmel, effective March 25.

Dilley's career highlights include executing complex strategic projects, developing cultures through team unifications and change management, growing leaders through coaching and mentoring, and recruiting and developing board members.

Dilley most recently served as Chief Operating Officer for IU Health Saxony Hospital in Fishers. Before this, he held the positions of Administrative Director of the IU Health Joe & Shelly Schwarz Cancer Center in Carmel and Service Line Administrator for IU Health Physicians General Surgery. Prior to his time at IU Health, he served as Executive Director of Orthopaedics for American Health Network (now a part of Optum) in Indianapolis and Business Manager of Wound Care and Hyperbarics at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Ill.

Dilley received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration from Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, where he captained the baseball team and is an alumnus of The Wharton Executive Education Leadership and Management Program. A Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), he serves as Regent for Indiana and is the Immediate Past President of the ACHE of Indiana (formerly iHEN). He is a member of the ACHE's Regents Assessment Committee and previously served on the Editorial Board of [ACHE.org](#).

Dilley is a Little League coach, youth soccer coach, member of the Zionsville Parks Board and active in the children's ministry at his church. He is an avid baseball fan, and, most importantly, he enjoys serving in his children's activities and being a present father and husband.



Dilley

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- All Things Carmel
 - Cicero Market
 - Cool Creek Park – Nature Center
 - Kits & Kaboodle, Carmel
 - Harbour Market, Noblesville
 - Noble Eyes
 - (across from Hamilton Town Center)
 - Noblesville Ace Hardware Store
 - Noblesville Creates
 - Nickel Plate Express, Hobbs Station (on days when there are train rides)
 - Market on Main, Tipton
 - Schoolhouse 7 Cafe, Fishers
- Free glasses in Westfield:**
- Solar eclipse viewing glasses available for pickup during regular business hours. Glasses are free and limited to four per family while supplies last. Residents are asked to show proof of address.
- Centier Bank: 3002 State Road 32
 - City of Westfield City Services: 2728 E 171st Street
 - Community First Bank: 381 South Junction Crossing
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Letter to the Editor

Rainwater: proper development protects individuals & private property rights

Dear Editor:

As a Hoosier, a staunch advocate for individual liberties, and a genuine believer in the Libertarian philosophy based upon the Non-Aggression Principle (NAP), I am deeply concerned about the impact of large-scale infrastructure projects on Hoosier households, family farms, and communities.

Unfortunately, recent infrastructure projects have raised serious concerns regarding infringement on individual property rights and the state government's use of eminent domain and other forms of coercion to advance their agenda.

As the Libertarian candidate for Indiana Governor, I firmly believe that we must always prioritize safeguarding individual rights, especially property rights, over subsidizing and appeasing the corporate agenda in our state.

The statement "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or the one" sounds admirable in the context of a hero voluntarily sacrificing his life for his ship's crew in a movie. However, let's remember that such sacrifice was voluntary, not man-

dated by the government. When imposed by the government through eminent domain or other means, this philosophy becomes an authoritarian infringement on individual rights.

My sincere belief that We, The People of Indiana, must safeguard Hoosier property rights against such government aggression is why I strongly oppose the **Link 101** project, the **Mid-states Corridor** project, the **Local Economic Action Plan (LEAP)** projects, and any other infrastructure or economic development project that infringes on the property rights of Hoosiers through explicit or implicit means.

Please don't misunderstand. I am not opposed to infrastructure improvements or economic development. I am, however, opposed to any level of government, whether it be municipal, county, state, or federal, imposing its will to the detriment of one or more individual Hoosier's property rights. Furthermore, individual property rights include, but are not limited to, the land, air, and natural resources.



Rainwater

Eminent domain should only be invoked when there is a demonstrable public crisis that cannot be solved in any other way. This is seldom necessary; however, all too often, it is wielded to benefit powerful interests at the expense of ordinary citizens. This is the textbook definition of corporatism.

As your next Governor, I will require a thorough review of every public project where eminent domain is part of the discussion and ensure that non-coercive, cost-effective means are identified to complete the project successfully without infringing on the property rights of Hoosier citizens.

Our state government's top priority must always be *to safeguard the rights of the individual* from infringement by anyone who wishes to use force or fraud to advance their agenda at the expense of someone else. This absolutely includes private property rights.

Bringing new high-paying jobs should not trump safeguarding individual rights.

Making someone's commute 15 minutes shorter should not override protecting someone else's property rights.

Creating a new highway to improve the transportation of a company's products should not take precedence over preserving the personal property of Hoosier landowners.

Providing natural resources for corporate development should never be more important than respecting the property rights of Hoosier residents to the natural resources contained within their property's legal boundaries.

In conclusion, if we truly believe in Life, Liberty, Property, and the pursuit of Happiness, then we must adopt the statement "*The rights of the one outweigh the desires of the few, or the many.*" Otherwise, we have already surrendered to the very authoritarian tyranny that we so vociferously condemn in other parts of the world.

More detailed plan information can be found online at rainwaterforindiana.com/issues.

Donald Rainwater
Libertarian candidate for Governor

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: "growth will repay debt" is just a myth

Dear Editor:

Carmel central planners have fed voters a ration of mythology for more than 25 years.

"Growth will repay debt," they say.

The truth is spending has built a \$1.4 billion debt.

And now the newly elected city council is about to a third to a half of a billion dollars to that according to city records:

- First comes at least \$167 million bonds to bail out the water and sewer operations.
- Then comes \$76 million for a Gramercy Project.
- And, finally comes \$75 million for a 111th and Pennsylvania Project.
- (And, as a kicker, property tax valuations are up 10 percent in 2024.)

Interest costs will add a couple hundred million more depending upon the ever-increasing interest rates charged the city.

Instead of the "growth will pay," the sad truth is faced with "taxpayers will pay."

The spending and borrowing must stop.

No magic.

No promises.

Just reality.

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission's Residential and Commercial committees' meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, have been canceled due to lack of agendas.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, in the second-floor courtroom at the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville. Enter using the west-side doors.

The Hamilton County Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Hamilton County Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville.

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Southeastern Consolidated School Building Corporation will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the Hamilton Southeastern Schools' Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will meet at the following times and dates:

- April 10 at 6 p.m.
- April 15 at 5 p.m. (executive session)
- April 24 at 6 p.m. (board meeting)
- April 24 after board meeting (work session)
- May 8 at 6 p.m.
- June 2 at 6 p.m.
- June 26 at 6 p.m. (tentative board meeting)

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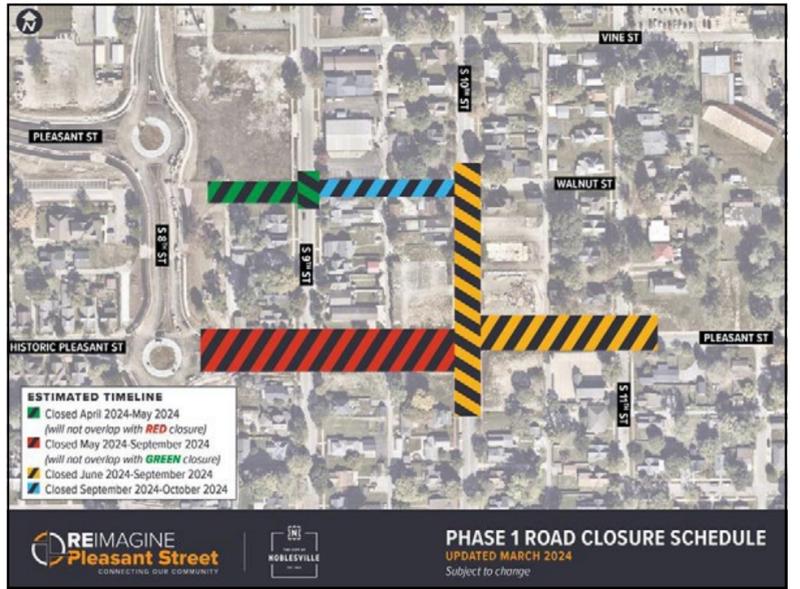
Upcoming work on Noblesville's Reimagine Pleasant Street project

The REPORTER

Construction activity will ramp up this month for the Reimagine Pleasant Street project. Throughout the coming weeks, you may notice additional equipment and truck traffic as crews prepare for the 2024 construction season.

Drivers will notice traffic restrictions along River Road on or after April 1 as crews begin to build the new roundabout for the River Road and Pleasant Street intersection. Traffic will shift as temporary pavement is added and the roundabout is constructed. Roundabout construction will last approximately five months.

Walnut Street between 8th and 9th streets will also close on or after Tuesday, April 9. Residents will have access to their properties at all times throughout construction. Crews will be reconstructing the road and installing new storm sewer infrastructure for what will be an extension of the Midland Trace Trail. This portion of Walnut Street is scheduled to reopen in May.



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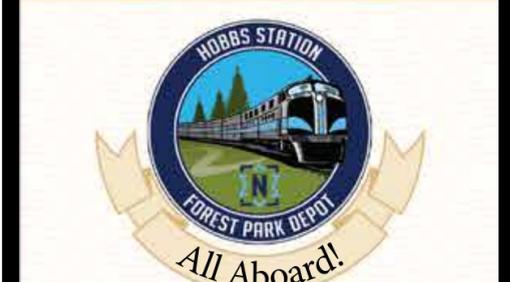
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ACCURATE BALANCED LOCAL NEWS

House District 24 candidate Josh Lowry announces campaign co-chairs

Carmel Councilor Dr. Anita Joshi & attorney Gregory Hahn to advise campaign

Submitted

Josh Lowry announced on Tuesday that Carmel City Councilor Dr. Anita Joshi and attorney Gregory Hahn will serve as co-chairs of his campaign for Indiana State Representative.

Lowry, a Democrat, is running to represent House District 24, currently held by retiring Representative Donna Schaibley, a district that includes Westfield, Carmel, Sheridan, and Zionsville.

Joshi ran a successful council campaign for last fall's Carmel elections, promising a safer, smarter, and more sustainable community. As a pediatrician, small business owner, and a member of several boards of



Lowry



Joshi



Hahn

trustees, she has a long and proven track record of being a positive presence in the community.

"Josh Lowry's work ethic, dedication and drive to serve his community is something that I witnessed firsthand as we went door-to-door together to speak with members of our community," Joshi said. "I know that he will bring that same

drive and passion to the State House, and that is why I am proud to be a part of his campaign."

Hahn, a partner at Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, has more than 50 years of law experience with a focus on corporate law and business litigation, as well as insurance law, real estate law, gaming and hospitality, and state and federal representation. He has served the Democratic party on the county, state, and federal levels.

"Josh has a special combination of constitutional knowledge, community reputation, and servant leadership that can truly make a positive impact on the lives of Hoosiers now and for years to come," Hahn said. "I look forward to working with him and his team to put a great person in the State

House."

Lowry said it is an honor to be joined on the campaign by these two leaders.

"Dr. Joshi proved Democrats can win in Hamilton County and Greg knows how to use his influence for the greater good," Lowry said. "I look forward to working with them both and following in their footsteps. Both of these amazing people represent the best of our community, and I am beyond excited to have their support on this journey to bring Hoosiers voices back to local government."

Lowry is a trial attorney who specializes in constitutional law. He received his bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from Indiana University. He is a member of the Lions Club of Westfield and Westfield Democrats. He and wife Alexis live in Westfield with their five children. As a family, they enjoy staying active, playing basketball, and volunteering with community organizations.

For more information on Josh Lowry and his campaign, visit LowryForIndiana.com.

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Robert D. "Bob" Stephenson
March 14, 1944 – March 28, 2024



Robert D. "Bob" Stephenson, 80, passed into the loving arms of his Heavenly Father on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at his home in Sheridan, surrounded by family and friends. Bob was born in Indianapolis on March 14, 1944, to the late Lawrence "Bud" and Melba Catherine (Young) Stephenson.

Growing up in the small town of Sheridan, Bob enjoyed basketball, sock hops, and drive-in movies. Bob and his sister, Marcia Kay (Stephenson) Carr, were so close in age that they had many of the same friends growing up. These lasting friendships would continue to grow even stronger throughout both of their lifetimes.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1962, Bob went on to attend Ball State University. He later moved to Richmond, Va., where his youth and ambitious nature led him into the business world. It wasn't long before he was burning the candle at both ends, selling insurance during the day and teaching adult education classes at night.

As time passed by, Bob felt the call to return to Indiana, where he could be closer to family and friends. Not long after his return, he met and married Barbara Sanders. Barbara already had two grown daughters and several grandchildren, but when the great-grandchildren came along, that really kept the two of them on their toes. When they weren't doing family outings, they loved to go dancing. Bob liked working at the downtown Indianapolis stadiums and arenas, which to his benefit, gave him the best seats in the house for the countless ballgames, as well as the many world class entertainers that came to the Circle City. Faith and God were Bob and Barbara's guiding light. They deeply cherished the friendships they cultivated while attending St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

After Barbara passed away, Bob returned to Sheridan and lovingly cared for his elderly mother until her death in 2022. During this time back home, he picked right back up with his fellow schoolmates as if no time had passed. He was an ardent supporter of the Sheridan Alumni Association and Sheridan Historical Society and enjoyed attending worship services at Sheridan First United Methodist Church and Six Points Church.

In 2023, just months before he was diagnosed with cancer, Bob attended an Alumni celebration where he was reintroduced to Linda (Ogle) Bailey. Their relationship instantly flourished, and remained one of the happiest times for both, right up to the end.

Bob is survived by stepdaughter, Rhea Harlan (George); two step-grandsons, Ryan Walters (Marissa) and George Harlan, Jr.; step-granddaughter, Jennifer Walters; six step-great-grandchildren, Kylee Harlan, Grand Harlan, Aiden Harlan, Matt Walters, Mariah Walters, and Austin Burris; nephew, Micah I. Carr of Pendleton; his beloved cat, Mandy; and by his special friend and companion, Linda (Ogle) Bailey.

He was preceded death by his parents, Lawrence "Bud" and Melba Catherine (Young) Stephenson; sister, Marsha Kay Carr; stepdaughter, Lenna Sanders; his cats, Callie and Michael; and by his wife, Barbara Jean Sanders-Stephenson on October 13, 2010.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Cancer Society, or to the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING
THE CUPBEARER AND THE BAKER

When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph, "I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread. In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head."

"This is what it means," Joseph said. "The three baskets are three days. Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale your body on a pole. And the birds will eat away your flesh."

Now the third day was Pharaoh's birthday, and he gave a feast for all his officials. He lifted up the heads of the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his officials: He restored the chief cupbearer to his position, so that he once again put the cup into Pharaoh's hand—but he impaled the chief baker, just as Joseph had said to them in his interpretation.

The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Genesis 40:16-23 (NIV)

Gary W. Robinson
January 7, 1953 – April 1, 2024

Gary W. Robinson, 71, Noblesville, passed away on April 1, 2024. He was born on January 7, 1953, to Kenneth and Jean (Campbell) Robinson of Noblesville.

Gary graduated from Noblesville High School in 1972. He worked at Hooks Drugs and American National Bank. He also served as a Postman at the post offices in Noblesville and Fishers for 36 years until he retired in 2014.

Gary was a loving devoted father and husband. He enjoyed traveling to places such as the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, and seeing family. He served the community of Noblesville in many ways, such as a Scout Leader for one of his sons and he also volunteered as a coach of various youth sports over the years such as Boys and Girls Club basketball, bambino baseball and Noblesville Soccer Club. Gary never met a stranger and would always help anyone in any way he could. He also was avid bowler. He and his brother Jim Robinson bowled every Thursday at Stardust Bowl in Noblesville. Over the years he also re-found a love in wood working that started when he was in high school. He loved making woodcraft from bunny chairs to checker sets to penny banks for all the grandkids.

Gary is preceded in death by parents, Kenneth and Jean Robinson; in-laws, Carl and Patricia Pardieck; brother, James "Jim" Robinson; and stepbrother, Michael Robinson.

He is survived by wife, Christine Robinson; children, Matt (Kiffon) Lewis, Karrie (Mike) Leblanc, Adam (Brittany) Lewis, Amy (Brian) Johnson, and Emily Robinson; 12 grandchildren; siblings, Steve (Julie) Robinson, Dale (Katrice) Robinson, Janice Robinson, and Kris Lancashire; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024, at White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, and then a private funeral service for family only will follow at noon.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the White River Food Pantry of Noblesville in Gary's name.



Regina Lynn Carter-McCullough
September 22, 1971 – March 11, 2024



Regina Lynn Carter-McCullough, 52, Sheridan, passed away on Monday afternoon, March 11, 2024, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. Born on September 22, 1971, in Noblesville, she was the daughter of the late Charles Burnard Carter, Sr. and Linda Mae (Reeves) Carter.

Regina was a 1990 graduate of Sheridan High School, and for the last 17 years, has worked for Wesco Commercial Lighting Company as a billing specialist.

There was nothing more important to Regina than her family (both two-legged and four-legged). Her grandson was her world. Her house was the place to be for holiday celebrations, and as with any family gathering, food was always a big part of the festivities. Regina loved to cook and entertain, so when family get-togethers (Christmas being her favorite) would come around, she was right in her element.

Regina also enjoyed reading and watching movies. As far as movies were concerned, she didn't really have a favorite genre ... action and adventure as well as comedies were always on the list, but sometimes Regina just needed a movie that could give her a good cry.

There is a special place in this world and beyond for people that have a deep love for animals. Regina was one of those people. She loved her Boston Terriers, as well as any other critter that was lucky enough to cross her path.

Regina is survived by her loving husband, Michael Andrew McCullough. She and Michael were married on December 9, 2016. Also surviving are her two stepdaughters, Michelle McCullough and Britney McCullough; grandson, Brantly McCullough of Sheridan; brother, Charles B. Carter, Jr. (Joann) of Sheridan; niece, Stephanie Carter-Markfort (Chase) of Elwood; father-in-law, Michael C. and Brenda J. McCullough of Ocala, Fla.; many cousins, aunts, and uncles; and by her new puppies, Hank and Lola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Charles Burnard Carter, Sr. and Linda Mae (Reeves) Carter; and by her fur babies, Jack, Sadie, and Jax.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor George Cooper will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or to the Hamilton County Humane Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home of Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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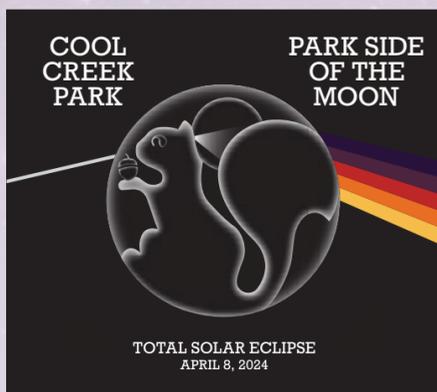
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12 - 5 PM | Strawtown Koteewi Park
\$5 (\$10 out of county)

Invited artisans will be selling crafts and wares while respected eclipse expert W. Keith Turner presents fascinating eclipse programming. Guitarist Robin Harrison will set the eclipse to music. Special activities and the Duke Energy Nature Education Trailer will be part of the celebration. For-purchase food and drink will also be available.



Park Side of the Moon | April 8
10 AM - 5 PM | Cool Creek Park
\$10 (\$15 out of county)

Get your eclipse on with *Echoes of Pompeii A Tribute to Pink Floyd*. Broadcast personality Paul Poteet* will serve as host, joined by noted stargazers, Dr. Doug Balogh and Jeff Attebury. Enjoy fun activities, vendors, and for-purchase food and drink throughout the day.

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The perfect way to remember this historic event!

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Hamilton Southeastern sophomores Kayla Stidham (left) and Kenney Holman (center) and Noblesville sophomore C.C. Quigley (right) have been selected to the South Team for the 2024 IndyStar girls' All-Star Futures Game, which take place Monday, June 3 at Southeastern.

Three county players will take part in All-Star "Futures Game" this June

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls basketball players are among those named to the rosters for the 2024 IndyStar girls' All-Star "Futures Game," games director Mike Broughton announced last Friday.

The Futures Games, one each for boys and girls, are a second-year part of the Indiana All-Star basketball program. The Futures Games will pair teams of current Indiana freshmen and sophomores in a North-South format. The second Futures Games will be played Monday, June 3 at Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers, Ind. The girls' game is set for 6 p.m., and the boys' game will follow about 8:00 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern sophomores Kennedy Holman and Kayla Stidham, along with Noblesville sophomore C.C. Quigley,

have been selected to the South Team for the 2024 Futures Game. They will be joined by sophomores Lola Lampley and Aniyah McKenzie of Lawrence Central, sophomore Mollie Ernsted of Jennings County, sophomore Denell Jacobs of Warren Central, freshman McKenzie Koch of Eastern Hancock, freshman Hannah Menser of Plainfield, sophomore Brooklyn Renn of Silver Creek, freshman Paige Schnaus of Gibson Southern and sophomore Madalynn Shirley of Evansville Central on the South squad.

Sophomores Myah Epps and Gabby Helsom of Homestead will team with 10 others on the North Team. Completing that squad are sophomore Lillian Barnes of Valparaiso, sophomore Kenedi Bradley of Chesterton, sophomore Joslyn Bricker of Warsaw, sopho-

more Laniah Davis of Marquette Catholic, sophomore Gracyn Gilliard of Munster, freshman Lillie Graves of McCutcheon, sophomore Vanessa Rosswurm of Norwell, sophomore Miley Wareing of Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, sophomore Khala Williams-Thomas of Fort Wayne Northrop and sophomore Laniah Wills of Lapel.

Kyle Brasher of Gibson Southern is head coach for the South Team. He will be assisted by Tyler Choate of Evansville North. Lisa Finn of Indianapolis Cathedral is head coach for the North Team. She will be assisted by Amy Shearer of Columbia City.

Brasher is 124-31 in six seasons, and his Titans were 2024 Class 3A state champions with a 26-4 record. Choate is 135-61 in eight seasons at Evansville North, including 16-11 last season with sectional titles in 2020

and 2024. Finn is 63-57 in five seasons at Cathedral, including 12-12 in 2023-24. Shearer is 197-137 in 14 seasons at Columbia City, her alma mater, including 22-3 last season.

Players and coaches for the All-Star Futures Games are picked by a Futures Games committee chaired by Broughton. In a change from last year, the 2024 Futures Games will feature only freshmen and sophomores. The inaugural Futures Games in 2023 included freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

In the inaugural girls' Futures Game, Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern scored 15 points and Jordyn Poole of Fort Wayne Snider tallied 11 points as the North girls defeated the South girls 73-63. Talia Harris of Fishers added eight points, nine rebounds, five assists and two

steals for the North and was named Game MVP. Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central and Juliann Woodard of Jennings County each scored 12 points to pace the South girls.

In the first boys' Futures Game, Braylon Mullins of Greenfield-Central scored 16 points to lead a balanced South Team to a 100-96 victory. K.J. Windham of Ben Davis added 15 points, while Jack Benter of Brownstown Central and Azavier Robinson of Lawrence North each netted 14 points, Taray Howell of Evansville Bosse chipped in 12 points and Brennan Miller of Lawrence North had 10 points for the winners. Flory Bidunga collected MVP honors after totaling game highs of 21 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks for the North. Ajani Washington, then of Fort Wayne Concordia, added 20 points.

Sabien Cain of University had 17 points.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana boys' All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The All-Star series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The Futures Games doubleheader was added in 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 Academy is a presenting partner for All-Star week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner for the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.

No. 2 Noblesville baseball off to great start

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

The Noblesville baseball team got their season off to a great start during the first week of spring break. Five games out of state against some of the best in Kentucky and Tennessee help springboard them into Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Noblesville 11, St. Xavier (Ky.) 7 (8 innings)

During their first week of spring break, they headed to Louisville, Ky. to face perennial powerhouse St. Xavier. Noblesville tied it in the top of the seventh 7-7. The Millers roughed up the Tigers for four runs in the top of the eighth and shut down the hosts in the home half to secure the season opening win.

Aided by junior Aiden Ramsey's home run, he was one of four to go for 2-for-5 at the plate. Sophomore Aiden Reynolds, along with juniors Trevor Corbett and McCoy Fulk made up that quartet that

had eight of the 12 hits.

The Millers then headed to east Tennessee to the Murfreesboro area for four games in three days as part of the Warrior Classic.

Siegel (Tenn.) 3, Noblesville 2

Last Thursday, they visited the Siegel Stars out of Murfreesboro. The Stars got on the board 1-0 in the bottom of the first. Noblesville was able to grab the lead in the top of the third. Senior Brady Bishop scored on a wild pitch to tie it 1-1. Ramsey walked with the bases loaded to score Corbett for a 2-1 lead.

The Stars tied it 2-2 in the last of the fifth and were able to get the bases loaded themselves in the bottom of the seventh, getting the win on a walk-off walk.

"I think while the loss stung on Thursday night, we did a lot of good things. We were as sharp as we needed to be on defense or make the plays we needed to, but we were better than we were Monday when we won," said 20th-year Noblesville head coach Justin Keever.

"What was consistent was the resilience and fight in the guys. I was very proud of the effort," continued Keever.

Noblesville 10, Science Hill 0 (5 innings)

Friday afternoon's first matchup was a quick five-inning affair at Oakland against Science Hill. Scoring in bunches with a dominant fourth inning with seven runs, two more in the bottom of the fifth won it in five over the Hilltoppers from Johnson City.

Fulk scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the second to score the first run.

Joe Glander doubled in the fourth to score Nash Watson. Trevor Corbett drove in a pair with a single to center. Blake Widget touched home on an Reynolds pop fly to second. Nolan Decker sent two home on a grounder to left for a 7-0 lead.

Fulk walked with the bags loaded, sending Jacob Baker home for an 8-0

cushion.

Reynolds put the game away in the bottom of the fifth with a two-run double, plating Josh Peek and Corbett, making quick work of Science Hill.

Glander made his varsity debut on the mound, striking out six, walking just two in five innings. Corbett and Reynolds led the way at the plate, each going 3-for-4. Reynolds also had two doubles, while Corbett, Glander and Josh Peek also doubled.

"We have several guys that have done a nice job at the plate with quality at-bats. We are going to play a lot of people throughout the game. So far our guys have been great in their roles," stated Keever.

Noblesville 10, Oakland 3

The Millers capped off Friday night with another convincing win.

Oakland got up 1-0 in the bottom of the first, it turned into another offensive show for the Millers.

Back-to-back doubles from Reynolds and Baker put Noblesville up 2-1. Reynolds scored, pushing it to 3-1.

Corbett's sacrifice fly in the fifth added another. Reynolds and Glander both scored with Baker up when he grounded out to short, making it 6-2.

Four more runs in the top of the seventh cemented the win for the Millers.

Reynolds had an RBI double and three runs. Ramsey had two doubles, while Baker drove in two.

Lucas Stephan threw five innings, striking out six. Freshman Eli Hall relieved Stephan in the sixth, providing two innings to get the win.

Noblesville 15, Beech 3 (6 innings)

The Millers finished off their four-game Warrior Classic slate in Hendersonville against the Beech Buccaneers.

Beech got up 2-0 in the home half of the first, but

that didn't last long.

Noblesville scored seven in the second and three in the third and were up 11-2 after four.

Trevor Corbett then launched a grand slam on a line drive over the center field fence that gave the Millers the win.

Corbett led with his grand slam. Reynolds, Baker, Decker, Bishop and Glander each drove in two.

"I think seeing teams who have over 20 games under their belt helps us in our preparation for the HCC season, as they are playing at a speed and awareness level we may not be totally at since we are on games 2-5. I thought as the week went on our pace and perception got better and better," Keever continued.

Noblesville (4-1) opens HCC play at Avon (3-1) on Thursday.

"Avon is a good ball club. They have a talented roster, and will have our full attention," Keever said.

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See a recap of how the Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern baseball teams fared at the Warrior Classic in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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Baseball

Huskies fall in Kentucky season opener, Guerin Catholic drops close game at Bishop Chatard

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights baseball team opened its season at the George Rogers Clark Spring Break Tournament Monday, playing Boyle County at the Centre College Baseball Stadium in Danville, Ky.

The Huskies fell to Boyle County 5-2. Heights scored both of its runs in the top of the first inning. Logan Hickman drew a lead-off walk, then Kyle Michael tripled him home. Nick Bichey came in to run for Michael and he scored on an RBI fielder's choice by Nick Hulen. Boyle County scored a run in the bottom of the first, then put up four runs in the fifth inning.

Dillon Pitts, Adam Hughes and Landon Cook all had one hit for the Huskies.

Heights plays a doubleheader today against George Rogers Clark to finish up the

tournament. The first game starts at 11:30 a.m., with the second game to begin at 2:30 p.m. The doubleheader takes place at GRC in Winchester, Ky.

Guerin Catholic dropped a close Circle City Conference opener 1-0 Tuesday at Bishop Chatard.

The Golden Eagles got a solid outing from Davis Wagner, who pitched a complete game. He struck out four while allowing four hits and no walks. But the Trojans held off Guerin Catholic, then scored a run in the fourth inning to get the victory.

Guerin Catholic got seven hits, including a double from Cuinn Morrow.

The Golden Eagles are 2-1. They are scheduled to host Chatard at 5:30 p.m. today to complete the conference series, weather permitting.

Basketball

Many county players make HCC All-Conference teams

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its 2023-24 boys basketball All-Conference teams on Monday.

Eight county players were named to the HCC First Team, including three from Class 4A state champion Fishers. Six more county players received Second Team honors. Fishers coach Garrett Winegar was named the HCC Coach of the Year; the Tigers finished unbeaten in conference play.

The complete list of All-Conference athletes now follows.

FIRST TEAM

Avon: DeAndre Lott-Hancock.

Brownsburg: Jordan Lomax, Grant Porath.

Fishers: Keenan Garner, JonAnthony Hall, Taden Metzger.

Franklin Central: EJ

Hazelett.

Hamilton Southeastern: Donovan Hamilton.

Noblesville: Aaron Fine, Hunter Walston.

Westfield: Nic Book, Trey Buchanan.

Zionsville: Maguire Mitchell, Drew Snively.

SECOND TEAM

Avon: Jedidiah Minnett.

Brownsburg: Spencer Porath.

Fishers: Cooper Zachary.

Hamilton Southeastern: Braeden Totten.

Noblesville: Justin Curry, Baron Walker.

Westfield: Charles Farrell, Will Harvey.

Zionsville: Luke Reasoner.

Conference standings: Fishers 7-0, Noblesville 5-2, Westfield 5-2, Brownsburg 3-4, Zionsville 3-4, Hamilton Southeastern 2-5, Avon 2-5, Franklin Central 1-6.



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Noblesville's Hunter Walston is one of eight Hamilton County players named to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys basketball First Team.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 3
BASEBALL

Hamilton Heights at George Rogers Clark doubleheader, 11:30 a.m. at Winchester, Ky.
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Lawrence North at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Pendleton Heights, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Warren Central, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at New Palestine, 7 p.m.

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2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST presented as 500 Festival event vehicle

Submitted by IMS

Thirty-five identical 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RST trucks were staged on the main straightaway April 2 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a clear sign the Month of May is around the corner.

A longtime tradition, the "Festival Event Vehicles" have reminded Indianapolis-area residents of the upcoming Indianapolis 500 since the 1960s. The unique fleet of trucks will turn heads and capture attention throughout the state

in the lead-up to the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

Presenting the trucks were J. Douglas Boles, IMS president; Pat Merna, 500 Festival vice president, strategic partnerships; Mike Boatright, 500 Festival board chair; and Mike Quinn, Chevrolet Indianapolis district sales manager.

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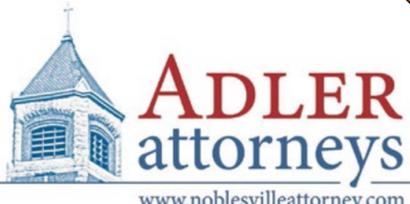
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Tues April 9 - Noblesville City Council
7:00 pm Noblesville Common Council Meeting

Wed April 10 - IHSAA Softball & E-Sports
6:00 pm Carmel vs Noblesville | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports
8:00 pm YES! Gaming Presents: The Super Smash Open LIVE Weekly Bracket

Thurs April 11 - IHSAA Baseball
6:45 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Zionsville | Southeastern Sports Network
7:00 pm Fishers vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

Fri April 12 - Girls Lacrosse
6:30 pm Fishers vs Bloomington North | Varsity Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

Sat April 13 - IHSAA Baseball
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