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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



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# Pride of Westfield lives up to name at 500 Parade

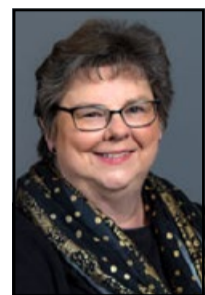


Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
 The Westfield High School marching band performed in this year's AES 500 Festival Parade. Led by Director Andrew Muth, the Pride of Westfield represented the community well in front of a global audience.

## New filing dates set for school board candidates

**The REPORTER**  
 The state legislature has made significant changes to the filing dates for those wishing to run for the school board in the upcoming 2024 general election.

The filing period had been from July to August. This year, petitions opened on May 21 and will close at noon on June 20.



Candidates interested in running for the school board must gather at least 10 signatures from registered voters within their school district. The required documentation includes the CAN-34 petition form and the CAN-12 Statement of Economic Interest. Both forms are essential for a complete submission and must be filed with the Hamilton County Clerk's Office.

Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams emphasized the importance of this change.

"Adjusting the filing period gives candidates more time to prepare and interact with their constituents," Williams said. "We hope this will lead to a more informed and engaged voter base, ultimately benefiting our schools and communities."

For additional information or assistance with the filing process, candidates can visit the Hamilton County Clerk's Office or [click here](#).

# Allisonville Road will soon reopen, no left turns through intersection

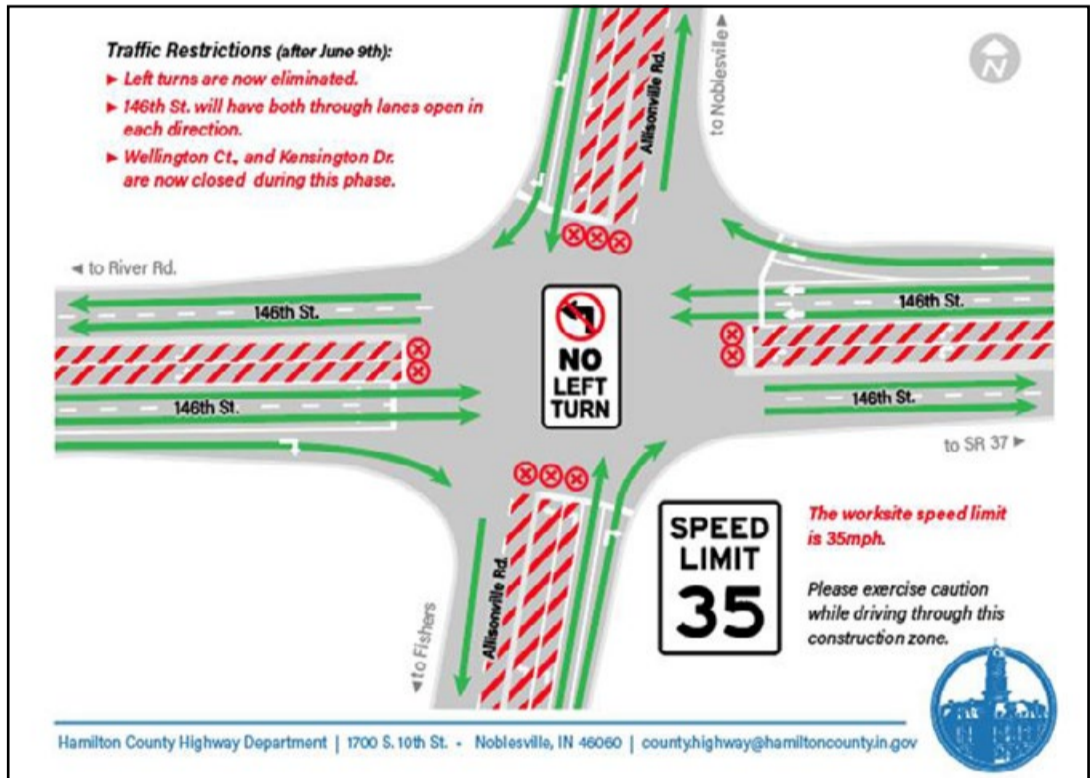
**The REPORTER**  
 The Hamilton County Highway Department has announced a reopening of Allisonville Road at the intersection of 146th Street, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. At that time, no left turns will be allowed through any portion of the intersection.

The reopening marks the end of a 90-day closure as well as the project's first full year of construction.

The \$44 million project, which began a year ago, aims to reduce congestion and enhance safety by transforming the intersection into a grade-separated interchange. The Highway Department reports that the project is on schedule, despite minor delays due to rain and eclipse-related work stoppages mandated by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

"We are excited to reopen Allisonville Road," said Matt Lee, Bridge Program Engineer for the Hamilton County Highway Department. "When it reopens, there will be no left turns allowed in any direction, but through traffic and right turns will be permitted in all directions. We also plan to set the bridge beams before Allisonville reopens to avoid overnight closures in the near future."

To manage traffic, a temporary signal will be installed



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department  
**As of June 9, no left turns will be allowed at the 146th/Allisonville intersection.**

until the Allisonville Road roundabout becomes operational. Crews say this phase is crucial for ensuring the safety and efficiency of the new interchange.

"We are very pleased with how the project is advancing," Highway Director Brad Davis said. "Our team has worked diligently to stay on schedule, and we are optimistic about complet-



Davis



Lee

ing the entire project by July 2025. We appreciate the com-

munity's patience and understanding during this construction period."

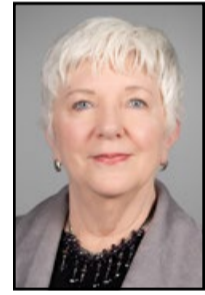
Motorists are reminded that the worksite speed limit is set at 35 mph, and delays can be expected during peak hours. Be sure to use caution while driving through the intersection and consider alternate routes when possible.

For further details and updates, visit [streamline146.com](#).

## Woodward to serve as Carmel's interim human resources director

**The REPORTER**  
 The City of Carmel announced Thursday that Kim Woodward will serve as the interim Director of Human Resources. Woodward takes over for Lisa Hartz, whose last day was May 23.

Woodward joins the team with more than 25 years of experience, most recently with Cunningham Restaurant Group.



"Kim Woodward's extensive experience and dedication to fostering a positive and inclusive workplace culture will be invaluable as we continue to serve our community," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "We are confident that she will lead our human resources department with integrity and innovation during this transitional period."

Woodward specializes in strategic human resources plan development and execution, employee relations and using metrics to measure employee success and effectiveness. She comes to the City of Carmel with extensive experience in human resources across various sectors, including technology, education, and healthcare.

"I am honored to join the City of Carmel and work alongside such a dedicated team," Woodward said. "I look forward to building on the strong foundation laid by Lisa Hartz and continuing to promote a workplace where every employee feels valued and empowered. Together, we will strive to create a more inclusive, innovative, and dynamic environment that serves the best interests of our community."

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# Meijer to open first grocery format store in Indiana in Noblesville

**The REPORTER**  
 Meijer announced this week it will open its new 90,000 square-foot grocery format store on July 11 at the Promenade of Noblesville, 5956 Promenade Shops Blvd.

This is the first grocery format store by Meijer in Indiana, complementing its other 42 well-known supercenters throughout the state with the same quality customers have come to expect from the Midwest retailer.

"Meijer has been providing an exceptional shopping experience to customers across Indiana for 30 years, and the Meijer Grocery in Noblesville will further solidify our commitment to the Hoosier State," Noblesville Meijer Grocery Store Director Travis Bernath said. "We prioritize our

customers' time, and ultimately developed this new streamlined grocery store format with convenience at the forefront. We're eager to deliver that experience and great value to area customers later this summer."

Meijer launched its grocery format in 2023 with the opening of two grocery stores in southeast Michigan. The Noblesville location is the third Meijer Grocery store opened by the retailer. The grocery store simplifies the customer shopping experience with all the categories customers need for a weekly trip to restock the home, including:

- Produce and grocery
- Fresh meat cut daily
- Bakery equipped with in-store cake decorators
- Full-service deli



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The Noblesville Meijer Grocery store will also offer the same savings and shopping technology customers expect from a Meijer supercenter, including mPerks, Shop and Scan, Meijer Home Delivery, and Pickup.

Meijer currently employs more than 10,000 team members in Indiana. There are still hourly, part-time, and full-time opportunities available for the Noblesville location. Ideal candidates should possess a desire to grow as part of the Meijer team and provide exceptional customer service. Those interested can apply online at [jobs.meijer.com/stores](#).

**WOODWARD**

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In addition to her professional accomplishments, Woodward is known for her collaborative approach and commitment to transparency. She has consistently demonstrated an ability to build strong relationships across various departments and with external partners, fostering an environment of trust and cooperation.

Woodward achieved her bachelor's degree in liberal arts, master's degree in Adult Education and her Master of Business Administration and Human Resources certificate from Indiana University.

As the Interim Director of Human Resources, Woodward will also serve on the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations.

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\$6 Advance \$7 At the Door \$5 Kids**



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**Less than two weeks to register for Janus' Helping Lives Bloom fundraiser**

**The REPORTER**

Help support Janus Developmental Services by attending and supporting the organization's fourth annual Helping Lives Bloom.

The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 at Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. Attendees will have the opportunity learn more

about Janus and the organization's plans for the future.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and one complimentary drink wine/beer/soft drinks (cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild. You can also purchase Cline Wine products with some of the proceeds going to Janus.



Affordable sponsorships for both individuals and businesses are available. Just click the link above.

If you have any questions, please email or call Jerry Jamison at [jjamison@janus-inc.org](mailto:jjamison@janus-inc.org).

**Two local students among "Top Ten Seniors" at Franklin College**

**The REPORTER**

Franklin College bestowed several awards at the annual Student Involvement Awards ceremony on May 1. A highlight of the event each year is the unveiling of the "Top Ten Seniors." The recipients are chosen based on their academic excellence (a minimum of 3.0 grade-point average); leadership on campus, both inside and outside the classroom; and their embodiment of the college's values.

Locally, two students were recognized. They are Kaitlyn Hewitt of Westfield and Elliot Davidson of Zionsville.

Hewitt, the daughter of Suzanne and Dave Wallace and Jeff and Michelle Hewitt, is a resident of Westfield. She majored in business management and accounting. She graduated cum laude.

Hewitt was a member of



Photo provided

**Kaitlyn Hewitt (third from right) and Elliot Davidson (third from left) were included in this year's "Top Ten Seniors" at Franklin College.**

the Women's Soccer Team, serving as captain for three years. In addition to being a Resident Assistant, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, serving as director of policy and prevention education, director of member finances, vice president of finance housing and a member of the conduct committee.

She was also involved with Panhellenic, serving as vice president of philanthropy and as a Rho Gamma.

Hewitt was inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, Delta Mu Delta and Omicron Delta Kappa honorariums. Her post-college plans include working as an audit associate at Dauby, O'Connor & Zaleski, LLC.

Davidson, the son of Joshua and Mary Davidson of Zionsville, majored in

biology and received a digital fluency endorsement.

He graduated summa cum laude. While at Franklin, he served as treasurer of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and was a member of the Men's Track and Field Team and the Men's Indoor Track and Field Team. He was inducted into the Alpha Society and the Chi Alpha Sigma Student Athlete Honor Society.

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# Westfield Washington Schools thanks 12 retiring teachers & two instructional assistants

**The REPORTER**

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) has announced the retirement of 12 dedicated teachers and two unwavering instructional assistants, whose collective 305 years of service have significantly shaped the district and community.

These remarkable educators have not only imparted knowledge and inspired countless students but have also become integral members of the WWS family. Their commitment to excellence in education and their relentless dedication to students have left an indelible mark on the hearts of everyone in the Westfield community.

- The retirees include:
- **Tammy Drummond** (Westfield Intermediate School) Bookkeeper – 22 years of service
  - **Cindy Gritton** (Central Office) Administrative Assistant for Student Services – 24 years of service
  - **Jo Ann Neff** (Central Office) Operations Assistant – 19 years of service
  - **Carolyn Wood** (Washington Woods Elementary School) Second Grade Teacher – 28 years of service
  - **Jennifer Paul** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Music Teacher – 23 years of service
  - **Jacqueline Hiatt** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Second Grade Teacher – 15 years of service

- **Diana Callahan** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Second Grade Teacher – 21 years of service

- **Michelle Foster** (Westfield Intermediate School) Special Education Teacher – 25 years of service

- **Steve Stafford** (Westfield Intermediate School) Special Education Teacher – 11 years of service

- **Christine Hofeling** (Virginia F. Wood Early Learning Center) Speech & Language Pathologist – 37 years of service

- **Mark Sands** (Westfield High School) Band/Music Teacher – 26 years of service

- **Robert Lonsinger** (Westfield High School) Math Teacher – nine years of service

- **Tonya Coy** (Westfield Middle School) Instructional Assistant and Job Coach with The Shamrock Project – 24 years of service

- **Janet Schuetter** (Oak Trace Elementary School) Instructional Assistant – 21 years of service

“The impact of these dedicated educators extends far beyond the classroom,” Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser. “Their commitment and passion have helped shape the lives of our students and have enriched our school community. We are immensely grateful for their service and wish them all the best in their well-deserved retirements.”

“We believe in the power



Photo by Rocks Media House

Congratulations to this year's retirees from Westfield Washington Schools. Thank you for your dedication.

of community and the importance of every member of our staff,” Assistant Superintendent for HR Chris Baldwin said. “We are not just colleagues; we are a family. The dedication and camaraderie shared by our retiring staff members is proof. They have supported one another, mentored new educators, and contributed to the collaborative spirit that defines our district.”

In bidding farewell to these exceptional educators, WWS extend the deepest gratitude for their years of service and their unwavering commitment to students and the school community. Their contributions will be remembered and cherished, and their presence will be greatly missed.

## Noblesville's Lucas McAlister earns honorable mention at McPherson College

**The REPORTER**

McPherson College, a four-year private college located in central Kansas, recognizes its highest academic achievers in its spring 2024 Honor Roll and Honorable Mention.

Students must be enrolled full-time and earn a grade-point average of 3.55 or higher during the last term to qualify for the honor roll. Students earning a grade-point average of 3.25

to 3.54 are named to the honorable mention.

Lucas McAlister of

Noblesville earned Honorable Mention status for the spring semester.

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# Next crop of writers showcase their craft



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
Sixth grade students in Angela Schoenherr's class at Westfield Intermediate School recently invited parents to a three-day writing showcase extravaganza. The main event was live-action debates. Sessions ended with presentations of year-long writing portfolios, as well as refreshments.

# Community First Bank wants to help students with loan repayment

**Submitted**

Have you heard about Community First Bank of Indiana's (CFB) partnership to help students fund their education or reach their student loan repayment goals?

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# Suzanne Thomas announces re-election bid for Hamilton Southeastern school board

**Submitted**

Suzanne Thomas, a dedicated community leader and advocate for education, has officially announced her candidacy for re-election to the Hamilton Southeastern School Board, Fall Creek Township.

With a diverse background as a mother, friend, realtor, business owner, volunteer, Rotarian, parishioner, athletic coach for youth sports, substitute teacher, conservative with traditional values and progressive vision in education, and Fishers resident since 2001, Thomas brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to serving her community.

During her tenure on the board, Thomas has demonstrated her dedication to putting students first, supporting teachers, making data-driven decisions, providing oversight, and ensuring fiscal responsibility. Highlights of her accomplishments include currently serving as Board Secretary, spearheading renovations at several schools (saving HSE schools \$15 million), supported the approval of new literacy initiative Science of Reading, revising the student handbook to promote accountability and responsibility, and proudly supports the hiring of the new Superintendent of Hamilton Southeastern Schools.



Reporter photo

"I am proud of the progress we have made together over the past four years," Thomas said. "I am excited to continue serving the wonderful community of Hamilton Southeastern and remain committed to excellence in education for all students."

To donate, volunteer or request a yard sign, contact Suzanne Thomas at [friendsof-suzannethomas@gmail.com](mailto:friendsof-suzannethomas@gmail.com) or call (317) 410-9159.

# Christi Crosser & Stephanie Lambert announce re-election campaigns for Noblesville school board

**Submitted by Christi Crosser & Stephanie Lambert for Noblesville School Board**

Christi Crosser and Stephanie Lambert have announced their candidacies for re-election to the Noblesville School Board.

Crosser is the current Board President, while Lambert serves as Vice President. Combined, they bring experience and dedication crucial for maintaining the strength of Noblesville Schools. Their leadership has led to improvements in academics, workforce development, staffing, arts, and athletics while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

Crosser has been a Noblesville resident for almost 25 years. She and her husband Craig are previous small business owners in Noblesville. They have two children who are graduates of Noblesville Schools and both have careers in public education. Christi is ex-



Photo provided

Christi Crosser (left) and Stephanie Lambert.

tremely active in non-profit work which includes her committed service on the Crosser Family Foundation, Prevail, Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation, and others.

Lambert is a graduate of Indiana University (BS) and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (MS). She and her husband Dr. Nathan Lambert have three children - two current students in the district and one at Purdue University. She previously worked for the

Indiana State Police as a forensic scientist, currently serves as a preschool teacher, and is actively involved in community youth organizations and as a CASA.

Both say they are excited to continue their service on the school board to keep Noblesville Schools strong and successful.

For more information, visit Facebook at [Stephanie Lambert for Noblesville School Board](#) and [Christi Crosser for Noblesville School Board](#).

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## Sweet reunion



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sophie A. Pinkham

Chief Engineman Joshua Milburn of Anderson, Ind., embraces his girlfriend after returning home from deployment. USS Carney (DDG 64) returns to Naval Station Mayport after a deployment in support of maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation.

# CCHA Law team wins sold-out Westfield Chamber Golf Outing

## The REPORTER

On May 13, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing commenced at The Bridgewater Club. The sold-out event welcomed 144 golfers to the Chamber's biggest fundraiser of the year.

All awards and prizes were presented at the 19th Hole Reception sponsored by Cox Roofing. Congratulations to the Church Church Hittle + Antrim team for winning the John Dippel Cup for placing first. An additional congratulations to Red Diamond General Contracting for winning the Best Hole Sponsor Setup competition. The Chamber thanks all



Photo provided by Westfield Chamber of Commerce

The Church Church Hittle + Antrim team won this year's John Dippel Cup.

sponsors and volunteers for title sponsors: Abbott, First Bank of Indiana, and making the event possible. Bondry Consulting, City Community Health Network of Westfield, Community work.

## Celebrate the iconic ABBA & Jimmy Buffett at Feinstein's this June

### The REPORTER

Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel offers some of the very best in live entertainment. This venue offers an unforgettable nightlife experience in an intimate and elegant setting. During the month of June, come out and enjoy your own experience as Feinstein's celebrates two of the music greats of this generation.

From the team that brought you the hit shows All The Way: A Frank Sinatra Tribute, Because Of You - A Tribute to Tony Bennett, Sweet Caroline: The Life and Music of Neil Diamond, and One Voice: The Music of Manilow, join Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra for two evenings of stories and music that will

have you up and dancing in the aisles with ABBA Party Night and Bubbles Up, celebrating Jimmy Buffett.

### Thank you for the music! An ABBA party!

Mamma Mia, here we go again! On Thursday, June 20, dance, jive, and have the time of your life as Feinstein's salutes the Swedish pop supergroup ABBA.

"See that girl, watch that scene, digging the dancing queen..." The tribute "docu-cabaret" team of Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Jazz Quartet join with four of Indy's best theatre vocalists to salute the Swedish pop supergroup ABBA. Together they will put on a party full of stories and all your favorite ABBA hits: "Mamma

Mia," "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme," "Dancing Queen," "Waterloo," "S.O.S.," and so much more!

Tickets are sure to go fast, so grab your "Honey, Honey," gather your "Super Trouper" friends, and buy your tickets now. Don't be the one who said you let this opportunity go "Slipping Through My Fingers!" June 20 at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael will be a night to remember.

### Bubbles up!

### Let's celebrate Jimmy Buffett

Calling all Parrot Heads: join Feinstein's in celebrating the King of Cool on Friday, June 21.

Jimmy Buffett was everybody's friend, and Paradise was wherever he was. Many of

his lyrics were about living life, being happy, respecting each other and nature, along with much more. The tropical troubadour who left us last year earns a place being celebrated at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael.

Join the tribute "docu-cabaret" team of Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Jazz Quartet as they conjure a world of sun, saltwater, and nonstop parties while paying tribute to the singer, songwriter, author, sailor, and entrepreneur whose roguish brand of island escapism on hits like "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" made him something of a latter-day folk hero.

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# Observations from Perry the Pantry

By **PERRY the PANTRY**  
Guest Columnist

My name is Perry, and my cousins and I get to hang out in interesting places all over Hamilton County. We get referred to by a lot of names: food boxes, pantries, yellow boxes, food stations, cupboards, or closets. I prefer pantry – just call me Perry the Pantry.

We have homes at businesses, parks, churches, fairgrounds, and neighborhoods all over the place. We hear that once you see one of us, you see us everywhere. Good! That means we're being noticed. I'm a Feeding Team pantry, and even though we are just a bunch of big wooden boxes, we love being able to offer a meal or two to hungry neighbors.

I took over the column this month to give folks some thoughts and perspective from my place in the food chain right here in Hamilton County. See what I did there? "Food" chain.

My beginnings were simple: just plain wood, shingles, paint, nails, and screws. I'm nothing fancy; they make me from something called "seconds" bought at the store. I am bright dandelion yellow with a plexiglass face and some pretty cool signs that tell everyone who stops by that they should take what they need and to please give what they can. I don't really care who takes or donates food, just that there is a place for hungry people to get fed and generous neighbors to

help others.

Most of the time, volunteers build, finish, paint, and deliver me. I'm not that tough

to build, but I'm sturdy, designed to be outside in the rain, wind, snow, and heat. I hang out at places where folks who might need a few meals can find me easily.

Today, I'm writing to you from 126th Street in Fishers. Please take a second and look at my selfie ... some people took everything off my shelves. Yes, everything! They left nothing, zero, nada, zilch.

Every week I get to see firsthand how people stop by and load me up with food every few days. I see firsthand how people stop by and take a few meals to take care of their families. This week I saw something else. It could have been desperation, or maybe selfishness. It's hard for me to tell. Regardless, it was some neighbors who disrespected the model and took more than they needed to get by.

Now let's be serious for a moment here.

I'm a pantry. I don't have eyes, ears, feelings, emotions, or even rational thoughts, but even I can tell when someone has abused the gifts of others. In my case, I went from being almost full to completely empty in a matter of a few hours. I wish no ill will on the folks who took everything. I do wish that they

## FeedingTeam.org Facts

63 pantries  
Over 11,000 meals in April  
Over 100 individual &  
30 volunteer families

would stop for a moment and think about the needs of others. Hey, just take a few seconds

and consider why you are there, then consider that, in a while, likely later that same day, another person will stop by searching for a few meals for their family to get by, too. Your decision to take everything from my shelves impacts other families.

Yes, anyone can take it all, but that doesn't mean that they should.

Regardless, it makes me really sad when this happens. When I'm empty, there is no food for the next hungry family who stops by. When I'm empty, it can mean that a child may go without. When I'm empty, I'm not helping to feed hungry families.

If you happen to be the neighbors who took everything from my shelves, I'm sorry you felt the need to do so. Maybe you should contact the folks at [FeedingTeam.org](http://FeedingTeam.org) and they can get you connected with a place better able to help people with bigger food needs.

I've learned over the years to be happy when people stop by and visit me. Almost certainly every time they visit, it helps someone. This would be a good opportunity for me to say thank you to all the good folks who are a part of me being here.

To all the volunteers,

sponsors, hosts, builders, and shoppers, thank you. May those who need meals be few and those who provide them be blessed. Feel free to stop by and visit me or any of my cousins all around the area.

Until next time,

Perry

As a "Take What You Need, Give What You Can" model, your donations are responsible for hundreds of meals each week. Although you may never see the recipient, know in quiet satisfaction that you are making a difference in the lives of Hoosier families right here in central Indiana.

Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County.

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With over 40,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, [FeedingTeam.org](http://FeedingTeam.org) is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts



Photo provided by Mark Hall

**The Feeding Team cannot succeed in its mission with empty pantries. Please, only take you need and give what you can.**

are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities.

Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at [lisa@feedingteam.org](mailto:lisa@feedingteam.org) and [mark@feedingteam.org](mailto:mark@feedingteam.org) or by calling (317) 832-1123.

## The Picture Has Changed

For some time, each ad has included a picture of the building where we meet. However, that is not the church -the people are. With that in mind our ad will now include a picture of "the church" – the people. We invite you to come visit with the church at Stony Creek. You will be warmly greeted, treated with respect, and highly valued. We can benefit from you, and you can benefit from us. Let's search the Scriptures together and come to understand God's Word more completely.

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Camden Lancaster (left) and Olivia Payton (right) are two of the dancers who will appear in Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre's production of *Sagas and Superstitions* in June. This will be Lancaster's final performance with GHDT.

## Enjoy *Sagas & Superstitions* with Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre

### The REPORTER

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) will close its 2023-2024 season with *Sagas and Superstitions* at 7 p.m. on June 7 and 8 at The Tarkington at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Featured in the program will be the premiere of "Don't Sit at the Corner of the Table," Mr. Hancock's latest creation inspired by superstitions of Eastern Europe.

Company dancer Chloe Holzman will also premiere her first choreographic work set on GHDT, featuring music and stories of Brazil. Rounding out the program will be "Greek Mythology" inspired by tales and superstitions and set to Greek music, and "The Wedding" featuring Polish music.

This concert will mark the farewell performances of three long-time dancers

of GHDT. Hannah Brown, Chloe Holzman, and Camden Lancaster will retire from the concert stage with this performance. Please plan to attend and help celebrate their contributions to GHDT over the years. The people of GHDT will miss their powerful and beautiful performances on stage and wish them all the best on they move on to new journeys in their lives.

Tickets \$55 for adults and \$26 for students; group adults ticket rates are available. Purchase tickets at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

GHDT Season Title Sponsorship by Orthoindy Foundation and Drs. Mihir and Chandrika Patel, MD.

*Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre is the resident professional dance company at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.*

## Westfield reminds residents of Bullpen Gives Back program at Grand Park

### The REPORTER

The City of Westfield reminds residents that entry to any outdoor sports activities managed by Bullpen Athletics at Grand Park Sports Campus is free through the Bullpen Gives Back program, as per Res-

olution 20-128.

To waive gate admission, residents must visit ProX, 651 E. 191st St., Westfield, to receive a weekend wristband. All parties must be physically present and will need proof of residency. The most common proof of resi-

dency is a driver's license or a utility bill.

Residents can visit ProX beginning on Tuesday the week of the tournament to get their wristband. ProX is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday

through Sunday.

For additional questions, please call Bullpen Athletics at (317) 741-4388.

Already in 2024, Bullpen Athletics has provided more than 1,700 passes to Westfield residents through Bullpen Gives Back.

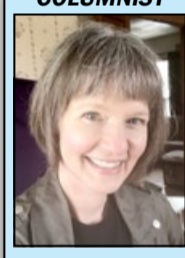
## It's simple to bring joy to your workplace

At this point in the series, you may be thinking, "There is absolutely no way I can do even half of these things. I don't have the time. Or the nerve. Or the creativity."

That's OK. I want to challenge you to try at least a few of these ideas, some of which take only a couple minutes and don't require courage.

The idea of bringing joy to the workplace is to

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increase productivity and reduce stress. We don't want to make it more difficult to get our work done.

As I mentioned earlier, I like to stock up once a year on decorations and cards. This drastically reduces your preparation time for some of these ideas. Maybe during some down time, you can find a couple of clever poems online and save them for certain coworkers.

When it comes to birthdays, watch out for the rare person who gets depressed on their birthday. Bringing in black balloons and Depends undergarments might make most people laugh when they turn 50, but some people won't appreciate the humor and might get upset. If someone is dreading a birthday, keep things simple and low-key with a card, if anything.

You still might think you won't have time to try out these suggestions. Start out with one or two and see what happens. You might get hooked on bringing joy to others like I am and discover that you have more time than you think! You'll find out it's beyond worth it to show everyone how much you care about them.

Before we move on, let's talk about what extraordinary things you can do to bring joy to the workplace if you own a company or are in upper management. Let's look at some examples from our friends at Salesforce.

Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff adopted the Hawaiian belief of Ohana when he created his company in 1999. If you've never seen the Disney movie *Lilo and Stitch*, you may not be familiar with this concept. Ohana focuses on all components of a family being intertwined and bound with one another. And this culture extends to everyone, from

interns all the way up to Mr. Benioff himself.

A multinational steel manufacturing corporation also treats their employees to some joyful experiences. My best friend Stacey works at the Burns Harbor, Ind., location. I've loved hearing her stories about their quarterly crossword puzzle challenges, Easter Egg Hunts, and department softball games.

On Health and Safety Day, employees receive chair massages and paraffin wax treatments. Every Friday is jeans day in her department. Stacey is enjoyed team building days where she goes to the beach with her department and getting to leave early on occasion on Fridays. Pizza, donuts, and ice cream socials round out the fun.

The City of Noblesville does an employee appreciation week every year thanks to generous local sponsors. This usually involves an ice cream social, chair massages, and an employee picnic to end the week. The human resources department spends many hours to make all of this happen and I know it's still deeply appreciated to this day.

There are hundreds more stories of how companies both big and small are going above and beyond to bring joy to both their employees and customers. I'll share more customer stories later.

What I want to stress is that if you are the head of a company or one of its leaders, I encourage you to learn about the unique ways you can show employees how much you care. They don't always have to take much money or effort but can give you the kind of success you never imagine.

*Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at [amys@greenavenue.info](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).*

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# Emagine Theatres earns No. 1 spot for customer loyalty & trust

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This newly released report based on a study from moviegoers across the country has Emagine Theatres topping the charts. This prestigious recognition highlights Emagine's unwavering commitment to providing exceptional service and an unparalleled movie-going experience.

In celebration, Emag-

ine will show movies for free on Monday, June 3 as a thank you to Emagine Rewards Members. To become an Emagine Rewards member and redeem this special free movie ticket offer, simply join online at [Emagine-Entertainment.com](http://Emagine-Entertainment.com) under Emagine Rewards or at your local Emagine Theatre box office.

One free movie ticket will be issued per Emagine Rewards account and can be obtained at the box office only anytime through Monday, June 3, while supplies last. This free ticket is valid for movies showing on Monday, June 3 only and free for any for-



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mat including Super EMX, EMX, Monster, ATMOS and 3D showings. This free ticket does exclude special events, and some restrictions may apply.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norrell Road in the Hamilton Town Center. For a complete listing of showtimes, visit [Emagine-Entertainment.com](http://Emagine-Entertainment.com).

# Highlight your photography talents with Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest

## The REPORTER

During the month of June, the **Indiana State Department of Agriculture** will accept submissions for the 17th annual **Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest**.

The contest is open to all Indiana residents and was created to recognize the hard work and contributions of Hoosier farmers, as well as the beauty of the state's agricultural landscape.

"Each and every Hoosier is welcome to submit an entry to the contest," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "No

matter the camera equipment you own, we encourage you to submit your best images showcasing Indiana agriculture."

Participants are encouraged to submit photos reflecting the wide array of agriculture. The categories photos can be entered under are:

- **On the Farm:** Showcasing any building, piece of equipment or activity that is a part of life on an Indiana farm.

- **Faces of Agriculture:** Featuring those who grow and produce food, fuel and fiber in Indiana.

- **Agritourism:** Spot-lighting Indiana's seasonal

and agricultural destinations, such as orchards, wineries, and farmers markets.

- **Conservation:** Highlighting Indiana's natural beauty with landscapes, water, and wildlife.

In total, 10 winners will be selected: two from each category and two overall. Winners will be invited to attend a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair, where they will be recognized and receive certificates from Lt. Gov. Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb. Contest winners will also have their photographs featured in the offices of the Lt. Governor's Family

of Business in Indianapolis throughout the year.

"Indiana agriculture is a beautiful thing and we are blessed to be surrounded by so much of it," Lamb said. "I look forward to seeing how that beauty is captured in this year's contest."

Contestants can submit up to five photos in digital format accommodated by a submission form for each photo. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition, and category representation. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. on June 30.

[Click here](#) for entry forms, guidelines, and criteria.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### MANASSEH AND EPHRAIM

*Some time later Joseph was told, "Your father is ill." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim along with him. When Jacob was told, "Your son Joseph has come to you," Israel rallied his strength and sat up on the bed.*

*Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me and said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and increase your numbers. I will make you a community of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.'*

*"Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. Any children born to you after them will be yours; in the territory they inherit they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers. As I was returning from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan while we were still on the way, a little distance from Ephrath. So I buried her there beside the road to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem).*

Genesis 48:1-7 (NIV)

## Meeting Notice

The Fall Creek Township Board will meet to discuss a change order review at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at the Fall Creek Township Trustee's Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

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## Girls Lacrosse

# Greyhounds weather storm, shoot past Zionsville to win semi-state

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**NOBLESVILLE** – The Carmel girls lacrosse team advanced to its third consecutive Class 2A state championship game Thursday night.

The Greyhounds started their semifinal game with Zionsville Tuesday at Noblesville's Beaver Materials Stadium, but a thunderstorm pushed the contest back to Thursday. Carmel battled with the Eagles before pulling away in the fourth quarter to win 14-9.

"We shot a little bit better," said Greyhounds coach Josh Miller. "Their goalie, credit to her, she was fantastic, made a lot of really good saves. But we just kept plugging away. Sometimes when you go up against a goalie like that, you tend to go into a shell and quit shooting, and we didn't do that."

Carmel led 2-1 in the first quarter Tuesday before the game was halted. Elle Tomalia and Breckin Hare scored the Greyhounds' goals, then Zionsville got a goal before the storm came.

When the game resumed on Thursday, the Eagles tied the game at 2-2 with a quick goal. Tomalia put

Carmel back in the lead just as fast by scoring, then Sophie Mock scored to get the Hounds up 4-2.

Zionsville scored before the end of the first quarter, then opened the second period with another goal to tie the game. Riley Putnam and Avery Goehl pushed Carmel back up 6-4 before the Eagles came back again to tie the contest at 6-6.

The pattern continued into halftime, with Mock putting in two goals to give the Greyhounds an 8-6 advantage at the break. After that, Carmel's defense began to take over, shutting out Zionsville in the third period. During that quarter, the Greyhounds scored twice: Hare and Mock both got goals to give Carmel a 10-6 lead.

Tomalia added two more goals in the fourth quarter, giving her four for the game. Norah Rafferty and Hare also scored once during the fourth. Mock finished the game with four goals and Hare scored three goals.

The Greyhounds will play Guerin Catholic in the 2A state championship game, which takes place at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Beaver Materials Stadium.



Photo by Mike Navarro

Carmel's Sophie Mock scored four goals during the Greyhounds' state semifinal win over Zionsville.

## Softball

# Royals & Huskies ready for semi-state play

### The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County softball teams are heading to different parts of Indiana Saturday to play in a semi-state – and a chance to go to the state finals.

Hamilton Southeastern travels to Harrison to compete in the Class 4A north semi-state, while Hamilton Heights is going to Jasper to play for the Class 3A south semi-state. The Royals take on Fort Wayne Carroll in the first semifinal at 11 a.m., followed by the second semifinal between Lake Central and Penn.

Meanwhile, the Huskies will face off against Tri-West in the second semifinal at Jasper, which should start around 1 p.m. Silver Creek and Gibson Southern play the first semifinal at 11 a.m.

The championship game for both semi-states start at 7 p.m.

Southeastern beat Noblesville 5-2 last Saturday to win its first title since 2017, and the Royals followed that with a 9-0 home victory over Logansport to

win the regional, also their first since 2017.

The Carroll Chargers qualified for semi-state by edging out Huntington North 5-4 Tuesday to win Regional 3. Carroll defeated Fort Wayne Northrop 3-1 last Thursday to claim the Sectional 5 championship, the Chargers are 20-5 for the season.

Carroll has several capable hitters of all ages. Senior Jaidyn Fuller bats .395, leads the team in runs scored with 32 and hits with 30; she has hit five home runs this season. Freshman Ella Craker holds a .392 average, while junior Lauren Kirkpatrick has driven in 24 RBIs and also hit five homers. Sophomore Taylor Danley is the top pitcher with a 10-2 record and 88 strikeouts, while junior Emilia Garcia is 8-4 for the season and has 56 strikeouts.

The 22-4 Royals also have some big hitters, including two batting over .400. Senior Addy Justice bats .464 with a team-leading 39 hits, while senior Reese Garland holds a

.406 average, leading the team in RBIs with 23. Garland has cracked five home runs this season. Seniors Alaina "Lani" Wyrick and Alex Kiemeyer are both hitting .358; Wyrick has 29 RBIs and three homers, while Kiemeyer has four home runs.

Sophomore pitcher Grace Swedarsky has been dominant this season with a 13-2 record. Swedarsky has 205 strikeouts to her credit and an earned-run average of 1.19.

### Young Huskies

Several young players joined the Hamilton Heights team this season and have already made their impact known. They are part of a Huskies team that successfully defended its sectional title over Sectional 27 host Bishop Chatard 7-5 last Thursday. The Huskies then won their first regional title since 2016 by winning at Beech Grove 6-3.

Heights is 22-7 and its top two hitters are freshman. Addie Doak has a team leading .484 average, while Hannah Dent is batting .430 and leads in hits with 43. Dent is tied with



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Hamilton Southeastern senior Lani Wyrick is batting .358 this season for the Royals.

senior Lily Roush in runs scored, both have 30.

Another senior, Cassidy Schakel, has delivered 29 RBIs. Sophomore Lily Cash and freshman Kamryn Rhoton both have hit four home runs. Roush pitched for victories in both the sectional and regional championships, tossing 11 against Chatard and seven against

Beech Grove.

Tri-West comes into the regional with a 26-6 record. The Bruins won the Lebanon sectional last Wednesday with a 4-1 record, then claimed the regional title by beating Edgewood 2-0.

Senior Audrey Lowry is batting at a very high clip, averaging .570 while leading the team in hits (49) and

RBIs (41). Lowry is also the top pitcher as well. She is 18-3 for the season with 281 strikeouts and a 0.52 ERA.

Junior Carlee Lamberson is .432 for the season, senior Danica James is batting .400 and senior Emma Frye leads in runs scored with 32 and holds a .333 average with a team-leading six homers.

## Boys Golf

### Huskies end regular season with win at Brickyard Crossing

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys golf team finished its regular season by placing first in a four-team meet at Brickyard Crossing Golf Club on Thursday.

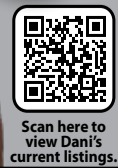
The Huskies scored 153, followed by Plainfield 157,

Speedway 159 and Avon 160. Heights' Drew Woodruff was the meet medalist with a one under par 35.

Nathan Cox scored 38, followed by Kole Kirtley with 39. Caleb Sullivan totaled 42 and Ethan Millsaps scored 44.

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## Baseball

### Westfield takes on McCutcheon Saturday for regional title

#### The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team travels to Lafayette Saturday to play in its first regional game since 2011.

The Shamrocks take on McCutcheon at 3 p.m. for the Class 4A Regional 4 championship at Lafayette's Loeb Stadium. Westfield earned a place at the regional by winning a dramatic Sectional 8 championship game Monday over Fishers 1-0.

The Mavericks won Sectional 7 at Lafayette Jefferson, beating Harrison 1-0 in the semifinals and Logansport 4-2 in the championship game. McCutcheon is 22-4 and won an undefeated North Central Con-

ference title this season.

The Rocks enter the regional game with a 20-10 record. Westfield has consistent hitting: Junior Matt Drozlek leads the way with a .293 average, followed by senior Alex Rudolph with a .286. Drozlek and junior Drew Law both have 22 hits for the season, with Law also on top of the running list with 26. Drozlek leads the RBIs with 27, and both he and senior Brayden Hibler have two home runs.

Senior Ty Anderson is coming off a no-hitter in the sectional title game. He is 7-3 for the season with 69 strikeouts and a 1.77 earned run average.

## Meet Rocks rugby club, now state champs



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
The Westfield High School boys rugby club recently won the Division 2 state championship. The Rocks defeated the Carroll Chargers 26-3 at the Rugby Indiana State Tournament in Fishers. The Rocks went 9-0 in divisional play this season.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 31

#### GIRLS TRACK

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Westfield vs. Fishers

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## Super Bowl-winning QB among developers of Hamilton County pickleball facility

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
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Super Bowl-winning quarterback Drew Brees is part of an investment group planning to open a pickleball facility in Noblesville in the fall.

The Picklr franchise will open its second Indiana facility off Cumberland Road,

just southeast of the intersection of State Road 37 and Greenfield Avenue.

The Hamilton County facility will have 19 indoor courts, multiple event spaces, three championship-sized courts, grandstands, and an upper-level viewing and lounge area, says a news release issued Thursday from the franchise.

The Picklr Noblesville is a joint venture between two limited liability corporations: Drew Brees' BV Pickleball Clubs LLC, and the Pickle Indy LLC, owned by Indianapolis businessmen Ron Brock and David Gilreath. The release also says Brees is a Picklr brand ambassador and the co-owner of Major League Pickleball's Los Angeles Mad Drops.

Brees, 45, was the MVP in the 2010 Super Bowl as a quarterback with the New Orleans Saints. He was the quarterback at Purdue University from 1997-2000 pri-

or to his NFL career. He's a native of Dallas.

"Our vision is to create a community where people of all ages and skill levels can come together to play this fast-growing sport. Whether you are picking up a paddle for the first time or you're a seasoned player or pro, we will provide a warm, welcoming, premium quality environment to play and socialize. This club is going to be the premier pickleball club in the Midwest, and we look forward to building the area youth program as well as attracting both amateur and professional tournaments." — Drew Brees

"Noblesville is the second of at least six Picklr locations we will be opening in the Indianapolis area. With interest in pickleball exploding, we are excited to partner with Drew Brees and his local team on this Noblesville location and bring together more peo-

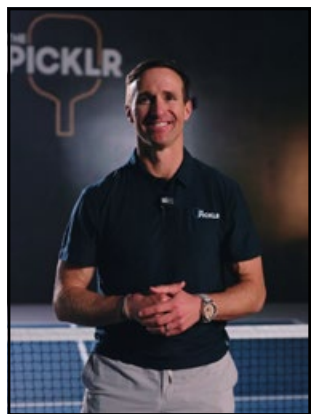


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Drew Brees is an ambassador and investor with The Picklr pickleball court facilities.

ple who love pickleball for a top-notch indoor playing experience." — Ron Brock and Dave Gilreath

"The City of Noblesville, like many communities in the U.S., has seen a growing interest in pickleball. I'm grateful to Drew Brees, Ron Brock, and Dave Gilreath for choosing to invest in Noblesville as the next location for its pickleball franchise.

In Noblesville, we prioritize the health and well-being of our residents, and this aligns with our goal to invest in the overall health of our community. In addition to the health benefits, this premium-quality facility will provide a positive economic impact, with the ability to host events of all sizes and bring visitors to Noblesville." — Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, a Republican

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