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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Hamilton Happenings

Janus Developmental Services has received a \$6,0000 grant from the Everwise Foundation, a gift that will help the organization provide support to youth in Hamilton County for life skills such as financial education, financial safety training, and workforce development opportunities. These are skills for everyone to learn so they are able to successfully live their best lives and be as independent as possible. This grant will change lives.

Three Things You Should Know

1 The Indiana State Library is celebrating Preservation Week this month by holding a conservation clinic and encouraging guests to stop in - and to bring their family heirlooms with them. A team of experienced conservators will be on hand at "Preserve Your Family Treasures: The Indiana State Library Public Conservation Clinic" to show individuals how to best care for antiques and artwork. "Preserve Your Family Treasures" will take place in the Indiana State Library's History Reference Room on Monday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free and parking will be validated for those who park in the Senate Avenue garage, directly across from the library. The Indiana State Library is located at 315 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis.

2 The Hoosier Lottery is again participating in April's National Financial Literacy Month awareness efforts to emphasize the importance of planning and budgeting as key to keeping play positive. The state offers several resources to help players boost their financial literacy. Players can visit HoosierLottery.com/PositivePlay to watch a set of educational Positive Play videos. In addition, the Problem Gambling Helpline is available by dialing 1-800-994-8448, texting INGAMB to 53342 or clicking the Chat Now link at the top of any Hoosier Lottery webpage.

3 The greatest show on Earth is set to take place Monday with the total solar eclipse. Here are some tips from State Farm to help reduce the risk of having the amazing day eclipsed by an accident or injury.

- Do not look directly at the sun without solar goggles or eye protection.
- If you are on the road driving or stuck in traffic, pull over at a rest area when it is safe to do so.
- Keep your headlights on, especially during the few minutes of totality when it is dark.
- Be patient. With millions of drivers on the road it may seem more like a parking lot.
- Watch out for pedestrians.
- Keep extra space between you and the car in front of you.
- Most importantly, enjoy it! The next total solar eclipse for a significant portion of the U.S. will be Aug. 12, 2045.

Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – When Should We Claim Social Security?

ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters
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Dear Rusty: I am almost 63 and my husband will be 61 soon, and we are looking to see when our best time would be to start our Social Security benefits. We would like to know if one of us qualifies for benefits from a previous marriage from 1984 to 1995. And we are wondering if I can start drawing at age 65, in two years, or if it is better that I wait until 67 because my spouse is 2 years younger than me. Also, if I were to continue working limited hours after 65, what would my earning limit be?
Signed: Almost Ready

that full retirement age (FRA) for both of you is 67. If either of you claim before that, your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced and, because you are working, you will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test."

If you claim your benefit at age 65 your monthly payment will be about 87% of what you would get if you claimed at age 67. If your husband claims at age 62, his benefit will be about 70% of his FRA amount. The only way to get 100% of the benefit

Dear Almost Ready: The first thing to understand is

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Applications Open for Golden Hoosier

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging, announced this week that nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Golden Hoosier Award.

This is the 17th year of the program.

"Our state is filled with generous Hoosiers who are constantly giving back to

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Beware of Flood-Related Fraudsters

Following the heavy rainfall throughout the state, Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers of scammers who use bad weather and pose as repairmen to gain personal information from hardworking homeowners to drain their bank

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Main Street First Friday, Total Solar Eclipse Events, Westfield Play On Stage

BETSY REASON
Columnist

Noblesville Main Street's First Friday tonight will offer an array of activities to celebrate Monday's Total Solar Eclipse, which

has events offered throughout the county. Also, Basile Westfield Playhouse show just opened on stage. Read more about happenings in The Times' list of 15 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Noblesville Main Street will have a First Friday Total Solar Eclipse Kickoff 4-8 p.m. today on the Square. Activities include: Eclipse sundae at Alexander's on the Square, Eclipse Spin Art & walk-in Eclipse projects at Caravan Classes, space activity at Grand Universe, Screen print your own shirt or heat press at HMC Screen Printing, buy your own eclipse glasses at Midwest



Photo courtesy of Hamilton County Tourism

Make plans for the Total Solar Eclipse viewing on Monday at various locations throughout Hamilton County with tickets needed for most events. For a complete list of all Hamilton County events, go to VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Events

Eye Consultants, find eclipse-themed coffee and tea drinks, and limited edition retail bags of coffee and Moon Pie and Eclipse Blend at Noble Coffee, eclipse glasses and eclipse art at NobleMade, visit Noblesville Antiques on the Square, 2023 garden prices at Noblesville Community Garden, eclipse glasses and art for sale at Noblesville Creates,

eclipse craft for kids at Rooted + Free Schoolhouse, eclipse event tickets for sale for Ruoff Music Center, free class with purchase at Shine Yoga, 10 percent off a solar eclipse charm, visit Two Chicks District Co.

2. Main Street Productions presents "That Championship Season," a

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Smoking does not relieve stress – it actually reinforces it.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com



OBITUARIES

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **DANIEL GRIESHOP** for subscribing!



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Don't let someone else's opinion of you become your reality"
Les Brown

TODAY'S JOKE

A husband and wife were looking for a tax accountant – and naturally they wanted one who could find them the most ways to pay less taxes. So when they interviewed tax preparers they asked one question: What is 230,299 multiplied by 7? If the preparer could answer the question in seconds without using a calculator, they decided that's who they would hire.

Unfortunately, none could until one day when they asked the question and the tax preparer simply smiled and said, "what do you want it to be?"

Feeding Team: It's Nice What They Do, But That'll Never Be Me



MARK HALL
Guest Columnist

Growing up in rural southern Illinois, oil, farming, candy bars, hunting, and sports dominated the discussions every week. If you were in school in

Robinson one of these silos of activity would play a big part in your life. As an average athlete in a small town, I watched more than I played. Especially in football. What I remember vividly was the dominating confidence that each of us carried into our games. It extended to our practices and even permeated all our preparations. We would watch in silent horror as a teammate or opponent gets pummeled, breaks a bone or worse lay motionless on the field as coaches, parents and EMT's scurried about, treating the injured. What I will always remember is the mental gyrations that most of us went through in our minds. We had to convince ourselves of one thing to keep going, to get back in the game, "This will Never Happen to Me," in my mind I am invincible. Having lived over six decades the foolishness of that self-talk is apparent now. But back then, no one would talk about what everyone was thinking, wow that poor guy, that will never happen to me. Let's suck it up and get back to the game. That same attitude often dominates here in 2024. I have a decent job, it is secure. We have some savings, and we are healthy. We have a home, two cars and a dog. We work hard and I will not let anything take what I have away from me. The attitude of invincibility is what carried us through high school, college, and if I am being honest, several stupid risky life decisions. The attitude of invincibility still carries many of us today. That will "Never Happen to Me" until it does.

I recently reconnected with an old friend, for our purposes his name is not important, but we will call him Robin. In 2020 Robin, married with two children, was about to celebrate his 62nd birthday. Along with his professional career he owned a profitable growing small business. Like most of us he had some mortgage left on his home and car payments. Robin clearly had done well as he hit 800 on his FICO credit score. Three years later, pushed in part by the pandemic, Robin lost his home, lost his job, lost his business, lost his health insurance, and went to an older model car just to get around town. When we reconnected, Robin was living out of his car, with his now two teenagers. He was applying for any kind of work and would grab a cheap hotel room for a good night's sleep and showers when he could afford it.

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➔ OBITUARIES

Robert “Bob” Stephenson March 14, 1944 - March 28, 2024

Robert D. “Bob” Stephenson, age 80, passed into the loving arms of his Heavenly Father on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at his home in Sheridan, Indiana, surrounded by family and friends.



Bob was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, 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, Virginia, 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); 2 step-grandsons, Ryan Walters (Marissa), and George Harlan, Jr.; step-granddaughter, Jennifer Walters; 6 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 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 11:00 am until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. 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.

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

Regina Lynn Carter-McCullough, age 52, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Monday afternoon, March 11, 2024, at Maple Park Village in Westfield, Indiana. Born September 22, 1971, in Noblesville, Indiana, 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 2-legged and 4-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 2 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 and mother-in-law, Michael C. and Brenda J. McCullough of Ocala, Florida; 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 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. 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.



Total Eclipse of the Heart – Adopt a Furry Friend

Turn around, every now and then do you get a little bit lonely? Turn around, bright eyes, and come to the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) for their Total Eclipse of the Heart adoption event.

HSHC will host a "priceless" adoption event on Saturday, April 6th from 12 - 5:00 p.m. at their location in Fishers, 10501 Hague Road. Adopters can make a donation - of any amount - in place of the regular adoption fee.

Adopters will also receive a one-month supply of flea, tick, and heartworm preventatives (courtesy of Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc.), a \$100 Gift Certificate from Barkefellers, a 50% Off Certificate to PetSuites Fishers, a complimentary wellness exam with a participating veterinarian, and two pairs of eclipse glasses.

With over 400 homeless pets in our care, we don't have

room to take in the daily arrivals," explained Lily Darling, Community Engagement Manager for HSHC. "We are asking the public to 'turn around', come to the shelter, and open their heart to an animal in need. The upcoming solar eclipse reminds us that miraculous events can happen in plain sight and what could be more miraculous than saving the life of a shelter pet?"

All eligible* pets will be spayed/neutered, microchipped, and be up-to-date on age-appropriate vaccinations. Looking to adopt during Total Eclipse of the Heart? Complete an application online at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt to expedite the process.

- Things to Bring:
- All family members in the home
 - Dogs (with vaccine records) for dog meet and greets
 - Pet policy (if you rent)
 - Government-issued ID

*Some exclusions may apply

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Recognizing Greatness That is Purdue Basketball This Season



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Purdue University is very selective when it comes to erecting statues.

John Purdue. He only founded the place in 1869.

Neil Armstrong. First man on the moon. The Hall of Engineering bears his name.

Amelia Earhart. Legendary aviator and former career counselor in Purdue's Office of the Dean of Women. Earhart Hall, a residential complex, is named in her honor.

John Wooden. All-American guard at Purdue from 1930-32. Coached UCLA to 10 national championships. You'll find his likeness outside Mackey Arena, located on John R. Wooden Drive.

And of course, The Boilermaker. Larger than life at 18 feet tall (not including the base) and appropriately located outside Ross-Ade Stadium on Wooden Drive between the Drew and Brittany Brees Academic Performance Center and the (Jack) Mollenkopf Athletic Center.

Five statues among 2,468 acres in West Lafayette is modest, even by Purdue's conservative standards. No matter what happens this weekend, serious consideration should be given to erecting a statue of Zach Edey. The sculptor could make it life sized (7-4) to fit in one of the handful of entrances to Mackey Arena if outdoor space won't allow.

Humorously, I'd like to see a statue recreating a 1930 photograph of the college basketball giant of his day, Charles "Stretch" Murphy, and legendary Purdue coach Ward "Piggy" Lambert

portraying Edey and coach Matt Painter. Murphy stood a foot taller than Lambert at 6-6. Edey only has a 10-inch advantage on Painter but you get the idea.

As a now two-time National Player of the Year winner, it's time to anoint Edey as the greatest basketball player in Purdue history. That's a sentence I didn't think I'd be writing a year ago. To me, Glenn Robinson and Rick Mount have been the standards for Boilermaker greatness. Robinson for his all-around skills and Mount's status as the greatest shooter I've ever seen and Purdue's career scoring leader for 54 years.

None of this would have happened if then-assistant coach Steve Lutz and Painter hadn't taken a chance on someone who didn't start playing basketball until he was 15.

"For me to have payback for Coach Paint for really believing in me, it's amazing," Edey said following Purdue's 72-66 victory against Tennessee for the Midwest Regional championship in Detroit. "There were so many coaches that looked over me. It's kind of been the story of my life. People have doubted me. People looked past me. Can't do that anymore."

It didn't go unnoticed that Edey also honored Purdue Hall of Fame coach Gene Keady, who made the trip to Detroit with the team. After eschewing a ladder to cut a piece of the net, Edey handed a piece to Keady. Reading Keady's lips, he uttered "wow!" before doffing his cap to the cheering crowd.

"You've always got to pay respect to those that came first," Edey said when asked what it

meant to have Keady there. "He built this. It doesn't go over our heads. He helped set this all up. To be able to pay him back and give him a little piece of net, it's the least I can do."

Larry Bird. Elvin Hayes. Rick Barry. Oscar Robertson.

Edey's performance this season has elevated him alongside those basketball legends. No one since Bird in 1979 has recorded at least 900 points (926) and 450 rebounds (452) in a season. Hayes, Barry and Robertson are the only other players in NCAA history with those numbers.

Edey also is the first since Robertson in 1960 to lead the country in scoring (25.0 ppg.) and advance to the Final Four.

Until Edey's career-high 40-point performance against the Vols, no one in NCAA Regional finals history had posted a double-double effort of 40 and 16 rebounds. Those 16 rebounds boosted Edey's season total to 452, breaking his own school record of 438 set a year ago. It's also the first 40-15 game for a Boilermaker since Dave Schellhase on Jan. 21, 1964 against Notre Dame.

Another record within Edey's reach is the single season free throw attempts of 440 set by Furman's Frank Selvy in 1954. Edey has 424 heading into the matchup with North Carolina State.

Edey is the fourth Boilermaker to put up 40 points in an NCAA tournament game. Robinson had 44 against Kansas in the 1994 Southeast Regional semifinal. Carsen Edwards had 42 against Villanova and Virginia in the 2019 South Regional second round and final, respectively.

Painter believes Edey is capable of even greater scoring accomplishments. "He should have got 50 tonight, if he makes his free throws," Painter said after the Tennessee game, slightly exaggerating Edey's 14 of 22 effort at the line. "I know the season is not over, but I thought he'd get 50 in a game this year."

Westfield graduate Braden Smith joined Most Outstanding Player Edey on the Midwest Region All-Tournament team after posting nine points, seven rebounds and seven assists against the Vols. Smith just missed recording Purdue's second triple-double with 14 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds in the 80-68 semifinal victory against Gonzaga.

Smith is 13 assists away from the Big Ten single-season record, set by Michigan State's Cassius Winston with 291 during the 2018-19 season. "He's evolved as one of the best point guards in the country, if not the best point guard in the country," Painter said. "Just his ability to pass and see things. He's very knowledgeable, very instinctive, makes good decisions but somebody you want the ball in his hands . . . Keeping the ball in his hands helps everybody, especially Zach. Now they've got to deal with him and stop him, and know they've got to deal with Zach coming into the post."

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

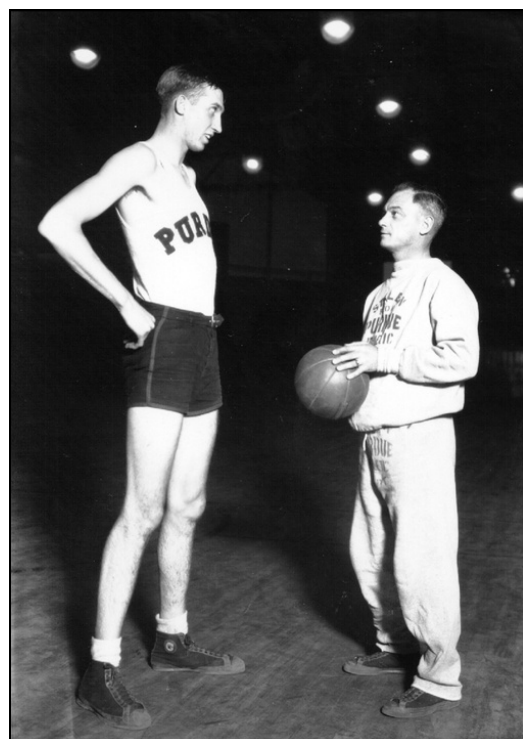


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Charles "Stretch" Murphy and Piggy Lambert

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a play by Jason Miller and directed by Lori Raffel of Carmel, now through April 14, with show times at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and April 11, 12, 13; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday and April 14 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, with tickets at westfieldplayhouse.org.



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Adrian Blackwell (from left) of Noblesville (as Tom), Earl Campbell of Noblesville (as George) and Jim Simmons of Fishers (as Coach) rehearse for Main Street Productions' play, "That Championship Season," onstage April 4-14 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

musical acts, dance companies and renowned experts who will shed light on the science behind the event. Hoosier astronaut Mark Brown is one of the featured experts, sharing stories about his time at NASA. www.connerprairie.org.

8. Carmel's official eclipse viewing location is a free event at Civic Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday with a festival atmosphere featuring vendors, live music performers, educational information and live updates by eclipse experts.

9. Experience the Park Side of the Moon for the Total Solar Eclipse 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Cool Creek Park in Westfield, with live entertainment on the pavilion stage, crafts and activities, food for purchase and kids activity zone with \$10 for county residents, with tickets at hamiltoncounty.in.us

10. Enjoy the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield with festivities 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, with food and drink from food trucks, a concert with 1985 Band, inflatables, Moon Pie eating contest by Westfield's Joey Chestnut, viewing telescopes onsite, special guest Dr. Mark SubbaRao, director of NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio, with pre-purchase tickets only at \$25 for standard vehicles and \$100 for campers and recreational vehicles at www.westfieldwelcome.com

11. Enjoy an eclipse celebration at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville with live entertainment, food

trucks, a beer garden, inflatable obstacle course, guest speaker from NASA, dance party and more with \$99 vehicle tickets at livenation.com.

12. View the Total Solar Eclipse 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Pinheads and Alley's Alehouse in Fishers, with food and a view of the sky on the patio, with bingo noon to 12:30 p.m., and receive one pair of eclipse glasses with the purchase of any food item. Bring your own lawn chair for a view from the sand volleyball court.

13. Enjoy Moon Market at Strawtown Koteewi Park for the Total Solar Eclipse noon to 5 p.m. Monday at Strawtown Koteewi Park's Taylor Center of Natural History in Noblesville, with \$5 for Hamilton County residents, at hamiltoncounty.in.gov

14. Join Noblesville Preservation Alliance's Eclipse Viewing Party 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at Preservation Hall on Logan Street in downtown Noblesville. Live music, refreshments and free admission, and eclipse viewing glasses available for purchase.

15. Save the date for What: Blatchley Nature Study Club's free Spring Wildflower Walks 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, April 13 and 27, at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville.

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3. Join the "Who's Bad" celebration of pop music's Michael Jackson at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel, with tickets at \$50-\$75 with a \$25 food-and-beverage minimum per guest.

4. Enjoy live music with The Dead Squirrels tonight, Chris Baird on Saturday, Primeval Eclipse Party 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday with outdoor beer garden with eclipse viewing and a Coffee Cream Ale using coffee from Noble Coffee & Tea, Robyn & Steve on April 12, Jason Dozier on April 13, Noblesville Creates (Nickel Plate Arts) Fairyville April 17-20 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

5. Kiln Creations in downtown Noblesville offers Mirable Meet and Paint at 4 p.m. today, Family Paint Day with Compassionate Roots at 11 a.m. Saturday, Highland Cow Class at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sip and Paint at Chilly Water Taproom at 6 p.m. April 9, Sip and Paint at Klooz Brewz at 6 p.m. April 11, Squishmallow Plates at 6 p.m. April 12, with classes at the downtown shop, unless noted otherwise, with reservations at kilncreations.net.

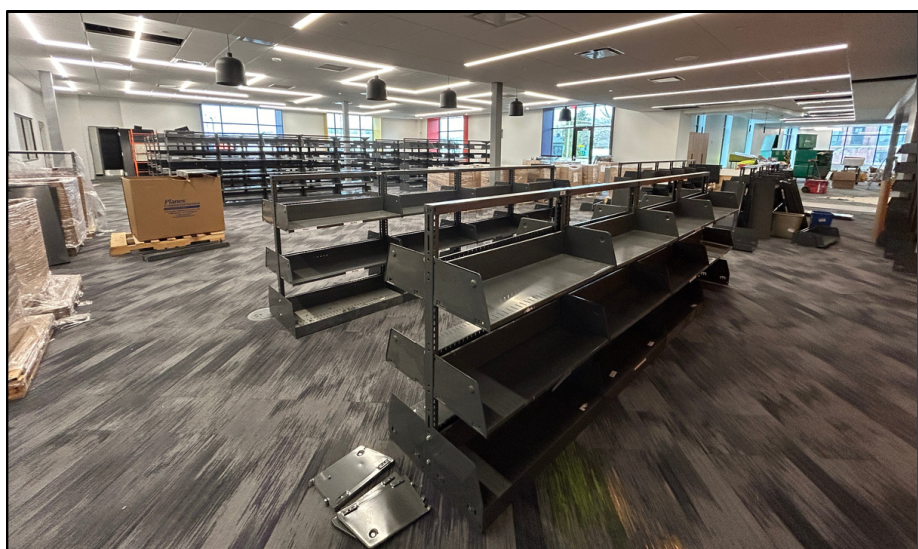
6. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Jennifer Mlott at 7 p.m. Saturday, solar eclipse viewing at 1 to 5 p.m. Monday with free eclipse glasses for safe viewing, Jeff Brown at 7 p.m. April 13, cookie-decorating class at 2:30 p.m. April 14, at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville., Visit spencerfarmwinery.com. Noblesville Main Street will have a Total Eclipse Kickoff 4-8 p.m. April 5, with details to come.

7. Make plans for the Conner Prairie Total Solar Eclipse 2024 event 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Conner Prairie tickets are \$30 for members, \$45 for nonmembers, and \$150 for VIP guests who receive reserved parking, a shuttle, eclipse viewing glasses, unobstructed viewing area, private coffee and spirits bar, lunch buffet from City BBQ and an after party. Festival grounds will turn into a haven of wonder while guests will take in performances from

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Westfield Library Prepares for Move



Photos courtesy Westfield Library

Empty shelves today but will be fully stocked by opening day, June 1.

The Westfield Washington Public Library will temporarily close its doors on April 22 as staff embark on the monumental task of packing up the library's collections, furniture, and equipment and moving 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 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 location, we're incredibly excited about the opportunities that the new building will bring," Sollars said. "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 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



Executive Director Sheryl Sollars

from non-Evergreen Indiana public libraries in Hamilton County. They can also visit or call any other location in the Evergreen Indiana consortium of more than 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 <https://wwpl.lib.in.us/moving>

Noblesville Lions Support Candidate for International Director



Photo courtesy Noblesville Lions

The Noblesville Lions recently welcomed Reed Fish of the Speedway Lions Club. Reed has been a Lion for over 35 years with many awards and personal dedication. Reed has had many distinguished positions in the Lions organization over the years, which include Club President, District 25F Governor, and activities in MD 25 Lions of Indiana. He has also received awards and recognitions at the International level of Lions Clubs. Reed has now decided to run for Lions Club International Director, and the Noblesville Lions Club is proud to support Reed in this endeavor. He is seen here with Noblesville Lion VP, Jeff Kozicki.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is given by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, that they will receive bids to rent two enclosed buildings located at the Hamilton County 4-H Center at 2003 East Pleasant Street, Noblesville, Indiana, for storage of materials during the 2024-2025 winter season, beginning October 1, 2024 through May 1, 2025. The buildings are the swine barn which is 60' by 144' or 8,640 square feet; and the cattle barn which is 60' by 210', or 12,600 square feet. Said buildings will be rented in their present condition without any warranties, express or implied. Any questions concerning the renting of said building should be addressed to Lisa Hanni at the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, (317) 776-0854.

Bidders shall submit sealed bids to the Office of the Hamilton County Auditor at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, in the basement of the Historic Courthouse on or before 11:30 a.m. on April 22, 2024. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana until the time of the bid opening. Those bids shall contain the following:

- A clear designation on the outside of the bid envelope of 4-H RENTAL Bids.
- A Cashiers or Certified Check in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) payable to Hamilton County, Indiana.
- The name, address, home, and business phone number of the bidder.
- No bid under \$13,200 will be considered.

The bid shall be opened and read aloud during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County on or after 1:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024.

The successful bidder shall be expected to tender to the County one-half of the bid amount on or before October 1, 2024, with the balance of the bid amount due and owing on December 1, 2024.

All unsuccessful bidders shall have their Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) deposit check returned. A successful bidder who fails to complete his rental agreement shall forfeit his Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) will be held as a damage deposit until the buildings are vacated at the end of the rental term.

Any persons desiring an opportunity to inspect the building(s) prior to submission of a bid and to review the proposed Rental Agreement may contact Ms. Lisa Hanni, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service at (317) 776-0854.

s/s Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Hamilton County, Indiana

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Eclipse Details in Carmel

The City of Carmel has shared details surrounding the 2024 total solar eclipse. The City will host a Total Eclipse Viewing party at Civic Square from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, April 8.

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 to kick off the day, 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 be selling Carmel Eclipse merchandise including viewing glasses. The City of

Carmel will have an eclipse Instagram spot with their larger-than-life Eclipse Glasses to snap a commemorative photo.

Food Vendors

317 Charcuterie
Aunt Jean's Fun Foods
Coco Bongos Indy
Georgia's Kitchen
Joella's Hot Chicken
Kona Ice/Hickey's Shaved Ice
Polish Cottage "Polska Chata"
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 of Carmel'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. See map below for details.

Hamilton County Cities Encourage Eclipse Safety

Health officials in Hamilton County are stressing the importance of eye safety during the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The Hamilton County and Fishers Health Departments are working to ensure residents don't get burned by long-term damage from the celestial event.

"Everyone should wear solar viewing glasses with ISO 12312-2 throughout the event," says Jim Ginder, health education specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department. "Viewing the partial phases of the eclipse with the naked eye can result in serious eye damage, including retinal burns."

Symptoms of retinal burns include loss of central vision, distorted vision, altered color vision, blind spots, and increased sensitivity to light. Symptoms can occur anywhere from 12 to 24 hours after exposure. Anyone experiencing symptoms should seek immediate medical

attention.

"Regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, do not offer sufficient protection for viewing the sun," says Monica Heltz, public health director at the Fishers Health Department. "Sightseers should also refrain from capturing the eclipse through a camera, binoculars, or a telescope without certified solar filters."

Health officials also warn that traffic congestion during the total solar eclipse could slow emergency response teams. They encourage anyone attending a large event, to pack emergency supplies such as first aid kits and rescue medications (e.g. epi pen, nitroglycerin, naloxone), and to locate emergency stations (including AED locations) upon arrival.

Residents can view safety and preparation resources, including locations to secure certified eclipse glasses, at visitHamiltonCounty.com/Eclipse.

Nickel Plate Offers Whiskey and Wine Tasting Event



Nickel Plate Express is excited to announce a special whiskey and wine tasting event aboard our historic train car, featuring a pre-solar eclipse theme on Sunday, April 7. This unique experience offers guests the opportunity to enjoy exceptional drinks and delicious bites while taking in quintessential views of Indiana. These 90-minute rides will depart from Hobbs Station located inside Forest Park.

Event Details:

- What: Whiskey and Wine Tasting Event with Pre-Solar Eclipse Theme
- Where: Departing from Hobbs Station, 825 Forest Park Drive
- Date: Sunday, April 7
- Departure Times: 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

What's Included: Guests will indulge in three tastings of their choice, and a with a delicious charcuterie cup. Whether you

prefer whiskey or wine, there's something for everyone to enjoy amidst the pre-eclipse atmosphere.

Perfect for Eclipse Enthusiasts: Our historic train car offers a quintessential view of Indiana, making it the perfect location for visitors coming to view the upcoming solar eclipse. Immerse yourself in the pre-eclipse excitement while enjoying delightful drinks and scenic vistas.

Reservations: Seating is limited, so early reservation is recommended. To secure your spot, visit nickelplateexpress.org

About Nickel Plate Express: Nickel Plate Express is dedicated to providing unique and memorable train riding experiences for our guests. Our historic train car offers a charming setting for special events and gatherings.

Fishers Man Sentenced for Embezzling \$4.6 Million

Christopher Turean, 43, of Fishers, has been sentenced to four years in federal prison after pleading guilty to wire fraud and filing a false tax return.

According to court documents, from September 2012 to February 2022, Turean was employed as an investment advisor. Sometime around 2015, the victim individual became one of Turean's clients. The victim deposited their personal funds into an investment account managed by an investment company, and Turean was to invest this money on the victim's behalf.

On July 16, 2019, Turean created a company called "SCNT LLC" and opened a bank account that he alone controlled. Turean quickly began to transfer money from the victim's investment account to his SCNT account. Turean then used the victim's investment money to gamble and pay down a home equity loan on his house. Turean concealed his illegal activity from his employer and the victim by sending fraudulent updates describing the embezzled funds as investments in real estate.

In total, Turean stole \$4,692,500 from the victim. He also failed to report the illicit income on his taxes, filing false returns that concealed approximately \$1,745,246 in taxes owed.

"Investors have a right to trust that professionals obligated to act in their best interests aren't stealing their hard-earned money,"

said Zachary A. Myers, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "This criminal used his position as a trusted professional to steal nearly five million dollars, and ten concealed nearly two million dollars in taxes owed. The serious prison sentence imposed here demonstrates the commitment of IRS-CI and our federal prosecutors to aggressively prosecute financial crimes and hold fraudsters accountable."

"Turean abused his position of trust by stealing from his investors for his own selfish purposes. He not only violated the law, but he also betrayed the trust and confidence of his investors who relied on him to act in their best interests," said Justin Campbell, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Chicago Field Office. "This case should serve as a stark reminder of the vital importance of safeguarding one's personal finances and remaining vigilant against those who seek to exploit their positions of trust for personal gain."

IRS Criminal Investigation investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Matthew P. Brookman. Judge Brookman also ordered that Turean be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for three years following his release from federal prison and pay \$6,417,746 in restitution.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Adam Eakman, who prosecuted this case.

'65 Palm Sunday Tornado Topic of Talk at Sheridan Library

SHERIDAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Presented on the anniversary of the Palm Sunday Tornadoes

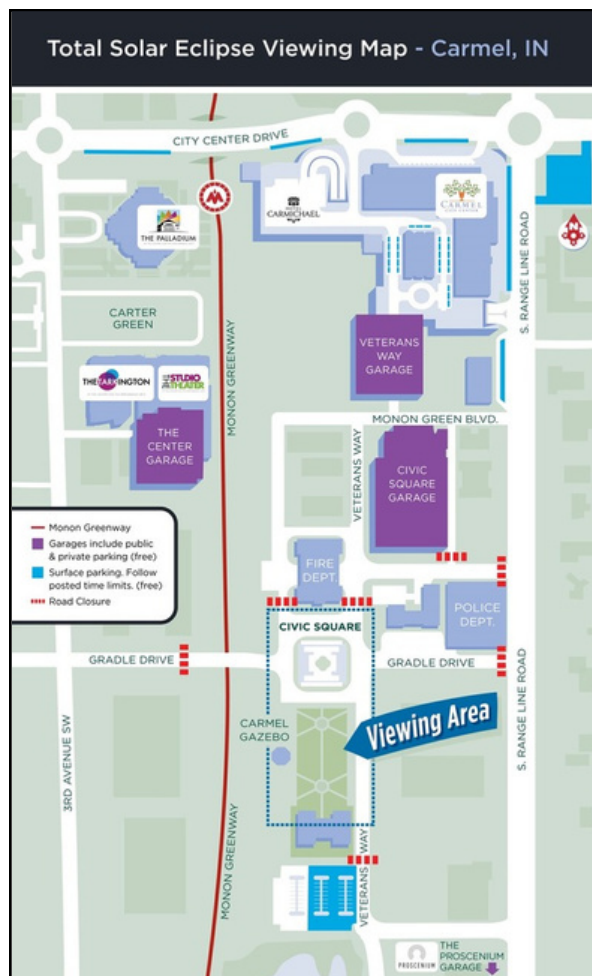


An Evening with
JANIS THORNTON

THURSDAY
APRIL 11 | 6PM

Local author, Janis Thornton will visit the Sheridan Public Library Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. to discuss her book, *The 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana*, presented on the anniversary of the event. Thornton's love for history and the telling of powerful stories inspired her to write a

book about Indiana's worst tornado outbreak. She became committed to collecting and recording firsthand stories of Hoosiers that experienced the disasters. The author gives a glimpse of one of the most devastating and catastrophic Indiana natural disasters.



Westfield's Green Day Returns April 27

Green Day, a celebration of Earth and Arbor Days, returns on Saturday, April 27, from noon to 2 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza (225 S. Union Street) hosted by the City of Westfield's Parks and Recreation Department.

This free event will include local organizations and vendors sharing tips and techniques highlighting green practices and initiatives that can be practiced at home and around the community. Topics include soils, trees, water, invasive species, and more.

The city will give away free native tree saplings while supplies last, courtesy of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Participating organizations include:

- City of Westfield Parks & Recreation
- City of Westfield Stormwater

- Earth Charter Indiana
- Greenways Foundation
- Hamilton County Soil and Water
- Westfield Green Together
- WM
- Xanderbuilt Tree Care

"Green Day is an important Parks Department initiative, and we are thrilled that a number of businesses and community organizations are partnering to make this an even bigger event. We work hard each year to be named a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation, and events like this help to inform the community of the work we're doing that they may not see every day," stated Mayor Scott Willis.

Free public parking for the event is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar Street and Park Street and in designated on-street spots along Jersey, Mill, and Union Streets.

Thank you for
subscribing!

Reader Takes Exception with Times Article

Dear Editor,
I am David Marsh, a proud Democrat and a moderate liberal, living in Indiana. I am responding to Sen. Roger Marshall's Times article from March 27, 2024. The main subject of his article was, 'What's happening on our southern border is not a crisis, it's an invasion'. President Biden, in his SOTU address, made it quite clear that there was a bipartisan bill brought to a vote which could have been a great start to a solution for our southern border. The southern border has been a problem for thirty years with both Democrats and Republican creating road blocks or just ignoring the solution. I believe with Donald Trump's hold on the Republican Party, he was able to block passage of this bipartisan bill on the border with his phone calls. **Now the border problem is the main campaign thrust of the Republicans.**

- I am including what the last four presidents added to our national debit. This information is from an article in USA Today dated 01/28/2024. President Bust, in 8 years 6.1 Trillion, President Obama, in 8 years 8.34 Trillion, President Trump, in 4 years 8.2 Trillion, and President Biden, from 2021 to June 2023 1.84 Trillion.
- A few other points of interest, Trump's claim of Presidential immunity. Sounds to me like, **The King can do no wrong.**
- Let me cite the definition of an **Insurrection.** Insurrection, an organized and usually violent act of revolt or rebellion against an established government or governing authority of a nation-state or other political entity by a group of its citizens or

subjects; also any act of engaging in such a revolt. Sound familiar?

- Roe vs Wade. The SCOTUS originally stated that abortion was a state's issue, now the push is for a federal law. Is it Pro Life or Pro control?
- It is my opinion that Democracy is on the line in this election. I personally believe if Donald Trump is elected it could be our last election.
- What about NATO? Trump, telling Putin to do whatever he damn well pleases with Poland.
- Are you better off now than four years ago? I say yes, I am! I have toilet paper.
- I can remember when Democrats and Republicans used to talk to each other and discuss political differences. No yelling, no smart a.. remarks, or getting violent. Some cultures still enjoy discussing politics. When I was in Greece, I believe around 2005, I saw five or six gentlemen sharing a beverage of their choice and an afternoon in the park enjoying each other company discussing some subject which seem to be very entertaining to them. I asked my guide, what they might be discussing and without hesitation my guide said, politics.
- Oh, by the way do you have your Trump Bible yet? When Mr. Trump was asked in a recent interview what his favorite Bible verse was, he refused to answer saying that was too personal to answer. What do you think?

I would enjoy your discussion on my article as long as you don't stand on your chair, shout and point your finger.

David Marsh
Noblesville

Heights Grad Named Realizing the Dream Honoree



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools, @MissCaraPhotography

Realizing the Dream honoree Maddi Martin (HHHS '22 and Anderson University sophomore) is pictured with her most influential educator, Kim Kaiser (HHHS Business Teacher and Business Department Chair).

Maddi Martin, a sophomore at Anderson University (AU), in Anderson, Indiana was among 29 Hoosier students honored with the "Realizing the Dream" scholarship from the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI). Martin, a 2022 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, is a member of AU's women's tennis team and majoring in visual communications and design.

Martin was one of 29 students in the state of Indiana to receive the award, given to sophomore students who attend one of the ICI member institutions like Anderson, DePauw, Franklin, Marian, and Manchester to name a few. The "Realizing the Dream" program recognizes students from ICI campuses who are the first in their families to attend college. The program also pays tribute to the students' families and their inspirational teachers.

Martin recognized her high school business teacher, Kim Kaiser, as being her most influential educator. They reconnected at a special reception and awards dinner at the Eiteljorg Museum in

Indianapolis. Along with recognition at the event, each honored student received a plaque and a \$4,000 check for outstanding achievement to apply toward their college costs. The "Realizing the Dream" program, made possible by the support of the Lilly Endowment Inc., also provides a \$1,000 professional development grant to the teacher who inspired the recipient to go to college. Martin, who was raised by her mother in a single parent home, was grateful for the recognition and additional financial assistance. While she only had Mrs. Kaiser for one business class her junior year, the experience of being in that class and how Kaiser made her feel left a lasting impact. Martin said she was an outstanding and great teacher.

"I am so appreciative of this honor and proud of Maddi and the path she has chosen at Anderson University," said Kim Kaiser, upon learning that Martin was a recipient of this award. "Many thanks to the Lilly Endowment Fund for supporting the "Realizing the Dream" program.

Art-Cclipse Festival Featuring Hamilton County Artists

Noblesville Creates is hosting their Art-Cclipse Festival Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in celebration of Tuesday's total solar eclipse. The festival will be held on Noblesville's Courthouse Square to celebrate the eclipse, share artwork created by local artists, and create art with community members.

The festival will include interactive art projects led by Noblesville Creates and their local arts organizations, including Gal's Guide Library, The Belfry Theatre, En Pointe Indiana Ballet, Hamilton County Artists' Association, Fishers Arts Council, Caravan Classes, The Workshops of G.B. Davis, Vintage Adventures, Kiln Creations, Fins and Foxes, Patterson Pottery, Janus Developmental Services, ArtMix, and more.

There will also be artists booths at the festival where attendees can browse for eclipse-themed art and mementos, such as posters, t-shirts, stickers, tumblers, and more, crafted by Hamilton County Artists like Stuart Sayger, Craig Mullins, Barbara Howrey, Karli Gray, Devonna Miltenberger, and others.

Eclipse Art and Mementos Available for Sale

Exclusive Eclipse Comic: A limited edition "Betty and Veronica Friends Forever Sleepover" comic, featuring two

different covers by local artist Stuart Sayger, in partnership with Archie Comics and sponsored by Hamilton County Tourism. One cover is set at Conner Prairie, the other at Noblesville Creates. Only 350 copies of each cover will be available. \$20 unsigned, \$25 signed, or get both signed covers with certificates of authenticity for \$50.

Eclipse Glossy Prints: High-quality glossy prints that feature original eclipse-inspired art by local artists. Five different prints are available. Get one poster for \$35 or the set of five for \$99.

Eclipse Temporary Tattoos: Temporary tattoos featuring eclipse-themed artwork by local artists. Three design options are available. Get one tattoo for \$4 or the set of three for \$10.

Eclipse Stickers (Regular and Glow in the Dark): These stickers feature artwork by local artists. Five design options are available. Purchase the regular stickers for \$3 each, or the glow-in-the-dark stickers for \$5 each, or get a set of all 5 stickers for \$15.

Eclipse Tea Towels: 100% cotton tea towels are 20 inches square when unfolded and fold to display a 7-inch-wide image. Two design options are available. \$25 each or buy both for \$35. Proceeds are split between the artist and Noblesville Creates and support future arts programming.

Carmel Parks Observes Beautification Month

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation 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," said Abby Wallace, CCPR Volunteer Coordinator. "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.

Weed Wrangle at Westermeier Commons Saturday, April 6, 9-11 a.m. Create valuable habitat for our local wildlife by removing invasive honeysuckle from Central Park.

Central Park Clean Sweep - Wednesday, April 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join us as we work to remove litter from Central Park and the Monon Greenway.

Garlic Mustard Grab-a-thon - Tuesday, April 16, 9-11 a.m. Join us as we partner with the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) to remove invasive garlic mustard from River Heritage Park.

Arbor Day Planting - Friday, April 26, 4-6 p.m. End Parks Beautification Month by helping us plant native tree species at West Park.





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