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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Showers end by about 8 a.m. Partly sunny and breezy.  
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**Westfield honors outstanding kids at Youth Recognition Breakfast**

**The REPORTER**

Sixteen Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) students were recognized on May 1 at the 14th annual Westfield Youth Recognition Breakfast (YRB).

Since 2011, the Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) has held the event to recognize local students. The honorees are youth in the Westfield community who have overcome adversity at home or school, have demonstrated a profound positive change in their attitude or behavior, or have made an extraordinary academic turnaround.

A counselor, teacher, principal, or other school staff submits the nominations to WYAP. A selection committee vets the nominations and chooses the recipients. Nominees can be from all grade levels, with this year's recipients spanning from first through eighth grade.



Photo provided by Westfield Youth Assistance Program  
**Congratulations to these 16 Westfield youth who have proven they can overcome anything!**

At the breakfast, Mayor Scott Willis, Former Mayor Andy Cook, and WWS Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser provided introductory speeches. This was followed by a speech from

former YRB recipient Brandt Grabowski, who was honored when he was in fourth grade and is now a senior at Westfield High School. After a brief presentation of their accomplish-

ments, the honorees received their certificates from WYAP Board President Tammy Havard and Mayor Willis.

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**A 'Thor' subject**

My oldest offspring, Austin, turns 30 this month.

There was a time he professed not to like his first name, which resulted because of my fondness for Jerry Jeff Walker music. The outlaw troubadour, Walker, was synonymous with Austin, Texas. Luckily for my son, Jerry Jeff didn't hail from Poughkeepsie.

Austin Saalman sounded like a pretty cool name – much better than Poughkeepsie Saalman.

Besides, who wouldn't want to be named after a singer-songwriter who made the song, "Up Against the Wall Redneck Mother" famous?

Eventually, I believe he came around to appreciating his name – especially when he learned about the alternative name pitches being made when he was otherwise known as Baby X during his nine-month holding pattern in his mother's belly.

The story goes this way: In 1994, gently, I broke the news to Dad at The Carriage Inn. "We've been thinking about names for the baby," I said.

He stopped chewing his pizza, just left a glob in his mouth to soak, anxiously awaiting the good word about a future namesake.

His hopes were high, and I felt like a heel.

I wasn't going to tell him what we were going to name the baby – we still don't have that answer. Instead, I was going to tell him what we weren't going to name the baby.

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**COLUMNIST**

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**HSE FFA brings home the bacon & makes off with \$2K in 48 hours**

**By SHANA SLOMA**

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May 3 to 5, eight Indiana high school FFA teams competed in the national invention competition, Make48, at Maker Playground, 8100 E. 106th St., Fishers, with Hamilton Southeastern FFA emerging victorious.

The four-person teams, comprised of three students and one adult team leader, were tasked with creating a working prototype related to agricultural education, recording a promotional video, drafting a sales sheet, and pitching their idea to a panel of judges – all within 48 hours.

Though each foursome spent numerous hours working with dedicated professionals to assist them in completing their creative vision, it was Hamilton Southeastern FFA's interactive model about pollination that earned their team \$2,000, a handmade trophy, and the opportunity to represent Indiana



Reporter photo by Shana Sloma  
**Eight Indiana high school FFA teams competed in the Indiana Make48 competition, which is the fourth of the season.**

and HSE at Make48's national competition in Kansas City, Mo., in November.

Make48 CEO, co-creator, and co-executive producer Tom Gray has been challenging innovators and budding entrepreneurs since the show's inception in 2015. Gray has used his production background coupled

with the design background of his counterparts to create an inspiring, interactive documentary where ideas become tangible.

"My background was product development," Gray said. "I was the guy who could take a prototype all the way to the consumer. My co-founders were crazy inventors that could build

anything. Together we knew how hard it was. We think that about 5 percent of the population can make something and the other 95 percent, including me, have ideas. Until you have a prototype you can't really communicate it to the world."

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**Westfield businesses contribute \$35K to new library**

*OrthoIndy & AgReliant offer financial support in weeks leading up to grand opening*

**The REPORTER**

The OrthoIndy Foundation and AgReliant will sponsor the new Westfield Washington Public Library through significant contributions to the Westfield Library Foundation (WLF).

The Foundation has contributed \$25,000 to help offset the cost of the elevator at the new library, further demonstrating its commitment to accessibility and community development.

"Westfield's unique new library is a wonderful opportunity for the OrthoIndy Foundation to promote mobility for more central Indiana residents," says Dr. John Dietz, Jr., a surgeon at OrthoIndy in Westfield. "It is an honor to assist the community in their efforts to continually raise the quality of life with better access by providing an

elevator to assist residents who may struggle with stairs."

AgReliant has generously donated \$10,000 and will have its name prominently displayed on a bench outside the new library building.

"We're thrilled to welcome the new library to our neighborhood and celebrate its opening," AgReliant President & CEO Brian Barker. "We recognize the value that a library brings, serving as a hub of learning and providing resources and opportunities for growth to individuals of all ages. As neighbors, we



**Barker**



Photo provided  
**Dr. John Dietz, Jr., a surgeon at OrthoIndy in Westfield, presents a check for \$25,000 to Westfield Library Foundation Executive Director Erin Downey.**

look forward to supporting and collaborating with the library to enrich our community."

WLF Executive Director Erin Downey expressed her gratitude for the generous support from both companies.

"We are immensely grateful for the support from the OrthoIndy Foundation and AgReliant," Downey said. "Their contributions will make a

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**From napkin to tech innovation team of the year**

**By STU CLAMPITT**

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Fishers-based Pierce Aerospace was named the TechPoint Mira "Tech Innovation Team of the Year" at the 25th annual Mira Awards gala.

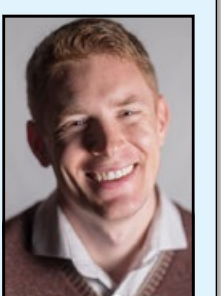
The Reporter spoke with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and Pierce Aerospace Founder Aaron Pierce about the award, the company, and the city ecosystem that made it all possible.

Pierce Aerospace's team received the Tech Innovation Team of the Year Award for designing and producing remote identification beacons for unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) that enable the aircraft to meet federal regulatory requirements. They also make remote identification receivers to monitor airspace – a technology that is making a national impact.

The company refers to this technology as "license plates for drones."

"We've been working on it for a while," Pierce told The Reporter. "The concept is that just like license plates on cars or transponders and other aircraft, we need to have a means to figure out who's flying that aircraft and where it's at in space and time. And that satisfies both a security and a safety question, just like those

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**Pierce**



**Fadness**



# YOUTH

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“This annual recognition event hosted by the Westfield Youth Assistance Program Board of Directors is a reminder to us all of the strength of the students and how they find a way to succeed despite the challenges they are facing,” Havard said. “It is an honor to celebrate the students surrounded with their parents, families, teachers, and counselors, whose unwavering support has propelled the students toward success.”

Additionally, WYAP had the honor of presenting Reis Middleton, a senior at Westfield High School, with the 2024 Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a youth who has proven that they know their purpose and own their own power. The recipient must be continuing their education, must have

resided in Westfield Washington Township, and can't be over the age of 25.

Students honored this year were:

- Jarell E., first grader at Washington Woods
- Reagan L., first grader at Carey Ridge
- Advait N., second grader at Washington Woods
- Alba A., a third grader at Shamrock Springs
- Beckett G., a third grader at Maple Glen
- Clara B., fourth grader at Monon Trail
- McKenna G., fourth grader at Carey Ridge
- Norah B., fifth grader at Westfield Intermediate
- Xander H., fifth grader at Westfield Intermediate
- Marc S., fifth grader at Westfield Intermediate
- Josue L., sixth grader at Westfield Intermediate
- Rosalinda B., eighth

grader at Westfield Middle

- Cailee B., eighth grader at Westfield Middle
- Abby K., eighth grader at Westfield Middle
- Bagner C., eighth grader at Westfield Middle
- Cletus T., eighth grader at Westfield Middle

### About Westfield Youth Assistance Program

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 2728 E. 171st St. WYAP serves youth ages 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. 2024 marks the organization's 15th anniversary. Visit [youthassistance.org/westfield](http://youthassistance.org/westfield) for more information.



Photo provided by Westfield Youth Assistance Program  
Westfield High School senior Reis Middleton was presented with the 2024 Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship during the breakfast.

# FFA

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Gray and his partners knew that some people would struggle to create a prototype, but they did not want that to inhibit innovation. Gray chose to level the playing field by giving every competitor the same tools and support to bring their inventions to life.

“We thought, why not do a fun event but give people the access to a makerspace and the tool technicians to help them build it?” Gray said. “The teams themselves don't have to do any engineering. They don't have to operate any equipment. They just have to come up with the ideas. It's all their vision. They have to collaborate, divide, and conquer all within 48 hours.”

The Make48 docuseries, currently in its eighth season, showcases a series of individual competitions throughout the U.S. in which diverse teams are given a broad topic and the means to design and build their in-

novation regardless of legal knowledge or skill level. Patent attorneys, Tool Techs, and mentors are on hand to support the teams during the entire competition. Not only does this support give inventors of all skill levels a fair chance at winning, it also reduces the chance of injury.

Although the competition is marked by a 48-hour countdown clock, the health and safety of the competitors remains a priority. The competition site is closed and the clock paused from midnight to 6 a.m. both nights to allow for all parties to have a mandatory rest period.

The Indiana Make48 competition, sponsored by Indiana FFA and Corteva Agriscience, marks the fourth of the 2024 Make48 season. The Indiana teams were comprised of Fishers High School FFA (Fishers), Hamilton Heights FFA (Arcadia), Agracadabra (Purdue Polytechnic High School – Broad Ripple), Low Fidelity

(Purdue Polytechnic High School), Eastern Hancock FFA, Mud Flaps FFA (Frankton), Clever Connersville FFA (Connersville), and winner, Hamilton Southeastern FFA (Fishers).

While each team worked hard to create a prototype capable of sharing agricultural knowledge with various target audiences, Hamilton Southeastern FFA's focus on educating young children about how more than just bees can pollinate, helped to solidify their win.

The four HSE FFA team members, Sam Uliczny (team captain), Eliza Uliczny, Ellie Taylor, and Meghan Haws won first place for Best Innovation and Best Pitch. They each come to the table with competition experience but admit that the unique design of Make48 is part of the allure of this competition.

“I think for all of us, it's the experience behind it,” said Eliza, speaking for the



Photo provided  
On May 5, the Hamilton Southeastern FFA Team won first place for Best Innovation and Best Pitch against six other FFA chapter teams at the Make48 invention competition held at Maker Playground, 8100 E. 106th St., Fishers. (From left) Sam Uliczny (mentor), Eliza Uliczny, Ellie Taylor, and Meghan Haws.

group. “We've done marketing and competed nationally for FFA. We've had some experience in creating a product

and marketing it, but we've never done it in a weekend time or made a prototype. Transitioning those skills and

doing something that is more hands on drew me in and drew in the others, as well. And it's just really fun.”

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# TECH INNOVATION — SUBJECT

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other technologies do as well. We started working on this back in 2017 and have been pursuing that ever since."

Pierce called his company's journey in Fishers — from an idea to the tech innovation team of the year — as "a good, fun, wild ride."

"It's always fun and very rewarding to build something new," Pierce said. "Our whole team is very entrepreneurial. It's a small team, but it's a team that's also really stuck with it and persisted through the grit and the grind to take what was effectively a concept literally on the back of a napkin, and then move that all the way into something. The government took it and helped build it from a policy standpoint, which turned into a rule. And now we're building products to help the market meet the requirements of that rule."

Mayor Fadness told The Reporter he is proud of Pierce Aerospace, not only for the Mira Award itself, but also for building a successful company out of nothing more than an idea and a lot of determination.

"Aaron over there at Pierce has been working on this for some time and continues to try to make big strides in an industry that can be pretty difficult to get into," Fadness said. "It's been fun to watch this company progress."

Pierce called the Indiana IoT (Internet of Things) Lab in Fishers one of the best places in the state to do this kind of work and to grow a company.

"We're surrounded by a community of like-minded entrepreneurs, highly technical people," Pierce said. "It's a place where we can tinker and break stuff. It's an IoT lab, so it's an inherently noisy environment. We were able, from day one, to build our technology in an incredibly spectrum-dirty environment, which helps us to really understand how

to make sure that this technology would work in the real world."

Pierce credits much of his company's success to the entrepreneurial environment available in Fishers.

"The entire Fishers ecosystem is fundamentally built on collaborative entrepreneurship, which I think is an incredibly unique philosophy to build an entire city on," Pierce said. "That's one of those underlying, intangible secret weapon types of things that we utilize as a startup to be successful in our mission. We continue to look at it as a secret weapon to growth and how we attract people to the team, as we continue to bring aboard new people, and how we think about building a company that can make a global impact."

According to Fadness, that environment exists by design.

"We've worked very hard and very intentionally to create an ecosystem that supports Fortune 100 companies all the way through to a backpack and an idea," Fadness said. "That dynamic economic environment where commerce is happening either organically or when we're recruiting companies to be a part of this ecosystem. It's really, really important. We don't take for granted and we try to celebrate to the best of our ability. The successes of all up and down that ecosystem — from the startup all the way through to the large corporation — if they have a success, we feel like that's a success and it's affirmative to the vision of our city. It is critically important. We may be in government, and we may have a different role, but I think we share a common spirit when it comes to being entrepreneurial."

Learn more about Pierce Aerospace at [pierceaerospace.net](http://pierceaerospace.net). For more information about the Indiana IoT Lab, go to [indianaaiot.com](http://indianaaiot.com).

# LIBRARY

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significant impact on our ability to provide essential services and resources to our community."

The new Westfield Washington Public Library is scheduled to open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 1.

For more information about WLF and opportunities for community involvement, please contact Erin

Downey at (317) 753-1481 or [edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us). About Westfield Washington Public Library

The WWPL Mission is to foster exploration, discovery, and growth. The library's Vision is to be the cornerstone of lifelong learning in Westfield and Washington Township. For more information on WWPL, visit [wwpl.lib.in.us](http://wwpl.lib.in.us).

"Dad, if it's a boy . . ." His smile stretched the width of three pizza slices.

". . . look, Dad . . . I mean, well . . . the name Marion stops with me. OK? There will not be a Marion the Fourth. I refuse to sustain this tradition of terror."

He didn't even flinch. Dad chewed his soggy pizza. If he was disappointed, I couldn't tell. He isn't one to get too worked up about things.

Until first grade, I didn't even know Marion was my real first name.

Marion III, to be exact. I was called Scott until then, my middle name. A kinder, gentler, male-sounding, monosyllabic name. And though my classmates were able to rhyme Scott with "rot" and "snot" and "pot" in their daily playground poetry, I could still live with the name Scott.

I remember the first day of first grade, that very first time I participated in that necessary evil known as roll call. From A to R, Mrs. Phillips' roll call went without a hitch. Then came the S's, which I anticipated with grand excitement be-

cause I would get to raise my hand for the first time, to be the center of attention for once, thus kicking off what was certain to be a stellar grade school existence.

"Marion Saalman," she said.

No one said anything. No one raised a hand. Everyone, including me, glanced around the room looking for the mysterious Marion Saalman. Maybe she was a cousin of mine I had not yet met.

Finally, Mrs. Phillips informed the whole world that I was Marion Saalman. Talk about shock. My body had sunk so low that even with my hand raised, all you could see were fingertips above the desktop.

There were snorts and giggles as I oozed to the floor in front of my normally named classmates. I imagined my first day of life in the Perry County Memorial Hospital nursery. All around me babies were laughing at the identification tag on my wrist. "He's a Marion . . . wait until we get him in first grade . . . ha ha ha ha ha ha," said the

James to the Joes, the Joes to the Janes.

Before Mrs. Phillips could read the next S, I regained my composure just enough to utter a stock phrase that followed me to seven more years' worth of first day of school experiences: "Call me, Scott."

I explained all this to my dad — Marion II — at The Carriage Inn.

"There's nothing wrong with Marion," he said. Then, in a flash of desperation, he said, "John Wayne's real first name was Marion."

"Yea," I rebutted, "but he was so traumatized by Marion that he made people call him The Duke. Look, Dad, you tell people to call you M.J. instead of Marion, and heck, you've never even called me Marion once."

That seemed to shut down the subject.

Then Mom and I batted around a few hundred baby names over pizza. Dad listened, and only once did he attempt to participate.

"Thor," he suggested.

Just to be a wise guy, I guess.

Thor didn't sound half bad. The god of war, thunder, strength and chest hairs. Still, I couldn't imagine Thor holding a Crayola without accidentally breaking it in half, due to all the testosterone that his name implied. With a name like Thor, he'd likely hurt the other children.

Dad took the news far better than I feared. He even paid for the pizza. I think he even admired me for taking a stand, something I think he lacked the courage to do when I was born; hence, the existence of an actual Marion III. I only hope it goes as easy for him when he shares my decision with Marion I.

I think I'm doing the right thing. I honestly do.

But why do I feel so bad?

I'm the last of the Marions.

Marion III. Call me Scott.

This story appears in slightly different form in Scott's latest humor collection, **Quietly Making Noise**, which is available on Amazon. It's the perfect Mother's Day gift.

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# Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's April Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

The primary election season just ended, and campaign signs, television, radio, newspaper advertisements, emails, and texts inundated us for what felt like months on end. Personally, I don't remember a primary election with more mailers than this one. I am grateful to just be doing the work and not have to campaign at the same time.

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In addition to council and RDC meetings, April's work included Finance and Personnel committee meet-



MARK HALL  
The Timesheet

ings. Many hours were invested researching and evaluating the Regional Development Commission's public safety training center project, upcoming County Council projects, bond financing, county debt, and the impact of pledging county-certified shares for projects.

April's personnel committee meeting dealt with several normal requests. Items included requests from the Sheriff and Auditor for position reclassifications and combining two positions into one. In other business, a position within Buildings and Grounds was reclassified as was one position within Human Resources. These changes were based on a thorough review internally and an outside review by the county's independent benefits and compensation vendor. Lastly, authorization to hire a new leader for the Weights and Measures department was approved.

Personnel requests are voted on as they occur – first, in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee. The finance committee met and worked through detailed examinations of the county income, cash reserves, expected 2025 assessed values, and an initial look at expected 2025 expenses. The challenge ahead will continue to be balancing operating

expenses with the cost of upcoming projects all while keeping our reserves strong and the tax rate one of the lowest in the state.

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The Regional Development Commission met to review proposals received from vendors seeking to build the new Police and Fire Training Center. Serving as a member of the approval committee, we narrowed the proposals to two finalists and set a time to meet in person for vendor interviews.

In speaking with city elected officials we need to provide them with an initial operating expense budget for the training center by the end of July to allow them time to have budget allocations made for 2025 training center operating expenses.

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In addition to the County Council public meetings, April work included attending a Council caucus session, a Regional Development Commission meeting, watching a Board of Commissioners public meeting, attending a Noblesville City Council meeting, and attending a Cicero Town Council meeting.

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This month, there were three constituents service requests. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. April's first question was regarding Veterans benefits. Next, questions regarding property taxes, assessments, and deductions.

Lastly, questions regarding a property tax credit in St. Joseph County.

A constituent needed assistance in securing their spouse's veteran's disability benefits. The resolution was to connect them with the right folks in the county's Veteran's Service Office. One of the most frequent questions I get is "why are my property taxes what they are?" The question is often accompanied by a couple of adjectives. The resolution is almost always the same process. Have you appealed your assessment? Did you know that you can appeal it? Next, have you received all the deductions that you qualify for? In this case, meeting with members of the Assessor's and Auditor's teams was the resolution to their question.

I showed the constituent that because they live in the Noblesville City tax district, 47 percent of their property tax bill goes directly to the schools, 41 percent goes to City Government, 10 percent to County Government, and the remainder to the Libraries and Solid Waste.

The third request was regarding a property tax relief program implemented in St. Joseph County. The research reveals that St. Joseph County is the first county in Indiana to implement a County Option Tax Credit. Authorized by the State Legislature, a county can implement a credit for up to three years. In this case, two options offer credit based on how long a resident has lived in the home, along with age and income restrictions. It is designed to limit the property tax liability increase to two percent annually for up to three years.

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This month, it was an honor to represent you at the third annual Sheriff's Chaplaincy Breakfast, and in meetings with Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Ivy Tech Chancellor Dr. Rachel Kartz, and with Noblesville Public Safety Director Chad Knecht.

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This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 16. There are many projects in the queue for 2024, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

# Good Samaritan NETWORK

## Register today for Topgolf Charity Outing

### The REPORTER

Good Samaritan Network (GSN) will once again hold its annual Topgolf Charity Outing in Fishers. This community fundraising event is presented and coordinated by GSN along with its current sponsors.

The event will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 23. Check-in begins at 2:30 p.m. and buffet service opens at 3:30 p.m.

The Topgolf Charity Outing benefits Hamilton County residents served by GSN with shelter and holiday and food assistance.

Each ticket includes three hours of Topgolf play at one of the predetermined bays, an All-American luncheon/buffet in the Signature Room, and the opportunity to participate in an on-site "Chance to Win!" drawing. Individual registrations (adult and youth) are available, including discounts for 18 years and under.

### A family event

Are you looking for a fun activity to enjoy with your family, friends, or colleagues on a Sunday afternoon? Look no further than the Topgolf Charity Outing. Although lanes are limited, you can register up to six players per lane. Why not create a group, enjoy a fun-filled afternoon, and at the same time help other families? It's a great opportunity to bond, have fun, create lasting memories, and spend quality time with your loved ones or colleagues. Register today and make your Sunday afternoon unforgettable.

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**Sponsorships available**  
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Visit [gsnlive.org/golfouting](https://gsnlive.org/golfouting) for sponsorship details and to register as a player and/or as a sponsor.

### Can't attend? Event in-kind donations needed

GSN also accepts a wide range of donations for the Topgolf Charity Outing. The options are endless, from vouchers, gift certificates, gift cards, various gift items, picnic baskets, houseware, artwork, or home decor. Donors can also consider donating electronics or tech gadgets, books or magazines, food or beverages, sports equipment or outdoor gear, and more.

All these items will be used in the "Chance to Win!" drawing, which is set to be a highlight of the day. Donors will receive receipts for their donations. If you want more information, call the GSN office at (317) 842-2603 ext. 200, or email [info@gsnlive.org](mailto:info@gsnlive.org).

### About Good Samaritan Network

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on assisting the at-risk population in Hamilton County. Client referrals are received from a variety of social service agencies, churches, township trustees, food pantries, local hospitals, and government emergency agencies. GSN also works with Hamilton County schools, as well as Sheriff, police, and fire departments. Direct services include serving at-risk and underserved individuals and families within Hamilton County. Typical service streams are emergency or crisis intervention, educational resources, and support. Indirect services include the network which GSN has established to ensure efficiency and communication among the different agencies and social services that support and assist the at-risk and underserved residents of Hamilton County.

## Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to [FeedingTeam.org](https://FeedingTeam.org).

### ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.  
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

### ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

### CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.  
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

### CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike  
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.  
Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19  
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center, 12308 Strawtown Ave.  
Laura Hayden's School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.  
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave. (23297 Lafayette St.)  
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

### FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.  
Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road  
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road  
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

### SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.

### WESTFIELD

CrossRoads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.  
Radiant Life Church, 16162 Carey Road  
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

### NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road  
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.  
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.  
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.  
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road  
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.  
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.  
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.  
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.  
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.  
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.  
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road  
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 20545 Riverwood Ave.  
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.  
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive  
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)  
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive  
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.  
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road  
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.  
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road  
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.  
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)  
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road  
White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schuller Road

### ANDERSON

Landmark Baptist Church, 1924 W. Cross St.

### INDIANAPOLIS

Lawrence Church of God, 4230 N. Post Road  
Meadowlark Apartments (2 pantries) 9350 E. 43rd St.  
St. Pius X Parish, 7200 Sarto Drive

### KOKOMO

204 E Lincoln St. (across from McDonald's)  
Fuel Church, 2021 E. Markland Ave.

### PENDLETON

Life Church, 6501 S. State Road 67



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### Items Helpful to Donate

Canned Chicken and/or Tuna	Chef Boyardee with meat cans	Helper Mixes
Canned Meat Stews or Chunky Meat Soups	Cereal Boxes - i.e. Cheerios, Chex preferred	Mac and Cheese Individual Cups or Boxes
Canned Fruits	Peanut Butter and Jelly - small jars preferred	Individual Packed Fruit and/or Applesauce Cups
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Oatmeal packs	Pasta Sauce – cans preferred/Pasta Boxes	Granola Bars or Microwave Popcorn

**Click here to see a full list of food banks throughout Hamilton County**



# Some Shamrocks glow in the dark



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
Students and families from Monon Trail Elementary School in Westfield had an illuminating experience at Literacy Night. "Let's Glow Together Literacy Night" included activities to enlighten participants with valuable insights into reading instruction and resources tailored to support learners at home. The night included guest readers, engaging literacy games, and movement activities all tied to a glow in the dark theme.

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# Race to register for Party on the Patio

## The REPORTER

There are only 10 days remaining until it's time to Party on the Patio in Westfield.

The first Party on the Patio will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21. Come out for an evening of community and good eats to kick off the 2024 Party on the Patio series.

Presented by The Farmers Bank and Greek's Pizzeria, and hosted by the Downtown Westfield Association (DWA), this event will take place at Greek's Pizzeria on

Park Street in Downtown Westfield. May's Indy 500 themed Party on the Patio will support the Westfield Youth Assistance Program.



Come hungry for an array of free adult beverages and delicious pizza from Greek's. Please note that this event is exclusively for those aged 21 and over. Remember to bring your valid driver's license to ensure a smooth entry.

To secure your spot in the lineup, [race to reserve your place now](#).

# Westfield High School Spanish teacher earns state-level recognition

## Submitted by AASTP Indiana

Westfield High School Spanish teacher Jen Hasler Troutman has been selected by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) as its 2024 Indiana Teacher of the Year in the High School category.

Hasler Troutman deserves this renowned state award, as her 26-year strong dedication and passion for teaching Spanish, her distinguished presentations, her impressive service, and her deep involvement with students' success and advancement were evident in her dossier.

Hasler Troutman will now represent AATSP Indiana at the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association Conference with the option to be named the 2024 IFLTA of the Year. She will compete along with the

Teachers of the Year in five other languages.

If Hasler Troutman is selected as 2024 Teacher of the Year by IFLTA, she will again represent the organization and the State of Indiana in the 2026 Central States Teacher of the Year. Furthermore, if she wins the Central States award, it will give her the opportunity to represent the Midwest in the 2026 ACTFL National Teacher of the Year program.

The AATSP Indiana Award Ceremony this year will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Indianapolis Marriot East during the AATSP Indiana business meeting, which is part of the IFLTA Conference.

¡Felicitaciones de nuevo, Jen Hasler Troutman! AATSP Indiana considers it a great honor to be represented by such a brilliant and inspiring teacher from Westfield High School.

# Fighting crime through environmental design

While safety through design has long been practiced through requirements of building codes and local ordinances, the impact of its use to prevent crime in public spaces is a

relatively new concept. In urban environments, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) combines urban design strategies and architectural elements to optimize safety in outdoor spaces.

This approach is guided by four key principles:

**Natural surveillance**  
Designing spaces that maximize visibility allows behavior to be under constant observation. A well-documented example of natural surveillance in practice is the impact of tree canopies in cities.

While it might seem

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counter-intuitive, areas with more trees are proven to encourage people to spend time outdoors, creating easier areas of observation than settings that result in congregating inside buildings. A study conducted by environmental researchers at the University of Illinois revealed that areas surrounded by significant foliage experienced 48 percent fewer property crimes and 56 percent fewer violent crimes.

**Territorial reinforcement**  
Territorial reinforcement in landscape architecture utilizes hardscape elements or natural barriers to define public and private areas. In simpler terms, design elements are strategically used to draw a line between "my space" and "your space."

Elements such as shrub barrier plantings separating a local park from a family residence discourage users from trespassing or participating in illegal activities on private property. Other common examples of these design elements include fences, bollards, water features, and retaining walls.

**Natural access control**  
Natural design elements are used as a tool to subtly guide users without physically restricting their access to a space. One example of this is signage commonly found along hiking trails. In addition to providing a sense of direction within the environment, the indication of approved public routes encourages intended pedestrian flow. This limits criminal opportunity by creating a sense of risk for offenders if they were to wander off.

**Maintenance**  
Regular maintenance of outdoor spaces shows that a

space is cared for and allows for its continued intended use, discouraging criminal activity. An unkempt space could prevent design elements from achieving their desired CPTED effect and signal a lack of concern for the environment. Overgrown shrubs, for example, obscure the view of users and hinders natural surveillance. Inconsistent maintenance of an area may even signal to potential criminals that there is a higher tolerance for chaos, making the space a favorable target of unwanted behavior.

Through thoughtfully blending creativity and functionality, landscape architects have the ability to create urban sanctuaries where crime withers and communities flourish.

Bill Schmidt, PLA, ASLA, LEED AP, is the Director of Landscape Architecture at Weihe Engineers, Inc.

# Nerdy fun for young Rocks



Photos by Rocks Media House

Students from Shamrock Springs Elementary School in Westfield recently invited their families for STEAM Night. These young Rocks (a.k.a. Pebbles) celebrated science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. There was a plan, a fire truck, a black light expo and much more. [Click here](#) to see more photos of the event from Rocks Media House.

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# NPD AMP announces Fishers Summer Concert Series lineup

## The REPORTER

The Fishers Summer Concert Series, hosted by Fishers Parks, returns this summer with free community concerts on Tuesday nights, presented by 24/7 DINK, at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP, 6 Municipal Drive) in the heart of downtown Fishers.

Residents and visitors can also enjoy a special free performance on Fourth of July featuring Toy Factory accompanying the Fishers Parks' fireworks show at the NPD AMP. The series will conclude with the return of the popular two-day Blues Fest on Labor Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

"We are thrilled to announce our 2024 summer concert lineup, offering an exciting mix of live music that embodies the spirit of Fishers," Fishers Parks Director Marissa Deckert said. "This season, residents can seize the summer by enjoying free concerts and celebrating community spirit at the Nickel Plate District AMP. With several returning favorites and new artists



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alike, there's something for everyone to enjoy this summer."

The 2024 season lineup includes:

### Free Tuesdays Concert Series Starting June 4 7 to 9 p.m.

- June 4 – Living Proof sponsored by Heritage Christian School
- June 11 – Soul Pocket
- June 18 – The Nauti Yachtys
- June 25 – Uptown Funk (8 p.m., followed by

the Spark!Fishers Drone Show)

- July 2 – Country Summer
- July 4 – Toy Factory (8 p.m.)
- July 9 – The Brothers Footman
- July 16 – Karma sponsored by Custom Exteriors
- July 23 – 2nd Wind
- July 30 – Groove-Smash sponsored by De-Veau's Gymnastics

**Additional Shows**  
 • **Friday, June 28:** Spark!Fishers Friday Night Concert featuring Red,

a tribute to Taylor Swift (8 p.m., followed by the Spark!Fishers Fireworks Show)

• **Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1:** Fishers Blues Fest – to be announced. Follow the NPD AMP on Instagram and Facebook for the latest announcements.

No outside alcohol is permitted at the NPD AMP. Vendors will be available onsite to purchase refreshments. Chairs and blankets are welcome. Learn more at [npdamp.com](http://npdamp.com).

# Summer fun returning soon to Westfield's Grand Junction Plaza

## The REPORTER

The City of Westfield and Westfield Welcome have announced a summer lineup at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., that residents will not want to miss.

"There's certainly something for everyone with our events," Mayor Scott Willis said. "With summer bringing warmer weather and longer days to be outside, we hope residents can take advantage of what the city has to offer."

### Westfield Farmers Market

presented by **Duke Energy**

This summer staple returns from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 30. The market runs each Thursday through Sept. 26, excluding July 4, and includes meat and produce farmers, unique artisan vendors, food trucks, and fun for the entire family.

### Creek Stomps

Participants will explore the Grassy Branch Creek located within Grand Junction Plaza. Participants can splash around and beat the heat while learning about watersheds, invasive species, and creek wildlife. Creek Stomps take place at 10 a.m. every Thursday beginning June 6.

Tickets are \$5 and must



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All kinds of summertime will soon return to Westfield! Find out more at [WestfieldWelcome.com](http://WestfieldWelcome.com).

be reserved in advance, as there is a 20-person maximum per stomp. Tickets will be available beginning May 23 and can be purchased at [westfieldwelcome.ticketleap.com](http://westfieldwelcome.ticketleap.com).

### Jams at the Junction presented by Estridge Homes

This popular concert series returns on June 7 with Stella Luna and the Satellites. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Food trucks and kids' activities will be available, but attendees are also encouraged to grab carryout from any local restaurants near the park. Parking is

available near the Westfield Washington Public Library and Westfield Intermediate School for all six concerts, and free shuttle service is provided.

- June 7: Stella Luna and the Satellites
- June 28: Groovesmash
- July 26: Jai Baker
- Aug. 9: Karma
- Aug. 16: The Indigos
- Aug. 23: No Fences (a Garth Brooks tribute band)

### Kids Summer Series

This one's for the kids beginning on June 11. On Tuesdays in June and July, music, activities, face painting, and more kid-friendly fun runs from

10 to 11:30 a.m.

### Movies in the Plaza presented by Community First Bank

Bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy dinner and a movie on the Great Lawn. Movies begin at 7:30 p.m. on June 14, July 12, July 19, Aug. 30 and Sept. 6. Movies will be announced in the future.

Public parking is available in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Poplar Street and Park Street, and in designated on-street spots along Union Street and Mill Street.

For more information, visit [WestfieldWelcome.com](http://WestfieldWelcome.com).

## Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(i). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
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## — ATLANTA —

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Town of Atlanta BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Atlanta Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 East Main Street Atlanta, IN 46031 in order to hear the following petition:

#### DOCKET NO. 052324-2

A Variance concerning Section 4.2, PK-4 & PK-5, PK-04, and Section 7.15 of the Town of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance in order to grant a variance to allow relief from the setback, parking lot landscaping, and drive entrance requirements.

Project address: 225 N. Walnut Street, Atlanta, IN 46031  
 Legal Description Attached? (No)  
 The petition may be examined at the office of the Atlanta Building Commissioner, 105 East Main Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031  
 Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing  
 The Hearing may be continued Tom time to rime as may be found necessary  
 Petitioner's Name: 29101 State Road 19, LLC by Michael A. Lang  
 Date: May 10, 2024  
 5/11/24, 5/13/24

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Town of Atlanta BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Atlanta Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 23, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 East Main Street Atlanta, IN 46031 in order to hear the following petition:

#### DOCKET NO. 052324-2

A special exception concerning Section 4.1 of the Town of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance in order to grant a variance to grant a special exception to allow a restaurant.

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A variance concerning Section 4.2, PK-04, and 7.15 of the Town of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance in order to grant a variance to allow relief from the setback, parking lot landscaping, and drive entrance requirements.

Project address: 220 N. Walnut Street, Atlanta, IN 46031  
 Legal Description Attached? (No)  
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#### DOCKET NO. 052324-2

A variance concerning Section 4.1 of the Town of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance in order to grant a variance to allow the property to be used as a parking lot that will provide additional parking for 225 North Walnut Street, which Petitioner proposes to redevelop into a restaurant.

Project address: 220 N. Walnut Street, Atlanta, IN 46031  
 Legal Description Attached? (No)  
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# Westfield GOP to welcome Secretary of State Diego Morales

**The REPORTER**

With the primary election over and an upcoming State GOP Convention, the Westfield GOP Club will soon play host to Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales at the Club's next meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 at Viking Meadows Clubhouse, 15757 Viking Meadows Drive, Westfield.

Secretary Morales serves as Indiana's Chief Election Officer, working with all 92 county clerks and election administrators to ensure safe and secure elections statewide. Having experienced the 2022 State GOP Convention as a suc-

cessful candidate, he will provide a unique perspective on the convention as well as all elections. Please plan to attend for this insightful conversation. Please RSVP to [westfieldin-gop@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldin-gop@gmail.com).

**About Diego Morales**

Diego Morales says he is proud to be Indiana's 63rd Secretary of State, having made history by becoming the first Latino elected to a statewide office in the history of Indiana. He is currently the only immigrant elected as Secretary of State in



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the United States.

In his first six months in office, Morales visited all 92 counties, a record pace for a statewide office holder. He broke his own record this year, visiting all 92 counties within three months.

Under his administration, Indiana has passed laws strengthening photo identification voting requirements.

Morales previously worked in state government as an aide to former Vice President Mike Pence during his tenure as governor.

# New at Sheridan Public Library

**The REPORTER**

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

**Fiction**

1. All the Glimmering Stars – Mark Sullivan
2. City of Dreams – Don Winslow
3. Devil's Hand – Jack Carr
4. Husbands – Holly Gramazio
5. I Will Ruin You – Linwood Barclay
6. In the Blood – Jack Carr
7. Only the Dead – Jack Carr
8. Perfect Teacher – Kelly Golden
9. Summers at the Saint – Mary Kay Andrews

**Non-Fiction**

1. Amish Wife – Gregg Olsen
2. Demon of Unrest – Erik Larson
3. Rulebreaker – Susan Page
4. Unfinished Love Story – Doris Goodwin

**Children's**

1. Catch That Ducky! –

Billy Wrecks

2. Curious Tiger – Catherine Veitch
3. Explorers of the Wild – Cale Atkinson
4. Good Night with the Very Hungry Caterpillar – Eric Carle
5. Hello World: Cars & Trucks – Jill McDonald
6. Hey What's That – Sandra Boynton
7. Not a Box – Antoinette Portis
8. Stanley's School – William Bee
9. Very Hungry Caterpillar Eats Dinner – Eric Carle
10. Very Hungry Caterpillar Eats Snacks – Eric Carle

**Inspirational Fiction**

1. Rescuing the Stolen Child – Connie Queen
2. Seeking Justice – Sheree Stover
3. Tracked Through the Woods – Laura Scott
4. Undercover Operation – Maggie K. Black

**Young Adults**

1. These Violent Delights – Chloe Gong

# Fishers road construction updates

**The REPORTER**

**State Road 37 & 141st Street**

The final interchange of the State Road 37 Improvement Project will officially begin construction at 141st Street and SR 37 this summer.

The pre-construction meeting for the project team will take place at the end of May with the schedule to soon follow.

One important note: to ease the construction burden in the area, the work will not begin until Hamilton County's 146th Street closure at Allisonville Road reopens. The full timeline for the 141st Street interchange will be provided after project bids are accepted.

**What to expect this summer**

The interim traffic configuration that has been in place will be adjusted to accommodate temporary pavement construction leading up to the next phase,

which will be construction on the west side of 141st Street. During this time, all traffic will be moved to the east side, with northbound and southbound lanes open at all times on SR 37 (intermittent restrictions will be communicated).

All construction updates will be posted to [DriveFishers on X](#) and [37 Thrives on Facebook](#). Please visit [37Thrives.com](#) to sign-up for email updates.

To navigate the merge, remember:

- Use the accel lane to gain speed, not stop.
- Use your mirrors and pay attention.
- Look for a gap in SR 37 traffic and safely merge.

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

**Road resurface projects**

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction will begin in

Lantern Ridge starting the week of May 13.

Towards the end of the week, the contractor will continue into Sunblest as part of the 2024 Resurfacing Project. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

View the Road Resurface Overview Map [here](#).

Roadways and neighborhoods are prioritized based on the PASER rating condition of their pavement. You can see a map [here](#).

**Florida Road**

During the week of May 13, there will a road closure in place on Florida Road north of 113th Street to allow for resurfacing that will be completed in two phases, which includes a full depth dig out and rock, base, and binder installation.

Phase 1 will take place on May 13 and 14, and Phase 2 will be May 15 and 16. On May 17, both sections will be resurfaced with traffic restrictions in place, and flaggers will be on site directing traffic. View a map of the closure [here](#).

**Barrett Law East & West**

**• Parkside/Publishers:** Work on Barrett East is substantially complete.

**• Fishers Trade Center:** The contractor will work on road reconstruction north of 135th Street and south of 141st Street the week of May 13. The construction traffic route is one way, heading north from 135th to 141st.

# More homes selling faster & at higher prices in Hamilton County

**The REPORTER**

According to F.C. Tucker Company's April real estate stats, Noblesville and Hamilton County both saw home sales increasing and homes selling more quickly than this time last year. Inventory also increased, while average prices continued to creep upward.

**In Noblesville in April**

- Closed home sales increased 10.6 percent, with nine more homes closing than this time last year.
- Homes in Noblesville sold more quickly than this time last year, leaving the market five days, or 15.2 percent, faster.
- The average sale price for a Noblesville home decreased 11 percent to \$434,554.
- The average price per square foot decreased 5.7 percent to \$166.47.

**In Hamilton County in April**

- Pended home sales increased 3.9 percent compared to this time last year.
  - Homes sold four days, or 9.8 percent, faster than this time last year.
  - Available housing inventory increased 29.6 percent compared to April 2023.
  - The average home sale price increased 3.2 percent to \$501,377.
- "We experienced a fast-moving real estate market last month with homes selling more quickly than this time last year in every central Indiana county," F.C. Tucker Company President Jim Litten said. "As summer approaches, we're also continuing to see available inventory increasing, providing a greater selection of homes for buyers to choose from."





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# Ascension St. Vincent Carmel earns 'A' Hospital Safety Grade

New grade for Spring 2024 is national recognition for patient safety

**The REPORTER**

Ascension St. Vincent Carmel has been awarded an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group for spring 2024.

The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit organization, evaluates hospitals across the United States on more than 30 performance metrics related to medical errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as the efficacy of their preventive measures. This prestigious grade highlights Ascension St. Vincent Carmel's commitment to patient safety.

"Our associates at Ascension St. Vincent Carmel consider safety not just a priority but an essential duty," Ascension St. Vincent Carmel President Chad Dilley said. "A safe environment is critical to providing exceptional care to every patient who walks through our doors. Receiving an 'A' grade from The Leapfrog Group is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire team."



Photo courtesy Ascension St. Vincent

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program that focuses exclusively on hospital safety. It specifically targets preventable medical errors, infections, and injuries that contribute to more



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than 500 patient deaths each day nationwide. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and freely available to the public. Grades are updated biannually, reflecting the continuous efforts of healthcare

facilities to improve patient safety.

For complete details of Ascension St. Vincent Carmel's performance and tips for patients on maintaining safety while in hospital care, please visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](http://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).

Learn more about Ascension St. Vincent Carmel at [ascension.org](http://ascension.org).

# Indiana Donor Network names vice president of clinical operations & medical director

**The REPORTER**

Indiana Donor Network, the federally designated organ recovery organization that coordinates organ, tissue, and cornea donation in Indiana and transplantation throughout the U.S., has named Dr. Paul Lange vice president of clinical operations and medical director.



Lange

In his role, he will oversee all organ and tissue recovery operations and the research function of the organization.

Dr. Lange joins Indiana Donor Network from Donor Alliance in Denver, the federally designated organ procurement organization that serves Colorado and Wyoming, where he served as chief medical officer since 2021.

"Indiana Donor Network has grown dramatically over the past several years in terms of the number of lives we save and heal and we are positioned to grow even more," President and CEO Kellie Tremain said. "We want to provide the best possible resources to our clinical staff and operations, including the leading minds in the industry. Dr. Lange is uniquely qualified to fulfill this role and shares our unwavering commitment to saving lives through organ donation and transplantation."

Dr. Lange has nearly three decades of clinical experience and extensive involvement in graduate

and undergraduate medical education. Throughout his career, he has held several leadership roles.

Before taking on leadership roles in the organ and tissue donation and transplantation industry, Dr. Lange spent 15 years with Borgess Health in Michigan, serving first as an intensivist, providing care for critically ill patients, then as chief of the department of critical care medicine and finally as president of Borgess Ascension Medical Group. He is also a clinical professor in the department of medicine at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker School of Medicine.

Dr. Lange also served as chief medical officer at Gift of Life Michigan, the organ procurement organization for the state of Michigan. He received a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology from University of Michigan and a doctoral degree in medicine from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. He completed a fellowship and postdoctoral training in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Cleveland Clinic. Following his fellowship, Dr. Lange served as medical director of the lung transplant program for University Hospitals of Cleveland at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Lange is a member of many scientific and professional organizations,



Saving lives through organ and tissue donation

including the Society of Critical Care Medicine, American College of Chest Physicians, American Thoracic Society and American College of Physicians.

"I am deeply honored to assume a leadership position with Indiana Donor Network, a leader in organ and tissue recovery," Dr. Lange said. "Serving the residents of Indiana and furthering the noble mission of saving lives and improving health through organ and tissue donation and transplantation is an immense privilege."

Dr. Lange and his wife, Mariana, who is also a physician, recently relocated from Colorado to Westfield. He began his new role at Indiana Donor Network on Monday, May 6.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor at [DonateLifeIndiana.org](http://DonateLifeIndiana.org). Click here to learn more about Indiana Donor Network.

Indiana Donor Network's mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ and tissue donation and transplan-

ation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state's 92 counties and serves transplant hospitals throughout the U.S.

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**JACOB GOES TO EGYPT**

*So Israel set out with all that was his, and when he reached Beersheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.*

*And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, "Jacob! Jacob!"*

*"Here I am," he replied.*

*"I am God, the God of your father," he said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there. I will go down to Egypt with you, and I will surely bring you back again. And Joseph's own hand will close your eyes."*

*Then Jacob left Beersheba, and Israel's sons took their father Jacob and their children and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to transport him. So Jacob and all his offspring went to Egypt, taking with them their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in Canaan. Jacob brought with him to Egypt his sons and grandsons and his daughters and granddaughters—all his offspring.*

*These are the names of the sons of Israel (Jacob and his descendants) who went to Egypt: Reuben the firstborn of Jacob.*

*The sons of Reuben: Hanok, Pallu, Hezron and Karmi.*

*The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.*

*The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath and Merari.*

*The sons of Judah: Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan).*

*The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.*

*The sons of Issachar: Tola, Puah, Jashub and Shimron.*

*The sons of Zebulun: Sered, Elon and Jahleel.*

*Genesis 46:1-14 (NIV)*

**Alvin "Al" Hause**  
April 1, 1943 – May 7, 2024

Alvin "Al" Hause, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. He was born on April 1, 1943, to Norl and Esther Hause in Indianapolis.

For 63 years, Al worked for Carmel Welding. He loved his job and took a lot of pride in what he did. Al enjoyed being outside and loved cars, motorcycles, riding on his golf cart and his bike.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dianne Hause; children, Christy Clements, Brian (Lisa) Hause, Steve (Lori) Hause, and Carrie (Scott) Prater; sisters, Debbie (Lewis) Smith and Pattie (John) Tunney; eight grandchildren, Nicole, Justin, Jessica, Cody, Chelsea, Tyler, Emily, and Zachary; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Al was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel Hause.

Visitation will be from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a memorial service at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, May 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Rev. Jody Brown will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Suicide Prevention Network ([indianasuicidepreventionnetwork.org/donate](http://indianasuicidepreventionnetwork.org/donate)).

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**John Thomas Post**  
March 24, 1940 – May 8, 2024

John Thomas Post, 84, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2024.



John was born March 24, 1940, in Marquette, Mich., to Howard Hadden and Gertrude Marie (Mason) Post.

He attended Graveraet High School with the Class of 1958. He then continued his studies at various corporate-sponsored training venues throughout his career in financial services.

John was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1957 to 1963.

John married Barbara Mae Hillberg on December 30, 1961, who passed away on September 25, 2017. Surviving is a son James (Teresa) Post of

Denver, N.C.; daughters, Joanne Renfro of Noblesville and Emmy (James) Irwin of Noblesville; grandchildren, Mitchell (Jillian) Renfro, Bailee Renfro, Benjamin Irwin, Alec Irwin, Sophia Renfro, and Hadden Irwin; and great-grandchild, Clarke Renfro.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Phyllis Gertrude Strope, and his brother, Robert Howard Post.

John did not know a stranger and was a wonderful friend to so many. John had a passion for serving others and was always committed to making a positive impact on those around him. John enjoyed the countless hours he volunteered with his Kiwanis Club, Key Club, Score Business Mentoring, individual financial guidance, and other community programs. Also, he assisted in an array of fundraising projects for businesses and organizations to help raise up those around him.

Above all else, John was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, always making time to attend his grandchildren's events, and then bragging about them for days on end.

Services will be held on Friday, May 17 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 S. Pearl St., Cicero. The gathering begins at 10:30 a.m. with services beginning at 10:45. A reception to celebrate John's life will be held immediately following his service in the Parish Hall. Burial will occur at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024, at Park Cemetery in Marquette, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Care of Marquette County, 700 W. Kave Ave., Marquette, MI 48955, Attention: Mr. Dave Poirer.

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## Baseball



Hamilton Heights' Nick Hulen (12) hit a first inning triple for the Huskies during their game with Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday. Pictured at right is Chase Hall (2).

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

## Golden Eagles prove they're better eagles, Carmel surges to beat Roncalli, Fishers sweeps Franklin Central, Sheridan cruises past Tipton at home

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team won a road game 7-2 Friday at Zionsville.

Both teams scored two runs in the third inning. The Golden Eagles' AJ Nunley batted in Tate Troxell for their first run, then Grant Beard got home on an error.

Guerin Catholic pulled ahead 3-2 in the fifth inning when Troxell singled Bryson Dorsey home. The Golden Eagles then scored four runs in the sixth: Davis Wagner doubled Nolan Ratcliff home, then Troxell smacked a double to bring in Wagner. Beard's center field hit scored Troxell, then Beard got home when Karson Smith reached on error.

Troxell, Beard and Ratcliff all had two hits. Ryan Zimmerman pitched six innings for the win.

Guerin Catholic is 16-4 and plays a doubleheader at Greenfield-Central this afternoon.

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Carmel used a sixth-inning surge to win a 9-7 game at Roncalli on Friday.

The Royals scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Both teams got one run in the second inning; John Zangrilli hit a sacrifice bunt to score Parker Heaney

for the Greyhounds' first run.

Roncalli led 3-1 after two innings, but Heaney tied the game with a two-run double in the top of the third, bringing in JD Stein and Tyler Walkey. The Royals put up three runs in the bottom of the third to go back up 6-3.

Stein singled in Zangrilli for a fourth inning run, and Roncalli scored in the bottom of the fourth for a 7-4 advantage. The Hounds jumped ahead 8-7 with four runs in the sixth inning; Walkey doubled in Silas Neal and Joe Cunningham, then Heaney sent Stein and Walkey home with a two-run single.

Stein batted in Zangrilli again in the seventh inning to complete the Carmel scoring. Stein and Walkey both had three hits, including a double for Walkey. Heaney totaled four RBIs on two hits. Nathan Koebeke went four and two-thirds innings for the win.

Carmel is 11-9 and plays Evansville North this afternoon at Bloomington North.

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Fishers completed an HCC sweep of Franklin Central Friday with a 2-1 win at the Flashes' field.

The Tigers scored both of their runs in the first inning. Ben Hammond tri-

pled in Huston Dunn, then scored when Noah McPeck reached on error.

After that, the game belonged to Gavin Kuzniewski. He retired 18 of the last 19 batters he faced to get the win, striking out nine along the way. Jack Brown had two hits, including a double.

Fishers is 9-3 in the conference and 19-7 overall. The Tigers play Monday at Columbus North.

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Sheridan got going in the later innings of its game with Tipton on Thursday, cruising past the Blue Devils 13-7 in a home game.

Tipton led 5-0 midway through the third inning before the Blackhawks got on the board in the bottom of the third. Jack Oland blasted a triple to bring in Zach Bales, then scored on a passed ball to cut the Blue Devils' lead to 5-2.

Tipton added two runs in the top of the fourth and led 7-2. Sheridan got a run back in the bottom of the fourth when Dayne Voegel batted in Chance Spencer with a left field hit.

The Blackhawks took over in the fifth inning, putting up seven runs to take a 10-7 lead. Bales scored on a wild pitch, then Cole Mackintosh went home after a pitcher's balk. Oland scored on a wild pitch for the second time to get Sheridan within 7-6.

The Hawks loaded the bases, and Voegel struck again, sending a base hit into right field to score Chance Spencer and Camden Spencer. Gavin Schwerdtfeger got home on Caleb Alexander's RBI groundout, then Voegel scored on a passed ball.

Sheridan wasn't done

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## Millers clinch at least share of HCC title with sweep of Brownsburg

### The REPORTER

On Friday night, Noblesville headed to Brownsburg to attempt to sweep their Hoosier Crossroads Conference series with the Bulldogs. Noblesville would be down early, but a big second inning propelled the Millers to a 5-3 win.

The host Bulldogs had other things in mind from the first pitch. Joe Glander gave up a pair of singles, two walks and hit two batters and as a result, Brownsburg was up 3-0 after the first inning.

That would only fuel the Millers. McCoy Fulk walked to lead off the second and Blake Widget did the same with one down. Fulk got the first run on the board, scoring on a passed ball. Brady Bishop doubled to left to score Widget to cut it to 3-2.

Trevor Corbett repeated with a double of his own, driving Bishop in to tie it 3-3. Nolan Decker gave the Millers the lead with a grounder to short, sending Corbett home for a 4-3 edge.

Glander led off the top of the fifth, taking a 2-0 pitch over the left field fence for a solo home run. That wound up being the final score of 5-3.

Quinton Black relieved Glander with no outs in the first after Glander gave up three earned runs on two hits and two walks.

Black (2-1) would be credited with seven solid innings the rest of the way to earn the win on the mound. The senior righty struck out a career-high 10 hitters and walked just two while scattering four hits.

The series sweep of Brownsburg (5-14, 1-11 HCC) gives the Millers at least a share of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference title. The final two HCC games are next week against Zionsville. The Eagles sit at 10-2 in league play.

Noblesville (20-3, 12-0 HCC) has won 10 games in a row. The Millers host Carmel (11-9) on Monday in an all-county game in the White River Rivalry for a 6:30 p.m. first pitch.

## Rocks & Royals go back & forth, but Westfield prevails

### The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team beat Hamilton Southeastern 9-5 on Friday at the Shamrocks field to earn a split of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference series.

The Shamrocks scored their first run in the first inning: Nick Fero drew a walk, then scored when Drew Law blasted a triple. The Royals tied the game in the third inning after Parker O'Steen hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Kian Kelly.

Southeastern went up 2-1 in the top of the fourth inning; Colin Goley went home on a Tyler Noel single. Westfield answered that with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Fero's center field single sent Tyler Gentry and Ben Wasserstrom home.

The Royals took the lead back in the top of the fifth. Kam Seitz sent a triple into right field and that scored Alex Billman. Seitz then went home on an O'Steen triple and HSE led 4-3.

The Rocks surged ahead in the sixth inning, scoring

six runs. Gentry tied the game when Fero reached on error, then Wasserstrom scored the go-ahead run on Law's RBI groundout. Caden Lindsey got home after Brayden Hibler reached on error, Fero scored on Jake Russell's center field single, then Alex Rudolph cracked a double to send Hibler and Russell home.

Southeastern scored a run in the top of the seventh when Luke Sivak singled in Maddux Bach with two outs. But Law threw a strikeout to finish the game.

Sam Everts got the pitching win, with four strikeouts in two and a third innings. O'Steen had two hits for the Royals, a triple and a double. Josh Lesniewski pitched four innings and struck out four.

Westfield is 6-6 in conference play and 13-10 overall, while Southeastern is 4-8 in the conference and 11-13 overall. The Shamrocks host Kokomo on Monday, while the Royals host Center Grove on Tuesday.

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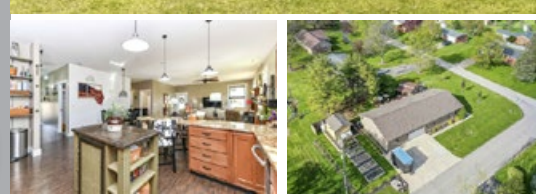


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## Lacrosse



(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville's Charlie Boe scored three goals for the Millers boys lacrosse team during its Friday win at Bishop Chatard. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Ally Weirick is one of the leading goal scorers for the Shamrocks girls lacrosse team this season.

## Miller boys win big over Bishop Chatard, Westfield girls fall

### The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys lacrosse team scored a road win at Bishop Chatard Friday, 19-2. Zach McMichael scored five goals for the Millers, with Gage Bass adding four goals. Charlie Boe and Harrison Barnett both had three

goals, while Logan White and Hayden McCaslin both put in two goals. McCaslin dished out five assists, followed by two each for Barnett and McMichael, and one each for Bass, Boe, White and Keegan Bloss. Noblesville collected 38 ground balls as a team; Bass

and McMichael both picked up four ground balls with Shep Coyne getting four. Thomas McAvoy made 11 goalkeeper saves, while Zeke Einterz had two saves. The Millers are 11-4 and finish the regular season Wednesday at Cathedral. \* \* \*

Westfield's girls team also played at Bishop Chatard on Friday, falling to the Trojans 15-10. Stats from the girls game were not available at press time. This was the regular-season finale for the Shamrocks, who are 10-8 for the year.

## Softball

### Heights holds off Rensselaer Central, Carmel & GC fall

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team held off host Rensselaer Central 5-4 Friday in the third-place game of the Hoosier Conference playoffs. The Huskies' Hannah Dent batted in Addie Doak for the game's first run in the top of the first inning. The Bombers scored two in the bottom of the first, but Heights tied the game in the top of the second; Kamryn Rhoton scored on Heather Crays' RBI groundout. The Huskies added two runs in the third inning. Melanee Forrester got home on Dent's right field hit, then Dent scored when Cassidy Schakel drew a bases-loaded walk. Taya Trospen scored in the fourth inning after a Doak bunt single. The score stayed 5-2 until the seventh inning when Rensselaer scored two runs, but Heights got the third out with a play at third base. Doak and Dent each had two hits, including a double for Doak. Lily Cash pitched a complete game, striking out seven. The Huskies are 16-7 and play at the Greenfield-Central tournament today. Heights takes on Frankton at 11 a.m., then plays another game at 3 p.m. \* \* \*

Fleming brought in the go-ahead runs with a single to score Alex Longstreth and Jayden Kleiner. Terre Haute North tied the game with a third-inning RBI double, then went up 5-3 in the fourth inning. Carmel tied things up in the top of the fifth when Kleiner smacked a two-RBI single to score Longstreth and Goddard, who got on base with a double. The Patriots jumped ahead 8-5 in the bottom of the fifth, but the Hounds blasted back with five runs in the top of the sixth for a 10-8 advantage. Longstreth batted in Katherine Smith, then Kleiner sent a two-run hit into left field, bringing Longstreth and Goddard home. Fleming singled in Kleiner, then Sophie Patterson scored on a wild pitch. But Terre Haute North scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth, then held Carmel off in the top of the seventh. Kleiner totaled four RBIs, while Longstreth and Fleming each had three hits. The Greyhounds are 8-16 and play two games at Cherry Tree Softball Complex today. Carmel hosts Crown Point at 11 a.m. and Munster at 1 p.m. \* \* \*

Carmel fell to Terre Haute North 11-10 in a Friday away game. The Patriots scored first, getting two runs in the bottom of the second inning. The Greyhounds put up three runs in the top of the third: Katherine Warren scored on Ellie Goddard's RBI groundout, then Mia

Guerin Catholic fell to Western Boone 13-1 in five innings Friday. The Golden Eagles scored their run in the fifth inning. Rilee Kluesner hit a double to get on base and was singled home by Madi Cain. Lucy Kemp hit a second-inning triple. Guerin Catholic is 1-12 and plays Monday at North Central.

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yet, adding three runs in the sixth. Chance Spencer's right field hit brought in Camden Spencer and Oland, then Chance Spencer later scored on a passed ball. Chance Spencer finished the game 3-for-4 at the plate, while Voegel, Bales and Oland all had two hits. Clinton Slopsema went five innings for the pitching win. The Blackhawks are 10-8 and play this morning at Madison-Grant. \* \* \*

Hamilton Heights fell to Lafayette Central Catholic 14-5 Thursday in the Hoosier Conference third-place game. The Huskies scored all five of their runs in the first inning. Phoenix Vondersaar led off with a walk, then moved to second base on a Dean Mason single. Nick Hulén came up next and blasted a triple to left field,

scoring them both. John Irion sent Hulén home with a right field hit. Dillon Pitts got on base with a single, moving Irion to third base, and they both scored when Kyle Michael smacked a base hit into left field. Heights led 5-0, but the Knights slowly chipped away at the lead, getting within 5-3 after four innings. Central Catholic then took the lead by scoring five runs in the sixth inning and put up six more in the seventh inning. Irion, Pitts and Michael all had two hits, including a double for Michael. Hulén went five and a third-innings, striking out six. The Huskies are 11-11 and officially place fourth in the conference. Heights travels to Anderson this morning for a doubleheader with the Indians.

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**Wed May 8 - IHSAA Softball**      **Upcoming Broadcasts (subject to weather)**

6:00 pm Roncalli vs Noblesville | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports

**Thur May 9 - IHSAA Baseball and College Baseball**

9:50 am #3 Rose-Human vs #6 Franklin | HCAC Baseball Conference | Indiana SRN

1:05 pm #4 Mount St Joseph vs #5 Anderson | HCAC Baseball Conference |

4:20 pm #1 Hanover vs TBD | HCAC Baseball Conference Play | Indiana SRN

5:45 pm Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern | IHSAA Baseball Southeastern Sports

6:00 pm Franklin Central vs Fishers | IHSAA Baseball | Fishers Sports Network

7:00 pm Brownsburg vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

**Fri May 10 - College Baseball and High School Boys Lacrosse**

9:50 am HCAC Baseball Conference Play | 2024 Baseball | Indiana SRN

1:05 pm HCAC Baseball Conference Play | 2024 Baseball | Indiana SRN

4:20 pm HCAC Baseball Conference Play | 2024 Baseball | Indiana SRN

7:35 pm HCAC Baseball Conference Play | 2024 Baseball | Indiana SRN

7:50 pm Zionsville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Boys Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

**Sat May 11 - College Baseball and High School Girls Lacrosse**

9:30 am Guerin vs Fishers | Girls Lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

12:50 pm HCAC Baseball Conference Play | Baseball | Indiana SRN

4:20 pm HCAC Baseball Conference Play | Baseball | Indiana SRN

**Mon May 13 - IHSAA Softball and Baseball**

5:20 pm Beech Grove vs Chatard | IHSAA Softball | Indiana SRN

6:30 pm Carmel vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

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# May schedule at the Indy Motor Speedway

Indianapolis Motor Speedway is officially open for the month of May!

This weekend is the Sorsio Grand Prix on the IMS road course. Gates open bright and early at 7:30 a.m. and the NTT INDYCAR Series warm-up begins at 11:15 a.m. The Sorsio Grand Prix will follow at 3:45 p.m.

Last year, eventual series champion Alex Palou dominated the race and scored the first of his series-leading five victories. I expect Palou to be in contention again this year. I also expect Penske to be

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very good. Will Power is a multiple-time winner on the IMS road course, and Scott McLaughlin is coming off a commanding win at Barber Motorsports Park. The controversy surrounding the Penske push to pass debacle at St. Petersburg will only increase the team's motivation to win. I think Will Power gets it done at IMS.

The rest of the May Calendar at Indianapolis Motor Speedway looks like this:

• **Tuesday, May 14:** Practice 9 to 11 a.m., and 1

to 6 p.m.

• **Wednesday, May 15:** Practice noon to 6 p.m.

• **Thursday, May 16:** Practice noon to 6 p.m.

• **Friday, May 17:** Practice noon to 6 p.m.

• **Saturday, May 18:** Qualifying Day 1 – 11 a.m. to 5:50 p.m.

• **Sunday, May 19:** Qualifying Day 2 – Top 12 Qualifying 3:05 to 4:05 p.m.; 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Last Chance Qualifying 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Firestone Fast Six Qualifying 5:25 to 5:55 p.m.

• **Monday, May 20:** Practice 1 to 3 p.m.

• **Friday, May 24:** Miller Lite Carb Day – Practice 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Indy 500 Pit Stop Challenge 2:30 to 4 p.m. Carb Day Concert 3 to

6 p.m.

• **Saturday, May 25:** Legends Day and 500 Festival Parade

• **Sunday, May 26:** RACE DAY! Gates open at 6 a.m.

Cars are on track and I am looking forward to another great month of May. The addition of Kyle Larson will provide additional intrigue and excitement. If you just can't wait until Tuesday to see Kyle Larson on track, he will compete in the High Limit Racing sprint car series at Kokomo Speedway. See details at [highlimitracing.com](http://highlimitracing.com).

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

## Palou powers to NTT P1 Award for Sorsio Grand Prix

### Submitted by IMS

Alex Palou started his defense of his 2023 Sorsio Grand Prix victory in the best way possible Friday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, winning the pole for this year's race.

Two-time and reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Palou earned his fourth career NTT P1 Award and his first since the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear last June. His best lap today in the Firestone Fast Six was 1 minute, 9.0004 seconds in the No. 10 DHL Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

The pole on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course came after Palou ended up 17th and 11th, respectively, in the two practice sessions today that preceded qualifying.

"It's been a tough day, honestly," Palou said. "Practice 1 and Practice 2 wasn't amazing. Even the start of qualifying, too. So, really happy to be there. Didn't expect it. I'll take it."

"It was my mom's birthday today, so it's probably a good birthday present."

Live coverage of the 85-lap race starts at 3 p.m. ET Saturday on NBC, Peacock and the INDYCAR Radio Network. A 30-minute warm-up session starts at 11:15 a.m., with live coverage on Peacock and the INDYCAR Radio Network.



Photo courtesy IMS

Christian Lundgaard qualified second at 1:09:0921 in the No. 45 Hy-Vee Honda of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing. This was his third consecutive front-row start on the IMS road course, as he won the pole for this event last May and started second in the Gallagher Grand Prix last August.

Two-time series champion Will Power will start third after his top qualifying lap of 1:09:1636 in the No. 12 Verizon Business Team Penske Chevrolet. Teammate Josef Newgarden will join Power in the second row of the starting grid after qualifying fourth at 1:09:2528 in the No. 2 Snap-on Team Penske Chevrolet.

The strong performances for Power and Newgarden came despite working this month without their

respective strategists and key engineers. Team president and Newgarden strategist Tim Cindric, Power strategist Ron Ruzewski, Newgarden engineer Luke Mason and Power data engineer Robbie Atkinson were suspended by Team Penske for this event and the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge for their roles in the Push to Pass technical infractions found on the cars driven by Power, Newgarden and teammate Scott McLaughlin.

Pato O'Ward will start fifth after his best lap of 1:09:3320 in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet. Six-time series champion Scott Dixon rounded out the Firestone Fast Six at 1:09:5270 in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

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winner Alexander Rossi qualified a season-best seventh at 1:09:0801 in the No. 7 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet after missing the Firestone Fast Six by .0185 of a second. Rossi's previous best start this season was 13th at Long Beach.

Series points leader Colton Herta faces a long climb in the race Saturday after qualifying a season-low 24th in the No. 26 Gainbridge Honda of Andretti Global with Curb-Agajanian. Herta's car ran out of fuel on his final flying lap during the first round of qualifying. He led the first practice this morning.

This is Herta's lowest qualifying position since he also started 24th for the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear last June.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, May 11

#### BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Greenfield-Central doubleheader, 3 p.m.  
Carmel vs. Evansville North, 12:30 p.m. at Bloomington North

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Carmel at South Bend St. Joseph, 1 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Culver Academies, 7 p.m.

#### GOLF

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg Invitational, 8 a.m. at Trophy Club  
Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 8 a.m.  
Fishers, Noblesville at Mooresville Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
Hoosier Conference meet, 10 a.m. at Elk Grove  
Guerin Catholic at Angola Invitational, 12:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Greenfield Central Cougar Classic  
Heights vs. Frankton, 11 a.m.  
Heights vs. TBD, 3 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, 10 a.m.  
Carmel vs. Crown Point, 11 a.m. at New Palestine  
Sheridan at Bethesda Christian, 11 a.m.  
Westfield at Mooresville, 11 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. South Bend St. Joseph, noon at Fort Wayne Carroll  
Carmel vs. Munster, 3 p.m. at New Palestine

#### TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at North Central Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Brebeuf Jesuit at Fishers, 10 a.m.  
Western at Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.

### Monday, May 13

#### BASEBALL

Carmel at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Kokomo at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Fishers at Columbus North, 6:30 p.m.

#### GOLF

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 10 a.m. at Bear Slide  
Westfield at Angola Invitational, 12:30 p.m. at Glendarin Hills  
Westfield at Franklin Invitational, 12:30 p.m. at The Legends

#### SOFTBALL

Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament, 5 p.m. at Rossville  
Guerin Catholic at North Central, 5:30 p.m.  
Western at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Harrison, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights open date, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at McCutcheon, 6 p.m.

#### TENNIS

##### Tournament draw date

Hamilton Heights at Eastern, 5 p.m.  
Westfield at North Central, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 14

#### BASEBALL

Hamilton Heights at Kokomo, 5:30 p.m.  
University vs. Pioneer Conference placement game, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Center Grove, 6 p.m.

#### GOLF

Westfield at Carmel Invitational, 3:30 p.m. at Woodland Country Club  
Noblesville and Westfield vs. Tipton, 4 p.m. at Fox Prairie  
Hamilton Heights vs. Northwestern and Western, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide  
Tri-Central at Sheridan, 4:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Alexandria at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson, 5:30 p.m.  
Brownsburg at Fishers, 6 p.m.  
Carmel at Shelbyville, 6 p.m.  
Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
Zionsville at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.  
Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament, 7:15 p.m. at Rossville

#### TRACK AND FIELD

Girls sectional, 5:30 p.m. at Fishers

#### UNIFIED TRACK

Zionsville at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 15

#### BASEBALL

Fishers at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Avon, 6:30 p.m.

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Noblesville at Cathedral, 7 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Zionsville at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Frankfort at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

#### UNIFIED TRACK

Hamilton Heights, Western at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

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## Today at the Indy Motor Speedway

Information about Sorsio Grand Prix track activity Saturday, May 11 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

### SCHEDULE (All times local)

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.: Public gates open

7:55-8:40 a.m.: USF Pro 2000 Race 2

8:55-9:35 a.m.: USF2000 Race 2

11:15-11:45 a.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES Warm-up

Noon-12:45 p.m.: USF Pro 2000 Race 3

1:10-2:05 p.m.: INDY NXT by Firestone Race 2 (35 laps/55 minutes)

3:45-5:40 p.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES Sorsio Grand Prix (85 laps)

**TICKETS:** \$50 for General Admission. \$64 for flex ticket seating in Northwest Vista (Sections 11-20), Southwest Vista (Sections 1-10), North Vista ADA (Sections 26-30), Tower Terrace (Sections 37-47, 75-79) and Paddock (Sections 9-14). Children 15 and under are admitted free with flex ticket paying adult. Reserved seats range from \$59-\$129.

**PUBLIC GATES OPEN (7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.):** Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 7, Gate 7S, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, Gate 11A.

**PARKING:** Paid public parking is available in

Lot 1A, Lot 2 and Main Gate lots for \$20. Gate 1 Lot parking is available for \$50. Motorcycle parking is also available at South Carousel Lot for \$20. Paid ADA parking is available in Lot 3P and Lot 2 for \$20 and in Gate 1 parking for \$50. Infield car parking is located inside Turn 3 for \$25. Free parking is located in Lot 7 (North 40).

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