



Students from across the country will spend a week in Westfield this summer helping local senior citizens, struggling families, and veterans by providing free home repairs, all with proper adult supervision.

# Neighbors helping neighbors

## CrossRoads Church at Westfield offering free home repairs for Hamilton County residents in need

**Submitted**  
CrossRoads Church at Westfield is offering free home repairs to people – especially senior adults, struggling families, and veterans – in need in Hamilton County. This summer 25 to 30 homeowners will be provided interior and exterior painting, deck and wheel chair construction/repairs, and mobile home skirting and roof coating, as needed.



In June 2025, CrossRoads Church at Westfield, as part of the For Our Neighbor initiative, will bring over 200 adults and high schoolers from around the country to Westfield for a week who will, with construction su-

pervision, complete repairs in a week for all who are selected. If selected, all repairs will be free as provided by CrossRoads Church at Westfield, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, and private donors.

Choices of recipients are made by observable need. All people selected must own their home. All applications must be submitted by March 1. Apply now by requesting an application at [ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com), online at [ForOurNeighbor.Life](http://ForOurNeighbor.Life), as a downloadable PDF in [Spanish](#) and [English](#), or in the online application at [bit.ly/3AdIYHY](http://bit.ly/3AdIYHY).

# Welcome to Downtown, Bar Ellis!

By JANET HART LEONARD  
For The Reporter

There's a new chef in town. Actually, there is a new restaurant in town. The chef has been delighting the taste buds of Hamilton County diners for over 30 years, and now they're on the Square in Noblesville. Chef Bill Wampler, his wife Lisa, and her sister Chamron Baird opened Bar Ellis the day after Christmas. It can be described as the coziest 17-foot-wide space in downtown Noblesville. The two-story restaurant, tucked into an 1869 historic building, is filled with ambiance and charm. The rooftop patio and outdoor alley will be oh-so-popular when warm weather arrives. A few days ago, I sat down with Lisa to chat. Both she and Chef Bill hope that Bar Ellis will be a gathering place for neighbors and families to make memories while enjoying food that makes them want to return again and again. They look for-

ward to being a part of the conversations that begin with, "Remember when?" Glancing at the menu, I keep wondering what to choose. Chef Bill has mastered his mom's Chicken and Noodles, and then there is Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Milanese, and oh-so-tender steaks. It's hard not to order the Sea Scallops & Crab Cakes. For vegans, there are several choices: Vegan Chik'n Milanese, Vegan Meatloaf (called Meati...Think mushrooms), vegan sandwiches, and even a Vegan Breaded Tenderloin. Honestly, I could create a meal just from the appetizers: Coconut Shrimp, Bacon-Wrapped Shrimp, Empanadas, and Jerk Chicken Wings. If you've never tried Chef Bill's Tomato Horseradish Soup, you're missing out on a delightful treat. You may recognize the bartenders who serve specialty drinks on the Be Boozy and Be Free (non-alcoholic) drinks menu.

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Photo by James Hernandez

# Noblesville announces master-planned Gatewood Lakes Community on east side

**The REPORTER**  
On Friday, Noblesville city officials announced the Gatewood Lakes master-planned community on the city's east side by the Henke Group, a renowned custom home and high-end community developer. The plan will be introduced to the Noblesville Common Council at its upcoming meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. The over 1,100-acre community will offer a variety of builders and home sizes. The proposed location for this community is at the intersection of 146th Street and Olivo Road, north of the city's Innovation Mile, a master-planned dynamic business and technology hub that will serve as an anchor for revolutionary thinking and a gateway for innovation.



Jensen



Willis

This community buildout will span over seven to 10 years and is expected to break ground in 2026. Designed as a golf cart community, Gatewood Lakes will offer single-family homes, townhomes/duets, multi-family homes, and 2.5 miles of shoreline along the community's lake district, including a vibrant community island. Gatewood Lakes will have 140 acres of green space, blueways, and parks, including a mini-marina with light watercraft options. The development includes over 20 miles of scenic trails for walking, biking, and connecting with nature. "The Gatewood Lakes development will offer a unique living environment for current and future residents in Nobles-



Graphic provided by City of Noblesville

**The new neighborhood will be just a stone's throw from Ruoff Music Center, pictured on the left side of this map.** ville," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The Henke Group has designed a community that will provide opportunities to enjoy nature, shoreline, and first-class amenities. Located near Noblesville's Innovation Mile on our city's growing east side, Gatewood Lakes will bring a variety of housing options, recreational activities, and a vibrant community to enhance the quality of life of its future residents." A key highlight of the development is Deer Creek Village, a mixed-use hub named after the renowned Deer Creek Amphitheater. This vibrant center

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# We love LA

In 2016, I went to Los Angeles to find my daughter. Don't worry. She wasn't abducted. Nor was she a runaway. Nothing nefarious. Let me explain. During most of her adolescence, rarely was there a day that Delaney and I didn't coexist under the same roof. Still, I seldom saw her. She stayed in her bedroom, for which the secret password to enter was ... well ... a secret not shared with Dad. If music played from her side of the closed door, that meant she was home, safe. I lived for her muffled music. She grew up quickly, and while I'd like to report that she grew up before my very eyes, in reality she grew up behind the very bedroom door between us. During those years, my daughter chose not to hang out with her old man. She had friends. She was a teen. I got it. But I didn't like it. Worried we might never do anything together again before leaving the nest, I bribed her with travel. "Anywhere in the world you want to go," I said. "That's where we will go." Months passed. No answer. Then she texted me from her bedroom: LA.



COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN  
Scaramouch

But only if her best friend Britt could join us. I agreed. After all, both girls were only 16 and neither possessed a driver's license. A dependency on Dad was inevitable. Delaney would have to involve me in their plans. In essence, they would be my hostages. I was texted an extensive itinerary, requiring me to be their chauffeur, tour guide, and bodyguard. In other words, I had become their hostage, not the other way around. The recent reports of wildfires in LA in 2025 got me thinking about our trip nine years earlier. See We Love LA . . . Page 3

## Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants aim to beautify Westfield

### The REPORTER

Westfield city officials have announced the launch of the Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant (NVG) program, designed to provide funding for unique and innovative ideas that make the community a more vibrant place to live and will positively impact the quality of life throughout the city.



Willis

The NVG program offers a two-to-one matching grant, providing up to \$10,000 per project. Funding will be awarded two times per calendar year, with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Homeowners' associations (HOAs) and neighborhood groups within Westfield city limits are encouraged to apply. The NVG program is designed to fund projects that offer visible community improvements and significant neighborhood benefits. Potential projects range from environmental and landscape enhancements to recreation and neighborhood amenities. For example, neighborhoods can apply for grants to transform high-maintenance lawns into lush native plant areas, create butterfly and wildlife habitat corridors, or install rain gardens. Community garden projects and tree mitigation efforts are also encouraged. On the recreation side, communities may seek funding for trail repairs, park improvements such as benches and shelters, or installing solar lighting to brighten public spaces. Projects that improve neighborhood connectivity or enhance alternative transportation infrastructure are also eligible for support. "Our community has seen the development of numerous new neighborhoods in recent years, yet we also acknowledge the presence of several aging areas," Mayor Scott Willis said. "We hope these grant funds will assist in rejuvenating neighborhood entrances and shared spaces."

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Applicants interested in participating must meet a few key requirements, including a completed application, detailed information about the project, and its budget and anticipated timeline. The NVG committee will evaluate applications by considering factors such as the neighborhood's age, the sustainability and innovation of the proposed project, and its overall visibility and potential impact. Recommendations

will be forwarded to the Board of Public Works for final approval. For the first round, applications will be accepted through March 1, with awards announced on April 1. If funds remain, the second round of applications will run from May 1 to July 1, with awards announced on Aug. 1. Full details can be found at [westfieldin.gov/neighborhoodgrant](http://westfieldin.gov/neighborhoodgrant).



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BAR ELLIS

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Both customers and the staff are loyal to Chef Bill and Lisa, including my daughter-in-law, Angie Baker. It was part of growing up for three of my grandchildren to work for them. I checked out the Be Sweet Menu: Sticky Toffee Pudding, Old Fashioned Oatmeal Cake, Key Lime Pie, and Peanut Butter Pops. But I have to tell you that the absolute favorite of most diners, including me, is the Wedding Cake. I told Lisa, “If cake is served in Heaven, it will taste like Bill’s Wedding Cake. Trust me ... order it!” After just a few weeks of opening on the south side of our downtown Square, Bar Ellis has become quite the hangout for friends and neighbors in Noblesville. You might even hear a reference to the TV show *Cheers*. Everyone may not know your name, but they will, as you will return and do so quite often. Check out their website at [bebarellis.com](http://bebarellis.com). On Thursdays and Saturdays, their After Dark Evenings begin at 9 p.m. when the sun goes down and the entertainment arrives. Think music and comedians. Take a walk on the south side of the Hamilton County Courthouse where you can eat, drink, and BE merry! Tell them, “Janet sent me.” Carryout is available. Reservations are recommended; however, they leave tables available for walk-ins. Thank you for the chat, Lisa. You will see Chuck and me quite often. Cheers!



Photo by James Hernandez  
Chef Bill & Lisa and all the staff want you to spend some time with them on the Square at Bar Ellis.

Thanks for reading!

GATEWOOD

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**Hello, Hamilton County With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet**



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will offer various services and experiences and an expansive selection of shopping and dining options. It will be conveniently located within walking distance of the Ruoff Music Center. This project is a division of the Henke Group, which has held the land for investment purposes for years and has worked closely with the Gatewood family and the City of Noblesville to conceptualize and zone the property thoughtfully. These efforts were undertaken to ensure the innovative project is an enhancement to Noblesville’s overall vision for Innovation Mile. “In times of continuous change and countless opportunities, people seek to spend their time in environments that enhance their quality of life,” Henke Development Group Owner Steve Henke said. “There is a growing demand for high-quality developments with abundant amenities. We are witnessing a shift towards quality and experience. Noblesville has responded to the demand with Innovation Mile and Hyde Park. Gatewood Lakes builds upon that response to further establish Noblesville as a desirable place to live with proximity to Ruoff Music Center and Hamilton Town Center.” At the core of Gatewood Lakes lies a lake district with a vibrant community island. This development offers residents a unique lifestyle centered around nature and

leisure and promises easy access to a wide array of amenities that cater to the needs of all generations. “The Gatewood Lakes development provides a unique opportunity to our city’s east side as we continue to grow our housing diversity and quality of place for residents,” Common Council President Megan Wiles said. “The Henke Group invested substantially in the amenities that will be offered at this generational development, transforming what it means to live, work, and play in Noblesville.” Learn more about the Gatewood Lakes development at [GatewoodLakes.com](http://GatewoodLakes.com).

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

presented by  
Westfield Mayor’s Council on Disabilities

The Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities (WMCD) in partnership with the City of Westfield is launching a Community Art Exhibition program where individuals with varying disabilities can submit artwork in any form to the council. **Please submit artwork to one of the following locations:**

**Westfield City Services**  
2728 E. 171st Street

**Westfield Washington Township**  
17400 Westfield Blvd.

You can submit artwork at any time to be displayed in the community throughout the year. However, if you'd like your artwork to be featured at the Westfield Sensory Day event at the Westfield Washington Public Library, be sure to submit it by February 24!

Visit [westfieldin.gov/wmcd](http://westfieldin.gov/wmcd) to learn how to get involved!





WE LOVE LA

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Here are some highlights:

1. Breakfast at the iconic Chateau Marmont Hotel in West Hollywood. Fitzgerald wrote there. Jim Morrison stayed here. Belushi overdosed there. Scott Saalman paid \$130 for breakfast there. Excuse me, waiter, is that syrup on my pancake?—or molten gold? A \$4.99 Denny’s Grand Slam would’ve tasted the same – but we were there for the unique experience. Highlight: To the girls’ shock, I asked the front-desk clerk if we could tour the famous grounds meant for the hotel’s star-powered guests. He put his forefinger to his lips as if to shush us and secretly presented a brass key for the inner jungle-like sanctum of the posh property’s cottages, bungalows and swimming pool. He gave us star-struck Midwesterners the star treatment. Maybe he thought I was Woody Harrelson – I get that a lot, though I don’t see it. Suddenly, I was the king of all dads! Thanks, Woody.

2. Murder and mayhem at the morbid Museum of Death on Hollywood Boulevard. My traveling companions were into serial killers: Manson, Ramirez, Dahmer. The John Wayne Gacy room contained his actual “Pogo the Clown” shoes, self-portraits, and unsettling details of the 33 murders that led to his execution. But nothing seemed more ghastly (and timely) than a questionnaire Gacy filled out in prison. When asked to list his heroes, he wrote, “Donald Trump.” I kided you not.

3. We visited Westwood Village Memorial Park and

found burial plots for dozens of famous people, including Roy Orbison, Farrah Fawcett, Dean Martin, Don Knotts, Truman Capote, and Natalie Wood. Marilyn Monroe’s crypt was marked by the lipstick kisses of past visitors. The most memorable headstone belonged to Rodney Dangerfield, with the words, “There Goes the Neighborhood.”

4. As the girls indulged in surprise facials at our hotel spa (the king of dads strikes again), I treated myself to a deep body massage. An LA freeway had left me knotted. My masseuse, Kim, narrated with a whispery chant over and over: “Muscle knots don’t like Kim. Knots hide from Kim. But Kim find knots!” Eventually, I felt the bottoms of her bare feet walking up and down my backside, from ankles to neck, my spine a tightrope. Many women have walked all over me, but Kim was the first to literally do it. This time, it actually made me feel good.

5. We playfully posed with wax figures at Madame Tussauds. I pretended to dine with Audrey Hepburn at Tiffany’s while Delaney swooned over Elvis.

6. We saw the iconic Hollywood Sign. Not much to it, really.

7. We heard the pound of Pacific surf from atop Palace Verdes’ breathtaking coastal cliffs.

8. We were bedazzled by the Friday night lights of LA way below us from our high perch at the Griffith Observatory. We were happy to see a bust of fellow Hoosier James Dean erected there.



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

(TOP LEFT) The three of us at Chateau Marmont. (TOP RIGHT) Delaney poses with the Pacific. (ABOVE LEFT) Delaney and best friend Britt drive Dad to bankruptcy over breakfast at Chateau Marmont Hotel. (ABOVE RIGHT) Scott tries to seduce Dustin Hoffman at Madame Tussauds.

9. We saw the famous Santa Monica sunset.

10. A slime ball at Venice Beach invited my jail-bait daughter to his “beach house,” making me imagine a future room dedicated to me at the Museum of Death.

11. In Long Beach, Delaney hugged me as Britt took our picture by the Queen Mary, the first time I could recall her arms being around me since she was a toddler. For this alone, I will always love LA.

When we returned to In-diana, Delaney disappeared into her bedroom, but that did not rob me of my newfound contentment. I smiled when I heard the sweet bird-song of Joni Mitchell play behind the bedroom door:

“California I’m coming home.”

I had done what I had set out to do: I found my daughter in LA before it was too late.

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# Sen. Young & colleagues reintroduce bill to keep AM radio in new vehicles

## The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) has joined with a group of colleagues in reintroducing the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act. The legislation would direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to require automakers to maintain AM broadcast radio in their new vehicles at no additional charge.



Young



Banks

“AM radio plays a vital role in preserving public safety across Indiana. By delivering important weather updates, local news, and emergency and disaster response information, this bill will ensure Hoosiers – especially those in the most rural areas – continue to have access to this critical communication tool,” Sen. Young said.

In addition to Senator Young, Senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Edward Markey (D-Mass.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Ted Budd

(R-N.C.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Jim Justice (R-W.Va.), Angus King (I-Maine), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), Cynthia Lumis (R-Wyo.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Jack Reed (D-R.I.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.), Tina Smith (D-Minn.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and John Hoeven (R-N.D.) co-sponsored the legislation.

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

# Kathy Williams honored with OneZone Chamber’s “One Impact Award”

## The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber recently presented the esteemed One Impact Award to Kathy Williams in recognition of her outstanding contributions to Hamilton County and the State of Indiana. With a career spanning over four decades, Williams has left a lasting mark on public office, civic leadership, and election administration, shaping the landscape of government and community engagement.

The One Impact Award, presented by OneZone Chamber, honors individuals whose leadership, service, and dedication have made a lasting impact on Hamilton County and beyond. This prestigious award recognizes those who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to community growth, civic engagement, and meaningful contributions that extend far beyond their professional roles. Recipients of the One Impact Award exemplify the values of leadership, mentorship, and advocacy, shaping the future of the region through their influence and dedication.

Whether through public service, business leadership, or nonprofit work, awardees embody the true spirit of impact, leaving a legacy that strengthens and elevates the communities they serve.

Williams began her career in 1976 in the Hamilton County Clerk’s Office, rising from Deputy Clerk to Chief Deputy, before being elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1984. Serving three terms, she spearheaded significant improvements in county services and court administration.

In 1992, she took on the role of Election Administrator for Hamilton County and was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives, serving District 29 until 2018. Williams was a trailblazer for women in politics, becoming the first female Caucus Chairman for Indiana House Republicans and holding leader-



Photo provided  
Longtime public servant Kathy Williams was presented with the One Impact Award by OneZone Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell.

ship positions as Assistant Republican Leader and Assistant Caucus Chair. Her expertise and dedication played a pivotal role in shaping policies on elections, judiciary matters, and local government.

Throughout her career, Williams led key initiatives, including the Help America Vote Act’s Team Indiana project and chairing committees such as the Governor’s Task Force on Election Integrity and the Census Data Commission. Her election administration work earned her accolades, including the Outstanding Election Administrator Award and the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash honor from Governors Pence and Holcomb.

Beyond public office, Williams has been an unwavering force in community development. She has served on boards including the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton County Histor-

ical Society, and Northern District Clerk’s Association, where she was President in 2021. Her civic impact extends to education and public safety, with involvement in the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation and the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Task Force. She has also played a significant role in major projects like the Noblesville Riverwalk Committee and the Hamilton County Bicentennial. “Kathy’s impact goes far beyond the four walls of the Statehouse and the County Building – it extends to anyone and everyone she has worked with, mentored, and supported throughout her career,” said Jack Russell, President & CEO of OneZone Chamber. “She is the true definition of this award, embodying leadership, service, and a deep commitment to the betterment of our community.”

Williams’ legacy includes numerous accolades,

such as the Outstanding Clerk of the Year Award and the Hamilton County Service Award for 45 years of dedicated public service. A devoted member of the First Christian Church of Noblesville, she values time spent with her husband Perry, their daughters, and grandchildren.

OneZone Chamber is honored to celebrate Kathy Williams’ lifetime of service and her profound impact on Hamilton County and beyond.

## About OneZone Chamber

OneZone Chamber serves as a collective voice for businesses in Hamilton County, fostering economic growth and community development through advocacy, education, and collaboration. The One Impact Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication and influence in shaping the region’s future. For more information, visit [onezonechamber.com](#).

# Lake Meadows to hold Valentine’s Dinner for Fishers community

## The REPORTER

Lake Meadows Senior Assisted Living, 11570 E. 126th St., Fishers, will hold an early Valentine’s Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. This is for the public, not Lake Meadows residents, and is a fun way for the community to visit and experience the dining.

The menu will include a wedge salad or soup & bread, Baked Parmesan

Crusted Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, and Chocolate Lava Cake or Cheesecake, as well as a selection of wines.

Tickets must be purchased in pairs, so couples should RSVP by Monday, Feb. 10 by calling (317) 759-0166.

Lake Meadows accepts Medicare Waivers and private pay for dinner.

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# Indiana American Water relocation work begins soon in Noblesville

Closures of 19th Street and Pleasant Street will not be concurrent. 19th Street Closure is during work hours only and will reopen each evening. Pleasant Street Closure will not reopen until work is fully completed.

Daytime Closure February 3rd-5th

Closure area for Pleasant Street Phase 2

Roadway Closure February 10th-12th

Access Point to Household Hazardous Waste

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PLEASANT STREET AND 19TH STREET CLOSURE  
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Graphic provided  
Indiana American Water will relocate water lines near the intersection of 19th and Pleasant street in Noblesville. As a result, there will be temporary closures of those streets in the coming weeks. The closures will not be concurrent. The 19th Street closure will take place from Feb. 3 to 5 and during work hours only. The street will reopen each evening. Pleasant Street will be closed Feb. 10 to 12 and will not reopen until work is fully complete.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!



# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

**Carmel Post 155** Kim Kilburn  
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12  
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p  
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

**Cicero Post 341** Tye Anderson  
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p  
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p  
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

**Fishers Post 470** Pat Menc  
9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11

**Noblesville Post 45** Gil Soria  
273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt  
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu  
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

**Sheridan Post 67** Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Sheridan, In 46069  
317-758-5007

### VFW Posts

**Carmel Post 10003** Darin Bibeau  
12863 Old Meridian St  
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11  
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956

### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

**Hamilton County Veterans Corp**  
P.O. Box 503  
Noblesville, in 46061  
[secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the  
Fishers American Legion. Our website  
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>  
has 40 pages of resources for our Military  
Veteran community

**Navy Club Ship 29**  
Noblesville, In  
[president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804  
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## Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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### Welcome to the annual Community Integration Survey!

This survey aims to understand how communities can best support veterans, service members, families, and caregivers of veterans or military personal to enhance their quality of life and prevent veteran suicide. We seek your valuable input to improve local services and appreciate your participation in this important effort.

**Who Can Take the Survey?:** Veterans and service members. However, family members, caregivers, and community advocates may participate.

Click here to take the survey -  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8145625/IW/P2025>

[America's Warrior Partnership](#) is administering this survey in partnership with community-based organizations and we need your input.

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## Activities & Events

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**Carmel VFW**  
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**Noblesville Legion**  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p  
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

**Noblesville VFW**  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p  
**Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

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# Looking back on 25 years of Goodwill in Hamilton County

At the turn of the century, Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana opened its first retail store in Hamilton County, and since then, we've considered ourselves a part of this community. We've expanded our retail footprint to nine stores – in Westfield, Carmel, Fishers, and Noblesville – with a 10th store planned near Geist Reservoir, but the impact goes far beyond retail, as you'll see in the following paragraphs.

Thanks to the generous residents of Hamilton County, who have shopped and donated to Goodwill over the past quarter-century, as well as the city leaders who have graciously welcomed us, countless lives have been changed in our community.

Goodwill employs more than 500 Hamilton County residents – nearly one-third of whom are persons with disabilities – like Kelsey G., who was hired as an associate at the Fishers retail store eight years ago. Born with a mild intellectual disability, Kelsey has transitioned to independent living and earned her driver's license – two of her proudest achievements.

Goodwill also opened one of its earliest locations of [The Excel Center](#), a tuition-free high school for adults, in Noblesville in 2015. Nearly 500 Hamilton County residents have since earned their high school diploma from The Excel Center, like Joselyn M. Following graduation, Joselyn enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College in Noblesville and was connected to a position as an Associate Banker through TalentSource, Goodwill's in-house job placement team. Today her family is thriving.

The Excel Center in Noblesville currently serves 200 students and was one



KENT A. KRAMER

of the earliest locations to open in the network. This school helped illustrate the efficacy of Goodwill's adult high school model, which has since expanded to 47 locations across 10 states.

The school partnered with Ivy Tech Community College, which is located in the same building and provides graduates with a path to postsecondary education, where their dual credits from The Excel Center easily transfer and financial aid is available to reduce the cost barrier to college.

In addition, [Goodwill Nurse-Family Partnership](#) (NFP), a program that pairs first-time, low-income parents with a registered nurse who makes home visits from pregnancy through the child's second birthday, has served 58 parents in Hamilton County since 2021, when it first became available to residents. Today, several Goodwill NFP nurses serve 30 Hamilton County parents.

Dominique D. was a teenager when she learned she was pregnant and sought out the support of Goodwill NFP. During her pregnancy, she lived at the O'Connor House in Carmel and worked at a Goodwill store in Westfield – she also earned her high school diploma at The Excel Center.

Goodwill also works with several organizations in Hamilton County to provide employment services and support, including Samaritan Network, a host agency for Goodwill's [Senior Community Service Employment Program](#), which provides job training to seniors age 55 and over. In addition, Goodwill recently launched a pilot program with [2nd Chance Indiana](#) that will serve justice-involved residents in Hamilton County, provid-



Photos provided by Goodwill  
(TOP) The Spring Mill Pointe retail store in Westfield held its grand opening in fall 2023.  
(ABOVE) The Summer 2024 graduating class of The Excel Center in Noblesville.

ing employment, coaching and other support services to individuals reentering the community.

Goodwill TalentSource has also been busy creating workforce development opportunities in Hamilton County. In partnership with The Excel Center in Noblesville and Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, TalentSource launched a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant training and paid externship program to address the hospital's need for medical assistants. Goodwill TalentSource also connected IU Health and Aspire Indiana in Hamilton County with current Goodwill Excel Center students and alumni to help fill local health care career opportunities.

Finally, Goodwill Commercial Services developed impactful partnerships with Noble Industries, Inc. as

well as Gared Performance Sports Systems (both in Noblesville), which together employ another two dozen individuals – most with job barriers – through Goodwill's contract manufacturing division.

For Kelsey, Joselyn, Dominique, and countless others, their connections to Goodwill have been life-changing, and that's because of people like you, who embrace the mission of Goodwill, and by doing so, empower people in our community, so THANK YOU for your continued support! Goodwill is more than just a thrift store. We're proud to be part of this community and look forward to serving our neighbors for the next quarter century and beyond.

Kent A. Kramer serves as the President & CEO of Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana.

## Fund the police: Indiana poised to make generational investment in public safety

After the 2020 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, calls began to strip funding from police, eliminate cash bail and make sweeping changes to criminal justice policy. Protesters flooded the streets across the country and demanded the reduction or even elimination of resources for law enforcement.

Prosecutors in large cities across the country, including here in Indiana, began to proclaim their blanket intention not to enforce crimes such as drug possession, theft and traffic violations.

The results were to be expected, and crime rates exploded in the mostly large cities that adopted these lawless procedures.

Indianapolis, for example, still has more than 100 homicide cases listed as unsolved for 2024 and recorded 209 homicides for the year. While this was the third year the city saw a decrease, it was the fifth year in a row with more than 200 homicides.

Along with the rise in violent and nonviolent crime, Indiana is facing a lawyer shortage. According to the Indiana Supreme Court, nearly all 92 Hoosier counties, especially Indiana's rural and most socioeconomically disadvantaged communities, have fewer lawyers per capita than the national average. That's why I'm authoring a House Republican agenda bill to strengthen public safety across the state by providing additional state investment for deputy prosecutors.

[House Bill 1006](#) would make a once-in-a-generation investment toward the state's criminal justice system and support law and order by reimbursing qualified and participating counties up to 50 percent of the salary and benefits packages of dep-



CHRIS JETER  
State Representative

uty prosecutors. Indiana currently needs an additional 440 prosecutors, and this new fund could encourage the retention of prosecuting attorneys and support more competitive wages across the state.

HB 1006 would also create a prosecutor review board to examine prosecutors who refuse to prosecute criminal laws. If the board labels a prosecutor as non-compliant, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council must withhold funding. Our law enforcement community and many prosecutors of both political parties have continued to enforce laws and ensure the safety and security of our communities. Indeed, that is their sole duty. I believe state funding should be conditioned upon the defense of Hoosier values and demand for personal accountability that creates safe communities.

Law and order have long been the basis of Indiana's stable society. Our prosecutors are on the frontlines of the battle for safer communities by enforcing our state criminal laws. Now, the state will "put its money where its mouth is" and join this important fight. When fairly applied and enforced, these are the principles to which all people and institutions are subject and accountable. Indiana will continue to lead in this area.

As we move ahead, I look forward to working with my House and Senate colleagues to strengthen public safety in our Hoosier communities. To follow the legislative process, visit [iga.in.gov](#). To stay in touch, sign up for my e-newsletter at [in.gov/h88](#).

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.

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# New at Sheridan Public Library

### The REPORTER

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

#### Fiction

- Bourne Vendetta – Brian Freeman
- Holmes is Missing – James Patterson
- Lie For a Million – Janet Dailey
- More or Less Maddy – Lisa Genova
- New Year in the Keys – Hope Holloway
- Presumed Guilty – Scott Turow
- Treasure Coast Legacy – Leigh Duncan
- Order of the Swans – Jude Deveraux
- Inspirational Fiction**
- Cold Case Tracker – Maggie K. Black
- Disappearance in Pinecraft – Lenora Worth
- Her Duty Bound Defender – Sharee Stover
- Hidden in the Canyon – Jodie Bailey
- Over the Edge – Irene Hannon
- Uncovering Colorado Secrets – Rhonda Starnes
- Unusual Amish Winter

Match – V. Chapman

• Yukon Wilderness Evidence – Darlene L. Turner

#### Children’s

- Bologna & Friends: Going Up – Greg Pizzoli
- Bologna & Friends: Dream Big – Greg Pizzoli
- Can I Sit in the Middle – Suzanne Strasser
- Great Voyage (Moana 2) – Natasha Bouchard
- Hiding Place (Graphic Novel) – Corrie Ten Boom
- How to Catch a Fairy Godmother – A. Walestead
- I Love to Watch You Grow – Sesame Street
- Just One Flake – Travis Jonker
- Lefty – Mo Williams
- Mister Kitty is Lost – Greg Pizzoli
- Night Before the Doctor – Natasha Wing
- Ploof – Ben Clanton

#### Young Adults

- Games Untold – Jennifer Barnes
- Grandest Game – Jennifer Barnes

#### Movies

- Venom: The Last Dance

#### Video Games

- Lego Brawls (PS4)



Graphic provided by Kroger

## TODAY: WWE superstar Damian Priest visiting Fishers Station Kroger

### The REPORTER

Damian Priest, called “as mysterious as he is imposing,” will greet fans in Fishers this morning, Feb. 1, from 9 to 11 a.m., presented by Wheatley American Vodka.

The Superstar will be available for photos with

fans and sign bottles of vodka during his visit to the new Kroger Marketplace in Fishers.

The new Kroger Marketplace, 7450 Fishers Station Drive, is in the northeast corner of 116th Street and Allisonville Road.



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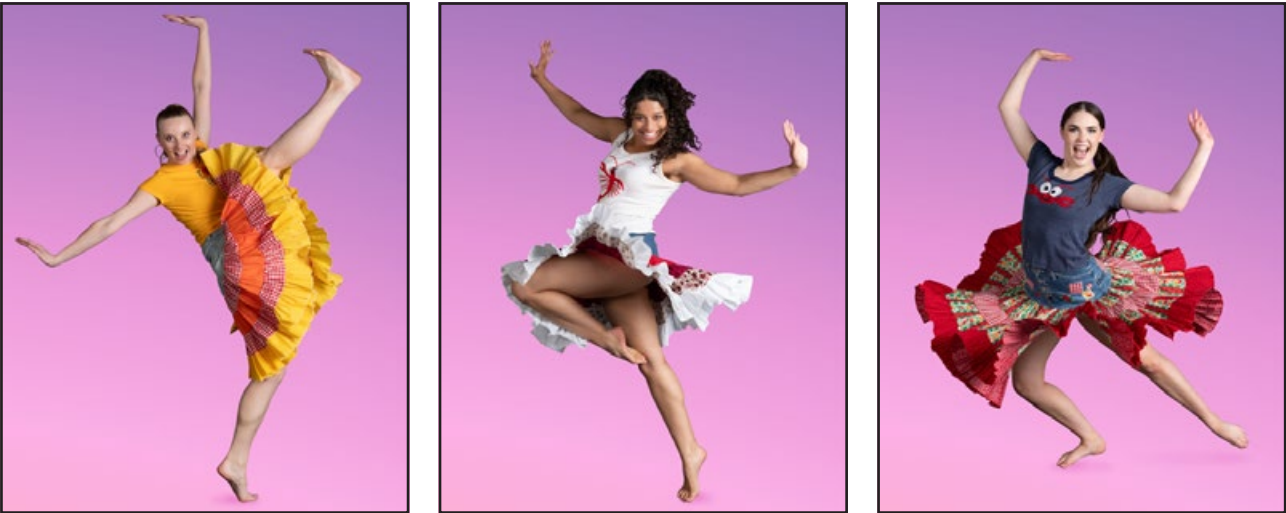
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(From left) See Abigail Lessaris, Olivia Payton, and Josie Moody as they perform in *Down on the Bayou*, *Papa Legba*, and *Why Look at That Moon* for three weekends in February.

# Shake that winter blues with Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre

### The REPORTER

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) will present *Down on the Bayou* for three weekends in February at The Florence at The Academy of GHDT, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel. Performances will be:

- Saturday, Feb. 8, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb., 9, 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 16, 3 p.m.

- Saturday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
  - Sunday, Feb. 23, 3 p.m.
- [Click here](#) for tickets.

*Down on the Bayou* will transport you with fun, energetic, and beautiful dances set to music of Louisiana including, Cajun, Creole, blues, jazz, and more. Featured in the concert are the pieces *Down on the Bayou*, a collection of songs and music that sets the tone for

the program, followed by *Papa Legba*, gathering its inspiration from voodoo legends of New Orleans, and concluding with the fun and quirky, *Why Look at That Moon*.

• GHDT Season Presenting Sponsorship by Dr. Anita Joshi and Dr. Arun Jain.

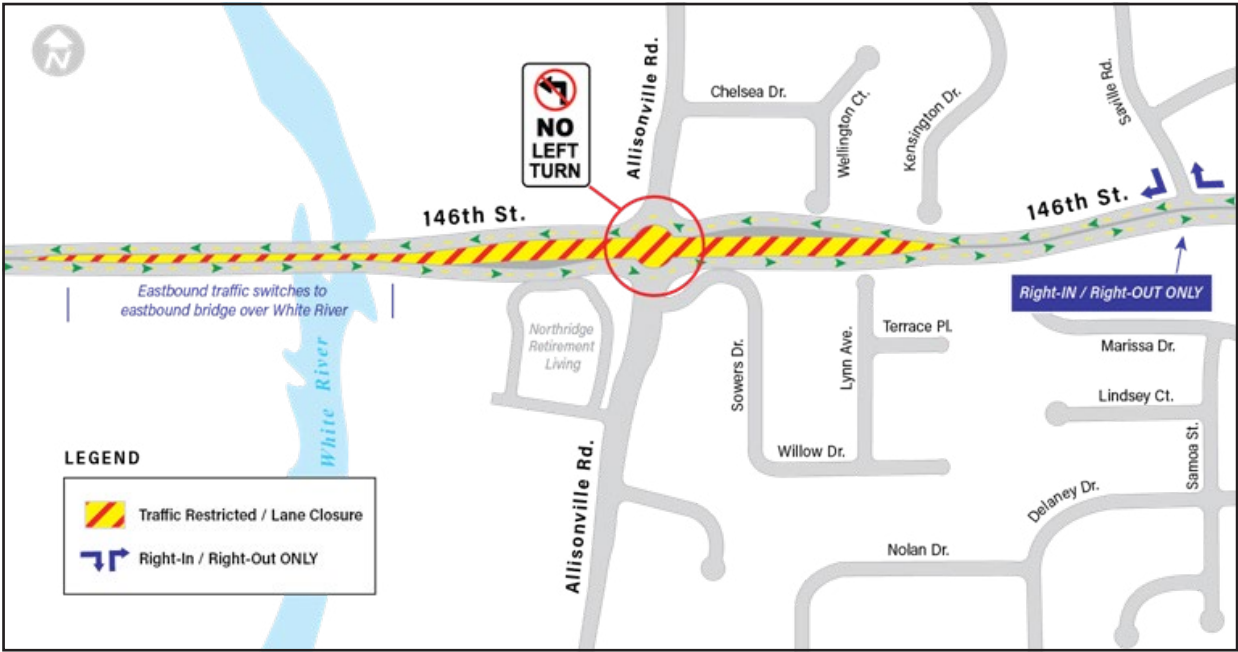
• GHDT Season Title Sponsorship by OrthoIndy Foundation and Drs. Mihir

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• *Down on the Bayou* Concert Sponsorship by Drs. Ajay and Shivika Jain and Aashiv Jain

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre is the resident professional dance company at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. For information, visit [gregoryhancockdancetheatre.org](http://gregoryhancockdancetheatre.org).

## Phase shift for eastbound 146<sup>th</sup> Street



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

On or after Wednesday, Feb. 5, the contractor will implement a traffic phase shift for eastbound 146th Street near Allisonville Road. Traffic will be shifted to the south and use the bridge carrying eastbound 146th Street over the White River. The contractor will use construction barrels to delineate the driving area from the construction zone. See the graphic above for the new lane configuration. Use extreme caution when driving in this area and watch for flaggers during the phase shift.

## Discover the dizi, a flute like no other

### The REPORTER

*The Yellow River Concerto* is a celebrated classical work that skillfully blends Western classical forms with Chinese folk music traditions. It also blends instruments from different cultures, including the dizi, a Chinese transverse flute that is widely used in many genres of Chinese folk music, opera, as well as the modern orchestra.

In [this video](#) Carmel

Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Principal Flutist Tammy Thweatt gives an introduction to the instrument and plays a selection from the concerto.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 you can hear the entire work and also enjoy Claude Debussy’s beloved “Clair de Lune” and “La Mer” during CSO’s Moonlight & Lanterns concert at The Palladium.

[Click here](#) for tickets.



Photo provided

Tammy Thweatt is the Principal Flutist with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra.

## Folsom Prison Experience: witness Johnny Cash’s legendary 1968 concert, live at the Palladium

### The REPORTER

The iconic 1968 live album *At Folsom Prison* made Johnny Cash a crossover superstar, defying conventions and leaving a lasting legacy.

Now audiences can relive the unforgettable day of Jan. 13, 1968, as Folsom Prison Experience takes the stage with an immersive tribute that merges live concert, stage drama and audience participation to bring you into the heart of Cash’s musical journey. The cast is led by co-writer Jay Ernest and his tribute band, Church of Cash. Other characters include June Carter,



Photo provided

Carl Perkins and the Statler Brothers.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at

the Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. This show is part of the

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series.

Tickets begin at \$25. [Click here](#) to get yours now.



## You can put more into your 401(k) this year

Once you retire, you'll likely need to draw on a variety of financial sources – and one of the most important ones may be your 401(k). And for 2025, you can put even more money into your plan than ever.

You can invest in your 401(k) in one of two ways, depending on your employer's plan. With a traditional 401(k), you contribute pre-tax dollars, which can lower your taxable income, and your money can grow tax deferred. If you have a Roth 401(k) option, you can contribute after-tax dollars, which aren't deductible, but your eventual withdrawals will be tax-free if you've had your account at least five years and you're at least 59½.

For either a traditional or Roth 401(k), as well as similar plans such as a 457(b) (for government employees) or a 403(b) (for educators and employees of some nonprofit groups), the contribution limit has increased by \$500 for 2025, to \$23,500. If you're 50 or older, you can contribute an additional \$7,500, for a total of \$31,000. And under the SECURE 2.0 legislation, if you are between 60 and 63, you have a higher catch-up contribution – \$11,250, instead of \$7,500, for a total of \$34,750.

If you can afford to contribute the full amount to your 401(k) or similar plan, consider doing so. Of course, not everyone is in that position. If you're a younger worker, you may well have other financial obligations, such as paying off student loans. And even if you've been in the workforce for a while, you may be putting away money for other things – such as your children's education – as well as your own retirement. But even if you can't "max out" on your 401(k), try to contribute at least enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Regardless of how



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much you contribute to your 401(k), consider these suggestions on managing the money within your plan:

- **Create a portfolio that fits your risk tolerance.** Most 401(k) plans offer

up to a dozen investment options, while some plans offer many more. You obviously want to increase your 401(k) balance as much as possible, but that doesn't necessarily mean putting all your 401(k) dollars into the most aggressive funds available. Instead, consider spreading your 401(k) contributions among a range of investments, which can help you lower your risk level while still giving you opportunities for long-term growth. Everyone's risk tolerance is different, though, so you'll want to evaluate yours when constructing your 401(k) portfolio.

- **Adjust your portfolio as needed.** It's a good idea to review your 401(k)'s investment mix at least once a year to see if it's performing as you'd hoped. But be patient – one "down" year doesn't necessarily mean you must make changes. However, as you approach retirement, you may want to lower the risk level of your 401(k) by moving some of your dollars into more conservative vehicles. Still, even when you're retired and have started drawing money from your 401(k), you might want to keep some growth potential in it to help you stay ahead of inflation.

By contributing what you can afford to your 401(k), and by carefully managing the investments within your plan, you can help maximize the value of this powerful retirement savings vehicle – and give yourself a key asset to help you enjoy your retirement years.

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

# Songbook Academy 2025 applications due March 23

*Great American Songbook Foundation's national summer music intensive provides high school vocalists with professional mentoring & career connections*

### The REPORTER

High school students passionate about vocal music still have time to apply for the 16th annual Songbook Academy summer intensive, taking place July 12 to 19 at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

This fun and challenging pre-professional program immerses young singers in the rich heritage of American popular music and helps them hone their talents under the guidance of Broadway stars and other experienced artists and music educators. Presented by the Great American Songbook Foundation and led by its founder, the performer and preservationist Michael Feinstein, the Songbook Academy enables students to:

- Experience personalized mentorship from industry professionals
- Learn about the foundations of American popular music
- Boost their confidence as singers and storytellers
- Perform in state-of-the-art concert facilities
- Build lifelong connections in an inclusive environment

Applications will be accepted through March 23, with the 40 selected finalists announced in April. All applicants, regardless of the outcome, receive valuable feedback from a national review panel of music educators and entertainment professionals.

The Songbook Academy is widely known for its top-notch faculty of coaches and mentors from prestigious university music pro-



Photo courtesy Wayne Images

**Songbook Academy 2024 finalists perform at the Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.**

grams and every corner of the performance industry. Guest Mentors in previous years have included Broadway notables Joshua Henry (*Carousel*, *The Scottsboro Boys*, *Hamilton*), Telly Leung (*Aladdin*, *Godspell*, *Glee*) and Nasia Thomas (*Six*, *Ain't Too Proud*, *Beautiful*); stage and screen stars Ashley Park (*Only Murders in the Building*, *Emily in Paris*, *Mean Girls*) and Ali Stroker (*Oklahoma!*, *Ozark*, *Echoes*); and GRAMMY Award-winning artists Nicole Zuraitis, Melissa Manchester and Catherine Russell.

Many alumni of the Songbook Academy have gone on to enjoy professional success, including Kyrie Courter (Broadway cast of *Sweeney Todd*), Adriana Scalice (National Tour of *Six*), NYC-based singer-songwriter Eleri Ward, and Nina White, currently originating a role in *The Queen of Versailles* on Broadway.

### How to apply

The Songbook Academy is open to active U.S. students in grades 9 through

12 as of Nov. 13, 2024. Applications must be submitted online by March 24 at [app.getacceptd.com/songbookacademy](http://app.getacceptd.com/songbookacademy). Applicants must submit videos of themselves performing two contrasting songs, preferably American popular songs written from the 1920s to the 1960s, a foundational era that produced countless jazz standards and musical theater classics.

The application fee is \$50. For those accepted to attend, the \$1,000 program fee includes housing at Butler University, meals, and ground transportation throughout the week. Fee waivers and financial aid, including full scholarships, are available.

More details and application information are available at [TheSongbook.org/SongbookAcademy](http://TheSongbook.org/SongbookAcademy) or by email at [SongbookAcademy@TheSongbook.org](mailto:SongbookAcademy@TheSongbook.org).

The Songbook Academy is made possible in part by generous support from its National Program Partner, the Efroymson Family Fund.

### About the Great American Songbook Foundation

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the 20th-century foundational era of American popular music. Headquartered at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, the Foundation advances this rich musical legacy by curating a vast Library & Archives of items representing its creators, performers and publishers; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum. More information is available at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).

## American Senior Communities using technology that improves thousands of lives

### The REPORTER

American Senior Communities (ASC) was named a winner in the 2024 Communities That Shine Awards by LifeLoop, the leading resident and staff experience solution for senior living.

The **national awards program** celebrates an exclusive roster of 12 exceptional senior living organizations across the nation that have embraced technology to improve the lives of residents, their families, and staff.

ASC, the largest provider of senior living and healthcare communities in Indiana, was selected as a winner in the multi-site operator category. The Brilliance in Portfolio-wide Personalized Engagement award is one of only two honors for organizations that have demonstrated excellence in innovation across their portfolio of skilled nursing communities and in the case of ASC, impacting thousands of residents statewide.

• **How it improves lives:** The platform provides multiple portals in each feature for residents, their families, and caregiver staff.

• **Resident experience:** 24/7 connection to family, friends, activities, community calendars, menus, outside community engagement, shareable personal calendar, transportation arrangements, submit work requests, open gaming, and more.

• **Staff experience:** Multiple facilitation and duties previously requiring considerable time are alleviated through the platform, boosting efficiency, and allowing increased time providing direct care to residents. Direct communication with other staff, residents, and families. Staff can access data, make requests, and more.

"The ingenuity and dedication of this year's Communities That Shine Award winners are truly inspiring," LifeLoop Chief Marketing Officer Paige Mantel said. "These 12 exceptional leaders have redefined what it means to create extraordinary experiences for senior living residents, leveraging technology in ways that foster connection, comfort, and joy. Their commitment to excellence sets a new stan-

dard for the industry, and we are honored to celebrate their remarkable achievements."

Janean Kinzie, Vice President of Social Wellness and Enrichment for ASC said, "Given the many capabilities the platform offers, the most meaningful result we see is that it has done so much to increase connection and overall well-being for our residents. Staff have been freed up to spend more one-on-one time with residents while increasing their level of job enjoyment as well. They are there to care, and this allows them more time to do just that. Residents love it, families love it, and staff love it. That's a trifecta in enhancing our ability to provide highly engaged, person-centered care."

### About American Senior Communities

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*The Lord said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.”*

*So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”*

*Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. “Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”*

Exodus 34:1-9 (NIV)

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Sonja Louise Ashpaugh

March 7, 1941 – January 24, 2025

Sonja Louise Ashpaugh, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, January 24, 2025, at Well-brooke of Westfield. She was born on March 7, 1941, to Raymond and Martha (Jessup) Stewart in Indianapolis. Sonja grew up in Westfield, where she attended Westfield High School.

Sonja was a devout follower of Jesus, a woman of great faith, and was always ready to pray for and with you. She was friendly, loving, always had a smile on her face, and was always very put together. Sonja loved her family, and was always involved in their lives. She has missed her husband over the last five years and was happy to rejoin him in heaven.

She is survived by her children, Brian (Kris) Ashpaugh, Greg (Betsy) Brown, Lynette (Steve) Mosbaugh, Bruce Ashpaugh, Holly Beady, and David (Donna) Ashpaugh; grandchildren, Joe, Miriam, Caitlin, Joshua, Jacob, Jessica, Bethany, Mark, and Reagan; several great-grandchildren; and sister, Pam Mendenhall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Ashpaugh, in 2020; daughter-in-law, Kathy Ashpaugh; and brothers, Don, Larry, and Tom Stewart; and her sister, Sylvia Kirkman.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor David Totman officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LEASE BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY PROSECUTOR

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held before the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners on the 10th day of February, 2025, at the hour of 2:15 p.m. (local time) in the Commissioner’s Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, upon a proposed lease (“Lease”) to be entered into between W1 Real Estate Holdings, LLC, and the Hamilton County Prosecutor.  
The Lease is for the benefit of the building located at 350 Westfield Road, Noblesville, Indiana. The Lease will be for a term of three (3) years. The rent will begin at an annual rate of \$34.68 per square foot, for a total annual base rent of \$75,463.68.  
A copy of the proposed Lease is available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the office of Lee Buckingham, Director of Administration, Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 157, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.  
At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of the Lease. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearing the Commissioners may either authorize the execution of the Lease as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon.  
Dated this 31st day of January, 2025.

HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA,  
ss/Todd Clevenger  
Hamilton County Auditor  
2/1/25, 2/3/25

Thanks for reading the  
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Kathy Whittaker Venable

May 23, 1947 – January 25, 2025

Kathy Whittaker Venable, Carmel, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in her home on January 25, 2025, at the age of 77. She was born in Lebanon, Ind., on May 23, 1947. She is now reunited in heaven with her devoted husband of 47 years, Arthur “Butch” Warren Venable.

Kathy graduated from Carmel High School and was a majorette of the drum and bugle corps where she met Butch and she married April 16, 1966, at age 18.

A woman of extraordinary compassion, Kathy selflessly welcomed and cared for her husband’s siblings, James and Paul Venable, after the passing of their mother, Glenna Venable, in 1968. She later adopted her husband’s sister, Amy Venable, while raising her young son, Todd, and later welcoming her son, Matt, into the family.

Kathy was a talented and dedicated hairstylist, earning her Master of Cosmetology license and successfully operating her own hair salon and ceramics shops called Kathy’s Creations for many years.

Kathy was actively involved in numerous organizations, including Quilters Guild, Carmel Alumni Association, Carmel Historical Society, Women’s Auxiliary Club, Indiana Historical Society, and various genealogy groups. Her dedication to these organizations reflected her deep passion for history and heritage and preserving the past for future generations. Her hobbies brought her immense joy and showcased her creativity. She found fulfillment in quilting, jewelry making, ceramics, stained glass art, floral design, and cake decorating. In recent years, she also developed a love for diamond art. A woman of boundless creativity, kindness, and unwavering dedication, she touched the lives of her family and community with her talents and generous spirit.

Kathy was preceded in death by her mother, Ophia (August) Marolt; and father, Emor Whittaker.

Survivors include her loving children, Todd (Ginger) Venable, Matt (Tammy) Venable, and Amy Venable Lawrence; brothers-in-law, James Venable and Paul (Rhonda) Venable; cherished grandchildren, Blake and Grant Venable, Jordan Lawrence, Lynn Venable, Kari (Brandon) Venable, Jesse, Anna, and Michael (Adela) Venable, Jacob and Ethan Walters, Taylor Meyer and Keeler (Tyler) Frank; adored great-grandchildren, Lyric, Logan, Ophelia, Theryn, Daniella, Eileen, and Pennelope; and her dear friend Natalie Cotton. She is also remembered fondly by many extended family members and dear friends who will miss her greatly.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., followed by a Funeral Service at 1 p.m.

Burial will take place at Carmel Cemetery.

Kathy’s love, generosity, and devotion to her family will remain a legacy. She will be deeply missed by all who have the privilege of knowing her.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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## Boys Basketball



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(LEFT) Noblesville's T.J. Davidson scored 14 points, including three 3-pointers, during the Millers' Friday win at Hamilton Southeastern. (RIGHT) Southeastern's Lucas Weemer scored 14 points for the Royals. Pictured at left is Noblesville's Aiden Brewer.

# Millers & Royals battle it out, with Noblesville getting conference win

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**FISHERS** – The Noblesville boys basketball team scored a comeback win at Hamilton Southeastern on Friday, 54-49.

The Royals used a hot shooting performance to control the first half, but the Millers responded with a strong start to the third quarter to take the lead. Noblesville then held on in the fourth quarter to pick up the Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory and extend its win streak to seven games.

Noblesville led 7-4 early in the quarter before Southeastern went on an 8-0 run. Lucas Weemer made a layin, then hit a 3-pointer to put the Royals ahead. Maverick Young finished the run with another triple. Baron Walker scored four straight points for the Millers to end the run, but Southeastern finished the period with a 16-11 lead, thanks to baskets by Landon Osswald and Braeden Totten.

The Royals held the

lead for the entire second quarter, including seven-point advantages twice in the early going. A Jack Jacobs basket started the period, then Osswald made a layin to give HSE a 20-13 lead.

“I thought we really came out with a sense of urgency and played better than what we have in our starts to games,” said Southeastern coach John Ashworth.

Noblesville began to climb back into it during the middle part of the quarter; Baron Walker and T.J. Davidson both made 3s. Kallen Hoeft answered with a triple of his own, then a Weemer layin put the Royals up 27-22. But Justin Curry finished the quarter with a steal that turned into an and-1, and Noblesville was within 27-25 at half-time.

Curry's points turned out to be the start of a 13-0 run. The Millers scored the first 10 points of the third quarter: Curry scored again off a steal and Davidson hit two free throws, then both players hit 3s to move No-

blesville ahead 35-27.

“I thought Southeastern controlled all the first half, even though we got it to two,” said Millers coach Scott McClelland. “I thought they were the aggressor, I thought they were the tougher team.” But the coach said his team “did a really nice of regrouping in the third quarter. I think we went five or six, maybe seven possessions with stops. That was very encouraging.”

Totten stopped the spurt with a 3, then Weemer's layin got the Royals within 35-32. Adam Fine and Davidson both hit 3s late in the quarter, and Noblesville led 41-34 going into the fourth.

Southeastern fought back to tie the game at 45-45 thanks to an 11-4 stretch that took up the majority of the fourth quarter. Varschon Clark had four points on two baskets, including a layin that got the Royals within 45-42. A Weemer triple tied the game.

Aiden Brewer made a layin with 2:36 to put the Millers back in front, and

Noblesville would hold the lead for the remainder of the game. Noblesville went 5-of-6 from the free-throw line during the last 1:03; two free throws from Curry with 7.1 seconds left iced the game.

“I think we're improving,” said McClelland. “I think we're starting to understand some things. I'm still waiting for our offense to come around and just cancel out some of these unforced silly errors, turnovers and trying throw through guys and stuff like that. I thought defensively, especially the third quarter, the kids really played well.”

Davidson and Walker both finished the game with 14 points, including three 3s for Davidson. Curry scored 12 points and led the rebounds with eight.

Weemer scored 14 points to lead the Royals, with Osswald adding 10 points and collecting eight rebounds.

Noblesville is 3-2 in HCC play and 12-4 overall. The Millers play an afternoon game today at Guerin Catholic. Southeastern is

NOBLESVILLE 54, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 49				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
T.J. Davidson	3-5	5-6	14	2
Adam Fine	2-6	1-2	7	2
Justin Curry	5-13	3-3	14	2
Ryan Vetur	1-5	1-2	3	4
Baron Walker	4-6	4-4	13	3
Aiden Brewer	1-2	1-3	3	2
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Max Flanagan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-37	15-20	54	15
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-19) Davidson 3-4, Fine 2-6, Curry 1-6, Walker 1-3, Vetur 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (18) Curry 8, Walker 4, Brewer 3, Davidson 2, Vetur 1.				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Jacobs	1-3	0-0	2	2
Maverick Young	2-5	2-2	7	4
Braeden Totten	3-4	2-2	9	4
Landon Osswald	5-8	0-0	10	1
Lucas Weemer	6-15	0-3	14	2
Varschon Clark	2-3	0-0	4	3
Kian Kelly	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kallen Hoeft	1-1	0-0	3	3
Totals	20-39	4-7	49	20
Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-15) Weemer 2-6, Young 1-4, Totten 1-2, Hoeft 1-1, Jacobs 0-1, Osswald 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (24) Osswald 8, Totten 5, Jacobs 3, Young 2, Weemer 2, Kelly 1, Clark 1, team 2.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	11	14	16	13 – 54
Southeastern	16	11	7	15 – 49

0-5 in the conference and play tonight at Pendleton 8-10 overall. The Royals Heights.

# Tigers, still unbeaten, pull past Franklin Central in second half

### The REPORTER

After a tight first half, the Fishers boys kept their unbeaten season going with a strong second half over Franklin Central.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers beat the Flashes 77-52 Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at the Tiger Den. Fishers led 17-14 after one quarter, with Cooper Zachary hitting two

3-pointers. Franklin Central kept things close, cutting the Tigers' lead to 32-31 by halftime.

Fishers came out in the third quarter and took care of business, outscoring the Flashes 22-10 for a 54-41 lead. Millen McCartney hit two 3s and Jason Gardner Jr. scored six points as well.

The Tigers rolled through the fourth quarter with an-

other 23 points. McCartney and Zachary both nailed two more 3s; both players finished the game with six triples. Gardner added five points in the fourth.

McCartney and Zach-

ary both totaled 18 points. Gardner scored 16, while Justin Kirby finished with 11 points.

Fishers is 4-0 in HCC play and 17-0 overall. The Tigers host Carmel tonight.

FISHERS 77, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 52				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Millen McCartney	6	0-2	18	3
Cooper Zachary	6	0-0	18	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	6	4-6	16	1
Justin Kirby	5	1-2	11	2
Nathan Baker	3	0-0	6	0
Tommy Williams	2	0-0	4	1
Josh Sigler	1	0-0	2	0
Torey Breland	0	0-0	0	0
Jean-Claude L'Homme	0	0-0	0	1
Levi Walker	1	0-0	2	1
Jalen Campbell	0	0-0	0	0
Mason Schuh	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	30	5-10	77	12
Score by Quarters				
Franklin Central	14	17	10	11 – 52
Fishers	17	15	22	23 – 77
Fishers 3-pointers (12) McCartney 6, Zachary 6.				

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Girls Basketball

Blackhawks go undefeated in conference championship

**The REPORTER**  
The Sheridan girls completed an undefeated Hoosier Heartland Conference championship on Friday, winning 49-6 at Taylor to finish the regular season. The Class 2A No. 11 Blackhawks led 26-2 after one quarter and 39-2 at half-time. Kenzie Garner scored 20 points, while Brielle Garner added 13 points, including three 3-pointers. Cecilia Timme led the

rebounds with eight, followed by Sadie Timme with seven rebounds, Mackenzie Smith with six and Kenzie Garner with four. Nova Cross dished out five assists with Cecilia Timme handing out four assists. Sheridan finished HHC play 8-0 and is 21-1 overall. The Blackhawks host Sectional 39 next week and begin play Tuesday with a first-round game against Frankton.

SHERIDAN 49, TAYLOR 6				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nova Cross	1	0-0	2	3
Kenzie Garner	9	0-0	20	0
Cecilia Timme	3	0-0	6	2
Brielle Garner	5	0-0	13	1
Sadie Timme	2	0-0	4	2
Mackenzie Smith	0	0-0	0	0
Shelby Eaton	1	0-0	2	2
Sammy Smith	0	0-0	0	1
Brooklyn Conley	1	0-0	2	0
Mak Southerland	0	0-0	0	1
Kelsey Sedwick	0	0-0	0	0
Sophie Schlogl	0	0-0	0	0
Carla Gonzalez Calvo	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	0-0	49	12
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	26	13	6	4-49
Taylor	2	0	3	1-6
Sheridan 3-pointers (5) B. Garner 3, K. Garner 2.				



Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw discusses strategies with Cecilia Timme during the Blackhawks' game at Taylor on Friday. Sheridan won 49-6 to complete an undefeated Hoosier Heartland Conference season.

Boys Basketball



Hamilton Heights' Rees Knapp scored 11 points for the Huskies during their win at Tipton Friday.

Huskies edge out rival Blue Devils

**The REPORTER**  
Hamilton Heights' boys won a back-and-forth rivalry game at Tipton Friday, by the score of 55-54. The first half was a close one. The Huskies led 15-14 after one quarter; Gavin Saunders led the way for Heights with nine points. The Blue Devils came back in a defensive second period, tying the game at 21-21 by halftime. The Huskies blitzed their way through the third quarter, putting in 24 points for a 45-34 lead. Saunders hit two 3-pointers on his way to 10 points for the period, with Rees Knapp scoring five. Heights led 50-36 at one point during the fourth quarter. Tipton made a comeback in the last 3:25 of the game. The Blue Devils got within 52-45 before Knapp scored to make it 54-45. Tipton then scored seven more unanswered points. Jack Kakasuleff hit a free throw with 13.7 seconds left, after which Tipton's Quinn Carpenter made two out of

three free throws with nine seconds left. The Blue Devils got the ball back, but their last shots didn't go. "Always great if you can win at Tipton," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "They will be a hard out come sectional time. They have a great team." Saunders led the Huskies with 24 points, draining four 3s. He also pulled nine rebounds and dished out four assists. Knapp added 11 points. "I also thought we did a great job with our bench with all of our foul trouble we were in," said Ballenger. "Kakasuleff, (Chris) Nobbe, (Aidan) Unger did a great job. Kakasuleff and (Carson) Felger played great defense. Saunders and Knapp scored the ball well and Champion saw the floor and had six assists." The game was also the final Hoosier Conference East Division contest for Heights, who finished division play 2-1. The Huskies are 9-6 overall and host KIPP Indy Legacy on Wednesday.

Boys Basketball

Blazers blow by Anderson Prep, get conference win

**The REPORTER**  
University's boys pulled away in the second half and rolled to an 80-52 Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference win over Anderson Preparatory Academy, the Trailblazers' sixth win in a row. Max McComb had 18 points to lead four Blazers in double figures. Peter Morales came off the bench to score 14 points including four three pointers. Blake Gray had 11 while Cooper Cammack had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. University got off to a slow start with the Jets scoring the last five points of the first quarter to take a 16-12 lead. University's bench players got the Trailblazers going in the second quarter. DJ Willis scored the first five points of the quarter to put the Blazers in front before the Jets regained the lead at 19-17. Morales hit a three pointer to give University a lead they never relinquished and spark a 13-0 run over the next 2:15. Noah Cortez scored, Morales added another three and McComb scored two buckets to force a Jet timeout with University up 30-19. Anderson Prep got the

lead down to six before Zien Bland made two free throws with 0.3 seconds left in the half. The Blazers led 34-26 at the break. University started slow in the second half with the Jets cutting the advantage to 37-32 before the Blazers took off on a 27 point third quarter scoring barrage. McComb hit a three pointer and Cammack stole the inbound and scored as the Blazers double their lead in four seconds and University led by double digits the rest of the game. The game was University's first in 13 days. Coach Justin Blanding was pleased with how his team shook off the rust. "Our guys played very well tonight," said Blanding. "We had not played a game in 13 days and not a lot of practice so it was good to get back on the floor. We started a little flat, but the boys were just excited to get back to playing." Blanding was happy with the total team effort. "I thought our contributions were great tonight," he said. "Our offense was solid when we calmed down and our defense was great. Peter Morales continues to be a huge spark for us along with DJ Willis and Noah Cortez.

UNIVERSITY 80, ANDERSON PREP ACADEMY 52				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zien Bland	1	2-3	5	1
Max McComb	6	4-7	18	1
Blake Gray	5	0-0	11	3
Faisal Mohamud	2	3-4	7	1
Cooper Cammack	5	0-0	10	4
Noah Cortez	3	0-0	7	0
DJ Willis	2	1-2	6	2
Peter Morales	4	2-3	14	1
Josh Bledsoe	1	0-0	2	0
Luca Ciaccia	0	0-0	0	0
Walter Wilson	0	0-0	0	0
Harris Nachlis	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29	12-19	80	13
Score by Quarters				
Anderson Prep	16	10	18	8-52
University	12	22	27	19-80
University 3-pointers (6) McComb 2, Bland, Gray, Cortez, Willis.				

All three have started games for us so they go in with no fear and just play." The Blazers' starters also played well. "Max McComb continues to be steady and Cooper Cammack has really come into his own on both ends of the floor," said Blanding. "Blake Gray can do so many things on the floor but he has been finding his teammates and initiating offense but we need him to be more aggressive on both ends. We have another tough one at Lutheran on Saturday so we will need to have the same intensity on both ends of the floor like we did tonight." The win improves University's record to 9-6. The Trailblazers finish PAAC North play at 3-1 and will host the PAAC third-place game on Feb. 14 against an opponent to be determined. The Jets saw a four-game winning streak end and are 10-5 on the season and 2-2 in PAAC North games. The game was the first of three in four nights for University. The Trailblazers travel to Indianapolis Lutheran Saturday night and will play at Bishop Chatard on Monday evening.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 55, TIPTON 54				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	2-8	0-4	5	0
Rees Knapp	4-9	2-3	11	5
Carson Felger	3-4	0-2	6	4
Dreydin Serna	1-2	0-0	2	5
Gavin Saunders	8-14	4-7	24	3
Jack Kakasuleff	1-2	3-4	5	3
Chris Nobbe	1-1	0-0	2	2
Aidan Unger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-40	9-20	55	22
Score by Quarters				
Heights	15	6	24	10-55
Tipton	14	7	13	20-54
Heights 3-point shooting (6-14) Saunders 4-7, Champion 1-5, Knapp 1-2.				
Heights rebounds (26) Saunders 9, Champion 4, Felger 4, Serna 4, Knapp 3, Nobbe 1, Kakasuleff 1.				

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Sheridan sacks Taylor, leading in conference

**The REPORTER**  
The Sheridan boys took care of Taylor 68-34 Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference road game. The Blackhawks took control early, leading 21-5 after the first quarter. Sheridan extended its lead to 39-17 by halftime, then put together a strong third period to lead 57-22. Senior Damon Winston led the way with 23 points and also pulled four rebounds. Devon Hamilton scored 18 points and was dominant on defense with four blocked shots and two steals. Hamilton also dished out four assists. Caleb Wright scored 11 points, while Trey Page had eight rebounds, six points, five steals and four assists. The Blackhawks lead the conference standings with a 6-1 record and are 12-3 overall. Sheridan is back home at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium tonight to host Covenant Christian.

Sheridan's Devon Hamilton scored 18 points for the Blackhawks during their 68-34 win at Taylor on Friday.

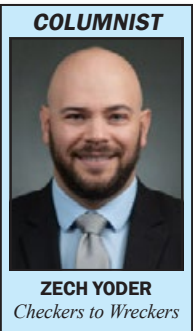


# A tribute to racing history to begin the 2025 season

N A S C A R is back this weekend with the Clash from Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C. To many, Bowman Gray Stadium may sound like a new track on the NASCAR schedule. But it is far from new and has ties to the birth of stock car racing in America.

NASCAR began racing at Bowman Gray Stadium as early as 1949, when big Bill France, Sr. took over operations of the track. Bowman Gray was one of the original tracks on which NASCAR raced. Throughout the early years of NASCAR, legends of the sport took victories at Bowman Gray, including Richard Petty, David Pearson, Junior Johnson, and Bobby Allison.

Given its size of only



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one-quarter of a mile, Bowman Gray because known as the “madhouse” because of the aggressive style of racing and contact that occurs on such a small track. NASCAR’s top series, the Cup Series, last raced at Bowman Gray in 1971. In the interim, other series associated with NASCAR continued to run at the legendary track, including the modified cars, which seem to always put on a great show when they come to Bowman Gray.

But on Sunday, it’s the return of the Cup Series – after a more than 50-year hiatus. A new (old) track will play host to the unofficial start to the 2025 NASCAR season. New drivers, new teams, and new opportunities.

The Cup Series land-

scape will look much different than last year as Stewart Haas Racing has shut its doors and several two car teams have expanded their operations to three cars. New Zealander and road course ace, Shane Van Gisbergen, begins a much-anticipated start to his full-time NASCAR career. Noah Gragson makes his third first start for a new team in three years. Riley Herbst gets his Cup Series opportunity with Twenty-Three Eleven Racing. And what about Chase Briscoe, who must fill the shoes of future hall of famer, Martin Truex, Jr., in the No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota? Will new opportunities lead to early success?

With the exception of perhaps Chase Briscoe, probably not. I expect to see the usual suspects near

the front at Bowman Gray. Kyle Larson dominated North Wilkesboro las May. Coming off his Chili Bowl win he will be tough. Denny Hamlin won the Clash last year at the Coliseum. He will certainly put himself in a position to win. And one cannot count out Joey Logano, who seems to win at every new track NASCAR visits.

My hope is that NASCAR has figured out the short track package for the Gen7 car and we will see good racing. However, don’t be surprised if it turns into bumper cars at times. The race will be physical, and tempers will flare.

Welcome to the 2025 NASCAR season.

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

## Girls Basketball

# Tigers go big in fourth quarter, quelling Flashes

### The REPORTER

The Fishers girls sprinted to the finish on Friday, as the Tigers used a big fourth quarter to beat Franklin Central 44-35 in their Hoosier Crossroads Conference and regular-season finales.

Fishers led 13-11 after the first quarter, with the Flashes coming back in the second to lead 21-19. Nevaeh Dickman scored seven points for the Tigers in the first half.

Dickman and Riley Schellhammer both scored four points in the third quarter, helping Fishers to tie the game at 27-27 by the end of

the period. The Tigers then cruised through the fourth period, outscoring Franklin Central 17-8. Dickman scored eight points, while Schellhammer added five.

Dickman finished the game with 21 points, scoring in each quarter. Schellhammer scored nine, including a 6-of-6 effort from the free-throw line. Natalie Thomas also had nine points.

Fishers finished HCC play 4-3 and is 14-8 for the season. The Tigers play Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday in the first round of Sectional 8 at Noblesville.

FISHERS 44, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 35				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Riley Schellhammer	1	6-6	9	2
Makayla Triplett	0	0-0	0	2
Nevaeh Dickman	9	2-2	21	3
Allison Scheu	0	0-0	0	2
Natalie Thomas	2	5-8	9	2
Alanna Anthony	1	0-0	2	3
Olivia Brookshire	1	1-1	3	2
Nicole Ellison	0	0-0	0	0
Reiff Reagan	0	0-0	0	0
Anyia Koenig	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14	14-17	44	16
Score by Quarters				
Franklin Central	11	10	6	8 – 35
Fishers	13	6	8	17 – 44
Fishers 3-pointers (2) Schellhammer, Dickman.				

### The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic zoomed to a victory at Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday, winning the annual Bishop’s Cup game 67-31.

The Class 3A No. 3 Golden Eagles got off to a good start, leading 12-4 after one quarter. Guerin Catholic led 22-14 at halftime, then dominated the third quarter by outscoring the Knights 28-5. That gave GC a 50-19 lead, which the

Golden Eagles eventually brought up to 67-27 during the fourth quarter.

Carter Murans came off the bench to score 20 points, while Bryson Cardinal scored 18. Both pulled six rebounds. Julian Melendez scored 10 points and collected five rebounds. Ryne Paris and Andrew Reithman both dished out four assists.

Guerin Catholic is 16-2 and hosts Noblesville this afternoon.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 67, LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 31				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	2-8	0-0	4	0
Ryne Paris	1-5	0-0	3	3
Hayden Rogers	0-0	0-0	0	3
Jack Toles	1-4	1-2	3	1
Bryson Cardinal	7-12	2-4	18	0
Carter Murans	8-10	2-2	20	0
Andrew Reithman	1-1	0-0	3	0
RJ Hill	1-3	0-0	3	1
Julian Melendez	5-7	0-0	10	1
Jack Linden	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jackson Carey	0-0	1-1	1	0
Will Bach	1-2	0-0	2	1
Totals	27-52	6-9	67	11
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	12	10	28	17 – 67
Laf. Central Catholic	4	10	5	12 – 31
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (7-14) Murans 2-4, Cardinal 2-3, Hill 1-3, Paris 1-1, Reithman 1-1, Grissom 0-2.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (35) Cardinal 6, Murans 6, Melendez 5, Grissom 4, Paris 4, Toles 4, Carey 3, Rogers 2, Hill 1.				

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## Girls Basketball

# Golden Eagles falter at Lafayette Central Catholic

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls dropped a 58-33 game Friday at Lafayette Central Catholic to finish the regular season.

The Knights led 10-7 after one quarter, then outscored the Golden Eagles 19-2 in the second period for a 29-9 halftime lead.

Lillian Behrle led Guerin Catholic with 10 points, including two 3-pointers. Ava Bills and Caroline Ford both scored eight points.

The Golden Eagles are 10-10 and play in Sectional 25 at Lebanon next week. Guerin Catholic

LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 58, GUERIN CATHOLIC 33				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Annie Murphy	1	0-0	3	1
Reagan Haines	2	0-0	4	3
Ava Bills	3	1-2	8	3
Lillian Behrle	3	2-2	10	2
Caroline Ford	3	2-2	8	1
Dana Dues	0	0-0	0	2
Brinna Wolf	0	0-0	0	0
Madi Cain	0	0-0	0	2
Rachel Behrle	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	5-6	33	14
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	7	2	10	14 – 33
Laf. Central Catholic	10	19	10	19 – 58
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (4) L. Behrle 2, Murphy, Bills.				

drew the bye and plays the winner of Tuesday’s

game between Tri-West and Frankfort.

## Boys Basketball — Rocks fall at Avon

### The REPORTER

Westfield dropped a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Avon Friday, 55-39.

The Class 4A No. 3 Shamrocks led 14-12 after one quarter. Will Harvey scored seven points in the first and Durante Morton added six points. But the 4A No. 9 Orioles took control in the second period, out-

scoring Westfield 10-3 for a 22-17 halftime lead. Avon then led 36-25 after three quarters and finished the game with 19 points in the fourth.

Morton scored 10 points to lead the ‘Rocks.

Westfield is 3-2 in HCC play and 12-2 overall. The Shamrocks host Fishers Thursday in another HCC contest.

AVON 55, WESTFIELD 39				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Will Harvey	2	2-2	7	2
Jalen Malone	1	2-2	4	1
Durante Morton	4	2-2	10	4
Drew Haffner	0	3-7	3	3
Rylan Rauch	1	0-0	2	1
Brock Detamore	3	0-0	8	1
Ryan Hunsucker	0	0-0	0	1
Luke Vandegriff	2	1-2	5	3
Totals	13	10-15	39	16
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	14	3	8	14 – 39
Avon	12	10	14	19 – 55
Westfield 3-pointers (3) Detamore 2, Harvey.				

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 1	
<b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b>	
Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.	
Carmel at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.	
Covenant Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
University at Indianapolis Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.	
<b>BOYS WRESTLING SECTIONALS</b>	
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at Frankfort, 8 a.m.	
Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Elwood, 8:30 a.m.	
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>	
Noblesville at Bloomington South Invitational, noon	
Westfield at Shelbyville, 10 a.m.	
<b>SWIMMING</b>	
Noblesville, Westfield at	
Hamilton Southeastern Reserve Championships, 9 a.m.	
Monday, Feb. 3	
<b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b>	
University at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, Feb. 4	
<b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>	
Sectional 8 at Noblesville	
Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.	
Carmel vs. Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.	
Sectional 24 at Connersville	
Yorktown vs. New Castle, 6 p.m.	
Delta vs. Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
Sectional 25 at Lebanon	
Tri-West vs. Frankfort, 7 p.m.	
Sectional 39 at Sheridan	
Taylor vs. Lapel, 6 p.m.	
Frankton vs. Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.	
Sectional 42 at Monrovia	
Monrovia vs. Park Tudor, 6 p.m.	
Cardinal Ritter vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.	
<b>GYMNASTICS</b>	
Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, Feb. 5	
<b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b>	
KIPP Legacy at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
<b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>	
Sectional 25 at Lebanon	
Danville vs. Crawfordsville, 6 p.m.	
Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.	
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7:20 pm New Castle vs Mt Vernon | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN  
7:30 pm Franklin Central vs **Fishers** | Girls Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

**Sat Feb 1 - Boys Basketball**  
7:25 pm **Carmel** vs **Fishers** | Boys Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

**Tues Feb 4 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
6:00 pm **Fishers** vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Girls Basketball Sectional GM 1| HCTV Sports  
7:30 pm **Carmel** vs **Noblesville** | Girls Basketball Sectional GM 2| HCTV Sports

**Thurs Feb 6 - Boys Basketball**  
6:00 pm Mt Vernon vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports  
7:20 pm Franklin Central vs **HSE** | Varsity Basketball | Southeastern Sports Network  
7:30 pm Mt Vernon vs **Noblesville** | Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

**Fri Feb 7 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
6:00 pm Zionsville vs **Winner Game 1** | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports  
7:30 pm **Westfield** vs **Winner Game 2** | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports

**Sat Feb 8 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
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