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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



Today: Mostly cloudy. Periods of mainly afternoon showers.  
 Tonight: Periods of showers and storms.



HIGH: 73 LOW: 59

# TODAY: Catch grand opening of Westfield's new public library

## Ribbon cutting set for noon, activities to follow

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) will welcome the community to the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art building today, Saturday, June 1. The opening festivities will commence with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon in the atrium.

"This building has been meticulously planned to meet the evolving needs of Westfield's residents," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. "We invite everyone to join us as we embark on this exciting new chapter together."

The grand opening will be followed by a slew of activities

to kick off the library's Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Adventures Begin at Your Library" and will include a visit from life-like dinosaurs and folklorico dancers at 2 p.m. and a ukulele circle at 4 p.m.

The new 43,000 square-foot facility, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd., features expanded parking, a dedicated teen area, a spacious community room, and a coffee shop.

Additionally, the 3.6-acre property will offer outdoor activity space for the community to enjoy. The Westfield Washington Township offices will call the west side of the building home.



Photos provided  
**The new 43,000 square-foot library has something for everyone of any age in Westfield. Come out and see it!**



# How I Broke This, episode 7: LZA Fitness

**INTRODUCTION**

V.O.: Ineptitude ... Failure ... Inanity ... Stupidity ... MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!! This is *How I Broke This*.

SFX: CAR-TOONISH BROKEN SPRING. BOINGGG-GGGG.

GUY RAZZ: I'm

Guy Razz, host of *How I Broke This*. Not to be confused with that other podcast by that other guy, Guy Raz, called *How I Built This*. Welcome to my narrative journey about business ineptitude and the failed leaders who failed to learn from their failures. Listen as my guests reveal what led to their crushed entrepreneurial spirits – and hopefully, they'll reference a murder or two to boost my dismal ratings.

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

GUY: Our guests today are failed fitness gurus Patty Pushup and Bobby Burpee, founders of LZA Fitness gym. Welcome.

BOBBY: Hey, Big Guy!

GUY: Big Guy? That's quite a compliment coming from a self-absorbed mesomorph like yourself, Bobby.

PATTY: Bobby calls every guy smaller than him Big Guy. It's his way of complimenting himself.

BOBBY: It's a self-esteem strategy that's part of my Pumping Irony® workshops.

GUY: So, tell us about your failed fitness club.

PATTY: First a legal disclaimer ... LZA Fitness has no ties to franchise phenom LA Fitness.

GUY: Duly noted. What does LZA mean?

PATTY: LZA is an acronym for LaZy Ass.

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**COLUMNIST**  
**SCOTT SAALMAN**  
*Scaramouch*

# It's official! Stamp Out Hunger provides 45K meals to local families



Photo provided by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

Thank you to National Association of Letter Carriers Local 888 and the fine people of Hamilton County for donating the equivalent of 45,008 meals through the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to help the community. This helped 14 food pantries and programs as well as the Food Bank restock their shelves. Thank you also to Meijer, which provided the bags patrons received in the mail prior to the food drive. **DON'T FORGET** ... Today you can shop at your local Kroger to help Pack the Cruiser! Turn to Page 3 for more information.

# SR 32 will close to westbound traffic starting Monday in downtown Westfield

**The REPORTER**

The City of Westfield has released important upcoming road closure information that will impact travel along State Road 32.

Citizens Energy Group will up-size and relocate a water main along SR 32 between Union and Gurley streets. This essential infrastructure project is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 3 and last approximately four months.

**Closure details**

- Affected Traffic: Westbound traffic on SR 32.
- Open Traffic: Eastbound traffic will remain open.

**Detour**

- From SR 32, go north onto Grassy Branch Road.
- Continue on Grassy Branch Road and head west

onto 191st Street. 3. Proceed on 191st Street and then head south on U.S. 31 to return to SR 32.

**Local traffic impact**

City officials understand that road closures are inconvenient. Motorists should plan routes accordingly and allow extra travel time. Residents with properties directly affected by the closure will still have access to their homes, though minor delays may occur during peak construction.

Please visit the dedicated project website at [32Connects.com](http://32Connects.com) for the latest updates and detailed information. You will find real-time updates, detailed detour maps, and additional resources to help you navigate this temporary change.



Graphic provided by City of Westfield

# Welcome summer with CSO & friends at Coxhall Gardens

**The REPORTER**

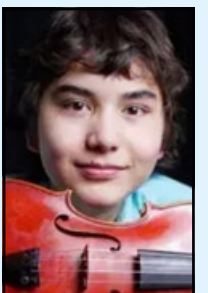
The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) invites you to celebrate the longest day of the year on June 21 at 8:30 p.m. as the orchestra launches its first-ever Summer Concert Series at Coxhall Gardens, located on the northwest side of Carmel.

Get ready to spend an evening under the stars as you enjoy pre-concert performances by Central Indiana Dance Academy, Dhol Indian Drumming, Indiana Ballet Conservatory, and Kathak (North Indiana) Dance Academy starting at 5 p.m. Stay to hear the CSO perform solar-related favorites as the sun goes down and reveals a full Strawberry Moon against the dark evening sky from 8:30 to 9:45 p.m.

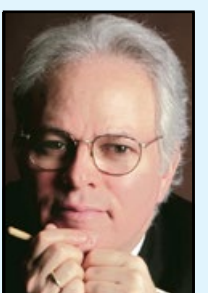
Led by Principal Guest Conductor Joel Smirnoff, the CSO will be joined by soloists Asako Tamura, former CSO Concerto Competition Winner Cooper Olsen, and Carmel Jazz Festival Artistic Director Blair Clark. The trio of artists will perform works by Mendelssohn, Puccini, Barber, Gershwin, Vivaldi, and Carmichael, as well as an original arrangement of Japanese folk songs by conductor Joel Smirnoff. The evening will end with special guest Blair Clark performing Stevie Wonder's "You Are the Sunshine of My Life."



**Tamura**



**Olsen**



**Smirnoff**

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## LZA FITNESS

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BOBBY: Our fitness facility was designed for people who didn't want to apply "work" to their workouts but still wanted to brag about going to a gym.

PATTY: Our tagline was "Taking the Work Out of the Workout."

GUY: Catchy.

PATTY: LZA was a safe space for those who liked to remain as still as possible, without breaking a sweat –

and without facing the judgmental wrath of obnoxious fitness rats at other gyms.

BOBBY: Our first COYO® class was packed ... well ... until the deaths.

BOBBY: Who knew we'd need so many gurneys.

GUY: Wait ... what? Did you say deaths?!!

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

GUY: This is just what this podcast needs for a ratings bump. By the way, what's COYO®?

PATTY: Cobra Yoga.

BOBBY: It's like goat yoga, but with king cobras instead of smelly goats. Goat yoga, while therapeutic, is flawed because it doesn't deter physical exertion. Goat yoga people contort into complicated yoga poses while expending extra energy to avoid rolling in goat poop. Whereas, with cobras, the last thing you want to do is move – even an eyeblink could be fatal. Think catatonic state, much like when stumbling upon a grizzly bear.

GUY: Say more about the COYO® deaths—

V.O.: MURDER! ... MURDER!! ... MURDER!!!

BOBBY: Sorry, Big Guy, we can't say much else. The case is currently in court.

PATTY: Guy, let's just say, if we had to do it all over again, we would no longer offer COYO® during allergy season.

BOBBY: Sneezing turned our spring COYO® session into a venom mas-



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

**Unashamed endomorph Scott Saalman works out his thumbs, which is about as active as any humorist ever gets.**

sacre. DEATH ACHOO was a popular headline. But enough about COYO®. We also provided a guilt-free zone for people who sat at exercise machines and texted for hours. At LZA, we didn't call it texting, it was FINGER STRENGTHENING®. Other gyms phone-shamed members for hogging equipment while Netflix binging. We embraced it!

BOBBY: We also offered a String Puppet Pilates® class, inspired by that 1970s doorknob exerciser fad.

PATTY: Remember those K-tel Multi-Exerciser commercials as a kid, Guy?

GUY: You mean the "As Seen On TV" rope and pulley home workout torture devices people attached to doorknobs?

PATTY: Exactly. Only with String Puppet Pilates®, the ropes didn't attach to doorknobs but, instead, dangled from an overhead pulley system. Members secured their

hands and feet into the plastic loops and were raised to a hovering position five feet off the floor. Our trainer, Jim Geppetto, controlled their limbs from the rafters via a series of repetitive rope tugs and releases. Clients experienced weightlessness, if not sheer helplessness, as Jim choreographed his herky-jerky gym ballet of human marionettes.

PATTY: Members also liked that LZA was a scale-free facility. Instead of using weight scales, a retired carnival worker, Wally The Weight Guesser, manned our Affirmation Booth. He'd intentionally guess peoples' weights 20 to 30 pounds too low. It was great for customers' perceptual body images. With each wrong guess, Wally gave away a donut. People couldn't wait to return the following day just to hear Wally's failed guesses – and lick glaze from their fingers.

GUY: Genius! LZA successfully targeted a specific

American consumer need by providing a gathering place for those who simply wanted to create the illusion of working out.

PATTY: Business 101, right? What could go wrong?

GUY: So, what led to your bankruptcy?

BOBBY: Our gym was packed in January but it became a ghost town by April.

PATTY: We underestimated the power of indolence. LZA members became too lazy to even come to the gym to be lazy.

BOBBY: The drop in membership was a real kick in our kettlebells – if you know what I mean.

GUY: We're nearly out of time. What else would you like to say to our listeners?

BOBBY: I'd like to ask one thing, Big Guy.

GUY: Go for it.

BOBBY: Would anyone like to buy a few used cobras?

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# TODAY: Pack the Cruiser!

**The REPORTER**

There are over 7,120 children in Hamilton County who are food insecure.

**That's one out of every 13 local children.**

Summer is a vulnerable time. Summer Lunch programs across the county make up the meal gap by providing nutritious meals throughout the summer months.

You can help by donating to the Pack the Cruiser Food Drive **TODAY, June 1**. This is the seventh year for this partnership between Kroger, the local police and Sheriff's depart-



## HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST FOOD BANK

ments, Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, and all the Summer Lunch programs across Hamilton County.

Support local programs at these local Kroger grocery stores:

- Kroger Carmel stores (two) – Carmel Summer Meals

- Kroger Fishers stores (three) – Fishers Youth Assistance

- Kroger on Carey Road in Westfield – Sheridan Lunch Club & Sheridan Youth Assistance

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- Kroger on Logan

Street in Noblesville – Hamilton Heights Lunches & Angels' Attic

- Kroger at Noble Crossing in Noblesville – Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

You can donate to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank anytime at [hchfoodbank.org/online-giving](http://hchfoodbank.org/online-giving).

## Make your voice heard in Westfield

**The REPORTER**

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis will hold his next town hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the brand-new Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Feel free to submit questions and topics that you would like discussed at this link. Don't miss out on city updates and more from the mayor.



Willis

## Get jazzed for 2024 Carmel Jazz Fest

**The REPORTER**

Mark your calendars for the second annual Carmel Jazz Fest returning this August. If you like jazz, blues and R&B, great food, and great drinks, this is where you need to be.

Carmel Jazz Festival is a two-day festival featuring international, national, and regional jazz, R&B, and blues acts across five stages. The festival includes beer, wine, and food vendors.

On Friday, Aug. 9 and Saturday, Aug. 10, prepare to experience live music inside all three venues within the Center for the Performing Arts – The Studio Theatre, The Tarkington, and the world-renowned Palladium – as well as outside at Carter Green and at Feinstein's inside the Hotel Carmichael.

This event goes from 5 to 10:30 p.m. both days. Musical acts include Average White Band, Tim Cunningham, Danny Lerman, Dave Bennett, and jazz bands from Indiana University, Butler University, Ball State University, and the University of Indianapolis.

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra also will perform and will feature Antonia Bennett, daughter of legendary performer Tony Bennett and a superstar in



her own right. More acts will be announced as the event draws closer.

Carmel Jazz Fest returns for a second year due to outstanding sponsorships. Sponsors for 2024 include Studio M Architecture and Planning, the City of Carmel, Woodard Van Riper Family Foundation, Joe's Butcher Shop, Current, Anthony's Chophouse, 3 UP, Taist, Market District, Solaient Energy, Fork & Ale House, Yats, and Visit Hamilton County Indiana.

To get more information on sponsorships or to volunteer for the event, visit [CarmelJazzFest.org](http://CarmelJazzFest.org).

Plan now to check out the sights and sounds of Carmel Jazz Fest. Exclusive VIP tickets are now available. Visit [CarmelJazzFest.org](http://CarmelJazzFest.org) to get your tickets and for updates on the event. Follow Carmel Jazz Fest on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CarmelJazzFest).

## CSO SUMMER

**About the Soloists**

*Asako Tamura*

In 2002, Tamura launched her international career as the female soloist in the Three Tenors Concert with Pavarotti, Domingo, and Carreras at the Arena of Yokohama during the World Cup Championships. Since then, she has made numerous appearances with various operas and orchestras around the world, including the Summer Opera Festival at the Foro Romano, the Teatro Filarmonico in Verona, the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, L.A. Asian American Philharmonic Orchestra, Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, and Tokyo City Orchestra, among others.

[Click here](#) to hear Tamura sing in Lucia di Lammermoor with Ramón Vargas.

*Cooper Olsen*

Former winner of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition, Olsen studies violin with Professor Mimi Zweig in the String Academy at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and has won numerous solo awards, including: first prize winner

of the Michael Ben & Illene Komisarow Maurer Young Musicians Competition with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in 2022, as well as awards from the Tri-State Rising Artist Violin Competition at Northern Kentucky University, the Bloomington Symphony Competition, and the Rising Star Young Artist Concerto Competition at Southeast Missouri State University.

[Click here](#) to hear Olsen perform at the 2021 Chicago Violin Competition.

**About Maestro Joel Smirnoff**

Highly acclaimed conductor Joel Smirnoff has led orchestras across the United States, Europe, and Asia. Past President of the Cleveland Institute of Music, violinist with the Juilliard String Quartet and Current Faculty member and past Chair of the Violin Department at Juilliard, Mr. Smirnoff is the Artistic Advisor of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra and a Carmel resident.

Maestro Smirnoff has handpicked the repertoire and guest artists for this concert, personally arranging the Japanese folk song

which Asako Tamura will be performing. Come prepared – he may make a surprise performance himself on violin towards the close of the evening.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Maestro Smirnoff through his 2022 interview.

**Corporate Partners**

During the evening, enjoy historic cars on display at the Gardens sponsored by Artomobilia. Get a preview of what to expect from the Artomobilia event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7 in the Carmel Arts and Design District.

Bring your dinner or visit food trucks and drink vendors, including Bier Brewery and Sugar Creek Winery.

This concert is presented in partnership with the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department.

Lawn seating and youth pricing are available to meet everyone's budget. VIP seating provides the best view of the concert. VIP tickets also include access to the air conditioned Coxhall Mansion and the CSO's inside VIP Patron Bar and amenities. Table purchases provide you with front-row

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seats and help underwrite the cost of CSO's education programs.

Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Coxhall Gardens is located at 1677 Towne Road, Carmel. In the event of rain, the 8:30 p.m. CSO performance will move to Clay Middle School, 5150 126th St., Carmel.

**About the Carmel Symphony Orchestra**

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is a Resident Company of the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The 70-member orchestra of professional musicians performs at the Palladium, a 1,600-seat concert hall at the Center. Founded in 1975, the CSO performs concerts featuring an eclectic repertoire of some of the world's greatest symphonic music. The CSO is committed to enhancing the community's quality of life through creative, artistically excellent performances and educational experiences for diverse audiences of all ages. Visit [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org) or follow along on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CarmelSymphony) to learn more. You can call the CSO at (317) 844-9717.



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# Longtime Carmel leaders announce their retirements

**The REPORTER**

After nearly 65 years of combined service to the City of Carmel, Utilities Director John Duffy and Fire Chief David Haboush have announced their upcoming retirements.

Duffy started with the city in 1993, becoming the director of Carmel Utilities in 1996. Under his leadership, the city has overhauled and modernized its water and sewer systems and launched recycling and renewable energy initiatives leading to robust, efficient, and environmentally sustainable utilities.

Duffy has also served for many years on the city's Climate Action Advisory Committee. His last day with the city will be on or before April 30, 2025.

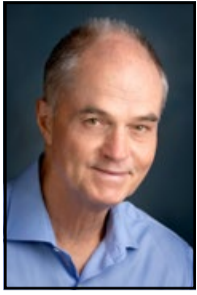
"Spending the majority of my professional career with the men and women who work tirelessly for the city's utilities department, I'm looking forward to this next chapter of my life," Duffy said. "It has been an

immense honor to lead such a skilled and hardworking team of professionals who ensure the reliable delivery of water and other vital services to our community day in and day out."

A search for the new Utilities Director will begin immediately. Once the position has been filled, the new hire will work alongside Duffy until his retirement.

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A professional firefighter who has served the Carmel Fire Department (CFD) for more than 32 years, Chief David Haboush was named Fire Chief in March 2015.

Under Haboush's leadership, CFD was, once again, reaccredited by the Commission of Fire Accreditation International in March of 2024. He is also Chief Fire Officer



Duffy



Haboush

designee through the Center for Public Safety Excellence, a graduate of the Fire Service Executive Development Institute through the International Association of Fire Chiefs and chairperson for the Hamilton County Public Safety Board (Hamilton County police and fire chiefs).

Chief Haboush is also an alumnus of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy and the IU Tobias Fellows Program.

"It has been the honor of my life to lead the brave firefighters and first responders who risk their lives day and night to protect our community," Haboush said. "To the residents of our city, thank you for your steadfast support of our firefighters and first responders. You've made

this job more rewarding than I could have ever imagined."

A search for a new fire chief will begin immediately. Once that position has been filled, Chief Haboush will step into the open position of Quartermaster and subsequently retire in January of 2026.

Mayor Sue Finkam thanked both Haboush and Duffy for providing years of exemplary leadership.

"Both city servants have worked tirelessly to improve Carmel during their tenures as leaders," Mayor Finkam said. "Our community has benefited tremendously from their experience, integrity and dedication."

See you in the parks!

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**Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!**



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(From left) James Semmelroth Darnell as Paul Sycamore, Carrie Reiberg as Penny Sycamore, and Eric Bowman as Mr. De Pinna.

## Not only can you not take it with you, but you only have one more week to even see it

*You Can't Take It With You* opened on Broadway in December 1936 and went on to win the 1937 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. (A film version won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1938.) Written by the legendary playwright team of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, the play has remained a favorite in American theatres.

*YCTIWY* tells of the eccentric Vanderhof-Sycamore-Carmichael family as they congregate in their large home for their normal daily activities – painting, dancing, printing, writing, raising snakes, and making explosives. Led by Grandpa Vanderhof, there is a free-spirited countenance to the group which includes about any facet of any interest one might possess to make themselves happy.

The script is an apt display of the frantic style of comedy of the era – which originated with the Marx Brothers and others. Director Nicole Amsler has managed to compile a worthy cast for the many character types – and produces a neatly arrayed package of surprisingly sensitive portrayals. No actor over-reaches or overacts their part – truly a

**COLUMNIST**



KEN KLINGENSTEIN  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

nifty feat in a lineup of extravagant and at times outrageous types of people. Themes of happiness, family and love are made obvious through the realistic portrayals.

Standouts include John Welch as even-tempered family head – Grandpa, Louis Cavallari as the passionate Russian dance instructor Boris Kolenkhov, Carrie Reiberg as the artistically over-productive Penny Sycamore, and James Semmelroth Darnell as her fireworks-focused husband, Paul Sycamore. Hannah Partridge and Aaron Budde are very well combined as the romantic couple Alice Sycamore and Tony Kirby.

Cara Olsen and Noah Shepard are sincere in their characterizations as Essie and Ed Carmichael, while Eric Bowman and Susan Hill make the most out of their featured comic roles as Mr. De Pinna and Gay Wellington. Tom Smith plays the bewildered federal agent, Wilbur Henderson, and Miki Mathioudakis is an effusive Grand Duchess. Sophie Liese and Austin Uebelhor round out the cast as kitchen-staff Rheba and Donald.

The set design by Ms. Amsler, which she gener-

ously decorated with assistance from props mistress Andrea Odle, fills the bill – although an onstage mirror unfortunately reflected stage lights directly into my seat area. Costumes by Judy McGroarty are very well planned, especially the timely wardrobe featured for Ms. Partridge's Alice Sycamore.

A few problems are present – mostly diction and projection – both of which can be easily corrected. (One character's Scottish accent, while precisely done, lacked enunciation and thereby lost our understanding.) The pacing is perfect, and the opening night crowd had a good time – punctuated by a surprise proposal after curtain call by cast member Noah Shepard to his future wife, Bailey!

**Bottom line:** This large cast of 18 performers does a great job with this old chestnut making for a truly enjoyable theatre event. There are plenty of fun moments and some wisdom to pass on, as well.

*You Can't Take It With You* continues in Westfield through June 9. Information about the schedule and reservations can be found at [BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org](http://BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org) or by calling (317) 402-3341.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

HUGS & PEACHES

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# Gravity-defying talent takes Westfield stage

Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield recently held its fourth grade talent show. Students showcased a wide variety of talents, including taekwondo, gymnastics, ventriloquism, comedy, dancing, piano, singing, and wrestling. The show ended with four Maple Glen Masked Singer staff members for a big reveal for the students. (Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools)



## 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.

We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville. Our building is behind the doctor's office and at the stop sign.

At the **Stony Creek Church of Christ**, we assemble on Sundays and Wednesdays to seek a better understanding of Jesus and His ways. You are encouraged and invited to join us for those studies or call for a private study.



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Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm



# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Welcome to the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation May 2024 Newsletter covering Military, Veteran Community (MVC) activities here in Hamilton County.

Listed below are the Hamilton County American Legion and VFW Posts located in our neighborhoods. Please stop in and see what they are doing not only for our MVC but for your neighborhoods. If you are in the Military, a Veteran or just want to help, come in and let's talk about joining our community

so we may continue assisting and caring for our Military, Veterans, their families and our whole community! Each Post offers not only a Service Officer to assist our Veterans in filing claims or seeking financial help when needed, but they are always searching for ways to reach into their local communities to assist and donate their time and money to events, special groups, non-profits who also care for our neighbors. To continue doing all they do for our communities, they need

our continued support by coming into their Posts and enjoying time there with friends and family. They are our local family-oriented Bar & Grill with food, drinks, games and plenty of space to host personal parties, or you may rent space for meetings or events to support local activities. Some Posts are open to the public every day while others are open on specific days for food, games, fun and they all look forward to serving you.

As of January, 2024, the Posts that are

completely SMOKE FREE, inside, are the Carmel American Legion, Carmel VFW and Noblesville VFW. The Fishers American Legion allows smoking in their enclosed bar area, the rest is non-smoking. The Noblesville American Legion allows smoking in the small game room which is a separate building out front, the Post and meeting rooms are smoke free!! The Sheridan and Cicero American Legions still allow smoking in their Posts.

## Carmel American Legion Post 155

852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032  
317-846-0001 Commander Kim Kilburn  
Post Hours M-Tu 3-10 W-Th 10-10 F-S 10-11, Su 12-8 - Public is welcome Tu, Thurs & Fri, lunch W-F 11-2, dinner Thur-Fri 5-8 & Breakfast every Sat & Sun 8am-12pm  
Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm  
Website & Calendar - <https://post155.org/>  
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679>  
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special gaming events like Texas Hold Em, Bingo, their jackpot totals and game day specials  
• Euchre is every Tuesday night at 7pm and the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30pm  
• Treasure Hunt drawing every Friday 7pm  
• They have a weekly draw on Wednesday at 7pm  
• Pull Tabs are available every day at the bar!!  
• Post Service Officer may be reached at [postserviceofficer@post155.org](mailto:postserviceofficer@post155.org) if you need assistance  
• Room Rentals call 317-846-0001 for the Post Manager. They have 3 rooms large enough for 150 people plus outdoor space.

## Cicero American Legion 341

50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In  
317-984-4441 Commander Tye Anderson  
M-Th 3-10pm, F-Sa 12-11pm, Sun 12-10pm  
Meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 730pm  
Kitchen hours are 4-8pm Tues Wed Fri Sun eat in or order food to go  
Public is welcome Mon, Fri & Sat and for their Treasure Hunt at 7pm Tuesdays  
Website and calendar - <https://cicerolegion341.org/events/>  
Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/cicerolegion341>  
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & Treasure Hunt results  
• Weekly drawings are Sundays 6pm, Wednesdays 7pm, Fridays 8pm  
• Euchre tournaments are Mondays at 7pm and Saturdays at 4pm  
• Bingo is every Friday, 6pm for Early Bingo and 6:30 for Bingo  
• Post Service Officer Mary Ringer may be reached by calling the Post at 317-984-4441 if you need assistance

## Fishers American Legion Post 470

9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In  
317-842-5944 Commander Pat Mene  
M 12-10, Sa 3-11, Tu, W, Th, Su 12-11, F 12-12 - Open to the public but only members & signed in guests may order alcohol  
Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm  
Food is served 1-9pm Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri  
Website and calendar is <https://legion470fishers.org/index.php?id=1>  
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FishersLegionPost470>  
• Bingo is Sunday at 1:00pm and Tuesday 6:00pm  
• Texas Holdem is Every Friday at 5pm  
• Treasure Hunt is on Fridays at 8pm (\$26,600)  
• Pool Tournaments are at 6pm, 8 ball 2nd Saturdays, 9 ball 4th Saturdays of the month and American Poolplayers Assoc 7pm Wed & Thurs  
• Pull Tabs are available at the bar every day  
• Every month the Aux schedules a euchre tournament to raise funds for a local non-profit to help our community  
• Pay attention to Facebook and their calendar for live music dates, times  
• Room rental space is available - email Rhonda. Cree78@gmail.com  
• Post Service Officer Greg Cyrus may be reached at 317-698-3745 if you need assistance

## Noblesville American Legion Post 45

273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9985 Commander Gil Soria  
M-Th 11-10pm F 11-12 Sa 12-12pm, Su 12-8pm  
Meeting is the third Thursday of the month at 7pm  
Food is served 4-9pm Tues - Sat

## We are working to eliminate Veteran suicide here in Hamilton County and you can help

The 'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' Coalition on the Prevention of Suicide in Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers has been a collaborative effort since late 2021 to reduce the number of veteran suicides in Hamilton County. Under the umbrella and leadership of A Healthier Hamilton County: Systems of Care, anyone is welcome to join the Coalition who is interested in preventing suicide. Members include veteran-serving organizations, non-profits, local government, and other entities throughout the county including volunteers and veterans and service members themselves.

The coalition has teamed up with the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) and will be launching the Governor's Challenge to fight suicide in Veterans here in Hamilton County. We are working collaboratively to leverage all resources for our service members, veterans, and their families to bring meaning and value to their lives. We plan to do this through three the Pillars of the Governor's Challenge - 1. Identifying the service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers, 2. connecting them to resources no matter the level of need, and 3. promoting safety for those in a suicidal crisis.

How will we do all this? We need everyone's help!

The Ask The Question Initiative is part of the Governor's Challenge and has become part of our Plan in Hamilton County. Five local entities have partially launched our Pilot Group and we plan to close that gap soon. We will then promote the initiative to the community, asking that any person-serving organization go through the Ask The Question Initiative process.

The key to Ask The Question is changing how we identify Service Members, Veterans, and their Families and Caregivers in our county. We encourage and will help organizations change their current identification question to the more inclusive "Have you or a family member ever served in the US Military?". If the answer to that broader question is yes, the person will be provided with a QR code that will start the process of linking them to resources.

There are a myriad of resources available for those who are serving, have served, or are related to or caring for someone who was/is in the US Military. The Ask The Question Initiative will help those folks link to helpful resources from the multiple Dimensions of Wellness and

Social Determinants of Health. As we know, mental health is impacted by other aspects, and stressors, of our lives. As we identify those in or adjacent to the military and connect them to resources, the community, and one another, potential suicidal crises decrease.

We have built a team and grown alongside the Governor's Challenge with the IDVA, who we recently requested funding to further our projects in here Hamilton County. We were encouraged to think BIG with our ideas and include those organizations that currently serve our Military Veteran community to incorporate their ideas in our 12-24-month strategic plan. This plan will include our Coalition working hand in hand with many community partners to reach our Military and Veterans who are not connected. We will introduce them to those who will get them their benefits and resources they have earned, helping them be more connected thus building stronger Veterans through stronger communities. The more we all know about where to get the benefits and resources we need to address our issues/needs the stronger more connected we all will be!!

Speaking of resources, our partner, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp (HCVC) is hosting a Hamilton County Community Resource Fair July 20, 2024, from 11am to 3pm at the Noblesville Schools Community Center 1775 Field Drive at the north end of the stadium at Noblesville High School. This resource fair is not just for our Military Veteran Community (MVC), it's for all our Hamilton County neighbors! Sure, maybe 30 resources are specific for our MVC but there will be over 85 resources setup inside and outside the community center to help us all live a more fulfilled life right here in Hamilton County. Bring a Veteran, bring a neighbor!

If you are interested in learning more about how you can work with the 'Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities' Coalition to prevent suicide in Hamilton County's service members and veterans, email [kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypvhc.org](mailto:kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypvhc.org).

If you are a Veteran or Active Military and wish to become a member of the Hamilton County Veterans Corp, please send an email to [secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com) so you too may help us help our MVC. Our dues is only \$25/mo and we meet the first Monday of the month at 7pm at the Fishers American Legion 9091 E 126th St in their big American Room. See you there!

Public is welcome for food and games plus every Saturday of the month and some Fridays Website - <https://www.noblesvilleamericanlegionpost45.com/>  
Facebook is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063496781153>  
• Veteran Peer Support Group w/MASH Ministries - Mondays 7pm  
• Coffee With A Vet - Wednesdays from 9-11am  
• Treasure Hunt drawings are every Friday 6:45pm - Public is welcome (\$7,680)  
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for updates and special events like Music Bingo, Shuffleboard, Trivia  
• Rental space is available as well as the kitchen - Event Building holds 49 people.  
Contact [huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com](mailto:huntzingerpost45@yahoo.com) or call 317-773-9985  
• Post Service Officer may be reached on their website link above if you need assistance

## Sheridan American Legion Post 67

406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In  
317-758-5007 Commander Tom DeShon  
Hours M-F 3-close, Sat 12-close, Su 1-6p  
Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm  
Food service - lunch from 11am-2pm Tu, Wed, Thurs & Fri, after lunch bar food (fries, burgers, etc) is available. Public is welcome for lunch and games  
Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ALPost67/>  
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for everything  
• Lunch specials posted weekly  
• Treasure Hunt Friday night at 7pm - Public welcome  
• Bingo 2nd & 4th Thursdays 630pm early bird, 7pm start  
• Events for the community you can help with...  
• Post Service Officer may be reached after they find a qualified member to help Veterans

## VFW Information Carmel VFW Post 10003

12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032  
317-846-0917 Commander Darin Bibeau  
Sun - Thurs 11-10pm, F & Sa 11-12am  
Meetings the 2nd Monday of the month at 630pm  
Kitchen serves lunch specials 11-2pm with food service till 8pm. They have a great breakfast every other Saturday. Public is welcome in for food and anytime when signed in with a member.  
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CarmelVFW>  
• Check their Facebook page for their weekly updates, lunch specials, music and special events  
• Poker is Tues, Fri & Sun noon-midnight, dealers provided, food snacks & drinks available  
• Thursdays 7pm is their Treasure Hunt - open to the public  
• Post Service Officer Shawn Ransford may be reached at [shawn.ransford@va.gov](mailto:shawn.ransford@va.gov) if you need assistance  
• Contact [carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com](mailto:carmelvfw10003@yahoo.com) to rent space for your special events

## Cicero VFW

Meets at the Cicero American Legion Post, 50 Washington Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month

## Noblesville VFW Post 6246

Noblesville VFW Post 6246  
654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956 Commander Eric Behrens  
M-Th 3-8p, F 2-10p, Sa 12-10p, Su 12-8p  
Meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 11am  
Food service is available Mon & Fri 6-9pm & public is welcome  
No Website/calendar but they have a Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/post6246/>  
• Bingo every Friday at 7pm and the public is welcome  
• Karaoke is every Saturday 7pm and the public is welcome  
• Queen of Hearts is every Wednesday 7pm and the public is welcome  
• Pay attention to their Facebook page for special events & food specials  
• Post Service Officer Linda Behrens may be reached at 317-773-9956 if you need assistance

## Hamilton County CVSO Office

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Please call to setup an appointment or walk in as your Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers are ready to help our Military, Veterans and families in the following areas:  
• Obtaining your DD-214 military discharge  
• Discharge Review  
• Filing claims for service-connected disability or nonservice connected pensions  
• Education benefits  
• Survivor Benefits  
• VA Medical Care  
• G.I. Bill Benefits  
• Vocational Rehabilitation  
• Burial Benefits  
• Property Tax Abatement  
• Tuition and Fee Exemption for Children of Disabled Veterans  
• Motor Vehicle License Plates  
• Resident Veteran Hunting & Fishing License  
• Golden Hoosier Passport

## Hamilton County Veterans Corp Community Resource Fair

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The Hamilton County Veterans Corp is hosting a county wide Resource Fair again in 2024! We hope to reach as many of our Military/Veteran population as possible and to encourage our whole community to stop in and see what we are doing in Hamilton County. The more we know about the resources readily available to address all our issues and needs, the more connected and stronger we will be as a community of friends helping friends/Veterans Serving Veterans.

At this fair we will have over 85 resource tables for you to get the assistance you need for the following topics and so much more from several local, regional and national providers:

VA Benefits	City Health	Insurance	Education
VA Hospital	Mental Health	Retirement	Suicide Prevention
CVSO's	Housing	Legal	Family Programs
County/City Health	Dental Health	Financial Help	HVAF
IDVA	Employment	Homeless	Faith Based

Tell all your friends and neighbors about this great Resource Fair that is for all of us here in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Bring a neighbor, bring a friend,  
bring a Veteran!!!!



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## Medicare Part D drug prices: good & bad news for 2025

If you take a lot of very expensive prescriptions, the Inflation Reduction Act has some great benefits in store for you starting in January of 2025. But for the rest of us, we will end up paying more – much more – for Medicare Part D.

The big news is that your out-of-pocket drug costs are capped at \$2,000 per person.

The bad news is the insurance companies are doing many things to recoup that lost money, including raising monthly premiums. Industry experts are expecting double or triple rate increases on your monthly drug plan. But wait, there's more: in addition to the larger Part D deductible up to \$590 per year vs. \$545 in 2024, many plans exempted cheap, generic drugs from the deductible. It's likely in 2025 that all drugs will be subject to the deductible!

Insurance companies are not required to cover all medications. We expect all plans to cover less drugs this year. You might be in the position where one company doesn't cover all your prescriptions. In that case we find the plan that covers your most expensive Rx at the best price and you pay for the others on your own.

If you take a drug where your out-of-pocket costs are \$600 or over, you won't have to pay when you pick your drug up from the pharmacy. You'll still pay for it, but not while in CVS or Walgreens. Instead, your insurance company will bill you monthly for 1/12 of the



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Make Sense of Medicare

cost of your copay. This is called the Medicare Prescription Payment Plan. MPPP is set to be a nightmare to administer by the insurance companies, but a win for people who take expensive drugs!

Insurance agents cannot share 2025 plan details with the public until Oct. 1. Since millions of people will shop their plans this year and it will be impossible for agencies to help everyone in the timeframe allowed (Oct. 15 to Dec. 7) you need to take several steps to be sure to get the best drug coverage:

- Look for your Annual Notice of Change Letters that all Part D insurance companies must mail you in September. Do not throw this away without reading like you may have in the past.

- If the changes look unattractive, book an appointment with your agent as early as possible. Don't wait till late November as many agencies will stop taking new Part D clients as it is too close to the deadline.

You can't change your drug plans until Oct. 15 and the new plan won't begin until Jan. 1, 2025. But now is the time, when you are not under a time constraint, to think about how these new rules and expected prices increases will impact you.

*Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of The Medicare Family, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at [TheMedicareFamily.com](http://TheMedicareFamily.com).*

## Get ready for Showcase & Taste of Westfield

### The REPORTER

The second annual Showcase & Taste of Westfield will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 at Grand Park.

Exhibitors at the Showcase and Taste of Westfield will have the opportunity to put their businesses on display and connect with businesses and potential customers at one of the Westfield Chamber's largest networking events of the year.

This event is open to the public. Sixty exhibitors took park in the inaugural Show-

case & Taste, and even more are expected to be present this year.

All types of businesses can participate in the event; exhibitors include restaurants, service and healthcare providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, food providers, and more. Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food service establishments are invited to provide menu tastings as well.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets and check out exhibitor options.



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## Blood donors needed now

*Thousands of donations short in May & patients still need care*

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The American Red Cross critically needs blood donors now following a concerning trend over the past month – fewer donors rolling up a sleeve to give lifesaving blood. In fact, about 20,000 fewer blood donations were collected over the past month than needed to maintain the Red Cross national blood supply.

Make an appointment to give now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Severe weather and historic travel in May contributed to fewer blood donations. According to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), five of the busiest travel days ever happened this month and more record-breaking travel is expected all season long – a busy time when

many regular donors may be unable to give.

Additionally, as the U.S. approaches what AAA calls the "100 deadliest days" of summer for auto accidents, it's critical hospitals have lifesaving blood products on hand for all trauma and accident victims who count on transfusions when there is no time to waste. In some of the most dire situations, medical teams may need to use hundreds of blood products to save a life.

**Help build the blood supply**  
The Red Cross has teamed up with Tetris, creators of the iconic, best-selling video game, to celebrate their 40th anniversary and build the blood supply for patients in need. In commemoration, all who answer the call to help through June 9 will get an **exclusive Tetris + Red Cross T-shirt**, while supplies last, plus be

automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to New York to meet Tetris creator, Alexey Pajitnov. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Tetris](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Tetris) for details.

Pajitnov, a recent first-time blood donor, says now is the time to help patients play on. "I think it's very important to not just talk about people united together and helping each other, but doing it with your real action, and that's what I tried to do this time. So, play Tetris and donate blood!"

**How to donate blood**  
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

## Thanks for Moving with the Mayor!



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Last Thursday, people from the community and the City of Carmel joined Mayor Sue Finkam for a walk on the Monon Greenway from City Hall to Main Street as a part of the Move with the Mayor initiative. Check out the amazing aerial view as the group headed north on the Monon Greenway during her rather Aristotelian peripatetic program.

## Financial tips for widows & widowers

Losing a spouse is one of the most painful experiences anyone can have. Unfortunately, widows and widowers have to deal with more than just the emotional trauma – they also must consider a range of financial issues. If you've recently been widowed, what financial moves should you consider?

For starters, don't rush into any major decisions. If you're still in the grieving process, you are unlikely to be in the best shape to make significant choices affecting your finances and your life.

But once you feel ready to look at your situation objectively and make appropriate choices, consider the following steps.

**Review your finances**  
Look at your entire financial picture – your assets, investments, debts, and income. If you and your spouse had communicated well about your finances,

and you shared decisions, you hopefully won't encounter any big surprises. But if your spouse was the partner who mostly handled financial matters, you may need to get up to speed quickly on what you have and what you owe. And if your spouse had provided a large amount of your household income, you will also need to determine what changes you may need to make to your lifestyle.

**Address insurance issues**  
If you will receive a death benefit from your spouse's insurance policy, what will you do with the money? It may prove helpful in funding your own retirement or meeting other financial goals. But you'll also want to be clear about what other beneficiaries, such as your children, might receive. And while you're looking at insurance, you also might want to look at your own policies

– do you need to change beneficiaries?

**Review your Social Security options**  
If you are at least 60 and you were married at least nine months, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits. (If you remarry before age 60, you typically cannot receive survivor benefits, but you can reinstate them if this subsequent marriage ends.) The amount of your survivor's benefits depends on your age and the age of your deceased spouse.

You can't claim your deceased spouse's benefits along with your own retirement benefits, so if you qualify for survivor and retirement benefits, you'll receive the larger amount. Depending on your situation, you might come out ahead by delaying your retirement benefits, giving them the chance to grow, while you accept survivor benefits.

For more details on receiving Social Security benefits, visit the Social Security Administration's website at [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov).

**Review your estate plans**

The death of a spouse can certainly affect your family's estate plans. So, it's a good idea to review these plans to see what changes, if any, need to be made. When conducting this review, you'll benefit from working with an estate-planning professional.

Finally, keep in mind that you don't have to go it alone during this difficult time. If you're already working with a financial professional, they can help. If you aren't currently working with one, now might be the time to start. By looking at your finances and your family situation holistically, a financial professional can provide guidance that can help ease the stress you are naturally feeling.

Few events are as sad as losing a spouse. But when you feel ready, start taking the steps necessary to continue forward on your life's journey.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC.*

## Jack Everly to conduct ISO in "Ultimate John Williams"

### The REPORTER

Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly and the ISO celebrate the musical genius of John Williams and pay tribute to this musical legend. With more than 75 movie music scores to his credit, Williams has created some of the most memorable movie moments in *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, *Indiana*

*Jones*, and more.

Performances begin at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7; 8 p.m. Friday, June 7; and 8 p.m. Saturday, June 8 at the Hilbert Circle Theatre, 45 Monument Circle, Indianapolis.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets now.

**About Jack Everly**  
Jack Everly is the Principal Pops Conductor of the Indianapolis and Baltimore

Symphony Orchestras, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and the National Arts Centre Orchestra (Ottawa). He has conducted the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, the San Francisco Symphony, the New York Pops at Carnegie Hall, and the Seattle Symphony.

Everly recently extended his contract with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra through 2026, when he will assume the role of Principal Pops Conductor Emeritus. He will continue to be the music director of the AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, the nation's largest symphonic holiday production in the country. He led the ISO in its first Pops recording, *Yuletide Celebration, Volume One*. Some of

his other recordings include *In The Presence* featuring the Czech Philharmonic and Daniel Rodriguez; *Sandi Patty's Broadway Stories*; the soundtrack to Disney's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*; and *Everything's Coming Up Roses: The Overtures of Jule Styne*.

Everly, a Hoosier native and graduate of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, is a recipient of the 2015 Indiana Historical Society Living Legends Award and holds an Honorary Doctorate of Arts from Franklin College in his home state of Indiana. In 2023, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the highest honor a Hoosier can receive, presented by Governor Eric Holcomb.

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## Latest Carmel road construction updates

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#### Hazel Dell Parkway & 106th Street

One lane each way on Hazel Dell Parkway is now closed as the construction of the roundabout at the intersection gets underway.

#### U.S. 31 bridge resurfacing

On or after, Friday, May 31, bridge resurfacing over U.S. 31 will begin in the following locations:

- West 111th Street, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will begin on or after Friday, May 31 and be completed on Monday, June 3.

- West Carmel Drive, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will begin on or after Friday, June 21 and be completed Monday, July 8. Work will take place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.

- West Main Street, from Illinois Street to Pennsylvania Parkway, will begin on or after Friday, July 12 and be completed by Monday, July 22. Work will take place during the weekends only, from Fridays at 9 p.m. to Mondays at 6 a.m.

- West 136th Street and Smoky Row, work will begin in August (schedule to come)

#### Street paving

The City of Carmel Street Department has released its list of 2024 street paving projects.

More than 50 miles of roadway are scheduled for

an upgrade this spring and summer as the Street Department kicks off its annual paving projects with a budget of \$5 million to improve local thoroughfares. Some of the preliminary work began in early May.

Each paving project begins with concrete and curb repairs, a phase that typically takes a couple of weeks to complete. This is followed by milling the top surface of the blacktop and repaving it with a new, two-inch thick layer. Milling and paving projects require three to five days to complete and will necessitate lane restrictions.

The Street Department uses the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rating system to determine the priority of repair for our roadways. StreetScan is employed to survey all 1,400 lane miles of Carmel roads bi-annually. Laser-measuring technology assigns PCI scores to each road segment. This laser device is mounted at the rear of a vehicle with a roof-mounted camera for 360-degree imagery.

“By using technology within our asset management plan, Carmel roads are objectively prioritized, ensuring high standards and fiscal responsibility,” Carmel Street Commissioner Matt Higginbotham said.

[Click here](#) to see a map of the projects, or you can [click here](#) to see a full list.

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Summer is in full swing, and the City of Fishers and Fishers Parks are celebrating with a summer of fun, traditions, and memory-making.

Find the season’s freshest picks at the award-winning Fishers Farmers Market, enjoy a Lū’au at Geist Waterfront Park, cool off with Monsoon Madness at Holland Park, celebrate the summer at Spark!Fishers, and enjoy a concert under the stars at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

The summer event lineup includes:

#### Geist Waterfront Park Swim Season Park open daily, dawn to dusk

**Swim Hours: Daily through Sept. 2  
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

#### Geist Waterfront Park, 10811 Olio Road

The 70-acre waterfront park in east Fishers features beach and water access to Geist Reservoir, non-motorized boat launch and dock access for kayaks and canoes, walking trails, playground, and public gathering amenities.

Park access is open to all during non-peak hours. During peak hours (generally weekend afternoons), admission is free for Fishers residents and \$25 per vehicle for non-residents. It’s now easier than ever for residents to access the park – just show your government-issued ID at the entrance, no Smart Pass needed! Learn more at [FishersParks.com/GeistWaterfront](#).

#### Fishers Parks Lu’au Saturday, June 8 6 to 9 p.m.

#### Geist Waterfront Park Free

Join Fishers Parks for the inaugural Fishers Lū’au showcasing aspects of an authentic Polynesian Lū’au, from food to music to live entertainment and more. No registration required. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/FishersLuau](#).

#### Fishers Art Center

The Fishers Municipal Center, opening in June at 1 Municipal Drive, is the new home for City Hall and the Fishers Art Center and a welcoming gathering place for all. In partnership with the Indianapolis Art Center, the Fishers Art Center will offer art classes for all ages, engaging summer camps, unique gallery exhibitions, and more. Space is available in the Fishers Art Center’s summer camps, and registration is open for various Make It Take It classes for adults. Learn more at [IndyArtCenter.org](#).

The Fishers Arts Center will also be open to the public with hands-on activities for visitors during Spark!Fishers on Saturday, June 29.

#### Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers

**Saturdays, now through Sept. 29 | 8 a.m. to noon**  
Nickel Plate

#### District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive) | Free

Rated one of the top

farmers’ markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers features local vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Don’t miss the Biz Kidz Festival on July 20 featuring booths from young entrepreneurs and the Farmers Market Day of Service on July 29 featuring local nonprofits. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/FarmersMarket](#).

#### Fishers Parks’ Free Tuesdays Concerts Tuesdays, June & July 7 p.m. (unless noted) Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Free

The free concert series includes performances at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater on Tuesday evenings presented by 24/7 DINK Pickleball. Shows include:

- 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., followed by Fourth of July firework show)

- July 9 - The Brothers Footman

- July 16 - Karma sponsored by Custom Exteriors
- July 23 - 2nd Wind
- July 30 - GrooveSmash sponsored by DeVeau’s Gymnastics

Learn more at [npdamp.com](#).

#### Spark!Fishers presented by Meijer Monday, June 24 to Saturday, June 29

The weeklong celebration is full of family favorites as well as a new lineup of events, including a one-mile walk/run during the 5K race. Learn more at [Spark-Fishers.com](#).

- **Monday:** Start the Spark Golf Outing | 9 a.m. at The Hawthorns

- **Tuesday:** Free Concert featuring Uptown Funk: Bruno Mars Tribute & Drone Show | 7 p.m. at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

- **Wednesday:** 5K Race & 1-Mile Walk/Run presented by IU Health Fishers | 6:15 p.m. at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

- **Thursday:** Car & Art Show | 6 to 9 p.m. at Central Green, 1 Municipal Drive

- **Friday:** Free Concert featuring Red - A Taylor Swift Tribute | 8 p.m. at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

- **Saturday:** Street Fair & Parade | 2 to 9 p.m.; parade at 6 p.m. at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Learn more about the festival at [SparkFishers.com](#). Volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and abilities to get involved in this year’s celebration. Learn more and register to volunteer at [VolunteerFishers.com](#).

#### Fourth of July Fireworks Shows Thursday, July 4 | Dusk Various Locations | Free

Presented by Star Heating & Cooling, celebrate Independence Day and pick your viewing area from the following spots around the city:

- Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, with a free concert beginning at 8 p.m.

- Cyntheanne Park, 12383 Cyntheanne Road; can also view from HSE Intermediate/Jr. High parking lots, 12278 Cyntheanne Road

- Geist Reservoir (no viewing permitted from Fall Creek Bridge or Geist Marina), please find a spot on the water in a boat or from your residence

#### Monsoon Madness Saturday, July 20 11 to 3 p.m. for pre-purchased early access Noon to 3 p.m. for general admission

**Holland Park, 1 Park Drive**  
Monsoon Madness features giant waterslides, a mini-monsoon area for little ones, and live entertainment. This year’s event will offer an early access option where attendees can purchase the \$20 wristband to experience a smaller crowd and shorter wait times from 11 a.m. to noon, which will be limited to the first 500 registrants. Free general admission begins at noon. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/MonsoonMadness](#).

**Before the Bell  
Thursday, Aug. 1  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Free

Ring in the start of the school year with HSE Schools. Come out with your family to learn more about HSE, network with other families, and get excited about the upcoming school year.

**Ticketed shows at the NPD AMP  
Various dates  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater**

Get tickets at [npdamp.com](#)  
Fishers Parks’ summer lineup also includes ticketed shows from the following national touring bands:

- Aug. 23 - Niko Moon
- Aug. 24 - Brett Dennen

Follow the NPD AMP on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest concert announcements.

#### 12th annual Fishers Blues Fest Saturday, Aug. 31 & Sunday, Sept. 1 | 4 to 10 p.m. Nickel Plate District

Learn more about the festival at [SparkFishers.com](#). Volunteer opportunities are available for all ages and abilities to get involved in this year’s celebration. Learn more and register to volunteer at [VolunteerFishers.com](#).

### Amphitheater | Free

End the summer with the annual Fishers Blues Fest, a Labor Day tradition. The free, two-night event includes performances by renowned local and national blues artists. Learn more at [npdamp.com](#).

#### Fishers Fire & Emergency Services’ Cul-de-sac Drills Various dates & neighborhoods | Free

Fishers Fire & Emergency Services will return to neighborhood cul-de-sacs for a second season of residents meeting firefighters one-on-one. Firefighters will give little and big kids alike an opportunity to handle the fire hose line or run through the spray during these family-friendly neighborhood events. Learn more at [Fire.FishersIN.gov/CulDeSacDrills](#).

#### Trek the Trails Open daily / Free

Walk, run, or bike the newly completed Fishers Nickel Plate Trail, stretching five miles from 96th Street to 146th Street. You can even continue north at 146th Street into Noblesville to enjoy just under three miles of trail. Along the way, stop in to explore new restaurants, like Niyyah Coffee at Hub & Spoke, or Rush Bowls, Java House, and Cooper & Cow in downtown Fishers.

#### Fishers AgriPark Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Fishers AgriPark, 11171 Florida Road | Free**  
The 33-acre urban farm featuring public fields and gardens, managed by Fishers Parks, is now open for the season. The farm offers livestock encounters and you-pick opportunities once produce is in season. From educational series to agricultural-themed summer camps, public programming at the Fishers AgriPark is rooted in farm operations and agriculture in the community, the state, and the country. Learn more and see their programming and events at [FishersParks.com/AgriPark](#).

#### Splash Pads Daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free

The free splash pads at Holland Park, 1 Park Drive, Billericay Park, 12690 Promise Road, and the fountain at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Pavilion, 10 Municipal Drive, are open daily (weather permitting) through Labor Day. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/Water-Amenities](#).

See the full summer lineup at [FishersIN.gov/SeizetheSummer](#).

## Latest Fishers road construction updates

### The REPORTER

#### State Road 37 & 141st Street

On or after June 5, preliminary construction work will begin at SR 37 and 141st Street. During this time pavement markings and concrete barriers will be placed. There will be no closures during this phase, only intermittent lane restrictions during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Find construction updates at [37thrives.com](#).

#### 126th Street & Southeastern Parkway roundabout

Effective May 30, a full road closure will be in effect for 60 days to allow for road reconstruction. A single-lane roundabout at 126th Street and Southeastern Parkway is currently in the design phase to replace the current 126th Street stop condition. The new roundabout will also include a connection for the future development of Hunters Run.

The project will rehabilitate or reconstruct the pavement, add curb and gutter with storm sewers, and multi-use paths and/or bicycle lanes.

[Click here](#) to view a detour route map and for more information visit the [Capital Projects Dashboard](#).

#### Road resurfacing projects

Restoration work will be ongoing in Lantern Ridge the week of June 3. The contractor is currently in Sunblest removing existing sidewalk and ramps, and next week crews will continue prepping and placing new ADA ramps.

The week of June 10, road resurfacing work will take place on 116th Street between Olio Road and Thorpe Creek Parkway. Residents should refrain from parking their vehicles on the street during active construction operations.

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](#).



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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**  
**MANASSEH AND EPHRAIM**

When Israel saw the sons of Joseph, he asked, "Who are these?"

"They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father.

Then Israel said, "Bring them to me so I may bless them."

Now Israel's eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them.

Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, and now God has allowed me to see your children too."

Then Joseph removed them from Israel's knees and bowed down with his face to the ground. And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.

Genesis 48:8-14 (NIV)

# Empowering older adults in the fight against elder abuse

GUEST COLUMNIST



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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, observed on June 15, signifies our collective struggle against the mistreatment of older adults. Elder abuse is a community and societal issue that reminds us to promote respect and dignity for older adults.

Elder abuse refers to intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver or a trusted individual that cause harm to an older adult. It can come in the form of physical, emotional, neglect, and financial mistreatment – the latter being the most prevalent and easily executed through scams or fraud targeted at older adults. A significant step towards preventing this abuse is equipping older adults and their caregivers with knowledge and resources to help prevent abuse.

The National Council on Aging estimates that approximately 5 million older adults are abused every year in the United States yet only one in 14 cases is reported. Research findings estimate that older victims of financial fraud lose roughly \$30 billion a year.

For older adults, defending against such abuse begins with awareness. Identifying potential frauds and cons such as lottery scams, identity theft, or email phishing schemes is crucial. Older people should be wary of unsolicited calls and emails, particularly those requesting personal information, money transfers, or unusual payment methods such as gift cards and any of these requests that are communicated with extreme urgency.

The use of technology can also help people safeguard their financial assets. Enabling bank alerts for large transactions, using apps with real-time tracking of account activity, and setting up direct deposits for checks can minimize potential abuse. Equally pivotal is safeguarding essential documents and updating estate planning documents regularly.

Staying connected with family, friends, and community can deter potential abusers. However, social isolation became a growing issue for many older

adults, especially during the pandemic. It's crucial for all people across our lifespan to leverage technology to maintain relationships and stay active within our communities, reducing the risk of exploitation significantly.

Further, older adults must also feel informed and supported to report any instance of potential abuse. Fear or embarrassment can often deter individuals from reporting abuse. Support from community, family, and authorities is key to reassuring older adults that they're not alone and that reporting is indeed a step towards prevention.

To report elder abuse, older adults or individuals concerned about them can reach out to the following resources:

- **Adult Protective Services (APS): APS agencies** serve as the primary agency responsible for receiving and investigating reports of elder abuse.

- **Local Law Enforcement:** In situations where an older adult is in immediate danger, contacting local law enforcement is vital.

- **National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA):** This is a **resource for information** on elder abuse prevention.

- **ElderCare Locator:** Connects you to services for older adults and their families: 1-800-677-1116.

- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman:** These are advocates for residents of nursing homes, board, and care homes, assisted living facilities, etc.

With a collaborative

strategy in place, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield works in tandem with healthcare providers to detect early signs of elder abuse. We have taken great strides to implement caregiver education programs, because in many cases, the caregivers are the first line of defense in recognizing indicators of abuse. We are not just advocating prevention, but actively invested in providing solutions to help prevent elder abuse.

Our health plans are designed to support older adults by addressing the social drivers that can impact health, including social isolation – a significant risk factor for elder abuse. Our community members benefit from the resources and support services beyond traditional healthcare services that our plans can provide, including, for example, access to nutritious meals, safe and stable housing, and transportation. We continue to partner with organizations, nonprofits, and government agencies, aiming to create a safer, more supportive society where older adults are valued and included, and their rights are protected.

Older adults are valuable members of our society, and it is important we help ensure their safety, security, and wellness. As we observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, let us commit not only to raise awareness but also to actively work towards prevention strategies.

Eugene Hsu, MD, MBA, is Senior Medicare Clinical Officer for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**Meeting Notice**

The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet in an executive session from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, in the office of Mt. Vernon High School, 8112 N. County Road 200 West, Fortville, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. (This Subdivision does not apply to any discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a benefit process.)

**— CICERO —**

**Notice**

On June 4, 2024 Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 PM at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

**— FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP —**

**~ Notice ~**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Location: 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana 46037  
 Time & Date: June 4, 2024 6:30 p.m.  
**Agenda:**  
 Executive Session: Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; [I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)(D)]

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# REPORTER SPORTS WEEKEND

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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

## Girls Track & Field

# Taylor wins state title for Tigers by incredible .002-second margin

### The REPORTER

Maya Taylor made history Friday night for Fishers High School on Friday, in the most incredible way.

The Tigers senior was running in the finals of the 100 dash at the IHSAA girls state track and field meet, which took place Friday night at Indiana University. Taylor was running toe-to-toe with Warren Central's Jila Vaden and the two zoomed to a photo finish.

In the end, the winner was Taylor. She edged out Vaden by a margin of two thousandths of a second – Taylor finished in 12.101 seconds, Vaden finished in 12.103 seconds. What was contained in those .002 seconds was history – Taylor earned the first-ever girls track and field state championship win for Fishers.

Also remarkable was how much speed Taylor dropped in her win from the prelims to the finals. Taylor placed fourth in the 100 dash prelims with a time of 12.26 seconds, so the senior improved her time by .15 seconds in a few hours.

The meet finished with another win for a Hamilton County team. Carmel's 4x400 relay squad of Gabriela Grande Rosas, Sadie Foley, Olivia Cebalo and Emily Norris won that event, cruising home in 3 minutes, 50.90 seconds. The Greyhounds' time was 0.45 seconds ahead of runner-up North Central and a big part of the Carmel team finishing tied for fifth place.

Overall, four county teams placed in the top 12 by the meet's conclusion. Warren Central was the team champion with 57.5 points; the Warriors won two events, including a 1-2 finish in the long jump.

Bloomington North scored 41 points for the runner-up trophy; the Panthers picked up three event victories.

Hamilton Southeastern was the highest-placing county team, taking third with 29 points. The Royals began the meet with a third-place result for their 4x800 relay (Elizabeth Butler, Elise Herman, Anissa Lammie and Maggie Powers), then finished the evening by taking third in the 4x400 (Ciara Kepner, Addison Smith, Lammie and Chloe Senefeld).

In between, Powers finished fourth in the 1600 run, while Butler took fourth in the 3200 run. Kepner also earned an individual medal by taking seventh in the 800 run. The top nine in each event receive medals.

Carmel totaled 24 points, tying it with Brownsburg for fifth place. In addition to the 4x400 victory, the Greyhounds' 4x800 relay team of Audrey Ricketts, Larkin Taylor, Katelyn Oshimura and Cebalo placed second in that event.

Grande Rosas also made the medal stand individually, taking sixth in the 400 dash. Emily Norris placed eighth in the 200 dash.

Noblesville, the defending team state champion, finished seventh with 23 points. Delaney Teachnor led the way for the Millers by taking second in the pole vault.

Hannah Alexander earned two more medals in the throwing events, placing fourth in the discus and sixth in the shot put. Noblesville's 4x800 relay team took fifth; Brinkley Cooper, Gretchen Graham, Riley Flynn and Summer Rempe competed on that relay.

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Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' Maya Taylor won a dramatic 100 dash at the IHSAA girls track and field state finals, which took place Saturday at Indiana University. Taylor edged out Warren Central's Jila Vaden for first place by two thousandths of a second. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Carmel 4x400 relay team was the final winner of the night at the state meet. The team of Sadie Foley, Gabriella Grande Rosas, Olivia Cebalo and Emily Norris won that race in 3 minutes, 50.90 seconds.

## Girls Track & Field State Championship Results

**Team scores (top 10 and all county):** 1. Warren Central 57.5, 2. Bloomington North 41, 3. Hamilton Southeastern 29, 4. Fort Wayne Carroll 26, T5. Carmel 24; Brownsburg 24, 7. Noblesville 23, T8. Delta 21; Concordia Lutheran 21, 10. Homestead 19.5, 12. Fishers 18, 38. Westfield 7.5, T57. Hamilton Heights 2.5.

**4X800 relay:** 1. Concordia Lutheran 9:00.52, 2. Carmel (Audrey Ricketts, Larkin Taylor, Katelyn Oshimura, Olivia Cebalo) 9:06.59, 3. Southeastern (Elizabeth Butler, Elise Herman, Anissa Lammie, Maggie Powers) 9:07.38, 5. Noblesville (Brinkley Cooper, Gretchen Graham, Riley Flynn, Summer Rempe) 9:14.53, 13. Guerin Catholic (Brinna Wolf, Claire Milam, Bailey Freese, Katie

Kolb) 9:33.26.

**100 hurdles – Finals:** 1. Dede Eberle (Bloomington North) 14.25. **Prelims:** 14. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 15.30, 21. Ella Ewing (HH) 15.66.

**100 dash – Finals:** 1. Maya Taylor (F) 12.11. **Prelims:** 11. Emily Norris (C) 12.48.

**1600 run:** 1. Nicki South-erland (Delta) 4:41.98, 4. Maggie Powers (HSE) 4:52.54, 12. Sadie Foley (C) 4:59.66, 16. Ansley Applegate (N) 5:05.60.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Fort Wayne Carroll 47.46, 4. Fishers (Mireya Benjamin, Zinnia Pineda, Kylee Black, Taylor) 47.80, 15. Southeastern (EJ Shults, Ava Kashani, Camryn McKinney, Chloe Senefeld) 49.11.

**400 dash:** 1. Omema Anyanwu (Zionsville) 56.18,

6. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 56.88, 27. Lammie (HSE) 1:04.68.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Laila Smith (Warren Central) 43.35, 3. Lucy Hauser (W) 44.26.

**800 run:** 1. Southerland (Delta) 2:06.50, 7. Ciara Kepner (HSE) 2:12.36, 10. Cooper (N) 2:13.99, 17. Rempe (N) 2:16.85.

**200 dash – Finals:** 1. De'Janay Layne (Evansville North) 24.79, 8. Norris (C) 25.57.

**3200 run:** 1. Ava Jarrell (Pendleton Heights) 10:10.05, 4. Butler (HSE) 10:33.01, 25. Alivia Lozier (W) 11:17.56.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Carmel (Grande Rosas, Foley, Cebalo, Norris) 3:50.90, 3. Southeastern (Kepner, Addison Smith, Lammie, Senefeld) 3:51.85, 11. Westfield (Mag-

gie Naas, LeBraya Warren, Jordyn Landrum, Hauser) 3:58.60

**Discus:** 1. Hadley Lucas (Bloomington North) 169-6, new state record, 4. Hannah Alexander (N) 146-6, T12. Macey Miller (F) 127-0.

**Shot put:** 1. Lucas (Bloomington North) 51-11, new state record, 6. Alexander (N) 44-1.5, 8. Miller (F) 42-7.5.

**Long jump:** 1. Jila Vaden (Warren Central) 20-0.75, 11. Grande Rosas (C) 17-8.

**High jump:** 1. Kya Crooke (Heritage Christian) 5-11, T7. Waverly Woolever (HH) 5-5, 14. Emma Warner (C) 5-4, T9. Gracie Czubik (W) 5-2.

**Pole vault:** 1. Amy Luttrell (Greenwood) 12-9, 2. Delaney Teachnor (N) 12-3, T9. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-0, 23. Scarlett Olson (F) 10-0.

## Softball

# Several Hamilton County players earn Individual Academic All-State awards

### The REPORTER

The Softball Coaches Association of Indiana announced a handful of awards this week.

One of the more important awards is that of the 2024 Individual Academic All-State. A decent number of Hamilton County players were named to the list, and their names now follow.

**Carmel:** Alex Longstreth, Gracyn Erickson, Katherine Smith, Katherine Warren, Kathryn Meryman, Kennedy Baldwin, Mia Fleming, Paxton Law.

**Hamilton Southeastern:** Addy Justice, Lani Wyrick, Alex Kiemeyer, Jenna Chase, Megan Wincek, Reese Garland.

**Noblesville:** Gabby Fowler, Mack Harvey.

Southeastern's Ashley Ransom and Sayla Stock were both named Academic All-State Honorable Mention, along with Noblesville's Lulu Van Beek.

In addition to the individual awards, Hamilton Southeastern was named to Academic Team All-State, with a team grade-point av-

erage of 3.902. Guerin Catholic also made the All-State team; the Golden Eagles had a team GPA of 3.740.

**All-State awards**  
Hamilton County had several players named to the various All-State lists.

In Class 3A/4A, Noblesville's Gabby Fowler was named First Team All-State. Westfield's Ava Kainrath and Hamilton Southeastern's Grace Swedarsky were both named Second Team All-State.

Fowler was selected as one of the players who will

participate in the 2024 SCAI North & South All-Star game. Fowler will compete on the South team.

The game will feature a banquet on Friday, June 21, with doubleheader games on Saturday, June 22 at Indiana University. Miss Softball will be named in between the games. Nominees are Hobart's Keirys Click, South Bend St. Joseph's Riley Zache, Tri-West's Audrey Lowry, New Palestine's Allie Blum and Tecumseh's Jenna Donohoo.

## Girls Tennis

# Fishers prevails over Westfield in state quarterfinals

### The REPORTER

Fishers won a tough all-county battle with Westfield Friday in the quarterfinals of the IHSAA girls tennis state finals at Center Grove.

The No. 2-ranked Tigers edged out the No. 16 Shamrocks 3-2. Fishers' No. 1 doubles team of Cassie Maurer and Caroline Ober came back from a set down to win 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-3, clinching the team victory. No. 1 singles Mischa Briggs won a close straight-set match, while No. 2 doubles Emma Beehler and Meredith Ober also picked up a straight-set win.

The Shamrocks got wins at the other two singles matches. Juliette Grilliot won in straight sets at No. 2 singles, while Isla Harvey came back from a set down to take the No. 3 singles match.

The Tigers advanced to the state semifinals, which take place this morning at 10 a.m. at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center. Fishers takes on No. 6 Franklin Community in one semifinal, with No. 1 South Bend St. Joseph playing No. 8 Harrison in the other semifinal. The semifinal winners will face off at 2 p.m. for the state title.

### Fishers 3, Westfield 2

**No. 1 singles:** Mischa Briggs (F) def. Isabella Norris (W) 7-5, 6-4  
**No. 2 singles:** Juliette Grilliot (W) def. Madelyn Barron (F) 7-5, 6-2  
**No. 3 singles:** Isla Harvey (W) def. Izzy Ireland (F) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2  
**No. 1 doubles:** Cassie Maurer and Caroline Ober (F) def. Jenna Berry and Bella Rivera (W) 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-3  
**No. 2 doubles:** Emma Beehler and Meredith Ober (F) def. Carlie Lukowiak and Brianna Saylor (W) 6-2, 6-3

## Golf

# Bob Kravitz ALS Classic set for July 8

### The REPORTER

The Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic will take place Monday, July 8 at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Hosted by the ALS Association, the annual golf tournament brings together golf lovers, community business leaders, and philanthropists to work together to increase awareness and raise money to support local Hoosier ALS families.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m., with the golf outing at 11 a.m. in a shotgun start. The dinner and auction will follow the golf outing.

Kravitz, a sports journal-

ist, works to secure local and national celebrities to golf and network with participants. In 2007 Bob lost his mother, Edith, to ALS. The Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic is organized not only in memory of Edith but in support of all those impacted by ALS. The outing raises funds for Hoosiers and their families as they navigate the unknown waters of this disease supporting the mission work of the ALS Association in their vital work to make ALS a livable disease for everyone, everywhere until it can be cured.

ALS, often called Lou

Gehrig's disease, is a progressive motor neuron disease, which gradually robs people of their ability to walk, talk, swallow, and eventually breathe. ALS has no known cause or cure, but the community is rallying

together to do whatever it takes to change that. With only two to five years to live, people living with ALS have an urgent need, and the community is stepping in to fill it by walking or running for those who can't.

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**STATE**

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Fishers scored 18 points as a team to place 12th. In addition to her state champion 100 dash run, Taylor joined Mireya Benjamin, Zinnia Pineda and Kylee Black to take fourth in the 4x100 relay. Macey Miller placed eighth in the shot put. Westfield scored 7.5 points, good for 38th place.

Lucy Hauser finished third in the 300 hurdles, while Alexandra Hamilton made the medals stand, tying for ninth in the pole vault.

Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever tied for seventh place in the high jump, scoring 2.5 points for the Huskies and tying them for 57th place.

# Huge viewing numbers for INDYCAR despite the rain

Despite a four-hour rain delay, the 108th Indianapolis 500 had mega television/streaming numbers. Over the nine hours of race coverage from 11 a.m. to 8:15 p.m., the race had 13.3 million viewers. The actual race averaged 5.3 million viewers with a peak of 6.46 million viewers toward the end of the broadcast.

These numbers are significant increases over the last several years. Given the phenomenal ending to the race, INDYCAR has a lot to be excited about.

It is no secret that INDYCAR has struggled with viewership in recent years. Telling are the numbers from the 2024 Long Beach Grand Prix (INDYCAR's most prestigious street race) which had a disappointing 307,000 viewers. Even the NASCAR ARCA Menards Series (NASCAR's fourth-tier series) had better numbers with 413,000 viewers.

So what is INDYCAR doing wrong?

I'm not exactly sure. However, the racing is not the problem. Without a

doubt, INDYCAR puts out a better racing product than Formula 1. Formula 1 has A+ production quality and the cars are spectacular, but the on-track action, especially with Red Bull's domination, has been mediocre at best.

As it pertains to the road and street courses, INDYCAR has a better product than the NASCAR Cup Series. With the lack of power steering, INDYCARs are difficult to drive, and the drivers are aggressive. Further, because of the option tires and fuel strategy starting position does not necessarily make or break a driver's race. The racing product is on par with NASCAR and Formula 1.

Two problems I observed are the schedule and the tracks. First with schedule, INDYCAR only has 17 points races. Compare that with 24 in Formula 1 and 36 in NASCAR. There is something about continuity that draws attention to a sport. Be it NASCAR, football, basketball, or baseball having the product in front of the fan on a weekly basis is so important. INDYCAR is simply not on television enough.

That brings me to my next point. INDYCAR needs to be on more ovals. INDYCAR's best racing is on ovals. This year's Indi-

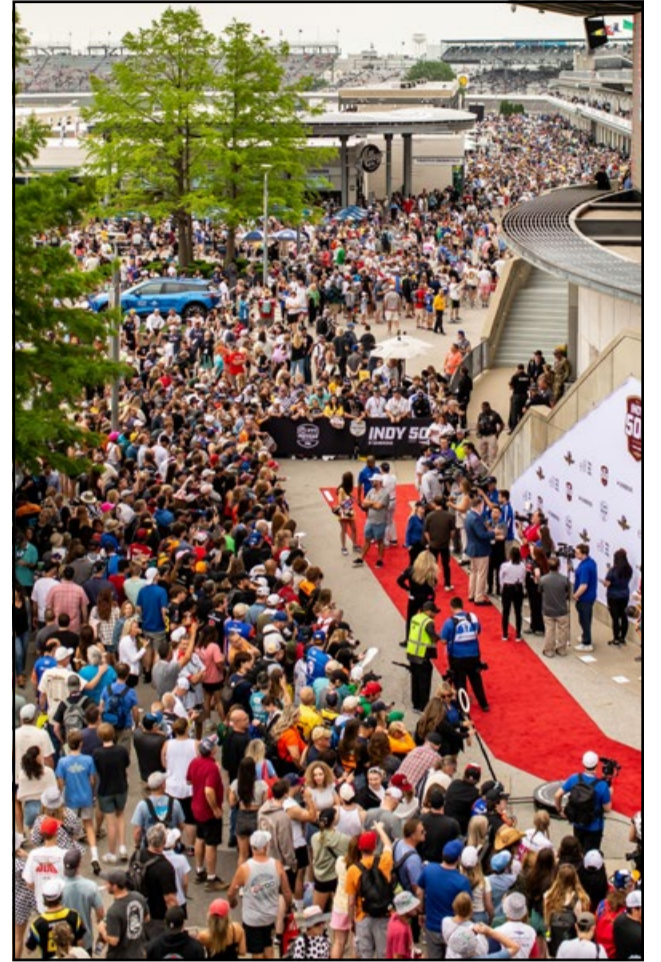


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Over 300,000 people attended the 2024 Indianapolis 500, and the race also got solid television numbers, with 13.3 million viewers tuning in during the over nine hours of coverage.

anapolis 500 is a prime example. Big ovals make for spectacular racing. There is no doubt that oval racing is more dangerous, particularly on the larger tracks, and I am not the one strapping myself into a racecar. The fact, however, remains true. Large ovals attract fans.

It will be interesting to see the viewership numbers this week at Detroit. Will

the huge numbers from Indianapolis carry over? More important, what will the new viewers think of Detroit. Going from IMS to a tight street course is a night and day difference? Here's hoping INDYCAR can catch the attention it deserves.

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

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, June 1**

**BASEBALL**

Regional 4 at Lafayette Jefferson  
Westfield vs. McCutcheon, 3 p.m.

**BOYS TRACK**

State finals at Indiana University, 3 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**

Class 4A semi-state at Harrison

Fort Wayne Carroll vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 11 a.m.

Lake Central vs. Penn, 1 p.m.

Championship, 7 p.m.

Class 3A semi-state at Jasper

Silver Creek vs. Gibson Southern, 11 a.m.

Hamilton Heights vs. Tri-West, 1 p.m.

Championship, 7 p.m.

**TENNIS STATE FINALS**

At North Central

South Bend St. Joseph vs. Harrison, 10 a.m.

Fishers vs. Franklin Community, 10 a.m.

Championship, 2 p.m.

**UNIFIED TRACK**

State finals at Indiana University, 11 a.m.

**Monday, June 3**

**GOLF SECTIONALS**

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Sheridan, University,

Westfield at Ulen Country Club, 9 a.m.

Fishers, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern,

Noblesville at Harbour Trees, 9 a.m.

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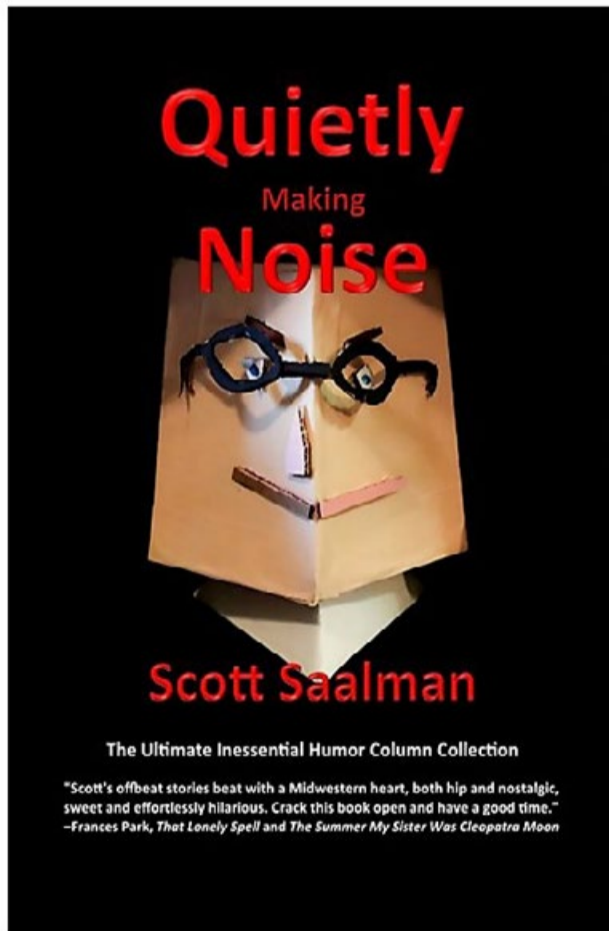




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