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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny morning.
Partly sunny afternoon.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 72 LOW: 51



\$1K scholarship up for grabs at County Youth Service Awards

The REPORTER
The 30th annual Hamilton County Youth Service Awards ceremony will take place at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, May 8 at the Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville.
The ceremony is sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and

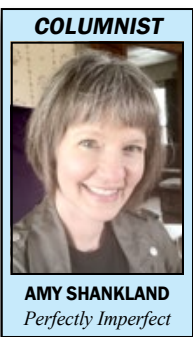
Other Drugs (HCCOAO) as part of its ongoing effort to recognize outstanding service by youth in our community.
“We are proud of each of the applicants that have chosen to lead a drug-free lifestyle and contribute their time to help make positive changes in the lives of others,” HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer.

Each school winner was selected by his or her school’s counseling department. This year’s nominees include Liam Courtney from Carmel High School, Victoria Chambers from Hamilton Heights High School, Mrithula Karunamurtha from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Nicole Liu from Noblesville High School, Jacquelynne Bates from Sheridan High School, and Isabella Grady from Westfield High School.

A selection committee made up of employees of the probation department screened the applications using a set criterion to select an overall winner of the \$1,000 scholarship. Each finalist not selected as the overall winner will receive a \$300 scholarship.

Invasion of the pizza snatchers

“Amy, these aren’t your normal groceries,” announced Sarah, my favorite Kroger Pick Up lady. She was chatting with me as she loaded my order into my Mini Cooper last Wednesday morning (side note – Kroger Pick Up is a Godsend for busy folks who work full-time. Thank you, Sarah!)
“I know,” I replied, “My youngest son Jacob is coming home for the summer from college.”



This is the time of year where our kitchen cupboards and fridge transform from being partially full of rather healthy items into areas overflowing with, well, not so healthy stuff.
Sour cream and cheese potato chips, Rice Krispies Treats, and Cinnamon Toast Crunch compete for space with my black bean chips, almonds, steel cut oatmeal, and other “grown-up” items in the pantry.

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Noblesville Schools announces four 2023 Teachers of the Year

The REPORTER
Noblesville Schools has named four educators as 2023 Teachers of the Year. The teachers were nominated by their principals and were selected for the honor by a committee of administrators.
The winners are Emily Griggs, Mario Dohnert, Betsy Lange, and Michelle Sharp-Taylor.

Emily Griggs
K-2 Teacher
North Elementary
Elementary winner
Overall district winner

Known for her patience, caring, and gestures to cheer others, Griggs’ strong relationships with challenging learners are second to none. A voracious learner herself, she is always the first to grow her

Mario Dohnert
Fourth Grade Teacher
Hazel De Elementary
Elementary winner

A “game changer,” a coach, a club leader, and a tutor, Dohnert uses engaging

Betsy Lange

professional skills and is a leader who is sought out by her peers. She pushes her students to be the best they can be, and they think of her as their mom at school. Always a cheerleader for others, her life purpose is to empower her students to succeed.

Michelle Sharp-Taylor

real-life events and creative opportunities to bring learning alive for his students. Whether dropping off forgotten homework at a student’s house or attending their events outside of school, he is 100 percent focused on his kids. A data-driven educator with success serving all, his students set their own goals, interview for classroom jobs, and regularly show significant academic growth.

Griggs

Dohnert

Lange

Sharp-Taylor

Photo provided
Dennis Fishburn (left) and Jarod Ralph accepted the award on Gaylor Electric’s behalf.

Gaylor Electric wins award for Outstanding Project Safety

The REPORTER
Gaylor Electric has won the Outstanding Project Safety Award for Project INCOG BioPharma by Coalition for Construction Safety (CCS). This 60,000 square-foot, over \$4 million, pharmaceutical manufacturing facility located in Fishers, is recognized for its exceptional safety achievements in the industry.
Project submissions were reviewed based on any incidents or injuries onsite, programs or initiatives that demonstrated an outstanding commitment to safety, a description of how hazard exposures were addressed to the general contractors (if any), and an account of the relationship between the owner and contractor and how it impacted safety performance on the project.

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Westfield H.S. students working hard to put a stop to teen suicide

Reporter photo
Students in Robbie’s Hope Club at Westfield High School have a lofty goal: do whatever it takes to help cut the national teen suicide rate in half by 2028. The Reporter wanted to help these bright young leaders achieve that goal. (From left) Noblesville attorney and one of the Reporter’s owners Seth Wilson presents a check for \$1,000 to Analiece Emigh, Elyse Menzel, and Layla Lewis ahead of the Robbie’s Hope Mental Health Gala set for Saturday, May 6 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield. If you’d like to learn about teen mental health and find out how you can help stop teen suicide, you can still register at [this link](#).

Hamilton County to allow cameras in its courtrooms

The REPORTER
Hamilton County’s Circuit and Superior Courts will begin allowing cameras in their courtrooms. The Indiana Supreme Court has given trial court judges the authority to decide whether or not to accept requests for cameras in their courtrooms.
“We are constitutionally required to have open courtrooms to ensure courts don’t abuse their powers,” Superior Court No. 5 Judge David Najjar said. “Allowing cameras in the courtroom is another way to ensure our proceedings are



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INCOG BioPharma required 25,000 craft professional hours upon completion. With safety being deeply rooted into Gaylor Electric's culture with a commitment to ZERO harm, there were no recordable incidents.

Many factors played into this project winning the Outstanding Project Safety Award. Along with individual awareness and education, Gaylor Electric craft professionals maintain the highest level of safety through the process of fabrication in its Innovation Center, Gaylor Value Inspector Program, daily safety huddles, pull planning, high-level trade coordination, tableau (data driven decisions), pre-task safety planning, Gaylor Safety mobile app notifications, and bi-weekly toolbox talks.

Winners were announced at the 30th annual CCS Anniversary and Awards Celebration on April 27 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis.

About the Coalition for Construction Safety

The Coalition for Construction Safety (CCS) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the elimination of construction and facilities maintenance jobsite injuries and illnesses with the ultimate objective of returning construction and maintenance workers home to their families, friends, and communities free from harm.

About Gaylor Electric

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CAMERAS

public and to allow citizens to watch the work we do and how we do it."

Up until now, Indiana and Louisiana were the only two states in the nation to not allow cameras in the court.

"COVID brought cameras into just about every courtroom," Judge Najjar said. "Live streaming became a necessity when our judicial buildings were closed to ensure we created a public forum and keep courts open to the public. So, a lot of that initial resistance to cameras in the courtroom went by the wayside. There will still be some judges who are hesitant to the idea, but there are others who are very eager to open their courtrooms and let the media in."

Under Hamilton County's rules, the media must request camera coverage from the presiding judge at least five days ahead of the proceeding, except for court hearings in which Zoom or another Internet platform is being used. The presiding judge may then decide if they will or will not allow cameras and can set any conditions they deem appropriate. The judge can also prohibit, limit, or terminate media coverage or testimony of particular witnesses at any time and for any reason.

Media will also be forbidden to film members of the jury, juveniles, and victims of violence, sex crimes, or domestic abuse. Only broadcast and print media and their professional associations can use cameras in court. Members of the general public, including independent bloggers, are not allowed under the rule.

Those interested in requesting camera coverage in Hamilton County can find the rules and the application at [this link](#).

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Robbie's Hope Gala

Westfield High School Event

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County (nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children). Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Westfield High School TEACHERS receives STEM award

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The REPORTER

Westfield High School (WHS) has been recognized as a 2022-23 Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School. It is one of 262 high schools across the U.S. to receive this honor for providing broad access to transformative learning experiences for students through PLTW's computer science, engineering, and biomedical pathways.

cal pathways.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in more than 12,200 schools across the U.S.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the

designation, WHS had to meet the following criteria in the 2021-22 school year:

- Had 25 percent of students or more participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33 percent took two or more PLTW courses
- Offer and had students enrolled in at least three PLTW courses
- Have strategies in place that support reasonably proportional representation with regard to race, ethnicity, poverty, and/or gender.

PIZZA

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Photo provided by Amy Shankland

Totino's frozen pizza, one of the many foods invading our columnist's kitchen this week.

Our normally sparse freezer now has Totino's Crisp Crust Party Pizzas, popsicles, and ice cream. The refrigerator gets rather crowded as well thanks to the return of not one, but two dozen eggs (my son is a breakfast fanatic) coffee creamer, and chorizo, a leftover passion from Jacob's time working at El Camino.

Speaking of coffee, the normally silent, dusty coffee maker will soon return to life, as neither my husband John nor I drink it. Our sons, however, have loved coffee since they were in high school. Jacob's medium roast coffee has now joined my assortment of loose-leaf teas in the beverage section of our cupboard.

Our meals in general have gotten rather tricky as well over the past year since I've given up eating meat. I've learned to make vegetarian meals with meat on the side along with various fish dishes that we all agree taste delicious.

It's also challenging to plan meals in general. John sometimes has sales appointments in the evening

and Jacob will most likely work some evenings this summer, too. The chalkboard menu I referenced in my leftovers column a few weeks ago is truly just a "guide." I know that I may have to switch plans from day to day depending on my crew's schedule.

Let me back up and explain that I did raise my sons on a hearty diet with lots of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, etc. But we all know what happens when kids become teenagers and are out on their own. It's rare that they stay with those healthy habits.

However, when my oldest son Jonathon visits, it's gratifying to see him go straight to the fridge to grab a piece of fruit. Or two. Or three. And of course, Jacob loves the meals I prepare with roasted vegetables.

Our kitchen may have been invaded by "young people" food, but I think we'll manage. Heck, I may very well indulge in a Rice Krispies Treat or popsicle this summer. I'm sure Sarah will get used to all the changes soon!

Betsy Lange

*Seventh Grade Math Teacher
Noblesville East Middle School
Middle school winner*

Lange has a way of supporting students while holding them accountable that leads to success and ownership of learning, even beyond her math class. Strong relationships are at the center of her teaching, and she is known for making engaging connections with her students. As chair of the math department, she leads curriculum development, professional learning, and new instructional practices, and is a well-respected leader and role model among other teachers and staff.

Michelle Tharp-Taylor

*French Teacher
Noblesville High School
High school winner*

In Tharp-Taylor's class, students know that they matter thanks to her love and care. Funny, social, energetic, and wise, she eats lunch with students who don't have others to sit with and makes time to watch students at after-school events. Some have reported that they have learned more from her than any other teacher they've ever had. Throughout her career, she has

fostered a passion for language among her students and a deep admiration among her colleagues.

* * *

The four educators were selected to represent different academic levels, with two teachers chosen at the elementary level to reflect the fact that 50 percent of Noblesville Schools teachers are in elementary schools.

One of this year's elementary school winners, Emily Griggs, was further distinguished as the overall district winner.

Selection focused on master teachers who excel at putting Noblesville Schools' mission and vision into action and whose accomplishments align well with the Indiana Department of Education's state Teacher of the Year criteria.

The winners regularly demonstrate the highest levels of quality instruction for their students and leadership among their peers. They will be honored at a Noblesville Schools Education Foundation recognition dinner in May.

As the overall district honoree, Griggs will also participate in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 700 teachers.

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Let’s ‘Stamp Out’ hunger across Hamilton County!

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Saturday, May 13 is the 31st annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), the largest one-day food drive in America. Local NALC Union 888 has partnered with Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, the Delaware Township Trustee’s Office, Open Doors Pantry of Westfield, and the full network of food pantries and meal programs across Hamilton County.

The letter carriers make this one of the easiest food drives where you can take part: just leave your non-perishable items in a bag (which is also provided in the mail the week before) by your mail box and they will pick it up on May 13. The food will be distributed all LOCALLY here in Hamilton County.

According to Map the Meal Gap, there are 24,270 food-insecure individuals in Hamilton County, and many are children. 2023 has really stretched the resources of the local food support network with a demand increase of 50 percent or higher at some local food pantries. Your donation will help all the pantries tremendously. Good items to donate include canned chicken or tuna, Chef Boyardee cans with meat, canned fruit, Chunky Meat soups, and small peanut butter jars.

For more information about Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, Pack the Cruiser Food Drive, Meat-



Photos provided by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank
Many families helped organize and distribute food donations following last year’s “Stamp Out Hunger” drive, including the Shorter (top) and Myers (above left) families. (Above right) A panel van was needed to take all the donated food to the White River Food Pantry last year!



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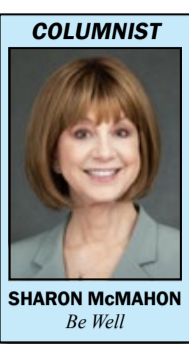
ing the Need, Produce Project, and all of the programs that Hamilton County Har-

vest Food Bank partners with, please see [HCH-FoodBank.org](#). You can

also volunteer your time and talent with HCH at [this link](#).

Good stretching is critical to safe & effective workouts

“I never struggled with injury problems, because of my preparation – in particular my stretching.” – Edwin Moses, winner of gold medals in the 400m hurdles at the 1976 and the 1984 Olympics



jury which could knock them out of competition and out of a profession! In addition to increasing balance and flexibility, regular stretching transports oxygen and removes toxins from muscles, improving athletic performance.

Typically, I address topics of nutrition as well as the importance of strength and aerobic conditioning, but I find that the subject of flexibility and movement is the most neglected area of fitness.

I ask my clients to envision a triangle with each point being strength training, aerobic conditioning, and flexibility. In the middle of the triangle is nutrition. As I have often noted here that without proper nutrition, the fuel for the body, the rest will not be as effective for those people focused on a lifestyle that is active and enjoyable.

In noting the quote I have used this week to introduce my topic, you may think, “Well sure, but Edwin Moses is an Olympic athlete, not exactly my profession, and I don’t train my body the way he did.” True, but remember that as we age it takes less and less activity to result in injury. Missing a stair step, tripping over a cord or small pet (yikes!) pulling an item that is too heavy from a shelf – you get the picture. As a child or young adult these actions or reactions are insignificant, and even if we did suffer a sprained ankle or wrist the recovery was relatively quick and complete. Baby Boomers, those days are gone. Our best hope is to remain strong, flexible, and balanced.

Going back to the quote above attributed to Mr. Moses, do you know that Olympic and professional athletes attribute stretching and flexibility as the most important part of their training? Gymnasts, runners, boxers, skiers, skaters, you name it! They know that without a great deal of flexibility they are much more prone to in-

Dynamic stretching – or stretching by moving through a challenging but comfortable range of motion repeatedly usually 10 to 12 times – should not be confused with old-fashioned ballistic stretching which involves a bouncing movement and which you may recall from PE classes in days gone by!

As I have mentioned previously in my columns here, although I worked in executive management for many years, I pursued my credentials in both fitness training and in nutrition and wellness coaching. For over 20 years I have enjoyed pursuing these interests when time allowed to do so but now that I am retired/re-wired I have the *flexibility* (I couldn’t resist!) to pursue my avocation. That is why I teach a class called “FlexAbility” – because I know that increased flexible movement and stretching will add a **very positive dimension to our lives as we age**. I have acquired additional training and certification in Full Body Flexibility and Balance Progression, and I look forward to working with more groups as well as one-on-one training.

Another caveat to increased flexibility training? How about improved muscle tone, coordination, and stronger bones? Watch for another article soon on more in-depth descriptions of the different types of stretching and how you can benefit. **Sharon McMahon, CNWC**
The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Police investigating after body found in Fishers retention pond

By **DAJA STOWE**
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](#)

Police in Hamilton County were investigating Thursday after a body was found in a retention pond in Fishers.

The Fishers Police Department responded to a report of a body floating in

a retention pond near 141st Street and Promise Road, near Harborvale Chase at 9:30 a.m. Police say a dive team removed the body of a deceased male in the water.

The cause of death is unknown and no further information was immediately available.



Saturday, May 13

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May 6-12, *Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan*
May 13-19, *University High School, West 116th St., Carmel*
May 20-26, *Trinity Free Clinic, West 146th St., Carmel*
May 27-June 2, *Country Moon Winery, Prairie Baptist Rd., Noblesville*

Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when the exhibit is open to the public.

FREE

ADAMS TOWNSHIP FAMILY STORYTELLING

May 4, 6-7 p.m.

Sheridan Public Library, West 1st St., Sheridan

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

FREE

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT BIDDLE PARK

May 13, All Day, *Biddle Memorial Park, East 10th Street, Sheridan*

Join Sheridan Parks at Biddle Park as they debut their new-and-improved disc golf course. Each hole at this historic park includes a course map and local-history fact. Watch or participate in a tournament, with prizes for the top teams. (Teams must register. Call 317-758-5170.)

FREE

SHERIDAN COMMUNITY CHOIR PATRIOTIC MUSICAL

May 20, 7 p.m., and May 21, 3 p.m.,

Six Points Church, West 226th Street, Sheridan

The Sheridan Community Choir will present a Patriotic Musical for the whole community. Join us for one of two performances!

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ADAMS TOWNSHIP SIGNATURE EVENT

"WAITING ON THE BUS DOWNTOWN" MURAL UNVEILING

May 6, 2023, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

*Sheridan Historical Society
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See artist Melinda Spear-Huff's 8'x7' mural portraying transportation history in Sheridan, specifically the bus line that had a stop right next to her studio. Also enjoy activities including a Model T and antique car show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Veteran's Park, the dedication of new veteran banners, and the Sheridan alumni banquet at 5 p.m. at Sheridan Elementary School. (For alumni information, call 317-758-5170.)

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Public invited to Cicero Fire’s pancake breakfast Saturday morning



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The Cicero Fire Department Community Organization will hold its 31st Community Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 at the Cicero Fire Department, 1359 Stringtown Pike. This free-will donation breakfast will offer pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy, and fruit, as well as coffee, juice, and water. Please support Cicero’s firefighters and help keep the town and its people safe. (Above, from left) Cicero FD Community Organization Treasurer Cindy Morse, Secretary Melinda Overholser, President Ted Lenze, and Vice President Michele Kinder can’t wait to see you at breakfast this Saturday morning!

Carmel’s own Matthew Organ among Sertoma Club essay contest winners

The REPORTER

The Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple honored the top three winners of its 2023 National Heritage Essay Contest at a special luncheon held Wednesday at the Woodland Country Club.

- The winners were:
- First place: Hermela Kiflu, St. Luke Catholic School, Indianapolis
 - Second place: **Matthew Organ, Creekside Middle School, Carmel**
 - Third place: Sofia Shadyul, Northview Middle School, Indianapolis

“The essay contest asks students to address the topic, “What Freedom Means to Me,” Sertoma Club Chairman Bob Collins said. “We hope that the contest compliments teachers’ efforts to develop their young students’ critical thinking and writing skills, and we believe that participation will encourage students to better understand the founding principles of our country and to consider how these principles affect their lives today.”

The National Heritage Essay Contest is open to sixth-grade students attending public, private, and parochial schools in Carmel, Fishers, Westfield, Zionsville, and Indianapolis.

This year’s contest winners won out over 2,100 students in 85 classrooms from 18 schools. Classroom winners were selected from the top three submitted by each classroom teacher, and received \$50 each. Seventeen finalists were selected from the classroom winners and received \$100 each.

The three Grand Prize winners were guests at the Sertoma Club’s National Heritage Recognition Luncheon, along with their teachers, principals, and their immediate families.

Kiflu received a check for \$400, Organ received a \$300 check, and Shadyul received \$200. Each of the three also got a commemorative plaque for themselves and their schools, and their teachers each received a \$150 honorarium.



Photo provided
The National Heritage Essay Contest’s grand prize winners were Hermela Kiflu of Indianapolis (left) and Matthew Organ of Carmel. Sofia Shadyul is not pictured. Their essays were the top three of more than 2,100 submissions.

The Sertoma Club has sponsored this contest for 43 years. The Club also provides financial support for 20 central Indiana charities by holding casino parties for businesses, clubs, and organizations. Learn more about the Sertoma Club of Broad Ripple at BroadRippleSertoma.org.

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Carmel to hold Memorial Day Ceremony May 26

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel invites the public to the annual Memorial Day Ceremony to remember those who paid the ultimate price in service to our country.

The ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 26 at the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Plaza, 800 3rd Ave. SW, across from the Center for the Performing Arts. The rain location will be the Tarkington Theater, 3 Carter Green. A light breakfast will be pro-

vided courtesy of Allegion.

The following people and organizations will take part in the ceremony:

- Actors Theatre of Indiana – Don Farrell
- American Legion Post 155
- Blair Clark, U.S. Army Veteran
- Carmel Children’s Choir – ICC
- Carmel Fire Department Honor Guard Pipe and Drum Band with Indianapolis Public Safety Pipe Band
- Carmel Girl Scout Troop #4304

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- Central Indiana Girl Scouts
- Claire Baney, singer
- David Bechtel, Sons of the American Legion
- George Davis, Carmel Police Department Chaplain
- Keynote speaker Eric Donoho, Sergeant (Retired) US Army Infantry
- Paul Hensel Trustee, Clay Township
- Terry Woods, pianist
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FCCI Insurance moves Midwest Regional Office from Indy to Carmel

The REPORTER

Super-regional commercial insurance carrier FCCI Insurance Group moved its Midwest Regional Office on May 1 from Indianapolis to Carmel. FCCI occupies 16,000 square feet of space at the Hamilton Crossing Office Park, 13000 N. Meridian St., Suite 200, Carmel. The office phone number remains (317) 571-3000.

“The new office is a modern build-out with areas to promote collaboration and engagement. It provides ample training and conference rooms to conduct meetings, seminars and networking events for teammates, agents and policyholders,” said Greg Kramer, Senior Vice President of FCCI’s Midwest Region. The expanded facility is also equipped to serve as a business continuity hub in a catastrophic event. “We are truly excited to be moving into this dynamic space and

look forward to this being home for our current and future teammates.”

The Midwest Regional office opened in 2001, serving Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio. It is home to 105 teammates, including agribusiness, audit, billing, business development, claims, governance, information technology, product management, risk control, surety, and underwriting.

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Six young entrepreneurs from Carmel & Westfield earn regional recognition

STARTedUP Foundation announces 10 regional winners of Innovate WithIN pitch competition

The REPORTER

The STARTedUP Foundation has announced the 10 regional winners of the [Innovate WithIN](#) pitch competition who will be moving on to the state competition on June 15 at Butler University.

The regional competitions, made possible by IKORCC, Purdue University School of Management / Purdue Innovates, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University Northwest, and the University of Evansville, saw hundreds of students from across Indiana showcase their entrepreneurial spirit and business ideas.

The Innovate WithIN pitch competition aims to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among Indiana students. The competition provides students with the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a panel of judges made up of experienced entrepreneurs and business leaders. The State Finals offers a grand prize of \$25,000 in seed funding to the winning team with an additional \$10,000 in 529 funds, along with other awards for runners-up.

The 10 regional winners who will compete in the state competition are:

1. Cancer Catch: Suhani Lodha and Jacqueline Roth – Carmel High School

School

2. Clean Line: Nathan Dierckman and Makayla Phillips – Carmel High School

3. Communi: Seth Cavinder, Emilie Henry, and Adrianna Senteney – AMP Lab at Electric Works

4. Dr. Orthopedic: Claire Deardorff and Jennifer Vazquez – Signature School Inc

5. Intellikits: Nash Brown and Connor Wueller – Dekalb High School

6. Legaltec: Jude Allaw, Ethan Hilton, and Mann Patel – Signature School Inc

7. Novos: Joshua Avila, Austin Beetson, and Sayeed Mohammed – Munster High School

8. Osci Charge: Josiah Findley and Ian Jack – Greenfield-Central High School

9. Red Applications: Edgar Medina and Liam Lloyd – Westfield High School

10. Tow Scout: Benjamin Eberle – Hobart High School

This pitch competition is a unique opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit. It not only encourages students to develop their business ideas but also helps to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in Indiana. Through the commitment

of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the Indiana Department of Education, and the Indiana Small Business Development Center, the State demonstrates its support of young innovators and entrepreneurs. By connecting students to business leaders, supporting teachers, and offering business resources, these organizations are a testament to the State’s dedication of building a stronger and more prosperous future for Indiana.

The STARTedUP Foundation is proud to partner with these organizations and many others to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among Indiana students. Congratulations to the regional winners and best of luck in the state competition. Thank you to all the participants, mentors, and sponsors who made this year’s Innovate WithIN pitch competition a success.

Business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, and Indiana residents are invited to come to the State Finals on June 15 at Butler University. More details can be found at startedupfoundation.org/state-finals.

For more information about the STARTedUP Foundation and the Innovate WithIN pitch competition, please visit startedupfoundation.org.

Sen. Young introduces TORNADO Act to improve severe weather forecasting

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) have reintroduced the Tornado Observation Research Notification and Deployment to Operations (TORNADO) Act to improve the forecasting and understanding of tornadoes and other hazardous weather. The TORNADO Act would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to update its methods for predicting and communicating weather alerts to residents.

“In recent months, severe weather has tragically taken the lives of Hoosiers and devastated several Indiana communities,” Sen. Young said. “While we can’t

prevent these storms from occurring, the TORNADO Act would improve severe weather forecasting, notifying the public faster and allowing Hoosiers to find safety more quickly.”

The reintroduction of the legislation follows a particularly active start to tornado season, which included a series of storms in Indiana.

The goal of the TORNADO Act would be to require NOAA to implement new technology and procedures that could help increase the lead times provided to the public in advance of extreme weather events.

Among other provisions,



Young

sions, the TORNADO Act would:

- Require NOAA to prepare and submit an action plan for the national implementation of high-resolution probabilistic guidance for tornado forecasting and prediction.

- Encourage NOAA to evaluate the current tornado rating system and make updates.

- Mandate NOAA to coordinate with appropriate entities when conducting post-storm assessments to optimize data collection, sharing, and integration.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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Scott Willis shares his plans for Grand Park

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | [wisthv.com](#)

The winner of Westfield’s Republican mayoral primary said Wednesday he’s already talking to landowners about potential development around **Grand Park Sports Complex**. Scott Willis defeated two challengers in Tuesday’s primary. There was no Democratic primary for the mayor of Westfield, so Willis’ win means he likely will succeed **retiring mayor Andy Cook** following November’s general election. That means Willis will inherit the job of paying off the \$77 million the city still owes on Grand Park. First opened in 2016, the 400-acre complex

boasts 31 multipurpose fields and 26 baseball diamonds and has become a hub for youth sports tournaments. Willis, who currently serves on the city council, said Grand Park draws more than four million visitors a year from outside central Indiana, but the lack of lodging and restaurants around the complex hinders Westfield’s ability to capture the dollars they spend. “We rank fourth on the list of where those dollars are being spent. It’s Carmel one, Fishers is two and believe it or not, Kokomo is ahead of Westfield,” Willis said. “We’ve got to do bet-



Willis

ter. And that kind of development, I think, would be a good starting point to change that direction.” Willis said the city still has about 40 acres to work with around Grand Park. He said he would like to bring hotels, restaurants, and shops to the area to give visitors places to stay and things to do nearby. He said this would be part of a broader effort to diversify the city’s tax base. “I’ve been working, actually, with a few of the big landowners here in Westfield,” Willis said. “We’ve been talking about what it might look like and I

think we’re close to having something lined up where we can start to move forward and bring something forward to the public to weigh in on.” Some landowners have also raised the possibility of building championship fields to draw NCAA or semi-pro events. Willis said he’s open to that as well, though he would prefer mixed-use development. The Democratic and Libertarian parties have until July 3 to caucus for a candidate to challenge Willis in November. Independent candidates have until June 30 to get on the ballot. [Click here to watch WISH-TV’s interview with Scott Willis on the grounds of Grand Park.](#)

Jennifer McCormick announces run for Indiana governor

By ASHLEY FOWLER
WISH-TV | [wisthv.com](#)

Jennifer McCormick, who served four years as the state’s Republican superintendent of public instruction, has announced her run for governor of Indiana as a Democrat. The announcement comes four months after **McCormick hinted on Facebook** that she was considering a run for governor in 2024. McCormick filed her official paperwork Thursday morning. [Click here to watch McCormick’s announcement from New Castle on WISH-TV’s Facebook page.](#)



McCormick

time for a leader who will put Hoosier’s first,” McCormick said. “Together, we can restore common sense and put an end to the divisiveness that’s pulling our state backward.” McCormick also says her previous statehouse experience will help provide a solid foundation for a term as governor. In 2016, she was elected as the 44th and final state superintendent of public instruction before the Indiana legislature changed the office to an appointed one. McCormick is currently the only Democratic candidate to formally announce a run for governor, while several others have announced interest in the role. With **Gov. Eric Holcomb unable to run for another term**, several Republicans have already announced their 2024 campaigns, including Sen. Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, and businessman Eric Doden. Learn more about the candidate at [McCormick-ForGov.com](#).

Letter to the Editor

Bill Shaffer says seven out of eight voters can’t complain

Dear Editor: As winners and losers are sorted out following Tuesday’s primary elections across Hamilton County, the big loser was local government itself. According to the county’s Elections Office, 33,383 citizens voted out of 245,369 eligible voters. That	means 13.6 percent of the county’s voting population actually voted. So, for every person who voted, seven did not. In a democracy, one gets the kind of government one deserves. For the time being, six out of seven Hamilton County voters have no basis of complaint.	Sad state of affairs given a county where 60.5 percent of the population over 25 has a college degree or higher, according to the U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Come November, will the turnout be even smaller? Bill Shaffer <i>Carmel</i>
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Letter to the Editor

Emerging Leaders Project looking for Democratic candidates, staffers & activists

Dear Editor: It’s that time of year again! We are excited to announce that the Emerging Leaders Project is now taking applications for our 2023-24 class! Click here to apply before the July 15 deadline. As an independent nonprofit organization, the Emerging Leaders Project partners with the Indiana Democratic Party to help build our party’s bench of future candidates, leaders, campaign staffers, and activists. Each year up to 40 Hoosiers, between 21 and 40 years old, are selected from	around the state to participate in this free year-long program. Those selected attend a series of training conferences in Indianapolis that cover all aspects of campaigning for office, public policy, and party building. Learn more about the Emerging Leaders Project and apply to join the 2023-24 class here . Founded in 2011, the Emerging Leaders Project has helped hundreds of young Democrats become more active in the party and run for office. From Congressional candidates to state legislators, to countywide	elected officials and municipal office holders to Democratic Party leaders at the local and district levels, the Emerging Leaders Project has a long track record of success. See our list of alumni here . If you are an Indiana resident between the ages of 21 and 40 and have an interest in running for office in the near future, working on a campaign, or helping to strengthen your local Democratic Party, this program is for you. Jeff Harris <i>Chair, Emerging Leaders Project</i>
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Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

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Young Professionals Coffee & Networking
8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 9
Location: The Bridgewater Club

Perfecting Your Partnership
3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 10
Location: The Bridgewater Club

20th Chamber Golf Outing
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 15
Location: The Club at Chatham Hills

Noblesville/Westfield Legislative Coffee
7:30 to 9 a.m., Friday, May 19
Topic: The Bridgewater Club

Young Professionals Happy Hour
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 23
Location: Grand Junction Plaza

DWA Party on the Patio
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 23
Location: Grand Junction Plaza
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Westfield Middle School inducts National Junior Honor Society students



Westfield Middle School (WMS) held its National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony earlier this week. Not only was this WMS’ largest National Junior Honor Society class, but it’s also the school’s largest eight-grade class ever. Congratulations, students!

Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec honored with ICPYAS’ “Chaucie’s Champion” award

The REPORTER

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide (ICPYAS), a non-profit dedicated to child sexual abuse and youth suicide prevention, announced the winner of the prestigious “Chaucie’s Champion” award at the Rise Up For Kids Breakfast on April 27 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. This award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership in keeping kids safe from abuse and suicide.

This year’s “Chaucie’s Champion” award winner is Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation (CCPR) for its outstanding commitment to protecting children and adolescents from the devastating effects of abuse and suicide. CCPR has shown extraordinary dedication to the cause and has gone above and beyond to make a positive impact in the community.

“We are thrilled to honor Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation with this year’s Chaucie’s Champion award,” ICPYAS Executive Director Melissa Peregrin said. “Their tireless work in preventing child abuse and youth suicide is an inspiration to us all. CCPR is truly deserving of this recognition, and we are grateful for their contributions to our cause.”

CCPR’s Extended School Enrichment Program has committed to educating the entire staff and leadership about the signs of abuse and suicide for the past 11 years.

The “Chaucie’s Champion” award is named in memory of Chaucie Quillen, a young woman who tragically took her own life at the age of 18 after being sexually abused as a child. The award serves as a tribute to her courage and a reminder of the importance of preventing child abuse and youth suicide.



“Chaucie’s story is a powerful reminder of the impact of child abuse and suicide on our communities,” Peregrin said. “Through the Chaucie’s Champion award, we hope to honor her memory and inspire others to join us in our efforts to keep kids safe”

For more information about ICPYAS and the “Chaucie’s Champion” award, please visit Indiana-Prevention.org.

About Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide
Founded in 2001,

ICPYAS works passionately to end youth abuse and suicide through its educational programs. With almost two decades of experience, ICPYAS provides evidence-based programming to educate youth and adults, empowering them to recognize, react and locate the appropriate resources available for help. ICPYAS offers five comprehensive programs that support its mission while actively working towards a day when there will be no more abuse or suicide in the lives of Hoosier children.

Men of Westfield group to hold first meeting Sunday

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools’ Parent University announces the creation of a group focused on creating strong bonds between men of the community. It’s called Men of Westfield (no relation to Women of Westfield) and the kickoff event is coming up.

at bit.ly/WWS100DADS.

Nick Hardwick will lead the first event. He is currently a coach for the Westfield High School football team. He previously played football for the Purdue Boilermakers and played 11 years in the NFL for the San Diego Chargers, starting 146 games and earning a Pro Bowl selection in 2007. He served as the team captain for the Chargers for five seasons and blocked for Drew Brees and Philip Rivers.



Hardwick

The meeting is scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 7 at West Fork Whisky, 10 E. 191st St., Suite A, Westfield. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Register



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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees Review Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the Small First Floor Meeting Room at the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza.

An executive session will follow that evening at 5 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (C) Discussion of strategy with respect to the implementation of security systems.

The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

A regular meeting will follow at 4:20 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later), in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton County Building Corporation shall convene at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Commissioner's Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, to (i) consider and vote upon the Interlocal Agreement for the U.S. 31 Corridor Infrastructure Investment Project, and, (ii) conduct any other business that may come before the Board.

**Send Meeting Notices to:
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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Township Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in the Community Room of the library, located at 333 W. Hoover St., Westfield.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.


An executive session will follow at 7 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

The public hearing that was originally scheduled on May 9 has been postponed until the budgetary numbers for the project are finalized.

Bonnie Louise Drayer

May 2, 1943 – April 29, 2023



Bonnie Louise Drayer, 79, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday afternoon, April 29, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born on May 2, 1943, in Terre Haute, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Wayne and Jennie (Hodson) Anstead.

She was a 1961 graduate of Southwestern High School in Lafayette. She worked as an Underwriter's Assistant for State Auto Insurance and retired after 20 years with the company.

Bonnie was theatrical from a young age; she took both vocal and piano lessons and developed a love for performing in plays and musicals during her younger years. As an adult, she continued playing the organ for her own enjoyment.

She was a woman of strong faith and a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church, where she was active in Morning Glories. She was also a member of the North Adams Extension Homemakers, as well as the Sheridan Young Farmers Club (back in the day). Bonnie's love for horses and enjoyment of riding also led her to become very active in the Lafayette Saddle Club.

There was nothing more important to Bonnie than her family. She shared her love of crafting and quilting with friends and family and was very proud to be able to make quilts for all her grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by her two sons, Jeffery A. "Jeff" Drayer (Keri) of Sheridan, and Russell W. "Rusty" Drayer (Kimberly) of Greenfield; daughter, Lori L. Tindall (Rob) of Sheridan; eight grandchildren, Samantha Easton (Ian), Kerstin Stewart, Kayla Stewart, Joseph Hillman, Travis Drayer, Jacob Drayer, Owen Drayer, and Molly Drayer; three great-grandchildren, Lydia Mae Jones, Luna Armstrong, and Lyla Armstrong; sister, Barbara Hubler (Randy) of Phoenix, Ariz.; and by her feline BFF, Crackers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wayne and Jennie (Hodson) Anstead; and by her grandson, Benjamin Drayer.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Elder Sharon Wilson will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Ben Drayer Memorial Fund. Donations can be made online at cicf.org/drayer-memorial-fund.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com


TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 19:19-21 (NIV)

Sue Carol Graves

June 1, 1939 – May 2, 2023



Sue Carol Graves, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on June 1, 1939, to David and Hazel (Rose) Young in South Bend, Ind.

Sue was a homemaker, who enjoyed sewing and quilting. She was strong in her faith and catered to her cats.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Donna) Graves, II, and Jon (Velda) Graves; grandchildren, Jon Glenn (Kaycee) Graves, Danielle Graves, and Amber (Justin) O'Brien; great-grandchildren, Layla Graves, Maximus Graves, and one on the way, Hunter.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Graves; and sisters, Mary Ann Stanfield and Nancy Pennington.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Washington Park North Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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Track & Field

Three wins for Fishers' Tarter, HSE's Hall sets new high jump mark, Millers get two victories

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – The team champion became obvious as the evening progressed, but there were still plenty of stories to tell from the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys track and field meet.

Brownsburg was the big story from the meet, which took place Thursday at Noblesville's Beaver Field. The Bulldogs won five events, including a pair of 1-2 finishes, and scored 165 points to easily claim the team title. Fishers was the runner-up with 88 points, while Noblesville tied for third place by scoring 72 points.

The Tigers won three events, and Tyler Tarter was part of all of them. The junior won two on his own, sweeping the hurdles races. Tarter first took the 110 hurdles in 14.46 seconds, then won the 300 hurdles in a new personal-best time of 38.34 seconds.

"I was super hyped about the 300," said Tarter. "I PR-ed. I was not expecting a PR, because our week of training was super hard this week."

Tarter was getting dangerously close to the HCC record of 38.04 seconds set a few years ago. Tarter said he thinks "this is a good point for me to be at," as he is now looking to get across the 38-second barrier and drop into the 37s.

Tarter joined Leo Morrow, Cavitt Fowler III and Makell Wiggins to win the 4x400 relay. The Fishers team finished in 3 minutes, 24.21 seconds, beating out Brownsburg by 0.14 seconds.

Wiggins ran the anchor leg, and he clinched the victory for Fishers.

"I just had to keep pushing," said Wiggins. "I had to sprint the whole way to win. I saw the Brownsburg guy, he's coming up on me, and I just had to keep going so I could beat him."

Noblesville picked up two wins at the HCC meet. Senior Asher Propst won the 3200 run, using a final kick to finish the race in 9:11.88. Propst was running with Fishers' Sam Quagliaroli for most of the race, but Propst began making his kick with 500 meters to go, and was able to stay in front from that point forward.

"I was a little unsure making with 500 to go," said Propst. "That's a little early to make a surge. But I made it and I pushed real hard for 250 meters, tried to keep going. With about 150 to go, I checked behind me to make sure he wasn't coming." Propst said in the final 100 meters, he gave it "everything I had," hoping to hold on to "as much of a gap as I could."

Will Johnston was another winner for the Millers, as he took the pole vault in a leap of 13 feet, 6 inches. Two Brownsburg vaulters also cleared 13-6, but Johnston got the win on fewer misses.

Rapid progress

The most exciting performance of the night came from Hamilton Southeastern's Rowan Hall. The Royals senior delivered a new meet record in the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 7 inches.

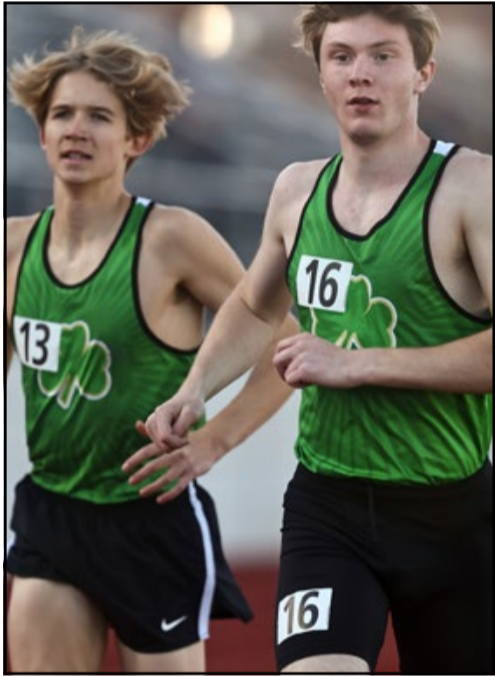
"I have to be extremely focused," said Hall. "Every time I get up there, I have to



Hamilton Southeastern's Rowan Hall provided excitement in the high jump, as he won the event in a new Hoosier Crossroads Conference record of 6 feet, 7 inches.



(Above) Fishers' Tyler Tarter swept both hurdle events at the HCC meet. (Right) Westfield's Caleb Haney and Landon Jones compete in the 1600 run.



breathe, calm down a little bit, run through everything I got to do and then I just got to jump."

Hall said that his best jump prior to conference was 6-2, so he only set a new record, but shattered his own personal best as well. In fact, Hall has made rapid progress since he began jumping, going from

5-8 as a sophomore to 6-foot as a junior.

Now that he has a record jump under his belt, Hall will likely get more attention from around the state. How does that feel? "Pretty good," he said.

Southeastern had a superb day in the field. Josiah Bird got a victory in the discus with a throw of 165 feet, 5

inches. Michael Griffith was the long jump winner, with his best jump 22 feet, 6.75 inches. Griffith got past Fishers' JonAnthony Hall by a half-inch; the Tigers sophomore's top jump was 22 feet, 6.25 inches. Westfield had its best re-

sults in the field, with Tom Ewing taking second in the shot put and third in the discus. Colin Lakomek placed third in the 800 run.

Complete results now follow.

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(Above left) Fishers' Makell Wiggins was the anchor leg for the Tigers' winning 4x400 relay. (Above right) Noblesville's Asher Propst made a big surge during the final 500 meters to win the 3200 run.

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Girls Lacrosse

Carmel still on a roll, takes down Cathedral

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls lacrosse team beat Cathedral 16-8 on Tuesday. The Greyhounds scored nine goals in the second half to clinch the victory. Senior Tori Tomalia scored five goals, and also had six draw controls and two assists. Sophomores Elle Tomalia and Breckin Hare each added four goals.

Anna Dumke, Avery Goehl and AnnMarie McGill each scored one goal, with McGill and Sophie Mock both handing out one assist. Mock had five draw controls, Riley Putnam collected four ground balls, and Goehl and Elle Tomalia each made two forced turnovers. Carmel is 11-1 and plays at Penn on Friday.

Indy AlleyCats to unveil new mascot

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis AlleyCats will unveil their new mascot, Frizby, at their home opener on Saturday, May 6. The AlleyCats (myalleycats.com) have competed in the American Ultimate Disc League (theauld.com) since its inception in 2012. Ultimate Frisbee is one of the most thrilling and exciting sports experiences one can imagine, no matter what age.

“Frizby will definitely add to the fun and excitement of the gameday experience, as we cater to a family, friendly audience” states Director of Marketing, Josh Fairbanks. Home games are played indoors at the Grand Park Events Center in Westfield. Tickets are available at [this link](http://thislink). For more information call Tim Held at (317) 469-8108.

JUMP

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Team scores: Brownsburg 165, Fishers 88, Noblesville 72, Zionsville 72, Hamilton Southeastern 69, Avon 60, Westfield 52.5, Franklin Central 44.5.

4x800 relay: 2. Fishers (Makell Wiggins, Tommy Clark, Sam Quagliaroli, Matthew Kim) 7:51.37, 4. Westfield (Owen Flynn, Jack Loiselle, Colin Lakomek, Sam Hinds) 7:59.55, 7. Southeastern (Ash Caylor, William Henning, Noah Anderson, Liam Powers) 8:21.22, 8. Noblesville (Asher Propst, Sam Rinker, Ashton Burns, Caden Jackson) 8:22.29.

110 hurdles – Finals: 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 14.46, 5. Jack Huisden (W) 15.99, 8. Ben Kern (N) 16.73, 9. Elijah Adams (HSE) 16.79. **Prelims:** 11. Korte Foster (F) 17.15, 12. Ethan Feliciano (N) 17.66, 15. Landon Shackelford (W) 18.12.

100 dash – Finals: 4. Mason Alexander (HSE) 11.04, 5. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 11.16, 6. Christ Degni (N) 11.18. **Prelims:** 10. Cameron Wilson (N) 11.26, 11. Joe Syrus (F) 11.29, 14. Cade Parker (W) 11.43, 15. Lennox Williams (W) 11.87.

1600 run: 2. Caden Click (N) 4:15.37, 5. Tate Meaux (F) 4:22.08, 6. Jack Strong (N) 4:24.37, 8. Ethan Nix (F) 4:26.67, 11. Andrew Smith (HSE) 4:30.57, 13. Caleb Haney (W) 4:35.21, 14. Ian Ross (HSE) 4:36.51, 16. Landon Jones (W) 4:43.10.

4x100 relay: 2. Noblesville (Derrell Coleman, Wilson, Sidney Weaver, Degni) 42.56, 4. Fishers (Syrus, Tarter, Leo Morrow, Josh Payton) 43.25, 6. Westfield (Parker, Jacob Good, Gabe Aramboles, Mikeah Webster) 43.73, 7. Southeastern (Silas Newton, Tyler Tholen, Anthony Reynolds, De Shawn Ternoir) 43.85.

400 dash: 4. Michael Griffith (HSE) 50.67, 6. Wiggins (F) 50.93, 7. Sevin Barringer (N) 51.53, 8. Noah Link (HSE) 51.64, 9. Landon King (W) 51.78, 12. Luke Sullivan (W) 53.05, 15. Cameron Parks (F) 54.28, 16. Coleman (N) 57.25.

300 hurdles: 1. Tarter (F) 38.34, 4. Kern (N) 41.64, 6. Huisden (W) 42.20, 7. Adams (HSE) 43.04, 10. Harold Williams (HSE) 43.82, 11. Emmanuel Cowherd (F) 44.17, 12. Peyton Cash (N) 44.72, 13. Shackelford (W) 45.27.

800 run: 3. Lakomek (W) 1:56.00, 4. Kim (F) 1:58.60, 6. Alec Moor (N) 1:59.39, 8. Luke

Mumaw (N) 2:00.16, 10. Sam Hinds (W) 2:01.41, 12. Caylor (HSE) 2:02.76, 13. Cooper Kane (F) 2:03.04, 16. Powers (HSE) 2:11.71.

200 dash – Finals: 3. Degni (N) 22.47, 4. Ortiz (HSE) 22.49, 7. Cavitt Fowler III (F) 22.85, 8. Wilson (N) 22.87. **Prelims:** 10. Alexander (HSE) 23.10, 12. Good (W) 23.25, 15. Connor Seagrave (W) 23.81, 16. Ryan Thembulembu (F) 24.29.

3200 run: 1. Propst (N) 9:11.88, 2. Quagliaroli (F) 9:16.36, 5. Austin Wilson (F) 9:39.73, 6. Ronnie Neal (N) 9:41.06, 10. Loiselle (W) 9:52.36, 11. William Cummings (W) 9:52.54, 12. Riley Schamp (HSE) 9:54.35, 15. Nick Vega (HSE) 10:03.11.

4x400 relay: 1. Fishers (Tarter, Morrow, Fowler III, Wiggins) 3:24.21, 4. Westfield (Flynn, King, Lakomek, Webster) 3:27.18, 5. Noblesville (Coleman, Strong, Click, Barringer) 3:28.65, 8. Southeastern (Tyler Tholen, Sebastian Oskins, Omar Elsayed, Deacon Lewis) 3:34.38.

Pole vault: 1. Will Johnston (N) 13-6, 4. Alex Wilson (W) 13-0, 5. Connor Langsford (HSE) 13-0, 7. Evan Senefeld (HSE) 11-6, T10. Colin Swain (F) 10-0, 12. Lucas Bland (W) 10-0.

Long jump: 1. Michael Griffith (HSE) 22-6.75, 2. Jonathan Hall (F) 22-6.25, 5. Aramboles (W) 20-9.75, 6. Coleman (N) 20-6.5, 9. Robert Campbell (W) 20-0.25, 11. Newton (HSE) 19-9, 13. Weaver (N) 18-10.5, 15. Denkote Fletcher (F) 17-10.5.

High jump: 1. Rowan Hall (HSE) 6-7, new conference record, T5. Campbell (W) 6-0, 8. Blake Braden (HSE) 6-0, 8. Tyrese Burrell (F) 5-10, 12. Austin Geesaman (F) 5-8, 14. Gavin Stone (W) 5-6.

Shot put: 2. Tom Ewing (W) 55-11, 4. Joel Gates (F) 51-9, 5. Josiah Bird (HSE) 49-11, 7. Daniel Armstrong (F) 48-0, 9. William Goodvine (W) 47-2.25, 10. Teddy Miller (HSE) 44-1.5, 15. James Kuhlman (N) 40-11, 16. Sam Setmeyer (N) 40-8.

Discus: 1. Bird (HSE) 165-5, 3. Ewing (W) 162-4, 6. Gates (F) 151-11.5, 8. Miller (HSE) 142-9, 10. Jordan Gross (W) 128-6.75, 12. Andrew Giger (F) 126-2, 14. Gabe Bellan (N) 103-7.25, 15. Mason Rose (N) 100-3.5.

Baseball

Royals shut out Millers, ‘Hawks fly high over Horizon Christian, ‘Hounds hunt down McCutcheon, Huskies get the edge over Lapel

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference baseball game over Class 4A No. 3 Noblesville Thursday, triumphing 5-0 at Ken Seitz Field. The game was scoreless for four and a half innings before the Royals put up four runs in the bottom of the fifth. Griffen Haas sent a line drive into right field for a base hit, scoring Kam Seitz and Harrison Dilts. Clayton Wilke then got home on an error, and Cole Earlewine doubled in Haas. Southeastern added one more run in the sixth inning. Seitz blasted a right field hit to bring in Alex Billman. Seitz had a perfect night at the plate, going 3-for-3. Maddux Bach hit a double for the Royals in the second inning. Ty Bradle pitched six innings for the win, striking out nine and allowing three walks and two hits. Brady Strawmeyer finished the game with a three-up, three-down seventh inning. Both of the Millers’ hits were doubles, one each from Nolan Decker and Aiden Reynolds. Decker pitched a complete game, striking out five. Both teams are 6-3 in conference play. Southeastern is 11-10 overall, while Noblesville is 13-5. The two teams finish the HCC series today at the Millers’ Don Dunker Field. Sheridan cruised to an 11-1, five-inning victory

over Horizon Christian in a Thursday home game. The Blackhawks put up five runs in the first inning. Zach Bales scored the first run on an error, then Sebastian Salazar and Jack Crail got home after Camden Spencer reached on error. Camden Spencer later scored on a passed ball. Cole Mackintosh drew a walk, then scored on Chance Spencer’s RBI groundout. Sheridan added four runs in the second inning. Caleb Alexander got home after Salazar reached on error. Salazar then scored after Crail reached on error. Camden Spencer hit a double to move Crail to third, and both were brought home by Mackintosh’s center field hit. The score stayed 9-1 until the fifth inning. Alexander scored on Salazar’s sacrifice fly, then Bales stole home plate to end the game. Camden Spencer had two hits. Bales pitched a complete game, striking out eight against two hits and one walk. The Blackhawks are 5-10 and host Taylor in a Tuesday Hoosier Heartland Conference game. Carmel, ranked No. 9 in 4A, got a home victory on Thursday, beating McCutcheon 3-0 at Hartman Field. The Greyhounds got on the board in the first inning, when Case Sullivan doubled Gabe Mathison home. Adam Buczkowski scored the second run when he stole home plate in the fifth

inning. Drew Fouts completed the Carmel scoring in the sixth inning, sending JD Stein home with a right field hit. Mathison was 2-for-2 at the plate. Max Winders got the complete-game win, striking out three while allowing just three hits and one walk. Carmel is 10-5 and hosts Fishers this afternoon. Hamilton Heights won a close game over 2A No. 6 Lapel on Thursday, 3-2 at the Huskies’ field. The difference was in the second inning, when Heights scored one run. Adam Hughes sent a base hit into center field to bring home John Irion. The Bulldogs scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning, but the Huskies got those runs back in the bottom of the inning. Dean Mason was sent home on a pitcher’s balk, then Hughes delivered the go-ahead RBI, as his left field single brought in Phoenix Vondersaar. Nick Hulen got the pitching win in relief, throwing two innings. Levi Chandler got the save, throwing four strikeouts in the last two innings. Starter Kaleb Murray tossed four strikeouts in three innings. Heights is 10-6 and plays this afternoon at Western Boone. Fishers fell to Avon 4-1 Thursday in an HCC game on the road. The Orioles scored three runs in the second inning

and held the lead from there. The Tigers scored their run in the third inning: Quinn Seefeldt got on base with a double, then Caulin Brown singled him in. Jack Brown was 3-for-4 at the plate. Gavin Kuzniewski pitched a complete game, striking out five. Fishers is 6-4 in the conference and 14-8 overall, and plays today at Carmel. University fell to 4A No. 4 Cathedral 4-0 in a Thursday away game. Seth Hogg had two hits for the Trailblazers, with Owen Schellhase and Cooper Burnett both getting one hit. Jake Hooker pitched a complete game, tossing 12 strikeouts against three hits. University is 10-7 and plays a doubleheader Saturday at Bloomington North. Westfield dropped an HCC game at Zionsville Thursday, falling 12-2 in five innings. The Shamrocks scored a run in the top of the first inning; Eli Manbeck got home after Alex Rudolph drew a bases-loaded walk. But the Eagles scored three runs in the bottom of the inning, thereafter scoring in each inning. Brayden Hibler scored a Westfield run in the fifth inning on an error. Manbeck was 2-for-3 at the plate. Jacob Culp pitched three innings, striking out five. The Shamrocks are 4-5 in HCC play and 10-7 overall, and host Zionsville tonight to complete the conference series.



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Golf

Guerin Catholic beats Noblesville, Shamrocks prevail over Zionsville

The REPORTER

In a Wednesday all-county dual meet, Guerin Catholic beat Noblesville 149-159 at Pebble Brook Golf Club.

Alex Peck scored a 37 for the Millers, with Jackson Umthum and Brady Mangin each scoring 40. Golden Eagles scores were not available at press time.

Both teams will compete in the Spring Preview meet Saturday at Prairie View.

Westfield won a three-team, 18-hole meet over Zionsville and Cathedral Wednesday at West Chase

Golf Club.

The Shamrocks scored 300 to the Eagles' 308 and the Irish's 326. Will Harvey led Westfield with a 71, good for medalist honors.

Other Shamrocks scores were Alec Cesare 73, Matt Shull 75, Cam Kooi 81, Ryan Cesare 81 and Jack Harris 83.

Fishers and Hamilton Heights played a three-team meet with Brebeuf Jesuit Wednesday at Purgatory Golf Club.

The Braves won with a score of 154, followed by

the Tigers with 167 and the Huskies with 172. Nathan Cox led Heights with a 40, followed by Ethan Millsaps with 41, Vincent Harley with 45 and Kole Kirtley with 46. Tigers scores were unavailable at press time.

Heights played another three-team meet on Thursday at The Edge Golf Club with Lapel and Elwood. Lapel won the meet with a 167, followed by the Huskies with 179 and Elwood with 211.

Harley led Heights with a 43, followed by Cox 44, Josh Steffen 45 and Brayden Jewell 47.

Softball

High-scoring slugfest puts Huskies on top, Millers beat Kokomo

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team won a slugfest over Lewis Cass Thursday, 23-13 in a five-inning home Hoosier Conference East Division game.

The Kings scored three runs in the top of the first inning. The Huskies got one back in the bottom of the inning, with Hailey Hall getting home on a passed ball.

After holding Cass scoreless in the top of the second, Heights erupted for nine runs in the bottom of that inning. Kaylee Rhoton scored on a passed ball, then Emma Blanton ripped a triple into right field to bring in Cassidy Schakel and Morgan Ottinger.

Blanton scored on Taya Trosper's RBI fielder's choice. Later, Lily Roush sent a double into center field, scoring Lily Cash, Hall and Isabel Morrow. Rhoton singled in Roush, and Ottinger's right field hit brought Natalie Newman home.

The Kings scored four runs in the top of the third to cut Heights' lead to 10-7. The Huskies got three of those runs back in the bottom of the third. Trosper

scored on a passed ball, then Cash got home on another passed ball. Hall scored on Morrow's RBI groundout, and Heights led 13-7.

A Cass three-run home run got them within 13-10 after the top of the fourth inning. Heights scored two in the bottom of the fourth: Trosper's RBI groundout brought in Schakel and Cash singled in Blanton.

The Kings added three runs in the top of the fifth to get within 15-13, but the Huskies put up eight runs in the bottom of the fifth to end the game. Schakel doubled in Morrow and Roush, Rhoton scored on Ottinger's RBI fielder's choice, then Newman (running for Schakel) got home on Trosper's sacrifice fly. Later, Ottinger scored on an error, Hall singled in Blanton, Cash got home on an error, and Hall scored the game-ending run when Morrow reached on error.

Cash was 4-for-5 at the plate, with Schakel going 3-for-4. Roush hit two doubles, with Schakel and Trosper each hitting one. Cash went four innings for the pitching win, striking out four. Roush pitched the fifth inning, tossing

two strikeouts.

Heights is 6-2 in the division and 12-6 overall. The Huskies play Saturday at Taylor.

Noblesville won at Kokomo Thursday by the score of 3-0.

The Millers got a run in the first inning when Mack Harvey doubled in Reis Sjolholm. Addi Emerson singled in Gabby Fowler for a third-inning run. In the fifth inning, Taylor Thompson hit a two-out double, after which Macie Duvall came in to run for her. Emmerson then sent a hit into center field to score Duvall.

Emmerson and Nevaeh Nash both had two hits. Emme Yee went three innings for the pitching win.

Noblesville is 9-8-1 and plays Saturday at Center Grove.

Westfield fell at Center Grove Thursday, 10-0 in five innings.

Makayla Watson had two hits for the Shamrocks, including a double, while Grace Feltz hit a single.

The Shamrocks are 9-9 and host Mount Vernon this evening.

Girls Tennis

Sweeps are the story for four county teams

The REPORTER

The Noblesville girls tennis team picked up two wins this week.

On Tuesday, the No. 10-ranked Millers won their Senior Night meet by beating Mount Vernon 4-1. Noblesville swept all three singles matches, led by No. 1 Bella Duncan scoring a 6-0, 6-0 shutout. No. 2 Allie Stamm and No. 3 Josie Flinchum both won their matches 6-1, 6-0. Lina Hamashuk and Cami Crist took the No. 1 doubles match 6-1, 6-1, while No. 2 doubles Daniella Tuesca and Olivia Gadis lost

a close match, 6-4, 6-3.

Millers coach Kevin Lindley said the Marauders are just outside the top 30 rankings, and noted they have won their sectional eight years in a row. "I was very pleased with the way we took care of business today," he said.

On Wednesday, Noblesville swept Anderson 5-0. No. 1 singles Ava Chevillet got a 6-0, 6-0 victory, No. 2 Megan Rowley won 6-1, 6-0 and No. 3 Anjali Gupta was a 6-0, 6-1 winner. In doubles, Tuesca and Gadis swept to a 6-0, 6-0 shutout, and No. 2

Kendell Simpson and Whitney Nelson won 6-2, 6-0.

Top-ranked Carmel got two dual meet sweeps this week.

The Greyhounds beat No. 29 Brownsburg 5-0 on Tuesday, then came back to beat No. 15 Park Tudor 5-0 on Wednesday. Carmel plays Friday at No. 16 Center Grove.

Westfield, ranked No. 14, won a tough battle with No. 17 Harrison 3-2 on Wednesday.

The Shamrocks got wins from No. 2 singles Alana Raymond 6-2, 6-0, No. 3 singles Addi Kooi 6-2, 6-2 and No. 2 doubles Bri Saylor and Chloe Carlson 6-3, 6-1.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 20, swept Brownsburg 5-0 in a Wednesday dual meet.

Singles winners for the Royals were No. 1 Taylor Wolf, No. 2 Emma Bieberich and No. 3 Tatum Keaffaber, while doubles winners were No. 1 Novelle Lee and Maya Wetzel and No. 2 Peighton Baugh and Naina Patwardhan.

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference teams are playing at the conference meet, which began Thursday at Southeastern. The meet continues on Saturday.

Feeding Team Food Pantries

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Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
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Racing Capital of the World ready to welcome fans from across the globe

The REPORTER

It's May in Indianapolis, and that means it's time to start preparing for your trip to racing's most-famed venue: Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Gates will be open to fans 12 days throughout the action-packed and exhilarating Month of May for practice, qualifying, concerts, race days and more.

"The Month of May at the Racing Capital of the World is full of can't-miss track activity featuring the stars of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and the many time-honored traditions and pageantry our fans love," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "Ticket sales are strong, and we're expecting large crowds again this year as we show the world what it truly means when we say, 'This is May.'"

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track. The "Plan Ahead" page features detailed information about the entire fan experience at IMS, including directions, parking, schedule, gate regulations, digital ticket guide, ADA accessibility and much more.

Race fans are encouraged to download the IMS App on iOS or Android and use the technology from NTT INDYCAR SERIES title sponsor NTT and its Smart Solutions platform, which will update the IMS App every 30 seconds with wait time information at each gate to allow race fans smoother entry into the facility.

Fans will notice one addition to the safety and security measures in place this year. New security screening detection devices have been added to all pedestrian gates.

"With hundreds of thousands of fans walking through the gates of IMS throughout the Month of May, our goal is to continue

to provide a secure, safe and very welcoming environment at IMS, while doing our best to ensure a smooth entry with minimal impact to our fans," Boles said. "As always, our fans help make this possible by planning ahead and arriving early so they don't miss any of the pre-race action that takes place long before the green flag waves."

As fans pass through one of the pedestrian entrances, they will walk through a CEIA OPENGATE® security device. Fans won't need to empty their pockets or remove items of clothing, simply walking through the gate and enter the facility. Since its introduction in 2021, the CEIA-manufactured OPENGATE system has become the choice for pedestrian entry screening at hundreds of facilities, including professional and collegiate sports facilities and theme parks.

IMS has retained GXC Inc. to place this innovative technology and pair it with an entry process designed for least-encumbered pedestrian movement.

Certain items remain prohibited at IMS, including weapons. In addition, glass containers, bikes, golf carts and illegal drugs also are not allowed. Coolers and bags will be checked for both size and contents at each pedestrian gate. All coolers must be no larger than 18 inches by 14 inches by 14 inches in size. Additional gate regulation information is available at [ims.com/gate-regulations](https://www.ims.com/gate-regulations).

While the additional screening is a simple process, fans are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to allow time to park and patiently make their way in through the gates. Gates will open at 7:30 a.m. for the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 13 and at 6 a.m. for the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 28. To check the gate hours for other days in May, visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com).

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Westfield creates new Sports Commission

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield announced on Thursday the newly created Westfield Sports Commission. Its mission is to work alongside city officials and community sports organizations to lead the continued development of Westfield's status as a leader in the sports tourism industry.

In making the announcement, Mayor Andy Cook said, "The new sports commission is a natural progression of Westfield's leadership in the sports tourism industry built around Grand Park and the Grand Park Events Center. 3.5 million people visited the campus in 2022. The newly-formed commission further enriches our residents' quality of life while driving economic development through sports."

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will be the fiduciary for state grants for Westfield organizations seeking to secure dollars through the state bid fund. It will work to develop further the Grand Park Research and Development Hub for the city. Additional strategies will be produced as the Commission explores expanded opportunities.

Board members of the Westfield Sports Commission include the following individuals:

- Joseph Loftus, Partner, Barnes and Thornburg LLP
- Patrick Tamm, President, Tamm Capital Group
- Christine Hill, AVP, Global Customer Experience Strategy, Eli Lilly and Company
- Matt Deck, Chief Operating Officer, Tradewinds Logistics
- LeAnne Zentz, Associate Broker, Berkshire Hathaway

Non-voting board members include the following:

- William Knox, President, Legacy Sports Group
- Karen Radcliff, Director, Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Hamilton County Sports Authority

The Westfield Sports Commission, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), will continue working with Team Indiana, the Hamilton County Sports Authority, and similar organizations to secure grant funding from the state and will also work with the Westfield business community to develop events and membership programs to fund the organization.

First Baptist Athletics announces largest expansion in 55-year history

\$12 million project involves new fieldhouse, renovated playing fields & new outdoor amenities

The REPORTER

With nearly \$8 million in gifts, First Baptist Athletics (FBA), 8600 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, has announced it is undertaking the largest expansion in the organization's 55-year history of providing youth sports programming for Northside Indianapolis families.

The nearly \$12 million project includes a new fieldhouse, renovated outdoor playing fields and new outdoor amenities such as an updated concession stand, family pavilion, and new baseball dugouts and backstops.

Through a gift of \$1 million from the Chambers Family and Buckingham Foundation, the outdoor fields will be renovated and renamed Chambers Family Park.

"FBA has been a part of our family for years, and it is a privilege to continue our family's support of FBA to ensure that this resource is here for future generations," said Bradley B. Chambers, Founder and CEO of Buckingham Companies. Chambers' son Nick Chambers began his baseball journey at FBA, eventually continuing his baseball journey at the collegiate level.

Additionally, the friends and family of Denny Barrett have committed more than \$3 million to construct a new gymnasium with four high-school-sized basketball courts to be named the Denny Barrett Fieldhouse. Denny was

a volunteer coach at FBA for more than 30 years, and all of the Barrett children played sports at FBA and have continued their father's legacy by coaching youth teams. The Barrett Family is now in its third generation of FBA participation.

"FBA was an important part of my dad's life," said Denny's son, Bryan Barrett, CEO of Barrett & Stokely. "He was involved with the organization for over three decades, and this building is a great way to honor his legacy. He would love the idea of thousands of kids being introduced to rec youth sports in this fieldhouse."

As a long-time supporter of FBA, Lilly Endowment Inc. also provided a \$2 million grant to support FBA's vision.

The expansion will allow FBA to serve all children who are currently on the waitlist to play and offer even more scholarships to allow families to participate in FBA programming regardless of their ability to pay.

"FBA has been a cornerstone in the community for 55 years," FBA Executive Director Steve Carr said. "We are excited to offer families in our diverse community a safe and friendly environment for their children for years to come."

FBA will unveil project details and renderings at the 2023 FBA Baseball Opening Day Ceremony at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 6,

following the FBA baseball players parade. Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett will throw the first pitch of the season as he has done for the past few years.

Learn more about First Baptist Athletics at [FirstBaptistAthletics.com](https://www.FirstBaptistAthletics.com) and support the Grow the Tradition Campaign at [FBACampaign.com](https://www.FBACampaign.com).



Upcoming Broadcasts

Thursday May 4

5:30 pm | Softball | **Guerin vs Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network

Friday May 5

6:30 pm | Baseball | **Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville** | HCTV Sports

Saturday May 6

12 pm | HCAC Womens Lacrosse Championship | IndianaSRN

Monday May 8

7:00 pm | Girls Lacrosse | Brebeuf vs **Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network

Tuesday May 9

4:50 pm | Baseball | Marion County Championship at the Vic | Indiana SRN

5:15 pm | Baseball | **Westfield vs HSE** | Southeastern Sports Network

6:00 pm | Softball | Bownsbury vs **Noblesville** | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm | Softball | Franklin Central vs **Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network

7:20 pm | Lacrosse | **Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern** | Indiana SRN

7:50 pm | Baseball | City Championship at the Vic | Indiana SRN

8:00 pm | Lacrosse | Heritage Christian vs **Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network



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