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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



Today: Mostly sunny.  
 Humidity falls a bit in the afternoon.  
 Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 94 LOW: 73



# Northern GOP helping kids have Christmas they deserve



Reporter photo  
 Every kid deserves a good Christmas, so Hamilton County North Republicans presented a check on Monday evening to Shop For Kids Inc. President Dustin Dixon to make sure Christmas wishes come true again this year. The program provided Christmas to kids in need in Hamilton County through generous donations like this one, as well as time donated from local law enforcement officers. You can help by emailing [shopforkidshc@gmail.com](mailto:shopforkidshc@gmail.com) or calling (317) 678-7248. (From left) Vice President Connie Pearson, President Emily Pearson, Treasurer Adrienne Rogers, and Dustin Dixon.

# Cloak of shame

**COLUMNIST**



**AMY SHINNEMAN**  
*Disability in the City*

For much of my life, I wore a heavy cloak of shame. I couldn't shake it. Even if I was successful in ridding myself of it for a short period of time, I would encounter someone in public who would give me a condescending stare or rude comment, and there it was enveloping me again.

I was ashamed of my disability. Embarrassed by it. Loathed it. Tried my best to separate myself from, well ... myself. I felt like if I could fix this one thing then everything would suddenly be perfect. In my mind, it was THE cause of everything that went wrong in my life.

I prayed nightly to wake up healed the next day. I really believed that would happen. It didn't.

What did happen is that as I got older, I started to realize there were other parts of myself that I could use to make others more comfortable around me. One thing about me is that I LOVE to laugh. I love to make others laugh and I love to laugh at stupid, silly things. I quickly realized that humor was a great tool to help those who were hesitant to befriend the disabled girl, to feel more comfortable. They realized I wasn't so different from them, and in turn, I realized that, too. Win, win.

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# Democrats welcome Dr. Valerie McCray to Juneteenth meeting



Reporter photo  
 The Noblesville Democratic Committee held their June meeting Wednesday night at the Noblesville Community Center, 336 S. 8th St. The featured speaker was Dr. Valerie McCray, who is the first African American woman in Indiana to be nominated as a candidate for the United States Senate. In addition, attendees heard from representatives from SERVE Noblesville and the Noblesville Diversity Coalition. The clearly well-attended event was MC'd by Indiana House District 29 Candidate Dr. Chris Hartig. Noblesville Democrats asked this newspaper to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. McCray for choosing to spend part of her Juneteenth right here in Hamilton County.

# Mother was a drop-out, part 1

*Here's another one of Mom's yarns.*

**COLUMNIST**



**RAY ADLER**  
*Ask Adler*

School days began at Sterling Elementary School. It was about two blocks from home if I went out the back way. (Be sure to fasten the chicken yard gate.) If I went the long way, I could add a couple of blocks. It was the fall of 1923.

A neighbor across the street was my first teacher. She was Helen Gookins; her nickname was Billy. I had a hard time learning to say "Ms. Gookins" for I had always called her Helen. She taught only first grade. I remember being jealous of Beulah Mae Manning because she memorized "The House That Jack Built." So I learned it, too. Our room was on the northeast corner of the first floor. Mr. Houts was janitor. He had a peg leg and was minus parts of several fingers. Everyone liked him - at least I thought they did.

Other teachers were Lenora Smith second grade (northwest corner first floor), third grade (second and third grade had one teacher), Anna Mallett (fourth and fifth grades upstairs). That calls for an oops as I omitted my third-grade teacher, Wilma Parkinson, who replaced Lenora. Fifth and sixth-grade teacher was Mary Youngblood. Lois Bugs taught eighth grade. She was also principal and had a rather small room which served as an office. Her pupils met there to recite, but studied in the other two rooms on second floor.

My grades were A's and B's. One time in sixth grade I got C in arithmetic. I had probably been goofing off. (Probably??) Mr. Houtz died and Dean Bogan took over janitor duties. Dean was much younger and liked to clown around. In eighth grade girls all took Home Ec. We had to do a sewing project. There were no sewing machines at school so this was all homework. I made a lavender chemise and a pair of pajamas.

There were 13 who graduated with my group. Most of us went on to high school at Veedersburg. Uncle Joe Boord drove a school hack. It was a closed wagon pulled by a team of horses. He had a small stove in the middle and on cold days, he would build a corn cob fire. We sat on benches along each side of the hack. Behind the benches were some windows. The hack was painted red.

I was supposed to walk to school and usually I did. In rainy or bad weather, if I went out the front way, Uncle Joe always let me ride. Also he always let me ride the day he had his birthday cake and when he gave me Christmas treats. Uncle Joe probably never drove the car. Other children rode in yellow buses, but Uncle Joe was never forced to give up his "red school hack" as long as he was able to drive.

John Boord drove a leaky yellow bus when I was going to high school. Ruth and I rode in it. Owen walked most of the time. They were both seniors when I was a freshman.

Be sure to read *The Reporter* next Thursday for Part 2 of this series.

# Sheridan teacher Jill Cali honored for dual credit instruction by Ivy Tech

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

In a night celebrating educational innovation and dedication, Sheridan High School teacher Jill Cali was honored with the Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction President's Award for Hamilton County by Ivy Tech Community College for her work as a dual credit instructor in Education Professions.

The accolade was bestowed during Ivy Tech's third annual President's Award for Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction dinner and awards ceremony, held in Franklin, Ind.

The event honored 19 educators from across Ivy Tech's campuses, each recognized for their exceptional contributions to dual credit instruction. Dual credit programs allow high school students to earn college credits, bridging the gap between secondary and higher education and providing a head start on college coursework.

Jill Cali was selected as the Hamilton County Ivy Tech honoree, standing out among her



Photo provided  
 Celebrating Jill Cali's (center) accomplishment are Rick Davis and Dave Mundy (behind her), surrounded by a host of Ivy Tech Community College leaders.

peers for her remarkable teaching methods and her commitment to fostering an engaging and inclusive learning environment. The implementation of innovative instructional techniques was an important criterion for selection.

"Ms. Cali's approach not only captivates students but also encourages them to take an active role in their education," Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis said. "We are so pleased that Ivy Tech also recognizes her dedication to excellence."

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# Duke Energy Foundation awards \$10,000 to two Hamilton County organizations

**The REPORTER**

The Duke Energy Foundation announced Tuesday has awarded grants to four organizations in central Indiana supporting workforce development efforts. The shareholder-funded grants aim to equip Hoosiers with in-demand skills and industry-recognized credentials to meet the needs of the region's employers.

Locally, the Hamilton County Community Foundation and Invest Hamilton

County have received \$10,000. Grant funds will support Invest Hamilton County's new InvestEd program, which facilitates career exploration and work-based learning activities for students in all six local school corporations. InvestEd will help schools build new, dynamic and individualized partnerships with



**Pinegar**

local businesses and community organizations.

"Time and again, we hear from local business leaders across our service territory that a skilled workforce is key to economic development," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "These investments will expand the state's skilled talent pool,

create opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment, and strengthen Indiana's competitiveness when attracting companies."

The grants awarded will support innovative workforce training programs that prepare individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in the state's fastest-growing industries.

**About the Duke Energy Foundation**

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic



support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana

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

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## CLOAK

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Another way that I connected with others outside of my disability was that I was a good listener and a friend to all the different groups of people. I had the ability to connect with so many different kinds of people. I discovered that my disability made me approachable and relatable, in the sense that those who were having troubles felt comfortable sharing with me because it was outwardly obvious that I had struggles too. I always really liked that part about myself. It made me feel a little less alone and served as a spark of passion for my career in social services.

Still though, for a very long time, I lugged that heavy cloak of shame around, wishing things were different. I wished my legs were strong and beautiful like many of my classmates. I wished I didn't have so many scars or missed so much school and time with my friends because of surgeries and rehabilitation. I was ashamed of my true self. It was dark and lonely under that cloak.

When I had children, they became an age where they too would struggle with self-image. (Who doesn't?) I found myself encouraging them to embrace their differences.

During my time as National Ambassador for the MDA, as I stood and represented our country speaking to different audiences, my cloak of shame was discarded, burned, and re-

placed by a cloak of progress in accepting myself just as I am. Not wishing I was someone else but realizing that who I am matters. It matters because who I am can help others see that they too can shed the cloak of shame and step into the lightweight feeling of the cloak of confidence.

Now, I often see my disability as something that has made so many things in my life beautiful. So many beautiful, wonderful experiences and people have come to me because of my disability.

There is no question that living life with a physical disability that greatly impacts your daily life is extremely difficult. It causes many difficulties, sadness, and frustration. It takes humble courage to look further into hardships and dig to uncover the treasure in it. It may take years. Decades. It's there though. Underneath the shame is beauty and goodness.

Until next time ...  
Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.com](http://humblycourageous.com) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

## CALI

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Cali's dedication to respecting student diversity and her attentiveness to student perspectives have also been pivotal in her success. She has consistently shown a deep understanding of the varied backgrounds and experiences her students bring to the classroom, creating an inclusive atmosphere where every student feels valued and heard.

Cali said of the recognition, "This award is truly an honor. As part of the smallest school district in Hamilton County, I am proud of our growing Edu-

cation Professions program and am excited to continue my work in preparing students to become effective, passionate educators."

The President's Award for Excellence in Dual Credit Instruction is one of Ivy Tech's most prestigious honors, recognizing educators who not only excel in teaching but also profoundly impact their students' educational journeys. Each campus of Ivy Tech Community College selects a dual credit instructor of the year, who is then celebrated at this annual event.

During the ceremony, Ivy Tech President Dr. Sue Ellspermann praised the awardees for their invaluable contributions to education. Attending the dinner with Cali were Davis, as well as Superintendent Dave Mundy.

Jill Cali's recognition at the ceremony underscores the significant role dual credit instructors play in shaping the future of education. Her passion for teaching and her innovative approach continue to make a lasting impact on her students and the broader educational community.

# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JUNE 21 - SUMMER SOLSTICE CONCERT  
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AUGUST 23 - MOTOWN & DISCO CONCERT  
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# Microplastics are everywhere but we can make their impact smaller

“Environmental problems are really social problems. They begin with people as the cause and end with people as the victims.” – Sir Edmund Hillary

It’s a challenging world when we seek to cover all the options and “what ifs” in our lives trying to stay as healthy as possible. We, thankfully, enjoy many advancements in medical technology while we are still left to encounter and reduce as much as possible those known factors which can greatly compromise our health. In this column, we will discuss one of those known factors: microplastics.

Most of us have at least heard the word used, particularly in the media, so let’s define:



Microplastics are extremely small pieces of plastic debris in the environment resulting from the disposal and breakdown of consumer products and industrial waste. Sound problematic?

Although microplastics are active in many areas of our existence, my intention with this column is to focus on the effect of microplastics through our food systems and recommend some ways to alleviate or reduce the effects. The following recommendations are courtesy of [consumerreports.org](http://consumerreports.org):

- Avoid plastic food storage containers. Do not heat plastic containers in the microwave and do not store hot food in said containers.
- Steer clear of fast

foods. Fatty foods have a higher level of plasticizers. (Not to mention the high calorie count and lack of nutrients. -SM)

• Eat fresh, minimally processed food. A study based on 2013-14 data found that people who ate more ultra-processed foods such as French fries and ice cream pops had higher levels of certain phthalate by-product in their urine.<sup>1</sup>

• Choose wood, stainless steel, or silicone for kitchen tools instead of plastic.

• Water bottles should be made of glass or steel.

These microplastics are everywhere, from plastic containers to fatty foods, cosmetics, trash, fabrics, and more. The effects range from environmental harm to the potential for cancer and reproductive issues, as well as changes in gene activity. Nanoplastics, which are smaller than one microm-

eter, worry researchers the most because they can infiltrate cells.<sup>2</sup>

Can we alleviate these plasticizers from our world completely? That is highly unlikely although we can diminish some of the effects through our food ways by following some of the steps noted above. So, dear readers, I encourage you to do your own research as there is much information regarding this topic available to you should you wish to learn more.

<sup>1</sup>NIH National Library of Medicine

<sup>2</sup>[theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com)

Sharon McMahon, CNWC  
*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

## Holiday Inn Express Noblesville awarded “Spirit of True Hospitality Excellence”

### The REPORTER

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Indianapolis NE / Noblesville located near Hamilton Town Center and Ruoff Music Center has received the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) 2023 Spirit of True Hospitality Excellence based solely on guest feedback for achieving superior levels of excellence.

This award signifies one of the top performing properties within the brand. IHG, a global organization with

a broad portfolio of hotel brands, including Holiday Inn Express & Suites properties. Holiday Inn Express & Suites Indianapolis NE / Noblesville is one of 205 honorees selected among the organization’s more than 4,400 United States, Canada, Mexico, Latin America, and South America hotels.

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**The REPORTER**  
With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.  
Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

- Carmel road projects**
- Fishers road projects**
- Noblesville road projects**
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# United Way eases medical debt for over 100,000 Hoosiers

By REYNA REVELLE  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

In an inspiring move toward community well-being, the **United Way of Central Indiana** and the United Neighborhood Centers of Indianapolis are alleviating financial burdens for Hoosiers across Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam counties.

"The letter in my hand, it reads in part, 'You no longer owe the medical debt listed in this letter,'" said Fred Payne, president and chief executive officer of United Way of Central Indiana.

That letter was sent to 112,000 Hoosiers. The United Neighborhood Center of Indianapolis and the United Way of Central Indiana raised \$1.7 million to relieve more than \$239 million in

medical debt.

Peggy Frame, executive director of **Southeast Community Services**, said, "Our hope is that our neighbors will show up at our centers with a letter in hand saying, 'Can you believe this happened? Is this real?' It just takes so many burdens away for so many families."

By easing the burden of medical debt, these local organizations are not just providing immediate relief.

Sam Sniderman, vice president of government relations for United Way, said, "The sort of second- and third-order effects of what this will do to generate extra economic activity across central Indiana are huge. So, I think, for us, we've never been able to do something at quite this magnitude before."

Medical debt contributes to two-thirds of all bankrupt-



## United Way of Central Indiana

cies filed in the United States.

Frame said, "90 percent of Americans have health insurance and more than half still have medical debt."

A second letter will go out to provide further verification, along with additional educational resources to help keep families out of debt.

Sniderman said, "The work isn't going to stop with a one-time gift. It's going

to be creating opportunities for information sharing with these beneficiaries so they know where to get resources. Come to the community centers. They have the resources to help you from there."

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/united-way-eases-medical-debt-for-over-100000-hoosiers](http://wishtv.com/news/local-news/united-way-eases-medical-debt-for-over-100000-hoosiers).*



## WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET

### Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

#### The REPORTER

The Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., each Thursday through Sept. 26.

Due to the anticipated temperatures, the market will have air-misting fans onsite. The café building will also be open as a cooling station.

#### June 20 vendor lineup

- Alcomy
- Almost Paradise Farm
- AMAZN AZN Food Truck
- Circle City Smoke
- Coconut Rose Designs
- Country Fun Freeze
- DonutNV Hamilton County
- Downs Farm
- D's Biscuit Co.
- Dune Collection
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Epic Coffee
- Gomez BBQ
- Gracie's Little Ladies
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Kernel King
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- Stephan Orchard
- Taco Loco M&C
- The Kafe
- The Lemon Bar
- Three Shepherds Dog Accessories
- Tomi Makes
- Urban Vines
- Victoria In Design
- Wild Loaf
- Willowood Apothecary
- With Wonder Cake House

*This list is subject to change without notice.*

#### Kid's Activity Booth

A kid's activity area sponsored by Centier Bank is new to the market. It will include a kid's activity booklet, sticker sheets and kid-sized canvas bags to decorate with custom stamps.

The Westfield Farmers Market thanks additional sponsors, including Renewal by Andersen, Leaf Home LLC, and Market District.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets, and a courtesy shuttle will run throughout the market. There are also designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets. Please note that Jersey Street will be closed each market day at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and weekly vendor updates, visit [facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets](http://facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets).

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Drivers should expect short-duration intermittent stoppages along 146th Street so the contractor can move materials and equipment within the work area. Please watch for flaggers within the construction zone and use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

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# Carmel student Jihoon Kwon selected as Bank of America Student Leader

## *Paid summer internships at Conner Prairie will connect local students to leadership training & work experience*

### The REPORTER

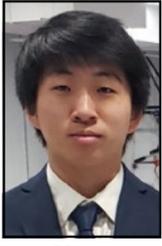
Bank of America recently announced four Indianapolis-area high school juniors and seniors were selected as **Student Leaders** (#BofAStudentLeaders), an eight-week paid summer internship connecting students to employment, skills development and service.

Locally, **Carmel High School student Jihoon Kwon** has been selected as one of this year's Student Leaders.

Kwon says he is passionate about serving the community and has spent more than 200 hours volunteering at the Crooked Creek Food Pantry, where he earned the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Through his volunteer experience, he has seen firsthand the impact issues like food insecurity and chronic disease have on community members and strives to use his leadership skills and innovative ideas to create positive change.

These community-minded students will gain practical work and leadership experience and receive financial education coaching from Bank of America's Better Money Habits curriculum, while working with local nonprofit Conner Prairie, all while earning competitive wages.



Kwon

Celebrating its 20th anniversary year, the Student Leaders program recognizes 300 community-focused juniors and seniors from across the U.S. annually. Since 2004, Student Leaders has engaged more than 4,500 students and invested \$42 million in more than 500 local nonprofits as a critical part of the bank's long-standing effort to build pathways to economic mobility across nearly 100 markets.

"Preparing a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students to find success in

the workforce is critical to Indianapolis' long-term economic growth," Bank of America Indianapolis President Andy Crask said. "These exceptional teens selected for the Student Leaders program will obtain practical work and life experience and the community in return will benefit from a diverse and vibrant pool of talent as these young adults enter the local workforce."

Later this summer, Kwon will travel to Washington, D.C., for a week-long, all-expenses-paid national leadership summit to learn how nonprofits, governments, and businesses collaborate to meet local needs.

# Nathan Goergen of Noblesville makes dean's list at Marquette

### The REPORTER

Nathan Goergen of Noblesville has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

To make the dean's list, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2024 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The grade-point average threshold varies by college. For the College of Education

and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 GPA to be named to the dean's list.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing.

All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

# Ava Kite of Carmel graduates from Bucknell

### The REPORTER

Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., celebrated nearly 900 graduates from the Class of 2024 on May 12. The class represents over 60 majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, Engi-

neering and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 32 U.S. states and 21 nations.

Among those graduates is Ava Kite of Carmel, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

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# GOP heavy-hitters enjoy local breakfast



The Hamilton County Republican Party welcomed over 180 attendees to the monthly Chairman's Breakfast Wednesday morning, this time at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161 St. Gubernatorial candidate and current U.S. Senator Mike Braun as well as Lt. Governor candidate Micah Beckwith spoke at the breakfast. Braun shared his roadmap for Indiana, in which he aims to take the state to the next level. Find upcoming events with the local Republican Party at [hamiltoncountygop.org/events](http://hamiltoncountygop.org/events). Photo provided

## Greg Lannan files for Hamilton Southeastern school board

**Submitted**

Lifelong Fishers resident and community leader Greg Lannan declared his candidacy Wednesday for the Hamilton Southeastern school board.

Lannan is running for the at-large seat in the November general election.

"I was born and raised in Fishers, and my wife and I are proud to be raising our son in the community that has given us so many incredible opportunities," Lannan

said. "I'm running to support our students, parents, teachers, and to keep Hamilton Southeastern one of the top districts in the state. I am excited to announce my candidacy for HSE School Board and look forward to the campaign ahead."

Lannan has deep roots in the community. In his current capacity as the director of business development and marketing with a Hamilton County-based business, he helps local commu-

nities plan their futures and achieve their goals.

His campaign will focus on enhancing parental involvement, supporting educational transparency, ensuring sound fiscal management, and helping students excel academically with ample opportunities for growth.

"Megan and I are blessed to live in this incredible community," Lannan said. "The support and encouragement I've received has

been overwhelming, and together we're going to ensure the very best for our children for years to come."

A proud 2009 graduate of Fishers High School, Lannan resides in Delaware Township with his wife, Megan, also a Fishers High School graduate, and their young son. They are active in the community where they grew up and attended school and are committed to the community's collective success.



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— FISHERS —

**City Of Fishers Request For Proposals And Qualifications To Develop A Concept For A Resident Identity And Access Management Solution**

The City of Fishers ("City") seeks to retain a technology firm to develop a detailed concept for a Resident Identity and Access Management ("RIAM") platform that connects the City and its residents.

**RESPONSES DUE:** July 12, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** The winning Offeror shall be required to complete a scope of work that includes developing a concept for a tech Solution pursuant to the following:

**Solution Development:**

- Stakeholder Engagement: Collaborating with City officials and other stakeholders to gather insights, feedback, and requirements.
- Strategic Recommendations: Formulating a strategic plan that outlines specific actions, timelines, milestones, and resources required to achieve the project objectives.
- Roadmap Presentation: Delivering a comprehensive report and presentation that describes the roadmap for Solution development in a clear, concise, and actionable manner.

**Ancillary & Ongoing Services:** In addition to developing the Solution, the winning Offeror will be required to complete in full the following:

- Training. The Contractor shall be responsible for training six (6) City employees on the use and support of the proposed Solution.
- Ongoing Maintenance. The Contractor shall be responsible for performing maintenance of the proposed solution.
- User & Technical Support. The Contractor shall provide ongoing user and technical support for the proposed Solution after it goes live. At minimum, this must include 24/7 emergency support.

**Hosting Requirements for Solution:**

- Offerors shall propose a cloud hosted Solution. Offerors proposing a Software as a Service (SaaS) System will be considered under the cloud hosted model.
- All servers and data associated with the must reside in the continental United States.
- The City prefers the proposed Solution be hosted on a private cloud or a virtual private cloud. For the purposes of this RFPQ, a private cloud is either a single-tenant environment where the hardware, storage, and network are dedicated to the City; or a virtual private cloud, a multi-tenant environment with network isolation and private subnets. Offerors may propose other types of cloud in their proposal, but preferential scoring will be given for private or virtual private cloud.
- Contractor shall perform all work on the proposed Solution from within the continental United States of America. The Solution must not be accessed from outside of the U.S.
- The winning Offeror shall be responsible for the acquisition and operation of all hardware, software, and network support related to the hosting services being provided.
- The winning Offeror shall develop and implement the Solution and all dependent hosted hardware in such a manner that allows for direct network communications with the winning Offeror's Solution and the exchange of data via approved industry standard protocols for interfacing with other City systems as deemed necessary.
- The winning Offeror shall provision all environments including, at minimum, the following: development, testing and production
- The winning Offeror shall keep all hosting related software current and up to date, including the following: (i) notifying the City of all software and security upgrades within three (3) business days of upgrade availability. The Contractor shall provide all software and security upgrades at no additional cost to the City; and (ii) Providing the City's designee with a proposed implementation plan for approval with implementation timelines for all software and security upgrades within seven (7) business days of upgrade availability.

**EVALUATION:** Proposal will be evaluated based on the following:

- Business Experience & Expertise: 30%
- Plan: 30%
- Price: 20%
- Interview 20%

**NOTE:** The RFPQ is to retain a technology provider who will work with the City to develop a concept for the Solution. Offerors are not expected to respond with Solutions. Rather, the City plans to work collaboratively with the winning Offeror to develop a concept for the Solution that satisfies the requirements included in the RFPQ.

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# Sen. Young & colleagues unveil bill to protect victims of deepfake revenge porn

**The REPORTER**

On Tuesday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), and a bipartisan group of senators introduced the Tools to Address Known Exploitation by Immobilizing Technological Deepfakes on Websites and Networks (TAKE IT DOWN) Act to protect and empower victims of non-consensual intimate image abuse – also known as "revenge pornography."

The bill would criminalize the publication of non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII), including AI-generated NCII (or "deepfake pornography"), and require social media and similar websites to have in place procedures to remove such content upon notification from a victim.

The bipartisan legislation is co-sponsored by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Laphonza Butler (D-Calif.), Joe Manchin (I-W.Va.), John

Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.).



Young

The internet is awash in NCII in large part from new generative artificial intelligence tools that can create lifelike, but fake, NCII depicting real people – also known as "deepfakes." Disturbingly, this trend is increasingly affecting minors. A number of high-profile cases have involved young girls targeted by their classmates with deepfake NCII. Up to 95 percent of all internet deepfake videos depict NCII, with the vast majority targeting women and girls. The spread of these images – possibly in perpetuity if allowed to remain online – is having a profoundly traumatic impact on victims.

By requiring a notice and takedown process from websites that contain user generated content, including social media sites, the TAKE IT DOWN Act will ensure that, if the content is published online, victims are protected from being retraumatized again and again.

"We are increasingly seeing instances where generative AI is used to create exploitative images of an individual based on a clothed image," Sen. Young said. "This bipartisan bill builds on existing federal law to protect Americans, particularly young wom-

en, from harmful deepfakes and establishes a requirement for websites to take down this type of explicit and disturbing material. This is a sensible step to protect Americans and establish appropriate guardrails."

While nearly every state has a law protecting people from NCII, including Indiana and 19 other states with laws explicitly covering deepfake NCII, these state laws vary in classification of crime and penalty and have uneven criminal prosecution. Further, victims struggle to have images depicting them removed from websites, increasing the likelihood the images are continuously spread and victims are retraumatized.

In 2022, Congress passed legislation creating a civil cause of action for victims to sue individuals responsible for publishing NCII. However, bringing a civil action can be incredibly impractical. It is time-consuming, expensive, and may force victims to relive trauma. Further exacerbating the problem, it is not always clear who is responsible for publishing the NCII.

The TAKE IT DOWN Act would protect and empower victims of real and deepfake NCII while respecting speech by:

- Criminalizing the publication of NCII in

interstate commerce. The bill makes it unlawful for a person to knowingly publish NCII on social media and other online platforms. NCII is defined to include realistic, computer-generated pornographic images and videos that depict identifiable, real people. The bill also clarifies that a victim consenting to the creation of an authentic image does not mean that the victim has consented to its publication.

- **Protecting good faith efforts to assist victims.** The bill permits the good faith disclosure of NCII, such as to law enforcement, in narrow cases.

- **Requiring websites to take down NCII upon notice from the victim.** Social media and other websites would be required to have in place procedures to remove NCII, pursuant to a valid request from a victim, within 48 hours. Websites must also make reasonable efforts to remove copies of the images. The FTC is charged with enforcement of this section.

- **Protecting lawful speech.** The bill is narrowly tailored to criminalize knowingly publishing NCII without chilling lawful speech. The bill conforms to current first amendment jurisprudence by requiring that computer-generated NCII meet a "reasonable person" test for appearing to realistically depict an individual.

Click here to read the full bill.

## Indiana Democrats' 2024 "Break the Supermajority Tour" launches Small Towns Series in Sheridan

**Submitted by Indiana Democrats**

The Indiana Democratic Party will continue its 2024 Break the Supermajority Tour. Hoosier Democrats will kick off a Small Towns Series segment of the tour at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 21 in the

Community Room at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

District 24 State House candidate Josh Lowry and Indiana Democratic Party Executive Director and former Hamilton County Chair Dayna Colbert will make the case in their

communities that one-party supermajority rule is bad for Indiana, and that the way forward is common sense leadership to restore the right to choose, protect rural healthcare, and set up universal, statewide pre-K for every Hoosier child.

## Hamilton County homes selling faster despite decrease in sales

**The REPORTER**

According to F.C. Tucker Company's May real estate stats, despite a decrease in home sales, Noblesville and Hamilton County's residential real estate markets saw homes selling quickly and prices increasing.

In Noblesville in May:

- Homes sold two days, or 7.1 percent, faster than this time last year.
- The average home sale price increased 2.3 percent to \$435,373; the

average price per square foot decreased, down 11.2 percent to \$156.80.

- Closed home sales decreased 18.1 percent.

In Hamilton County in May:

- Homes sold six days, or 15 percent, faster than in May of 2023.
- The average home sale price increased 3.4 percent to \$505,194.
- Pended home sales decreased 4.4 percent compared to this time last year.
- Available housing inventory increased 31.1 percent compared to this time last year.

"May's warmer weather, together with an increase in available housing inventory, is helping to fuel a more active residential real estate market," F.C. Tucker Company President Jim Litten said. "Despite slight price increases, we're seeing homes sell much more quickly than this time last year – a trend we expect to continue into the summer months."

**Meeting Notice**

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, June 24, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

— SHERIDAN —

**NOTICE**

INDOT is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction activities associated with INDOT Des. No. 1601982 & 2000816, SR 47 Road Reconstruction, Mule Barn Road Realignment, and SR 47/SR 38 Roundabout located in Sheridan, Indiana 46069. Run-off from the project site will discharge into Eagle Creek. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to CSGP@indot.in.gov.

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**NOTICE OF OUTREACH PROGRAM MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF FISHERS, INDIANA**

**Southeast Fishers Annexation**

The City of Fishers is in the process of considering an area for annexation, generally known as the "Southeast Fishers Annexation." Before introducing the annexation ordinance, the City is conducting an outreach program in an effort to inform citizens of the proposed annexation. The City will hold six (6) public meetings to provide citizens with information concerning maps of the proposed boundaries of the annexation territory, proposed plans for the extension of services in the annexation territory, and the expected fiscal impact on taxpayers in the annexation territory. The public information meetings will be an open-house format. These meetings are not public hearings and there is no formal program. After the public outreach program, the next formal step for the City would be to introduce ordinances for the proposed annexation, after which the City would hold a public hearing at a later date to be determined. The dates, times, and locations of the outreach program meetings are as follows:

DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Monday July 22, 2024	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fishers Fire Department Station 96
Tuesday, July 23, 2024	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	15263 E. 104th Street, Fishers IN
DATES	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, July 24, 2024	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Fishers Municipal Complex Theater
Monday July 29, 2024	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	1 Municipal Drive, Fishers IN
Tuesday, July 30, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, July 31, 2024	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	

The maps and proposed fiscal impact information are also available during regular business hours at the Fishers Municipal Complex, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. Please direct any questions concerning the outreach meetings to Jordn Alexander at (317) 595-3103.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2024.  
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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**THE DEATH OF JOSEPH**

Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

Genesis 50:22-26 (NIV)

**Victor Leroy Walker**

August 4, 1924 – June 8, 2024



Victor Leroy Walker, 99, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday evening, June 8, 2024, just a few months shy of his 100th birthday. Born August 4, 1924, in Kirklint, Ind., he was the son of the late Maurice and Flossie (Price) Walker. He was a 1942 graduate of Kirklint High School.

He worked for various companies as a long-haul driver. He retired from Schneider Transport out of Green Bay, Wis., in 1989 after 12 years with the company. He was also very proud to be a member of the Teamsters Union.

Driving was not only his career, but also supported one of his favorite hobbies. Victor loved photography, and being on the road opened the door to all the wonderful subject matter across this beautiful country. He was also very fond of technology, especially when it came to his computer.

Victor is survived by two sons, Randel L. Walker of Ft. Meade, Fla., and Rick A. Walker of Ft. Meade, Fla.; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and by his sister, Ileana Ruthann Warner of Washington state.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Flossie (Price) Walker; his brother, Glen Walker; and by his wife, Phyllis Jean (Greathouse) Walker on March 12, 2005. She and Victor were married on June 10, 1945.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

**"Omni-Man" John Murphy talks long career in business & healthcare**

**The REPORTER**

Monday's episode of *The Omnibus Show* featured John Murphy, Chairman of the Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation. He traced his career journey and gave mentoring advice for those going into business and healthcare.



Murphy



Frost

Murphy is the president emeritus of the Ivy Tech Foundation. He was the Managing Director of Wells Fargo Insurance Services USA, Inc., and was responsible for managing all aspects of the company. He served at Anthem, Inc. for 17 years as a Senior Officer and was instrumental in preparing the public offerings of both Acordia, Inc., and Anthem, Inc. He served as President of Anthem Specialty Business, which included Prescription, Behavioral, Life, Dental and Vision benefits, increasing revenue from \$300 million to \$1.2 billion. He also served as General Manager and Head of Operations at Anthem Midwest.

Previously, Murphy served as President and CEO of Acordia Senior Personal Benefits, President and CEO of Anthem Life of Indiana, and Vice

President of Marketing at American National Insurance Company. He began his career as an auditor for the New York Insurance Department and later as Chief Accountant for GEICO.

He has served on numerous for-profit subsidiary boards and non-profit boards, has been asked to serve on corporate pension, information technology, and international marketing committees and task forces, and has served on the boards of private equity and hedge fund capital management companies.

Murphy earned both his B.S. in Accounting and MBA in Finance from St. John's University in New York. He has attended executive certification programs at Northwestern, Michigan, and Indiana Universities.

Most recently, he was elected as President of the Board of Actors Theatre of Indiana in Carmel.

Murphy has also been the recipient of several sales and civic leadership awards.

Learn more about the Ascension St. Vincent Foundation at [stvfoundation.org](http://stvfoundation.org).

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Next week's guest on *The Omnibus Show* will be Brian Frost, who recently became the Executive Director of Actors Theatre of Indiana in Carmel following several years as a fan and board member. His background is in investments and real estate following the completion of his MBA at Indiana University-Bloomington.

*About The Omnibus Show* The *Omnibus Show* is Carmel's No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

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## Two days, two states, two events

### Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb excels in both tennis & track

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

From Bloomington to Niles and back home again, Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb got to see quite a bit of Indiana – and a little bit of Michigan – three weekends ago.

Kolb finished her sophomore year at Guerin Catholic by qualifying for IHSAA state meets in two sports. First, Kolb was part of the Golden Eagles' 4x800 relay team that made it to the state track and field meet at Indiana University. A week later, Kolb joined her twin sister Anna Kolb to play in the individual doubles tennis tournament at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center.

"It's definitely challenging at times," said Kolb. "But I just felt like I'm so lucky that the school supported me so much, that I was able to do both. I played tennis every day after school and then ran on my own." Kolb also did one track workout a week with her coaches.

All the work began to pay off during the month of May, starting at the Carmel tennis sectional on May 18. While the Golden Eagles lost in the team semifinals to Zionsville that day, Katie and Anna Kolb won the No. 1 doubles match, sending them to the individual tournament.

But immediately after the match, the Kolbs had to rush to Hamilton Southeastern so



Photos provided  
**(ABOVE)** Katie Kolb (320) joined Bailey Freese (319), Claire Milam (321) and Brinna Wolf (324) to run for the Golden Eagles in the 4x800 relay at state. The Guerin Catholic team placed 13th in a new personal record time. **(RIGHT)** Guerin Catholic's Katie Kolb (right) and her twin sister Anna made their way to the semifinals of the IHSAA individual doubles state tournament earlier this month. It was the second state tournament for Katie Kolb, after competing in the IHSAA state track meet on May 31.

Katie could run in the girls track and field sectional. This would normally not be an issue, but the track sectional was postponed one day because of weather.

"I actually felt it was beneficial in some cases that I got to play tennis beforehand," said Katie Kolb. "It warmed up my muscles before my race. I never performed worse due to the tennis match."

Kolb competed in three track events, taking fifth in the 800 run. She also was part of the fifth-place 4x800 relay and the sixth-place 4x400 relay. Kolb advanced to the

regional in both the open 800 and the 4x800 relay, along with freshman Brinna Wolf and seniors Bailey Freese and Claire Milam.

"I'm proud of Katie and she is a hard worker, and she knows she owes a lot to Guerin and her coaches for letting her compete in both," said Jason Kolb, Katie's father. "I also think the fact they gambled and let her play both the sectional tennis and then race to Fishers to run in the open 800 before the meet ended says a lot about the school's flexibility."

The 4x800 relay placed fifth at the Lafayette Jeff-

son regional and earned a callback to the state meet. The Golden Eagles had just missed advancing to state the previous year, but got it done in 2024.

"Bailey ran in it last year and it was just devastating not making it by less than half of a second," said Kolb. The track meet took place on May 21, so Katie had plenty of time to get ready for the individual tennis sectional on May 22 and 23. She and Anna won their first-round match 6-0, 6-0, then beat Park Tudor in the championship 6-4 to qualify for the regional.



**Road trips**  
The weekend of Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 wasn't stressful for Katie Kolb, but it did involve miles of driving. First up was the May 31 state track and finals. The 4x800 relay began at 4:15 p.m. "We didn't have to get there until a little bit later," said Kolb. "We had pretty much the day to relax and sleep in." The Golden Eagles relay placed 13th in the race, clocking in with a new personal record of 9 minutes, 33.26 seconds. "It was an amazing feeling," said Kolb. "We've been working so hard for it all season. Our seniors especially, it was special for us to be able

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### Olympic Swim Trials

## Alex Shackell powers to 200 fly finals

Carmel star makes history as second fastest American in her age group

#### The REPORTER

Wednesday was Alex Shackell's turn to be in the national spotlight.

The incoming Carmel senior put on a show in both the prelims and the semifinals of the Women's 200 butterfly during action at the 2024 Olympic Swim Trials at Lucas Oil Stadium. Shackell easily qualified for the finals after her Wednesday performances and will get a chance to join her brother Aaron Shackell in an individual event tonight when she swims in the 200 butterfly finals.

The morning started with the prelims, where Shackell swam right next to Regan Smith, who made news Tuesday night by setting a new world record in the Women's 100 backstroke final (57.13 seconds). Shackell not only held her own, but she finished a half-second ahead of Smith, clocking in at 2 minutes, 6.71 seconds for the fastest time of the prelims. Smith was second at 2:07.24.

The two swam in separate heats for the evening semifinal races. Smith went first and knocked down over

two seconds from her prelim team, winning the first semi in 2:04.91. (Smith holds the American record in the 200 butterfly at 2:03.87.)

Shackell swam in the second semi, which she won with a time of 2:06.10. It's a new personal record for the 17-year-old and is also the second-fastest American time in history in the 17-18 age group for that event.

Shackell and Smith will be right next to each other again for tonight's 200 butterfly final, which starts at 8:03 p.m. The winner automatically qualifies for the Olympics in that event, although the runner-up is almost certain to make the team as well. Shackell is already likely on the American team after finishing sixth in the 200 freestyle earlier in the trials.

Carmel graduate Kelly Pash also made the semifinals of the 200 butterfly. Pash placed ninth in the prelims (2:09.43) to advance to the semis, where she took 11th in 2:09.96.

In other events, Carmel's Molly Sweeney swam in the

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### Men's Golf

## GC grad Ty Gingerich wins Indiana Amateur Championship

#### The REPORTER

There were reports of birdies flying all over the place Wednesday at Rock Hollow Golf Course in Peru.

Most of those birds were coming from the golf club of one man: Ty Gingerich. The Guerin Catholic and University of Cincinnati graduate stormed his way to the 124th Indiana Amateur Championship after an incredible third round to finish the tournament.

Gingerich went nine under par for his final 18 holes, scoring a 63. His round consisted of nine birdies, including seven on the front nine. Gingerich also had eight pars and one bogey. Gingerich began Wednesday in third place and finished the event 13 under par, with a

three-day total of 203.

Cole Starnes, a 2023 Hamilton Southeastern graduate now playing for Indiana University, was the tournament runner-up with a three-day score of 207. A co-leader after the first two rounds, Starnes scored a four under 68 during his third round, making an eagle on the 10th hole, in addition to seven birdies.

There was one more Hamilton County golfer placing in the top 10. Jake Cesare, an incoming senior for Westfield, tied for eighth place with a score of 214. Cesare went one under par for this third round, scoring a 71 and making two birdies.

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**Ty Gingerich, a graduate of Guerin Catholic and the University of Cincinnati, won the 124th Indiana Amateur Championship Wednesday at Rock Hollow Golf Club in Peru. Gingerich blasted to the top of the leaderboard in the third round with a nine under par 63, giving him a total of 13 under par 203 for the three-day tournament.**

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# The Reporter selects Maya Taylor as Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Reporter is naming Fishers senior Maya Taylor as its Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

Taylor had a sensational season for the Tigers, sweep-

ing the 100 dash in the five biggest meets of the spring. Taylor finished first at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference and Hamilton County meets, cruised through the post-season by winning the sectional and regional, then

claimed the state championship in the 100 dash by a 0.002-second margin.

Along the way, Taylor also won the 200 dash at county and was part of the Tigers' 4x100 relay that placed fourth at state.



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**The Reporter's 2024 All-County Girls Track & Field Teams**

FIRST TEAM		
Name	School	Grade
Hannah Alexander	Noblesville	Senior
Elizabeth Butler	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Gabriela Grande Rosas	Carmel	Sophomore
Lucy Hauser	Westfield	Senior
Anissa Lammie	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman
Emily Norris	Carmel	Junior
Maggie Powers	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Maya Taylor	Fishers	Senior
Delaney Teachnor	Noblesville	Senior
SECOND TEAM		
Name	School	Grade
Elia Blackmore	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Olivia Cebalo	Carmel	Junior
Brinkley Cooper	Noblesville	Junior
Sadie Foley	Carmel	Sophomore
Ciara Kepner	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Macey Miller	Fishers	Junior
Summer Rempe	Noblesville	Senior
Chloe Senefeld	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Waverly Woollever	Hamilton Heights	Sophomore
HONORABLE MENTION		
Name	School	Grade
Rebecca Belanger	Carmel	Junior
Mireya Benjamin	Fishers	Senior
Gracie Czubik	Westfield	Sophomore
Ella Ewing	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Riley Flynn	Noblesville	Junior
Addison Smith	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Larkin Taylor	Carmel	Freshman
Emma Warner	Carmel	Freshman
Anna Williams	Fishers	Senior

## KOLB

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to do it together. We worked really hard to do this."

Kolb headed home early from Bloomington. She and her family got up at 6 a.m. the next morning to make the trip to Niles, Mich., which is where the La Porte (Indiana) regional was played. Weather forced the change in venue to an indoor facility in Niles.

Nothing stopped the Kolb sisters from winning the regional, though. The Kolbs won their semifinal 6-0, 6-0 and took the championship match 6-1, 6-0 to advance to state.

"I think we played the

best we've probably played this season," said Katie. "I think we really worked well together, we kept our composure. Even with the adversity of having to play inside, we really took advantage of it and used it play the best we could."

Katie and Anna played their quarterfinal state match June 7 and won 6-4, 6-4. The Kolbs then took on the Jasper team of Paige Giesler and Reese Mundy in the June 8 semifinals, but lost 6-3, 6-1.

"Anna and I played the best we could have on that

occasion," said Katie Kolb. "We may have been a little tight due to nerves. I think for that day, that's the best we could have played. And the other team is just unbelievably talented."

Katie Kolb proved herself to be talented as well. And she's already thinking about next year.

"It's definitely going to be a lot of hard work next year if we want to accomplish the same thing, but knowing what it's like going into it will definitely be helpful for both of us as a team," said Kolb.

## GOLF

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Here is a list of Hamilton County finishers for the tournament.

1. Ty Gingerich, Carmel 72-68-63=203, 2. Cole Starnes, Fishers 69-70-68, T8. Jake Cesare, Westfield 70-73-71=214, T12. Drew Shafer, Carmel 67-77-72=216, T15. Luke Prall, Carmel 75-72-

72=219; Owen Sander, Carmel 73-71-75=219, T19. Connor McNeely, Noblesville 75-71-74=220, T23. Sam Booth, Carmel 74-77-70=221; Mattingly Upchurch, Fishers 71-73-77=221, T27. Alec Cesare, Westfield 76-74-72=222, T34. Kai Warner, Fishers 75-77-71=223,

T37. Will Barnes, Noblesville 77-73-75=225; Patrick Michael 73-77-75=225; Lane Zedrick, Fishers 73-76-76=225, T45. Joseph Armfield, Carmel 80-72-74=226, 55. Connor McMillan, Fishers 78-72-80=230, T59. Garrett Compliment, Carmel 79-75-80=234.

## SWIM

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Women's 200 breaststroke prelims Wednesday morning. She placed 40th, clocking in at 2:35.46.

Fishers graduate Kyle Ponsler competed in the Men's 200 backstroke, finishing in a time of 1:59.74.

Another Fishers swimmer, Emily Wolf, swam in the Women's 200 butterfly; she placed 38th in 2:14.76.

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