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Students, teachers, and mentors celebrated during the T1L1 graduation at Hamilton Heights Middle School. Photo provided

Teach One to Lead One graduates 148 students at Hamilton Heights

The REPORTER
Last Thursday, Teach One to Lead One (T1L1), honored 148 high school and middle school students from Hamilton Heights who recently completed the T1L1 Leadership Curriculum. T1L1 is a community mentoring program. Caring adult mentors meet weekly with students throughout the school year. The mentors lead the stu-

dents in a discussion of 10 Universal Principles that are essential for student leaders to possess if they are to find their purpose and reach their potential. The 10 Universal Principles are respect, integrity, self-control, compassion, courage, teamwork, excellence, humility, enthusiasm, and honor. Students are encouraged to find ways to put these principles into action.

In addition to the graduating students, six students were recognized with the Positive Influence Award. They were, from the high school: Esther Martin, Liam Shaffer, and Alyse Turner; and from the middle school: Gabby Blanton, Bentley Michael, and Dasha Thomas. Six other students were recognized with the Second Mile Award. Those students were, from the

high school: Hattie Graham, Conner Smith, and Nicholas Sweeney; and from the middle school: Sydney Forrester, Luke Nichols, and Jason Teboe. The T1L1 program has been at Hamilton Heights for five years. Hamilton Heights was the first school district in Indiana to host a T1L1 community mentoring group. Learn more at T1L1.org.

How would you like to drive a school bus?

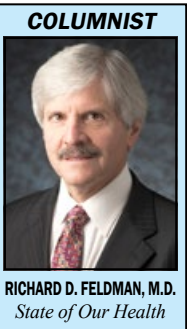
Submitted by HSE Schools
Have you ever considered driving a school bus? Hamilton Southeastern Schools invites you to get behind the wheel of one during the Ride and Drive Hiring Event from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 30. Becoming a bus driver for HSE has many perks. If you need a second income, flexible hours, or you're looking to fill your time during retirement, consider joining the HSE Transportation team. Full-time drivers typically work 4.5 hours a day at a daily rate of \$111. You also qualify for employee benefits, including health, dental, and retirement. HSE Schools encourages anyone curious about this exciting role to test drive a school bus on Friday, May 30 at the HSE Transportation Building, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers. You can also fill out a job application



Hamilton Southeastern kids are ready for you to be their next bus driver! Photo provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools
and interview on the spot. For questions about the Ride and Drive Hiring Event and employment, please call HSE Transportation at (317) 594-4117. Note that participants must be 21 or older and hold a valid Indiana driver's license.

COVID is here to stay, folks

There's an expression, "You may be done with COVID, but COVID isn't done with you." It's true. COVID-19 is still very much with us even though we would like to put it totally behind us and resume our normal lives. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports nearly 1.2 million cumulative COVID U.S. deaths. And it's not over folks. We need to continue to protect ourselves, our families, our friends, and our communities.



The situation has greatly improved with the societal immunity gained through natural infection and vaccination, and COVID antiviral medications. The federal public health emergency designation has elapsed. There are no longer the huge numbers of severe cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and widespread disruptions to our lives. Unless something unforeseen develops like a new terribly virulent infectious strain, we are not returning to those dark days when the pandemic raged with lockdowns, business and school closures, required masking, social distancing, and other mitigation measures. The apprehension of leaving our homes or attending gatherings is largely over. Also, virulent viruses aren't dumb. There is no advantage in killing their hosts. COVID-19 progressively evolved to be less virulent while becoming more infectious to boost spread, replication, and mutation to evade the immune system. Ending the emergency designation doesn't mean that the COVID threat is gone and that our situation is benign without consequences. Serious disease continues and people are still dying of COVID. The CDC reports that for most of 2024, between 1,000 and 2,500 people died weekly. Surges will undoubtedly continue with the seasons and with new variants that emerge. Also remember that COVID is an unusual virus which causes "long COVID" especially in the unvaccinated or in those with repeated infections. The long-term debilitating symptoms include cardiopulmonary complications, fatigue, migraines, and cognitive deficits. The CDC reported in March 2024 that 17.6 percent of Americans have ever experienced long COVID; 6.8 percent currently. So, how should you proceed? Use mitigation strategies prudently. Consider masking in crowded indoor places, public transportation and airplanes, and large

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It was Peony Fest fever!



Wow! Look at that plethora of peony people packing the pathways of Noblesville. This photo was taken the Saturday morning of the Indiana Peony Festival, and we suspect those barricades are the human equivalent of sandbags holding back a flood. We tip our collective hat to Kelly McVey and the Peony Festival Committee for creating an event that has clearly outgrown the capacity of Seminary Park. See photos from Friday's Very Important Peony Person event on Pages 5 and 6. Reporter photo

Pence Media Group wins three 2024 MUSE Creative Awards

PMG awarded Best Small Agency of the Year for the second year in a row

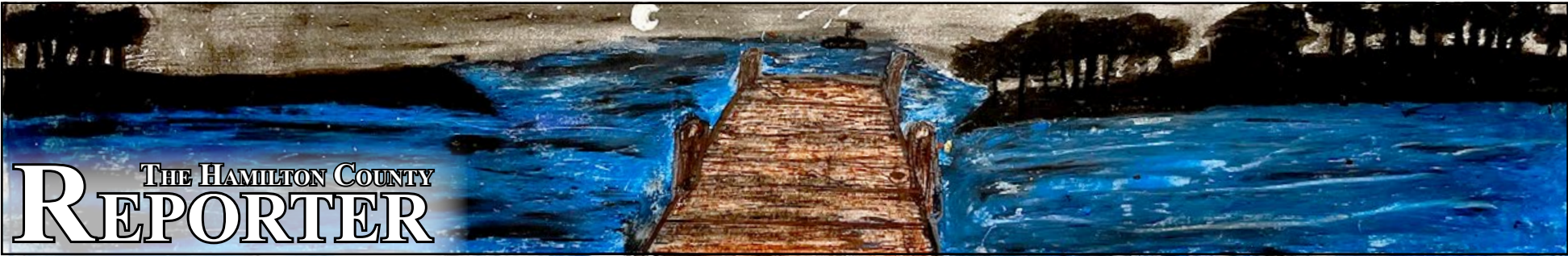
The REPORTER
Pence Media Group (PMG) has been awarded three prestigious **2024 MUSE Creative Awards** for its outstanding work done to promote their clients and elevate their stories. For the second year in a row, PMG won a **Gold Award for Best Small Agency of the Year**. PMG also won two awards for their efforts at the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis. "We are thrilled and honored to stand among the best once again," said Nicole Pence Becker, owner and operator of Pence Media Group. "Being awarded the Best Small Agency for the second year in a row is a testament to our team's unwavering commitment to excellence. Here's to another year of creativity, innovation, and exceeding expectations – consider it done!"

P M G ' s MUSE Creative Awards showcase efforts with the team's local and national clients. **Best Small Agency of the Year** With a small but mighty team of 10, in 2023 PMG juggled more than 20 clients each month and served more than 60 clients throughout the year. PMG supported the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo through marketing, public relations, social media, influencer management, and crisis communications. Pluie was featured on ABC's Shark Tank featuring PMG messaging, pictures,

Pence Becker

and videos. PMG created and activated several client brands including Fit Flex Fly, Ease Color and Style, and Litho Press. PMG made a splash for Carmel Swim Academy with a brand refresh, production shoot, and grand opening event. PMG provided pro bono PR, marketing + branding services to eight organizations. **Event – Conference/ Convention** PMG was proud to support the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo. PMG supported National FFA with public relations, social

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COVID

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gatherings, especially when COVID cases have escalated. Keep current on COVID vaccinations. The new 2023-2024 booster formulation introduced last fall is CDC-recommended now if you never received COVID vaccinations or this booster. If you are 65 and older or immunocompromised, even if boosted last fall, receive an additional booster now. A new booster formulation recommended for most people is anticipated for the fall. Vaccination greatly reduces the risk of severe disease and long COVID. The politicalization of COVID compounded with vaccine disinformation, vaccine hesitancy, complacency, and resistance are unfortunate. The Kaiser Family Foundation reports that only 20 percent of adults have received the 2023-2024 booster. Societal immunity can wane, giving the virus the opportunity to thrive. If you are sick, at least follow the newest CDC recommendations and stay home until afebrile for 24 hours and symptoms improving. Then, mask for at least five days and limit close contact with others. The CDC dropped specific isolation periods and testing recommendations in an attempt to treat COVID like other viral respiratory viruses as a group uniformly. I believe the new recommendations, although easier to follow and more understandable, are flawed. People will go out while still infectious, including those infected but never displaying symptoms. COVID is much more dangerous than other respiratory viruses, lacks seasonality, is still evolving, and can produce disabling persistent long COVID symptoms. COVID is here to stay for the foreseeable future. Be reasonably cautious. Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

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media management, media production and hosting, newsroom and intern management, influencer marketing and management, crisis communications planning and support, and workshop training and presentations. New in 2023, PMG produced the inaugural FFA Live! Inside Convention Show. **Live Show** PMG took National FFA’s convention to a whole new level with their first-ever highlight show, FFA Live! Inside Convention, that was broadcast across all FFA online platforms. PMG’s team helped develop and produce the show from concept to creation, including building a working newsroom and versatile studio set from the ground up in Lucas Oil Stadium. The end result was three one-hour shows recapping each day of the convention. The show was more than a broadcast – it was a tribute to the young minds shaping the future of agriculture. The MUSE Creative Awards received over 6,300 entries from creative and design professionals across the globe. The MUSE Awards recognized entries that included names of globally prominent organizations such as Coach, Getty Images, NBCUniversal, LAND ROVER, and The Luxury Collection – Marriott International. To learn more about PMG and its services, visit PenceMediaGroup.com.

About Pence Media Group Pence Media Group (PMG) is a full-service public relations, media and marketing consultancy founded by Nicole Pence Becker in 2017. PMG has grown to become a dynamic, award-winning team, collaborating to help clients affirm their brand identity, craft key messages, and deliver them to targeted audiences with an operating mantra of “consider it done.” PMG’s client roster includes start-ups, small to medium businesses, and national organizations, including Anthony’s Chophouse, Bogg, Church Church Hittle + Antirim, Crystal Signature Events, He Knows Your Name, Indiana Golf, National FFA, Rohrman Automotive Group, and Tiffany Skilling Interiors.

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Celebrating the retirement of three valued members of Sheridan Community Schools

The REPORTER

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) is saying goodbye to three respected members of the school community as they move into retirement. Violet Chesney, Molly Heil, and Debbie Merriman have each made significant contributions to the district through their dedication and hard work.

Violet Chesney
Dedicated elementary teacher

Violet Chesney has been an elementary teacher at Sheridan Elementary for 16 years, after beginning her career in Frankfort, Ind. Over her career, she has taught kindergarten, first, second, and fifth grades.

Sheridan Elementary Principal Valerie Roberts praised Chesney. “Violet is a dynamic

teacher who has always been passionate about making a difference with her students,” Roberts said. “Her strong leadership in the second-grade team will be missed! We wish her all the best as she enjoys family time, traveling, and wherever life takes her next!”

Chesney expressed her love for teaching in her hometown and the close-knit community.

“I will miss my students’ smiles, hugs, and love for learning,” she said. “After retirement, I plan to love on my grandson, enjoy my family, and travel.”

Molly Heil
Longtime middle school special educator

Molly Heil has spent 19 years teaching special education at Sheridan Middle School. Her career began



Chesney

in Palo Alto, Calif., at The Children’s Health Council school, now known as Esther B. Clark Schools.

Heil says she values the connections she formed with her colleagues and students.

“I will miss my teaching friendships the most,” she said. “I’ve always been so lucky to have amazing coworkers that are there for you in all aspects of life.

Heil’s future plans include possibly moving closer



Heil

to family in south Florida or western New York.

“Over her 19 years of dedicated service at SMS, Molly Heil has made a profound impact on both her students and colleagues,” SMS Principal Kent Davis said. “We deeply appreciate her unwavering commitment and caring contributions to her students. She will be missed immensely, but we wish her the very best in her well-deserved retirement.”



Merriman

Reflecting on her time in Sheridan, Heil noted, “When I was called and asked to interview at Sheridan, I honestly didn’t know where Sheridan was. Sheridan turned out to be exactly that one thing I didn’t know I needed at the time.”

Debbie Merriman
Dedicated bus driver

Debbie Merriman has been a bus driver for Sheridan since 1990. One of her favorite memories is driving the Girls Varsity Basketball team to Regionals this year.

Transportation Director Eric Gifford spoke highly of Merriman.

“Debbie is always willing to help out however needed,” Gifford said. “I will miss having her around on a daily basis to joke around with and give a hard

time. She has seen lots of changes in the bus driving industry over the years, and I’m glad she is finally able to retire and spend time with her family.”

Merriman said she will miss the kids and her coworkers the most but looks forward to having more free time in her retirement.

Superintendent Dave Mundy expressed his gratitude for the contributions of Chesney, Hiel, and Merriman.

“Their dedication has helped create the supportive environment that Sheridan Community Schools is known for,” Mundy said. “Their commitment and passion have greatly influenced our school community. We wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirements.”

More remains identified in ongoing Fox Hollow Farm investigation

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison has announced the identification of more human remains originally recovered in 1996 from Fox Hollow Farm in Westfield, the former home of Herb Baumeister.

Through an extensive forensic genetic genealogy investigation conducted

by the FBI and the Hamilton County Coroner’s Office, the remains were identified as Jeffrey A. Jones.

Jones was reported missing August 1993. His last known address was in Fillmore in Putnam

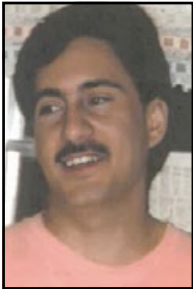


Jellison

County, Ind. Jones is the third person to be identified from Coroner Jellison’s renewed investigation into the more than 10,000 remains recovered at Fox Hollow Farm.

According to Jellison,

investigators have four additional DNA profiles that have not yet been identified, bringing the total number of victims to 12. The four unidentified DNA profiles will also be sent to the FBI for genetic genealogy



Jones

and forensic specialists working the case remain

investigation.

“Because many of the remains were found burnt and crushed, this investigation is extremely challenging; however, the team of law enforcement and forensic specialists

committed,” Coroner Jellison said. “A special thanks goes to the very talented and hardworking people at the FBI, Indiana State Police Laboratory, Dr. Krista Latham of the Biology & Anthropology Department at the University of Indianapolis, and DNA experts from Texas based Othram Laboratory.”



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Peony Festival was floral & fragrant

The Hamilton County Reporter was proud to not only partner with the Indiana Peony Festival this year, but also to document VIPP night on Friday, May 17. The evening before the festival floodgates were open to the public, those fortunate enough to get tickets for the festival were treated to live music, delicious samples from abundant restaurants, several beverage options, and a special announcement about the forthcoming new festival headquarters. The weather was perfect and the people this newspaper spoke to were pleased ... if that is not the definition of success, we don't know what is. (Reporter photos)



You can almost smell the enjoyment



Reporter photos
Deputy Mayor Matt Light and Festival Coordinator Kelly McVey treated attendees to a sneak peek at the new headquarters coming soon to a Noblesville near you!



Reporter photos
(ABOVE LEFT) Youssef Bourdarine from J'Adore. (ABOVE CENTER) Tottiyauna Jones and Koyauna Jones. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Tinker Street Restaurant crew were doing stiff business Friday evening.



Reporter photos
(ABOVE LEFT) Our thanks to Chef Tracey Couillard of 317 Pasta for the sample of tortellini with a surprisingly good pesto. (ABOVE RIGHT) Chef Samir Mohammad & Ingrid Pickett made a big splash with smoked duck breast samples that had people talking all night long.



Reporter photos
(ABOVE LEFT) Carmella & Drew Thatcher are responsible for "The Peonies are calling" flower and phone box seen in the upper right-hand corner of this page. (ABOVE RIGHT) While they are not at the top of the page, Cindi Hood and Cathy Rogers were the first people to agree to have their photos in the newspaper. Thank you, ladies!



Reporter photos
(ABOVE LEFT) Rachael Weyers and Stefanie Wood of Peace Water Winery. (ABOVE CENTER) Ben lally, Michael Conley, and Abby Specht of Kan-Kan. (ABOVE RIGHT) After a brief discussion about what makes The Reporter different from other modern media, Colt & Jordyn Reichart and Ashlyn & Jared Bourff asked if they could get their picture in the newspaper . . . and of course, we said yes!

Letter to the Editor

Indiana Peony Festival Board congratulates Kelly McVey & committee on successful weekend

To Kelly McVey and the Indiana Peony Festival Committee: The Indiana Peony Festival Board congratulates Kelly McVey and the Festival Committee for an overwhelmingly successful Peony Festival. The Peony Festival draws attendees from across the country, shining a spotlight on Noblesville and boosting the economy of downtown Noblesville and the surrounding area. Your passion and love for peonies has blossomed into a lasting impact on our community. As your Board members, we are honored to be a part of your dream to bring recognition to Indiana's state flower, the peony.

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Click It or Ticket: remember to buckle up now & every day

The REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is urging drivers to buckle up during the national Click It or Ticket high-visibility seat belt enforcement effort. This year's national seat belt campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, runs from May 20 to June 2. "We want seat belt use to be an automatic habit for drivers and passengers

alike," Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush said. "It's not just a safe thing to do – it's the law. During the Click It or Ticket campaign, we'll be working with our fellow law enforcement officers across local and state lines to ensure the message gets out to drivers and passengers. Buckling up is the simplest thing you can do



Quakenbush

to limit injury or save your life during a crash. We see the results of not wearing a seat belt all the time. We see the loss of life. So often, it could have been prevented." The national seat belt use rate in 2023 was 91.9 percent, which is good – but it can be better. The other 8.1 percent still need to be reminded that seat belts save lives. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. One of the focuses of the Click It or Ticket campaign is nighttime enforcement. NHTSA data shows a higher number of unrestrained passenger vehicle occupant fatalities happen at night. Also, seat belt use

differs among females and males. Of the males killed in crashes in 2021, more than half (54 percent) were unrestrained. For females killed in crashes, 42 percent were not buckled up. "The success of our mission hinges on raising awareness about the perils of driving without proper restraint," Sheriff Quakenbush said. "If you notice a friend or family member who doesn't buckle up when driving, please urge them to change their habits. Let's work together to spread this vital message and prevent further tragedies. Remember, seat belts save lives, and it's essential for everyone, regardless of age or seating position, to always buckle up." To learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership, go to hamiltoncounty.in.gov/502/Traffic-Safety.

Honoring those we lost, on & off the battlefield

My military career was book-ended by the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq which began in response to the attacks on September 11. Many of us who served in that time lost friends on the battlefield or in support of combat operations. Sadly, many of us also lost friends to suicide. I remember learning of the suicide of my shipmate almost 18 years ago. I was still a fairly young Navy Lieutenant, having only read about the impacts of suicide in the military, and attending briefings on it at safety stand downs and annual training. But this was different. This was my shipmate, a fellow aircrewman, someone I deployed with, joked around with, worked with. He was, in simple terms, a great man and a great sailor. Over the next 10 years, I would personally know four more veterans and service members who would make the decision to take their own life. Sadly, that number is lower than many other veterans I know. Hoosiers are veteran-friendly and pro-military, and we have higher numbers of veterans in our state than most – 9 percent of Indiana residents are veterans compared to 7 percent of the total U.S. population. Not only do we have more veterans per capita than about 30 states, we also have more monuments to veterans than any other state, with



MATT McNALLY

only Washington, D.C., having more. Sadly, we also have a per capita veteran suicide rate that is higher than many other states. The numbers are especially alarming for Hoosier Veterans aged 18 to 44, almost triple that of the civilian population in Indiana. In 2019, then-President Trump signed the "governor's challenge" to end the epidemic of veteran suicide. Indiana did not begin implementing the program until 2023, despite having a veteran suicide rate that is higher than the national average, and the highest in the Midwest, and a recent study showing that Indiana ranks near the bottom of the country for quality of life for veterans. Honoring our veterans is more than statues; it means being committed to providing the infrastructure we need to thrive in society, from mental healthcare, to outreach, to education and job opportunities. This Memorial Day, while we honor those who lost their lives in service to this country, let us also commit to doing more for those who are still with us. We owe it to those we lost – on and off the battlefield. Matt McNally is the Senior Vice Commander of Carmel VFW Post 10003, a retired military pilot, Afghanistan veteran, and advocate for the prevention of veteran suicide.

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Newest Miller Ambassadors ready to lead



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools graduated the seventh class of Miller Ambassadors last week, and there are now over 160 community leaders who have been through the program. Miller Ambassadors is an engaging, year-long learning experience for select Noblesville community leaders and school district parents to enjoy a deeper understanding of Noblesville Schools. Program participants are exposed to all facets of running a district, including business management, academics, student services, operations, and more. Noblesville Schools will open applications for the Class of 2025 this summer at noblesvilleschools.org. (ABOVE) The Class of 2024 includes Emily Ayres, Nicole Caldwell-Gross, Megan Cooper, Craig Crosser, Jeff DeMasie, Alejandro Garcia-Perez, Brandi Gibson, Colleen Groves, Andy Hahn, Scott Hazel, Dave Hyatt, Brian Laskey, Stephanie Lay, Michele Leach, Kurt Meyer, Joe Musgrove, Lindsey Phipps, Emily Preston, Misti Ray, Anita Rogers, Alaina Shonkwiler, Reggie Stewart, Julie Thacker, Lauren Veach, and Ian Zelgowski. They are shown here with Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile.

Two local senior living communities earn top memory care provider status

The REPORTER

Independence Village of Carmel and **Independence Village of Fishers** East, both StoryPoint Group communities, have been recognized as Top 10 Memory Care Services Providers for 2024 by **Eldercare Review**. Every year, only 10 organizations nationwide receive this distinction. The honor is reserved for senior living providers who offer

memory care services that make a substantial impact on the communities they serve. Both Independence Village of Carmel and Independence Village of Fishers East offer independent living, assisted living, and memory care options. Eldercare Review interviewed Kelly Moran, StoryPoint Group Director of Aging and Dementia Services. With three decades of

first-hand aging and memory care experience, she is an integral part of the organization and vital in developing their approach to memory care. [Click here](#) to read more about the award and life at the community. The Carmel community is located at 13390 N. Illinois St. Learn more or speak with the Independence Village of Carmel team by calling (317) 818-0526. The Fishers community is lo-

cated at 12950 Talblich St. Learn more or speak with the Independence Village of Fishers East team by calling (317) 773-3854. **About StoryPoint Group** StoryPoint Group is a collection of senior living communities that provides seniors and families with the support, sense of community and absolute best experiences they deserve. With communities operating across the United

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Fishers' own Kara VanDyke makes spring dean's list at Trinity Christian College

The REPORTER

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College is Palos Heights, Ill., recently released the college's Dean's List for Spring 2024.

Kara VanDyke of Fishers made the list for this past

semester.

The Dean's List is Trinity Christian College's highest academic honor. It is recognized for traditional undergraduate students who achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better in 12 or more credits with grade points.

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Noblesville & Carmel Lions help Gleaners feed 400 families



Photo provided

Last Thursday, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions helped Gleaners feed approximately 400 families. They served 183 cars to reach that number of families. This service is done monthly from the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. (From left) Betty Yonker (Carmel), Matt Best (Carmel), Bob Yonker (Carmel), Jerry Baker (Noblesville), Bill Ryan (Carmel), Mark Bachar (Noblesville), Ed Shea (Noblesville), Ron Williamson (Noblesville), Jeff Kozicki (Noblesville), Lane Sims (Carmel), Gene Beck (Noblesville), Carole Miller (wife of Noblesville Lion), Duke Miller (Noblesville), and Steve Shaw (Noblesville).

Celebrating 35 years of concerts in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis area's loudest backyard since 1989, Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville celebrated 35 years on Monday and prepares for the start of the 2024 concert season.

Now a summertime staple for the live music touring industry, Ruoff Music Center is one of the most legendary outdoor venues of its kind in the world. In 2023, Ruoff Music Center was recognized by Pollstar as the No. 1 amphitheater for tickets sold worldwide,



Photo provided by Live Nation

and the No. 3 amphitheater for gross sales worldwide.

The first headliner at the venue was Sandi Patty on May 20, 1989, followed that same year by Bob Hope, George Strait, Frank Sinatra, hair metal band Cinderella, and The Beach Boys among others. The venue has since showcased more than three decades of iconic shows with highlights including:

- The Grateful Dead (July 15, 1989) – The venue's first sold out show.
- Guns N' Roses (May 28 and 29, 1991) – The band performed a now-legendary two night run as they brought the Use Your Illusion Tour to Noblesville. The second night included the live debut of "November Rain."
- Foreigner (June 19, 1993) – The 2024 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees performed before a crowd of 18,000, and released a DVD titled "Foreigner Live at Deer Creek" in 2003. Foreigner is also performing as part of the 2024 season lineup.
- Julia Roberts and Lyle

Lovett held their wedding reception at the venue on June 27, 1993, after being married in Marion, Ind., earlier that day. Lovett performed at the venue later that evening.

- Prince (June 22, 1997) – At the time going by "The Artist Formerly Known as Prince," Prince brought the Love 4 One Another Charities Tour to the stage with a 23 song setlist packed with hits like "Purple Rain," "1999," and more.
- Farm Aid (September 29, 2001) – Willie Nelson, Neil Young, John Mellencamp, Dave Matthews, The Doobie Brothers, and Martina McBride took the stage for a special concert to help

those affected by the World Trade Center tragedy. Farm Aid returned for the first time since 2001 during the 2023 concert season.

• Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers (May 13, 2017) – The final performance at the venue for the band before Tom Petty's passing.

The 2024 season is showing no signs of slowing down with shows including Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tyler Childers, Alanis Morissette, Hootie & The Blowfish, Earth Wind & Fire and Chicago, New Kids on the Block and more.

The current 2024 concert calendar, along with tickets and more information, is available at [this link](#).

Several injuries in multi-vehicle crash at SR 38 & Spring Mill

The REPORTER

At 4:48 p.m. last Friday, May 17, Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of State Road 38 and Spring Mill Road regarding a serious crash.

Upon arrival, it was determined a total of four vehicles involved. A truck traveling eastbound rear-ended a car in front of it, then the truck crossed left-of-center, striking an SUV head-on that was traveling westbound. The fourth vehicle

was stuck with flying debris from the rear-ended car.

Two patients were transported by air ambulance – one adult and one juvenile with serious injuries. Three more patients were transported by ground ambulance. The injured were transported to Methodist Hospital, St. Vincent Hospital, and Riley Children's Hospital.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team is investigating the crash.

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Come see Mayor Reiman’s courtyard in Carmel

The REPORTER

Carmel city officials invite the public to the upcoming dedication of the courtyard at Mélange to former Mayor Jane Reiman.

The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 24 at Mélange, located at Veterans Way and Monon Green Boulevard.

Jane Applegath Reiman

man served as Carmel's mayor for two four-year terms beginning in 1980. Among her many accomplishments was converting U.S. 31 into a “corporate corridor” designed to attract major employers.

Those in attendance



Reiman

mission Director Henry Mestetsky.

will include Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam; Former Mayor Jane Reiman; David Leazenby, SVP of Acquisitions and Development at Onyx + East; and Carmel Redevelopment Com-



Graphic provided by INDOT

Overnight work underway for U.S. 31 ramp in Carmel

The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Enneking Pressure Cleaning, Inc. plans a weeknight ramp closure on U.S. 31 on the south side of Hamilton County.

According to INDOT, beginning on or after May 20, crews will close U.S. 31 southbound exit 123

between 111th and 106th streets in Carmel for an overlay project. This night work will occur from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. Work is expected to last through Friday, May 24, weather permitting. The official detour for this work is Exit 124 to the 106th Street roundabout to U.S. 31 south to Interstate 465.

INDOT reminds drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using caution, and avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Westfield Young Professionals invite you to happy hour

The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28 at Four Finger Distillery for an exciting happy hour event.

Four Finger Distillery was started in 2014, but at that time they were known as 1205 Distillery and they had all fingers. In the fall of 2014, distiller and owner, Brad, was installing a

door in the new distillery and made a bad cut with the saw and lost his pinky. They kept the name 1205 Distillery for quite some time after the accident, even though the name Four Finger Distillery was always in the back of their minds. Finally, in 2022, they decided to take the leap and become Four Finger Distillery for good.

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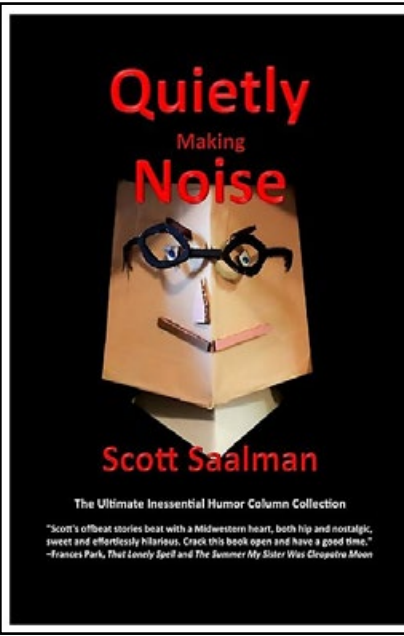
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Chris Hartig pivots toward competitive general election

House District 29 Democratic nominee seeks to represent Noblesville, portions of Fishers

Submitted by
Chris Hartig for Indiana

You have probably seen Chris Hartig driving his orange 1970 Chevy C-10 pickup around town. Hartig's classic truck reflects his good-natured personality – someone who is reliable and isn't afraid of hard work.

Dr. Chris Hartig is a husband and father who is proud to call Noblesville home. For the past decade, he has served as a professor of management and leadership at Western Governors University, helping many non-traditional students improve their lives through higher education. Through his dedication to students and teachers alike, Hartig has published papers on leading faculty through times of difficult change. Prior to his tenure at WGU, Hartig directed successful change leadership in the mortgage and finance industry.

After an unopposed primary election, Hartig has his sights set on the general election in November.

"I look forward to a close race against Alaina Shonkwiler," he said. "It will be up to the voters in our district to decide who represents them better, and I believe I'm the right leader for the job."

Hartig's key policies include strengthening public

schools, restoring reproductive freedoms, enacting reasonable gun policies, and bringing balance to the Indiana statehouse.

"Tens of thousands of people have moved to Noblesville and Fishers because of our amazing school systems," Hartig said. "As an educator myself, I'm going to help mend the trust between teachers and the community."

Reproductive freedoms are crucial to Hartig's campaign.

"Family planning is an issue that should remain between families and their doctors," voiced Hartig. "Full stop."

When it comes to Indiana's House of Representatives, Hartig says the balance of power needs to be restored.

"Indiana GOP lawmakers have a supermajority in the statehouse," he said. "We need to balance out the voices in our House of Representatives to accurately reflect Hoosier priorities."

Dr. Hartig is also a proud gun owner.

"I believe wholeheartedly in the Second Amendment, and, at the same time, we need reasonable, common sense firearm regulations and safe storage policies," Hartig offered. "This is how we keep something like

Photo provided

what happened at Noblesville West Middle School from happening again."

"I want Indiana to return to its roots of hometown Hoosier hospitality," added Hartig. "By being a welcoming place to live, work and play, our state can attract and retain not only our local graduates, but innovative businesses as well. That's the Indiana I want to live in – not a regressive state that marginalizes people based

on their differences."

"My dad is a Vietnam vet, and as a retired Marine, he always told me, 'To get the results, you have to put the work in.' I'm ready to put the work in."

Hartig can't wait to drive his orange Chevy to the statehouse to represent Indiana's 29th District.

Learn more about Dr. Chris Hartig and his campaign at DrChrisForIndiana.com.

John Stewart announces candidacy for HSE school board

Submitted by
Stewart for HSE

John Stewart is not your average school board candidate, and Hamilton Southeastern school board candidates have no business being average.

Stewart is running for the Hamilton Southeastern School Board with a platform focused on addressing mental health in schools, providing diverse career paths for youth, and ensuring a strong educational foundation for every student.

The district needs a can-

didate who stands out. This district needs John.

John Stewart brings 30 years of business experience as a marketing executive and business owner. He has managed Profit and Loss responsibilities, demonstrating strong financial oversight capabilities.

Personally, John and his wife, Suzanne, have three children who attended Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Their two sons

Stewart

are on the autism spectrum, and their daughter has faced mental health challenges.

"Through our circumstances, I have developed a deep understanding that education does not need a one size fits all approach," Stewart said. "I recognize the importance of providing diverse pathways to success for all students, regardless of their individual challenges or strengths."

This experience has given John a profound appreciation for the need to tailor educational experiences to meet the unique needs of each student.

John Stewart is dedicated to advocating for every child in the district, making informed decisions, and listening to diverse perspectives. His unique blend of business acumen and personal experience makes him an exceptional candidate for the school board.

If you have any questions, please email info@Stewart4HSE.com.

Robin Clark & Dina Ferchmin declare candidacies for Carmel Clay school board

Submitted by
Robin Clark & Dina Ferchmin for Carmel Clay School Board

Robin Clark and Dina Ferchmin officially declared their candidacy on Tuesday for the Carmel Clay School Board.

With a shared commitment to excellence and a passion for serving their community, Clark and Ferchmin would bring a wealth of experience and dedication to the board.

Robin Clark, a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and an MBA from Indiana University, offers a unique blend of professional expertise and parental insight. As a parent of three Carmel Clay Schools (CCS)

students, Clark is driven by the belief that even excellent organizations like CCS can always strive for continuous improvement. Her top priorities include promoting Academic Excellence, ensuring Fiscal Responsibility, and enhancing Safety within Carmel schools.

Dina Ferchmin, a West Point graduate and veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division, brings a distinguished background in business process improvement and the perspective of a parent with three children who attended CCS. Committed to fostering academic excellence within an environment that is politically and ideologically neutral, Ferchmin prioritizes a Focus on Academics, Advocacy

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for Teachers, and Transparency in school governance.

Together, Clark and Ferchmin offer an impressive combination of leadership, experience, and vision to the

Carmel Clay School Board. Their dedication to serving the community and ensuring the success of every student makes them the ideal candidates for this important role. They are endorsed by Carmel Excellence PAC.

For more information, visit their campaign websites at robinclark4ccs.org and dinaferchmin4ccs.org. To learn more about Carmel Excellence PAC visit CarmelExcellence.org.

Douglas Gene King

September 16, 1957 – May 17, 2024



Douglas Gene King, 66, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2024. He was born on September 16, 1957, to Donald and Marilyn King at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

Doug worked in hydraulic machinery repair in Indianapolis. His employment included ProPack in Indianapolis, K Specialtys, and his own company of King Machinery.

Doug received transplants of a kidney and a pancreas on March 11, 2004, at IU Hospital in Indianapolis. The transplants were very successful in sustaining his body for another 20 years.

Doug is survived by mother, Marilyn (Miller) King; daughter, Catherine (Ben) Schroeder; grandson, Maxwell Schroeder; sister, Nannette (Conan) McDonald; brother, Greg (Angela) King; nieces and nephew, Kelsey (Daniel) Racke, Alicia King (Gage) Lewis, and Kyle (Rachel) McDonald; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Ransom McDonald, Bonnie Lewis, and Gus Lewis.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, with services at 2 p.m., at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Interment will follow service at Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

Heartfelt thanks to Sunrise Senior Living of Carmel and Harbour Manor of Noblesville for Doug's care through the years.

Also, heartfelt thanks to Care Hospice of Carmel, specifically Jessica and Josie, who served Doug faithfully for four years.

Donations are appreciated to Indiana Donor Network Foundation/Angel Fund (indianadonornetwork.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Mayor's Housing Task Force will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss capital projects at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers.

The Board of Trustees of the Hamilton East Public Library will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive, in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(c) for discussion of strategy with respect to the implementation of security systems.

The Carmel Police Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024, in the Training Room at the Carmel Police Department, 1000 S. Range Line Road, Carmel, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 10:05 a.m. (or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later) in the same location.

The Westfield Washington Township Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future Plat Committee meeting.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Jane Teresa Story

May 16, 1950 – May 17, 2024



Jane Teresa Story, 74, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 17, 2024, in Noblesville. She was born on May 16, 1950, in Lee County, Va., the beloved daughter of Virgil and Estelle Stevens and cherished sister of Karen Humphrey and Janice Stevens.

Jane devoted her life to her family, pouring her love and energy into raising her two daughters, Carrie Elaine Story and Jennifer Brooke Story. The true joys of her life were her grandchildren – Aiden, Ava, and Austin – whom she lovingly cared for throughout their childhoods. The bond she shared with them was extraordinarily special and unforgettable.

She leaves behind her devoted husband of 54 years, Robert Glen Story. Although Jane and Glen were quiet and private individuals, their marriage was a testament to enduring love and partnership. They shared a beautiful life together, marked by mutual respect and unwavering support, and their home in Noblesville was a place of warmth and happiness.

Jane was an exceptional mother, an immaculate homemaker, and a role model to all who knew her. Her integrity, kindness, and dedication made her irreplaceable. Jane's legacy is one of love, strength, and steadfast devotion to her family.

She will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Private family services will be held with burial at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

— COUNTY —**MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss county business will immediately follow the Executive Session.

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
R4385

5/22/24, 5/27/24

HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, June 6, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

R4386

5/22/24, 5/27/24

HAMILTON COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee will meet on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of the disbursement of ARPA funds.

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
R4387

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you, and the land of Egypt is before you; settle your father and your brothers in the best part of the land. Let them live in Goshen. And if you know of any among them with special ability, put them in charge of my own livestock."

Then Joseph brought his father Jacob in and presented him before Pharaoh. After Jacob blessed Pharaoh, Pharaoh asked him, "How old are you?"

And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers." Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.

Genesis 47:5-10 (NIV)

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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Girls Track & Field

Greyhounds claim regional trophy, several county runners qualify for state

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls track and field team won a tough regional championship on Tuesday.

The Greyhounds edged out Brownsburg and Hamilton Southeastern to claim the Lafayette Jefferson regional. Carmel scored 82 points to win its first team regional title since 2016 and its 11th overall.

In addition, the Hounds picked up two event wins. Emily Norris was first in the 200 dash with a time of 25.28 seconds. Freshman Emma Warner was victorious in a close high jump competition with Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever. Both cleared 5 feet, 5 inches; Warner got the win with less overall misses.

The top three finishers in each event advance to the state finals, which take place Friday, May 31 at Indiana University. Norris also qualified for state in the 100 dash, where she finished second. Gabriela Grande Rosas advanced in the 400 dash and long jump, taking third in both, while Sadie Foley placed third in the 1600 run.

All three of those athletes joined Olivia Cebalo on the Greyhounds' second-place 4x400 relay team. Carmel's 4x800 relay team (Cebalo, Kara Wenzler, Annabel Pollert and Larkin Taylor) also placed second, so both relays advance to state.

Brownsburg was the team runner-up with 79 points, while Southeastern scored 78 points to place third. The Royals won five events, including relay victories in the 4x800 (Maggie Powers, Addison Smith,

Anissa Lammie and Elise Herman, 9:25.33) and 4x400 (Ciara Kepner, Smith, Lammie and Chloe Senefeld, 3:51.92.)

Powers won the 1600 run in 5:00.12, Lammie easily claimed the 400 dash in 55.58, over 2.5 seconds ahead of the standard. Kepner edged out Noblesville's Brinkley Cooper for first place in the 800 run by .03 seconds (2:15.48 to 2:15.51). Both runners are headed to state.

Elia Blackmore placed second in the 100 hurdles, qualifying for state along with HSE's event champions.

Noblesville placed fifth with 65 points. Hannah Alexander swept the throwing events, dominating the discus in 156 feet, 2 inches, then winning the shot put with a top throw of 44 feet, 6.75 inches.

Delaney Teachnor cleared 12 feet to win the pole vault. Both Millers are headed to state, along with Cooper and Summer Rempe in the 800 run. Rempe and Cooper were also part of Noblesville's third-place 4x800 relay, joining Riley Flynn and Gretchen Graham.

Fishers scored 47 points for sixth place. Maya Taylor was the 100 dash champion in 12.75 seconds, and joined Mireya Benjamin, Zinnia Pineda and Kylee Black to place second in the 4x100 relay and qualify for state. Macey Miller placed second in the shot put to earn a place at state.

Westfield's Lucy Hauser won the 300 hurdles in a time of 45.06 seconds to qualify for state in that



The Carmel girls track and field team won its first team regional championship in eight years Tuesday at Lafayette Jefferson. The Greyhounds came out on top of a close competition, scoring 82 points and winning two events.

event. Woolever advanced to state in the high jump, as did Ella Ewing, who took third in the 100 hurdles.

Some athletes may receive callbacks to state as well. Those will be determined later today.

Team scores: Carmel 82, Brownsburg 79, Hamilton Southeastern 78, Avon 68, Noblesville 65, Fishers 47, West Lafayette 37, Westfield 36, Zionsville 25, Monrovia 16, Crawfordsville 14, Hamilton Heights 14, Harrison 13, Seeger 8, Plainfield 7, North White 6, Mooresville 6, Guerin Catholic 5, Tri-West 4, Danville 4, Benton Central 3, McCutcheon 2, Lebanon 2, Twin Lakes 2, Delphi 1.

4x800 relay: 1. Southeastern (Maggie Powers, Addison Smith, Anissa Lammie, Elise Herman) 9:25.33, 2. Carmel (Olivia Cebalo, Kara Wenzler, Annabel Pollert, Larkin Taylor) 9:28.73, 3. Noblesville (Riley Flynn, Brinkley Cooper, Gretchen Graham, Summer Rempe) 9:34.82, 5. Guerin Catholic (Katie Kolb, Brinna Wolf, Bailey Freese, Claire Milam) 9:42.70, 7. Westfield (Jordyn Landrum,

sia Warren, Josie Vondersaar, Abbi Van Bibber) 50.66.

400 dash: 1. Lammie (HSE) 55.58, 3. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 56.99, 7. Cebalo (C) 58.23.

300 hurdles: 1. Hauser (W) 45.06, 5. Micaiah Bullock (HSE) 47.48, 8. Maija Gilhooly (C) 48.15, 9. Williams (F) 48.57, 10. Devyn Day (F) 48.75, 15. Blackmore (HSE) 56.46.

800 run: 1. Ciara Kepner (HSE) 2:15.48, 2. Cooper (N) 2:15.51, 3. Rempe (N) 2:15.69, 7. Isabella Murch (F) 2:20.17, 8. Kolb (GC) 2:20.55, 9. Audrey Ricketts (C) 2:21.98, 11. Herman (HSE) 2:28.39.

200 dash: 1. Norris (C) 25.28, 4. Senefeld (HSE) 25.62, 7. Taylor (F) 26.39.

3200 run: 3. Butler (HSE) 11:01.57, 4. Alivia Lozier (W) 11:13.08, 6. Smith (W) 11:20.26, 7. Larkin Taylor (C) 11:30.33, 9. Nadia Perez (N) 11:43.65, 10. Kennedy Applegate (N) 11:46.47, 11. Milam (GC) 11:53.08.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Kepner, Smith, Lammie, Senefeld) 3:51.92, 2. Carmel (Grande Rosas, Foley, Cebalo, Norris) 3:55.34, 5.

Westfield (Naas, Hauser, LeB. Warren, Landrum) 4:01.64, 7. Noblesville (Cooper, Coates, Rollins, Rempe) 4:02.78, 12. Heights (Reiger, Macie Smith, Bortone, Woolever) 4:08.32.

Discus: 1. Hannah Alexander (N) 156-2, 3. Macey Miller (F) 121-7, 5. Ellie Cool-ey (C) 120-2, 12. Amelia Kring (N) 105-5, 13. Mia Tobias (F) 103-6.

Shot put: 1. Alexander (N) 44-6.75, 2. Miller (F) 43-4, 7. Jada Henson (W) 37-10.5, 11. Katie Wooden (HSE) 36-4, 13. Nyla Young (N) 34-8.75.

Long jump: 3. Grande Rosas (C) 17-6.75, 5. Belanger (C) 17-3, 8. Gracie Czubik (W) 16-11.75, 15. Shults (HSE) 14-8.

High jump: 1. Emma Warner (C) 5-5, 2. Woolever (HH) 5-5, 5. Czubik (W) 5-2, T9. Mallory Kixmiller (F) 4-10; Smith (HH) 4-10, T15. Kori Dues (GC) 4-8; Maya McDonald (N) 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-0, 3. Scarlett Olson (F) 11-6, 4. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-0, 7. Amelia Smith (N) 10-0, T9. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 9-6; Riley Williams (HSE) 9-6, 13. Paige Lemieux (W) 9-0.

Girls Tennis

Shamrocks slam through their first regional, plays Delta today for title; Carmel & Fishers each ready for regional final, University's Buttrick advances in individual tourney

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The Westfield girls tennis team was in new territory Tuesday at the Noblesville Tennis Complex.

For the first time ever, the No. 16-ranked Shamrocks were playing in a regional. Westfield made its first match a successful one, beating Alexandria 5-0 in the Tuesday semifinal to advance to today's championship match.

The Shamrocks dropped only four games across the five matches, including 6-0, 6-0 shutouts for No. 2 singles Juliette Grilliot and No. 3 singles Addi Kooi. No. 1 singles Isabella Norris won 6-1, 6-0, No. 2 doubles Brianna Saylor/Carlie Lukowiak

were 6-0, 6-1 winners, and No. 1 doubles Bella Rivera/Jenna Berry were victorious 6-1, 6-1.

"First round of regional is exciting, and you just got to get through the nerves the first couple of games," said Westfield coach Trudy Coler. "And once we got going, we were okay. Whenever you're playing a team you haven't seen during the season, you also have to figure out things."

The Shamrocks continued their season-long road trip, as they were without home courts this year due to the construction of Westfield's new tennis facility. But the Rocks have made the best out of being road warriors this season.

"I think there is something to be said for the fact that every time you play a

match, you're getting off a bus, and you got a 10-minute warmup, and then you've got to go and get ready to play," said Coler. "We got into a rhythm, we got into a very specific routine, and we did that every time. Every time we got off the bus, we did the same thing over and over. I do think it helped strengthen us, to play on the road and to come in and play matches away from home."

Westfield plays No. 20 Delta today for the regional title. The Shamrocks played the Eagles at the beginning of the season in the Delta Invitational.

"I'm looking forward to it because we haven't seen them since the very beginning," said Coler. "All the girls have gotten better on both teams."

Carmel, Fishers win

No. 7-ranked Carmel scored an upset victory over No. 5 Park Tudor Tuesday in the semifinals of the Lebanon regional.

The Greyhounds beat the Panthers 4-1 and will play Fountain Central in today's regional championship.

No. 2 Fishers also took care of business at the Mount Vernon regional, beating New Castle 5-0 in a Tuesday semifinal. The Tigers take on the No. 18-ranked host Marauders today for the regional title.

Buttrick advances

University's Laurel Buttrick advanced in the individual tournament Tuesday by beating Lebanon's Ava Lehmkuhler 6-4, 6-0.

Buttrick will play Zionsville's Lucy King today at Lebanon in her next match.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Westfield No. 1 singles player Isabella Norris was a 6-1, 6-0 winner for the Shamrocks in Tuesday's regional semifinal at Noblesville.

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Correction

Carmel No. 1 doubles Gabby Hall and Addison Joyce won their match during the Greyhounds' sectional championship victory over Zionsville last Thursday.

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Softball

Noblesville & HSE to face off

SPORTS SCHEDULE

in Sectional 8 championship

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – The first two rounds of the Class 4A Sectional 8 softball tournament have already produced some big-hitting performances.

The sectional began Monday at Carmel’s Cherry Tree Softball Complex. The Greyhounds hosted Fishers in the opener, and the Tigers cruised to a 12-2 victory.

The Tigers put up three runs in the first inning, including a two-run double by Kendall Jordan. Fishers sprinted to the finish with six runs in the seventh inning. Tori Abel smacked a two-run double in that inning as well. Kate Murray cracked a solo home run in the fifth inning.

Jenna Grubb hit a double as part of a 3-for-5 night, while Adrienne Cook went 3-for-4 at the plate and drove in two runs. Hannah Kinder had two hits and two RBIs, with Abel and Brooke Johnson also getting two hits.

Johnson, Taylor Duplessis and Abel all scored two runs. Murray pitched a complete game, striking out six.

The Greyhounds scored one run each in the third and fourth innings. Alex Longstreth hit a third inning sacrifice fly to bring in Katherine Smith, while Winni Owens doubled in Jayden Kleiner in the fourth inning. Smith also hit a double, one of her two hits. Carmel finished its season 9-21.

In the second opening-round game, Hamilton Southeastern exploded in the second inning for a 6-0 victory over defending sectional champion Westfield.

The Royals scored all six runs in the bottom

of the second. Lani Wyrick hit a left field double to score Ava Kiemeyer and Keira Lodes, then got home on Addy Justice’s RBI fielder’s choice. Later, Alex Kiemeyer blasted a three-run homer, also scoring Justice and Reese Garland.

“I felt really supported by my teammates, so going up to bat I was really calm,” said Alex Kiemeyer. “And then just the energy after the home run was great.”

“They just need that one thing that turns the key a little bit and ignites them,” said HSE coach Emily Pusti. “Ava Kiemeyer getting on and making that good baserunning move, and then Keira following up and getting that bunt. I think those two things just turned that key.”

Justice, Alex Kiemeyer and Sayla Stock all had two hits. Grace Swedarsky was dominant in the pitcher’s circle, striking out 12 and allowing two hits.

Makayla Watson and Reese Mahannah both had one hit for the Shamrocks, who finished their season 12-13.

Tuesday games
Noblesville and Fishers faced off in the first semifinal, and the Millers became the first team to advance to Friday’s championship game with an 18-5 win over the Tigers in six innings.

Noblesville led 12-5 after four innings, then raced to the finish line by scoring



Al Kiemeyer



Zapp

six runs in the top of the sixth. Delaney Rundle, Izzy Zapp and Gabby Fowler all had RBI singles, then Addi Emerson sent a single into left field. Zapp scored, then Fowler and Mack Harvey got home on error.

“It definitely boosts morale,” said Millers coach Deke Bullard. “One of the things we really emphasize in the tournament is the energy in the dugout. You got to keep the energy up whether you’re up or down. When you start going on runs where you get a lot of hits with two outs and are fortunate to get runs drive in, it definitely makes keeping the energy up a lot easier.”

Zapp had a tremendous hitting night, going 5-for-5, batting in six runs and scoring three. Nevaeh Nash was also perfect, hitting 4-for-4 and scoring three runs. Emerson hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning, giving her a total of three RBIs. In all, Noblesville had 20 hits for the game.

“I think that playing as a team is the most important part, not just playing for yourself,” said Rundle. “And knowing that if you

make a mistake or mess up that the next ball is coming to you and that you’re going to be fine.”

Reese Newsom had three RBIs as well. Rundle scored five runs and had three hits. Lulu Van Beek went five innings for the pitching win, striking out six.

Fishers got a three-run homer from Kendall Jordan in the fourth inning, also scoring Grubb and Johnson. That was one of two hits for Jordan. Taylor Duplessis and Cook each hit a double. Murray struck out five in four innings for the Tigers, who finished their season 13-12.

The Millers are 16-10 and will play Hamilton Southeastern in the championship game. The Royals advanced by beating Zionsville 2-0 in the second semifinal.

Swedarsky threw a no-hitter for Southeastern, striking out 17 and allowing only one runner on base, a hit-by-pitch in the fifth inning.

Lodes singled in the Royals’ first run in the second inning, bringing Maggie Jenkins home. Wyrick scored in the third inning on Garland’s RBI groundout. Lodes had two hits for the game.

Southeastern is 20-4 and plays Noblesville at 6 p.m. Friday for the Sectional 8 championship.

Wednesday, May 22

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Carmel vs. Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

Westfield vs. Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 43 at Sheridan

Sheridan vs. University, 5 p.m.

Cascade vs. Cardinal Ritter, 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard

Guerin Catholic vs. Bishop Chatard, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS REGIONALS

At Lebanon

Championship: Carmel vs. Fountain Central, 5 p.m.

At Mount Vernon

Championship: Fishers vs. Mount Vernon, 5 p.m.

At Noblesville

Championship: Westfield vs. Delta, 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Regional at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Noblesville vs. Tipton, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees

Hamilton Heights vs. Sheridan, University and Lapel, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

SOFTBALL

Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard

Championship: Hamilton Heights vs. Wednesday winner, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Wednesday winners, 5:30 p.m.

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Noblesville at Yorktown Classic, 9 a.m. at Delaware Country Club

SOFTBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel

Championship: Noblesville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

BASEBALL

Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Guerin Catholic vs. Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.

GOLF

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Classic, 1 p.m. at Battle Ground Golf Club

Westfield at Providence Invitational, 1 p.m. at Champions Pointe

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

Huskies earn easy win

over Brebeuf Jesuit,

Sheridan falls to Cascade

The **REPORTER**

The Hamilton Heights softball team cruised to victory in its Class 3A Sectional 27 semifinal game Tuesday at Bishop Chatard.

The defending sectional champion Huskies beat Brebeuf Jesuit 12-0 in six innings. Heights scored five runs in the second inning, with back-to-back RBI doubles from Melanee Forrester and Addie Doak, then a two-run home run from Lily Cash.

Doak hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning to score Isabel Morrow, then Lily Roush scored in the fifth inning. The Huskies added five more runs in the sixth inning, including a two-run homer by Kassidy Schakel.

Doak was 3-for-3 at the plate and one of five players

to hit a double. Roush, Forrester, Morrow and Kamryn Rhoton also hit a double. Roush pitched all six innings, striking out 12 and allowing just one hit.

Heights improved to 20-7 after the win, setting a new record for season victories. The Huskies will play in the Sectional 27 championship Thursday, facing the winner of today’s game between Guerin Catholic and Bishop Chatard.

Sheridan fell to host Cascade Tuesday in the first round of Class 2A Sectional 43.

The No. 1-ranked Cadets beat the Blackhawks 13-0 in five innings. Shelby Eaton had two hits for Sheridan, who finished its season 2-18.

Look for girls regional track photos in the Reporter’s Thursday edition

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Baseball

Heights, Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Sheridan, Southeastern all end regular season with wins

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights baseball team finished its regular season with an 11-4 win Monday at Frankton.

The Eagles scored all four of their runs in the second inning. The Huskies got on the board in the third inning with one run: Logan Hickman scored on a wild pitch.

Heights blasted off in the fourth inning by putting up seven runs. Cohen Boyd batted in the first run, sending Austin Kappes home with a base hit. Hickman singled P.J. Wright home, then Phoenix Vondersaar cracked a left field double for three runs, scoring Boyd, Levi Chandler and Hickman.

That gave the Huskies a 6-4 lead. Dean Mason added to that lead with a right field double to bring in Vondersaar, then Mason later scored on a wild pitch to put Heights ahead 8-4.

The Huskies scored three more runs in the fifth inning. Hickman sent a two-run hit into right field, sending Wright and Boyd home. Vondersaar batted in the final run with a fielder's choice to score Chandler; he had four RBIs on the day.

Hickman hit a double during his 3-for-4 game, totaling three RBIs. Dillon Pitts got the pitching win, with five strikeouts in four innings.

Heights finished the regular season 15-13. The Huskies play in Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit Saturday, taking on Guerin Catholic.

Carmel also got a road victory to wrap up the regular season Monday, beating

Mount Vernon 6-2.

The Greyhounds scored two runs in the top of the first inning. Hunter Snow sent JD Stein home with a center field hit, then James Charland's sacrifice fly brought Tyler Walkey home.

Snow doubled in Walkey for a second inning run, while Sam Woodward scored on Silas Neal's third inning sacrifice fly. Snow added a sacrifice fly RBI in the fourth inning, scoring Stein. It was Parker Heaney's turn in the sixth inning, as his sacrifice fly brought Nate Steele home.

Walkey was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Snow totaled three RBIs. Ivan Dodd went four innings for the pitching win.

Carmel completed its regular season 18-10 and plays Sectional 8 host Noblesville this afternoon in a first-round game at Don Dunker Field.

Guerin Catholic finally got to complete its Circle City Conference series with Bishop Chatard Tuesday at its home field.

It was worth the wait, as the Golden Eagles beat the Trojans 4-2. Chatard scored a run in the second inning, but Guerin Catholic took over in the fourth inning with three runs.

Nolan Ratcliff batted in the first run, sending Karson Smith home with a base hit. Bryson Dorsey put GC into the lead with a left field single that brought in Ratcliff and Ian Taylor.

Ratcliff got another RBI in the sixth inning when Smith got home on Ratcliff's groundout. Smith was 3-for-3 at the plate with Ratcliff had two hits.



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Keegan Stout got the Blackhawks out of a fifth inning bases-loaded jam with a strikeout during their game with Southmont Monday. Sheridan went on to win 5-4.

Daulton Phillips got the pitching win.

The Golden Eagles finished conference play 6-4 and their regular season 20-6. Guerin Catholic plays Hamilton Heights Saturday in the first round of Sectional 27 at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Sheridan picked up a home victory to finish the regular season Monday, defeating Southmont 5-4.

The Mounties scored two runs in the top of the first inning, but the Blackhawks answered with three runs in the bottom of the first. Dayne Voegel led off with a double, then scored on Cole Mackintosh's sac-

rifice fly. Jack Oland singled in Zach Bales to tie the game, then Camden Spencer's right field double sent Oland home for the go-ahead run.

Spencer batted in a third inning run, scoring Caleb Alexander with a center field hit. Mackintosh's left field hit in the fifth inning brought Voegel home.

Voegel, Alexander and Spencer all had two hits. Mackintosh pitched four and two-thirds innings for the win.

Sheridan finished the regular season 14-11 and will host Sectional 43, which begins this afternoon. The Blackhawks play

University at 5:30 p.m. in today's first game.

Hamilton Southeastern won its regular season finale Tuesday, beating Greenfield-Central 5-4 in a walkoff victory at Ken Seitz Field.

The Royals scored a run in the first inning. Alex Billman led off with a double, then scored on an RBI groundout from Parker O'Steen.

The Cougars scored three runs in the top of the third inning to take the lead. Southeastern got a run back in the bottom of the third: Billman hit a leadoff triple, then Kam Seitz hit a sacrifice

fly to bring Billman home.

The Royals reclaimed the lead in the fourth inning on a two-run single from Seitz that scored Evan Haas and Kian Kelly. Greenfield tied the game at 4-4 in the sixth inning, but Colin Goley batted in the winning run, a center field hit to score Maddux Bach.

Billman finished with two hits. Michael Hoog got the pitching win, with four strikeouts in one and two-thirds innings.

Southeastern completed regular season play 15-13 and plays Fishers Friday night in the second semifinal game of Sectional 8 at Noblesville.

Baseball: Class 4A Sectional 8 sectional preview

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

High school baseball fans will flock to Noblesville's Dunker Field for the Class 4A Sectional 8 tournament this week. Easily dubbed as the top sectional and most competitive in the state, it includes five teams from the Hoosier Crossroads Conference and one of the top independent teams around.

The Hamilton Southeastern Royals (14-13) are the defending sectional champions. But, if you're looking at records, Noblesville (22-6), Fishers (21-8) and Zionsville (21-7) look like the three favorites on paper, with Westfield (17-10) and Carmel (17-10) not far behind.

Combining for 66 sectional titles between the six schools makes it extremely difficult for others in the northern half of Class 4A down the tournament trail.

In the first game tonight at 5:30 p.m., No. 13 Carmel

and No. 2 Noblesville meet up for the second time in two weeks. The Greyhounds paid a visit to the Millers on Monday May 13 and went home with a 5-3 win.

Carmel started off the season at 6-0 and through 10 games stood with a 9-1 mark. The Greyhounds have won five in a row and seven of eight heading into sectional play. Key wins over Class 3A No. 13, sweeping doubleheaders at No. 14 Penn to begin the season and at home against 3A No. 19 Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, along with recent wins over 10th-ranked 4A Evansville North and 3A No. 17 Peru have the 'Hounds ready for the sectional. They also managed to go 3-2 against the Sectional 8 field.

Noblesville got off to a 5-1 start and after a 10-9 loss to Lake Central, the Millers put together a five-game winning streak. They had their biggest string of wins for 10 in a row toward the latter part of the season. After staying atop the HCC

with a 12-0 record, the Millers dropped a double-dip to Zionsville last week to share the league title, their second in a row. Noblesville had lost three in a row of late but won two games last Saturday at Lafayette's Loeb Stadium over Lafayette Jefferson (14-2) and Harrison (9-3) closing out the regular season on a high note. Going 6-3 versus Sectional 8, big wins came over third-ranked Mooresville, No. 8 Fishers (2), Class 1A No. 5 Rossville and 3A No. 13 Brebeuf Jesuit.

Wednesday night's second game features a pair of Hoosier Crossroads Conference with Westfield and No. 6 Zionsville meeting up for the third time this month. The Rocks (10-1) and Eagles (7-1) split a doubleheader on May 2.

Westfield jumped out 5-0 and through nine games were 8-1. Five of their losses were by three runs or less in a somewhat up-and-down regular season that saw the Shamrocks go 8-6 in the HCC. The big plus current-

ly is the five-game winning streak they currently sport and have also won seven of eight heading into sectional play, where they have a 2-7 against the other five. Westfield was able to grab big wins over sixth-ranked Zionsville, Class 2A No. 10 Lapel and Avon (2), while also giving No. 1 Center Grove all it had on the road, losing to the Trojans 12-11 in 11 innings.

Zionsville is one of the hotter teams around. They too were 5-0 and then lost four straight but were able to follow that up with a five-game winning streak to straighten things out. Since losing to Cathedral at home on April 9, the Eagles have gone a remarkable 16-3 to finish out the regular season. Riding a four-game win streak heading into sectional that started with a win over top-ranked Center Grove, No. 8 Fishers, No. 13 Carmel and grabbing two wins at No. 2 Noblesville to share the HCC title with the Millers. The Eagles also have a

7-2 record against their sectional foes.

The battle for the Mudsock is always quite the battle, whether it's regular season or in the sectional. Friday night's second semifinal will be the fourth meeting of the season between the two rivals from the same school district. The No. 8 Tigers and Royals played three regular season games, but only the first two counted in the HCC league standings. Fishers took the HCC series 7-6 and 9-3, but HSE grabbed a win in the third game, 9-2.

Fishers had a tough start to their season. Going 5-3 through eight games, they dropped three straight and sat at 5-6 after losing two in a doubleheader sweep at Noblesville. The Tigers won seven in a row before the loss to the Royals. Since that point, Fishers has gone 9-1. In recent weeks, head coach Matthew Cherry won his 300th game at Fishers. A 6-4 record against Sectional 8, Fishers has big wins over Homestead

(at Taylor University), No. 6 Zionsville, Mt. Vernon, Carmel, Avon (2) and No. 12 New Palestine.

Hamilton Southeastern was 5-2 to begin its season, but struggled to string together wins mid-season. After getting swept in an HCC series by Noblesville, the Royals won three in a row over Hamilton Heights, Anderson and Westfield. HSE has another three-game win streak currently and looks to keep it going tonight at home against Hamilton Heights (15-13), as both tune up for tournament play. Their regular season was highlighted by big wins over Avon, 2A No. 10 Lapel, No. 8 Fishers, Westfield and Franklin Central (2).

The first semifinal on Friday will be at 5:30 p.m. and features the winners of the Carmel/Noblesville and Westfield/Zionsville, followed by Fishers/HSE. The winners of the two semifinals will meet in the championship on Memorial Day at 2 p.m.

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