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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Morning clouds, and some afternoon sunshine.  
 Tonight: Clearing.

HIGH: 45 LOW: 25



# January care package drive for local Vets was a huge success

**Submitted**

*Editor's note: This story was written by Hamilton County Veterans Corp. Secretary Treasurer Lynn Epperson, Auxiliary 2nd Vice President Tracy Huser, and Bill Doss of the Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition.*

The time-honored tradition of sending care packages to our deployed troops continued as 2025 started here in Hamilton County.

On Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Lowell Beaver American Legion Post 470 in Fishers, 35 volunteers young and old gathered to pack up an incredible 147 care packages for our recently deployed Indiana National Guard's 38th ID unit. On Sept. 25, 2024, 600 citizen soldiers deployed in support of Operation Spartan Shield to the Middle East from Camp Atterbury. They are scheduled to be deployed for at least one year.

The Hamilton County Veterans Corp. (HCVC), working with Mike Reid, Indiana National Guard Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist, and Chaplain

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A total of 35 volunteers put together 147 care packages for local Veterans overseas.

# Silence isn't always golden

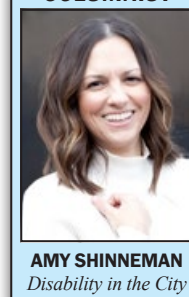
Most of us have heard the saying "silence is golden," meaning it is often better to remain silent than to speak. The full saying is "speech is silver, silence is golden."

While that may very well be true in some cases, when it comes to silence and having my needs met as a person with a disability, this statement is untrue. In fact, it is better to speak up and voice my needs as someone who has needs that have to be met to keep me safe or make an experience as successful as possible for me.

A longtime friend recently reminded me how I used to "mask" my disability in middle and high school, and even into college. The last thing I wanted to do was draw attention to myself at that age, especially if I felt like I was putting someone out to get a need met. Often, I chose to silently suffer because I was too shy, too afraid, or not educated enough to know that it was okay to speak up for myself and what I needed as a young, disabled girl. To be honest, it was mostly because I did not want to be any more different from my peers than I already was. Blending in was the goal then, not standing out.

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**COLUMNIST**



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

# Hamilton Heights takes top spot at Junior FFA State Forestry Contest

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Heights Middle School won the Junior FFA State Forestry Contest, an historical win three years in the making. The contest consists of a written test over the general knowledge of forestry, 55 leaves, 25 seeds, and 30 insects and disease identification.

"Our journey started in the fall of 2022 when our team members were entering the sixth grade," Coach Adam Sheller recalled. "I had personally always enjoyed forestry, judging when I was in middle school, and it just made sense that I would pass that enjoyment to my own kids. As luck would have it, Nikki Higgins, Lilly and Maggie's mother, and I were on the same Forestry Team in middle school at Hamilton Heights back in the mid-1990s. We ended up finishing second in the state in 1995!"

Sheller continued, "As sixth

graders, the girls – now in eighth grade – showed promise and improvement. Last year, we placed second in our area and qualified for state, ultimately placing seventh at state. This year, the team won all three invitationals we entered and placed first in our area, taking the top four spots individually. At state, we brought home the state championship. In addition, Annie placed fourth, Lilly placed sixth, and Maddie placed seventh overall."

The 4-H and FFA Forestry Career Development Event (CDE) is designed to stimulate interest in forestry, to promote forestry instruction in the agricultural education curriculum, and to provide recognition for those who have demonstrated skill and competency as a result of forestry instruction. The CDE consisted of individual practicums that included a general knowledge exam, seed, insect, and disease identification.



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(From left) Coach Adam Sheller, Abby Sheller (sixth), Maddie Higgins (eighth), Annie Sheller (eighth), and Lilly Higgins (eighth).

# Class 101: help for future college students

By **MELBA KISER**

For The Reporter

During the 2024 legislative session, the Indiana legislature revamped the requirements for a high school diploma.

The new diploma+ program has three tracks depending on whether the focus is on college enrollment, employment, or enlistment. The legislature has set the effective dates as the 2028/2029 school year, meaning that students entering the eighth grade in 2025 who are thinking about college will be the first ones impacted by the changes. School counselors and teachers will be grappling with the changes and new requirements. The average student-to-school-counselor ratio is high.

Class 101 advisors can bridge the gap, providing the one-on-one support the student needs.

Class 101 was started in 1997 in Lexington, Ky. Today they are the nation's largest college planning company with over 40 locations in 23 states, primarily on the east coast and part of the Midwest. Their focus is helping parents and students ensure their college preparation is well executed. The company provides more than 10 different services, including identifying career interests and exploring majors, assessment of strengths and personality profile, essay writing, resume building, ACT/SAT test preparation and score improvement, scholarship applications, completing FAFSA/financial aid forms, finding job shadowing opportunities, obtaining letters of recommendation, and admission interview coaching.

The engagement with students can start as early as eighth grade. The earlier students engage, the more guidance the advisors can offer with course selection. However, Class 101 does work with students who are entering the 12th grade. Depending on the grade of the student, Class 101 asks for one hour per week every four to six weeks for eighth graders, which increases to one hour per week every one to two weeks for a junior.

Local Class 101 offices are open for students to use as often as they wish, with the Carmel office seeing several students taking advantage of the facility from Monday to Friday between the hours of 4 and 9 p.m.

Using Class 101's methods, a student can expect to see a 160- to 170-point increase in their SAT scores and a 0.3- to 0.55-point increase in grade-point average. Class 101 advisors will help students zero-in on qualities and characteristics that will make them stand out. Parents can get help finding favorable student loans, financial aid programs, merit-based scholarship applications, etc., that will lead to a reduction in college costs.

Students and parents who want more details can contact Class 101 at (317) 975-1012. Class 101 is located at 600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 109, Carmel.

# NFD firefighter retires after 20 years of service

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) held a ceremony Tuesday to recognize Firefighter James "Corky" Lonaker for his more than 20 years of service to the citizens of Noblesville.

From an early age, Lonaker had a passion for boxing, amassing an amateur record of 76-6. Corky was a member of the National Junior Olympics Team and was a two-time Silver Gloves National

Runner-up. After turning professional, Lonaker became the WBC Continental America's Junior Lightweight Champion and was ranked as high as eighth in the world. He retired with a professional career record of 28-3-1.

After hanging up the gloves, Lonaker worked full-time as a Nuclear Quality In-



**Lonaker**

spector at Major Tool & Machine in Indianapolis. He began his career at NFD in November 2004. During his more than 20 years of service, he was awarded the Life-saver Award and multiple Unit Citations. He also coached numerous NFD members in the 911 Slugfest, a fire versus police boxing competition that direct-

ly supports the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Lonaker said he plans to spend more time with his family but has no plans to slow down, as he has already agreed to continue working at Major Tool & Machine.

"We will miss his fun-loving, easy-going demeanor," Fire Chief Matt Mitchell said. "We wish Corky and his wife, Kim, the best of luck in whatever their future holds."

# Westfield Youth Assistance Program's third annual Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship application goes live

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program's (WYAP) application for the third annual Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship is now available at [this link](#).

The Memorial Scholarship is in honor of WYAP Early Intervention Advocate Christine Brown, who passed away in Au-

gust 2022. Her family, the board of directors, and generous donors have established the Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship with one annual \$5,002 scholarship. Christine worked with 502 youth over her 10 years with WYAP and touched countless lives in the Westfield community and beyond.

"I'm thankful to Christine

Brown for all the opportunities she has given me," said Reis Middleton, former WYAP youth and winner of the 2024 Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship. "And I'm thankful for how the Youth Assistance Program has changed me for the better."

The annual scholarship is open to all current and former

graduates 25 and under who attended Westfield Washington Schools or resided in the township. Prior involvement with WYAP is not a requirement for the scholarship, and a complete list of scholarship eligibility requirements can be found on the [scholarship application page](#).

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## CARE

(LTC) Cliff Pappé TF Spartan Chaplain 38th ID Command Chaplain overseas, orchestrated a care package drive for our 600 deployed Hoosiers. We approached all five Hamilton County American Legions and both of our VFW Posts to assist in this great event. The American Legion Post 470 donated \$1,500 and their Auxiliary donated another \$500, which were used to purchase the bulk of the items in the care packages. American Legion Post 67 in Sheridan donated items and \$100 to cover shipping costs. Donations of supplies also came from the American Legion Post 155 in Carmel and Cicero Memorial Post 341.

This event was such a huge success thanks in large part to Commander Pat Menc and Auxiliary Officer Tracy Huser with the Fishers American Legion 470 who hosted the event. Cliff Moran from American Legion Post 360 helped organize the tables of supplies, pack boxes, and transport them for shipping.

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, from donating goods to helping pack the boxes. The American Legion Posts in Fishers and Sheridan donated funds to help cover the cost of shipping the care packages. Each large box costs \$25 to ship via USPS. Hamilton County Veterans Corp. will cover the bulk of the \$3,682 in shipping costs.

Because the drive was so successful, we will hold another even larger care package drive for our troops. This one will be for a "Christmas in June." We plan to gather collections Feb. 12 through May 10. The collected items will then be wrapped and shipped at the end of May. Suggested items requested by those deployed include card games (Phase 10, Uno, etc.), puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, graphic T-shirts for both men and women (sizes small to XXXL), water bottles, throw blankets, and deco-



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rations (Christmas lights, signs, banners – people love to decorate their living quarters or office space).

We are again asking all seven Hamilton County VFW and American Legion Posts to help collect the unwrapped gifts and bring them to the Fishers Lowell Beaver American Legion Post 470, 9091 E. 126th St., Fishers, by May 10 for the wrapping and packaging party that will start there at 5 p.m.

If you wish to help or

make donations for our deployed troops, you may contact Lynn Epperson at [secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com) or Tracy Huser of Post 470 at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com). If your Post is in Marion County or any of the donut counties and you wish to help in this endeavor, please contact Lynn and Tracy as they will be making a flyer to post at your Post or in your community.

Let's make this dream their reality! Thank you!

## WYAP

WYAP has worked for the last 15 years to connect Westfield youth with services like mentoring, tutoring, mental health counseling, medical services, enrichment activities, and more. The scholarship highlights WYAP's emphasis on giving back to the youth in the Westfield community. This scholarship works to

achieve WYAP's long-term goal of giving youth every advantage to be successful and grow into adults who largely contribute to their community.

The application deadline for the scholarship is Tuesday, April 1. The recipient will be notified by April 20 and invited to attend the WYAP Youth Recognition Breakfast at IMMI

on May 7.

Previous Recipients include Ashley Ice (2023) and Reis Middleton (2024).

#### About the Westfield Youth Assistance Program

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, located at 2728 E. 171st St., serving youth

aged 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. 2025 marks the organization's 16th anniversary. Visit [westfieldyap.org](http://westfieldyap.org) for more information.

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## SILENCE

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My high school had an elevator which I had to use after having a surgery. I also had permission to have someone leave class with me early to allow extra time to get to class and avoid crowded hallways of students unfamiliar with dodging a wheelchair. However, when I was not recovering from a surgery, using that elevator was the last thing I wanted to do. I chose to do things the hard way and very slowly make my way up the crowded stairways. I always hated that feeling of people effortlessly climbing the stairs all around me. We had exactly seven minutes to get to our lockers and get stuff for the next class. That was sometimes a challenge depending on the distance between classes, but it is what I chose to do.

Looking back, that seems silly to me. Unless I was forced to ask for accommodations, I was going to avoid it, even if it meant my life was more difficult and internally stressful.

I did it in my work life, too. For a long time, I never told my boss that I had to crawl up my clients' stairs if they did not have a railing at their home during my hundreds of home visits over the years in social services. I just kept doing it, each time being horribly stressed out and humiliated. It is impossible to come across as confident and capable when you are meeting your client or parents of a client when on your hands and knees, if they happened open the door up before I was able to get back up. Some were horrified, others compassionate. I did this for years and years. Why? I did not want to cause a fuss.

Even now, I often find myself staying quiet when I should be speaking up for an accommodation that I need in a certain situation. It is hard to ask for things when you do not know if you will be met with a kind attitude or a hateful one. I have gotten better at it, but

sometimes I still try to avoid the interaction.

That certainly would not be my advice to a younger person asking me. I would tell them to absolutely speak up for their needs, boldly and confidently. Why? Because as human beings we should all have the same access to what society has to offer. It is absurd to think that because someone is disabled, they would not be given the same opportunities as a non-disabled person, but it is not at all uncommon. Living with a disability can be difficult without the added stress of constantly fighting for simple accommodations like access to a restaurant, theatre, airplane, restroom, tourist attraction etc.

In my role as the National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, publicly sharing my story helped me to grow in confidence tremendously. Each time I shared my story with an audience, I felt more empowered to voice my needs as a disabled woman.

Even though I am not perfect at speaking up for my needs, especially when I feel like I am putting someone out, or changing someone else's experience, I am getting better at using my voice. How could I have expected my family, friends, or teachers to know what I needed when I was not saying a word? I could not. That is just part of my life's reality. I do have to explain my needs and often follow up with a story about why.

Silence is not always golden. If you have the need to speak up for yourself, then humbly courageously do so, even if it feels like there are people who would rather you not.

Until next time ...

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# COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

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**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!**

  
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## Carmel City Council approves enhanced fire department staffing & additional ambulance

### The REPORTER

In support of Carmel's commitment to world-class public safety, the Fire Department is expanding staffing to better serve the growing west side community.

The City Council approved funding at Monday evening's meeting that will provide two fire-fighters per shift, six total, to staff the Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance currently parked at Station 342. Located at 106th Street and Shelborne Road, Station 342 serves the southwest side of Carmel as the first fire and EMS response unit.

The additional staffing will:

- Reduce ambulance response times serving patients on scene, ensuring timely transport to hospitals for critical medical attention.

- Enhance initial fireground operations, reducing response times and minimizing property damage during residential and commercial fires and emergencies.

"Already, we have one of our state's premier firefighting and response teams," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "I appreciate the council supporting this additional funding that will enhance our response times on the west side, providing a high and consistent level of excellence city-wide."

The approved funding follows a comprehensive assessment by Carmel Fire Department Chief Joel Thacker, who was appointed by Mayor Finkam in August 2024. At that time, Finkam called for a plan focused on increasing public safety staffing and services, particularly to the west side of the city.

National standards for the delivery of Emergency Medical Services include recommended response times to 911 calls within a fire department response district. The standards call for the first arriving unit within five minutes not less than 90 percent of the time,

with a transporting unit arriving within nine minutes not less than 90 percent of the time. Carmel's districts all meet or exceed the standard, with the west side area targeted for the increased staffing occasionally falling under the standard.



Thacker



Finkam



Aasen



Taylor

The city partnered with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4444 on the assessment, which focused on increasing fire and EMS service delivery to areas of the city that are not currently meeting all national standards guidelines.

"We thoroughly reviewed current services, past incident numbers and response times and determined that additional equipment, facilities and personnel are needed to provide increased fire and EMS services to the west side of Carmel," Thacker said.

Citing the tremendous growth in the area served by station 342 over the past 20 years, Thacker noted an increase in large private residences, apartments, townhomes, and commercial property.

"The increased staffing will bring the southwest side of Carmel up to the same high standard throughout the rest of Carmel," Thacker said.

Council President Adam Aasen said council members are aligned with the Mayor on the enhanced team.

"We are committed to providing our community with the level of emergency response they expect and deserve," Aasen said. "As the west side continues to grow, we will continue to be proactive when it comes to safety."

Councilor Rich Taylor, finance chair, added: "We look forward to having this additional ambulance in service to better support the southwest side of Carmel."

The City Council's approval introduces \$800,000 to the budget in support of the additional staffing.

## Experience two Debussy masterpieces with CSO

### The REPORTER

Join the Carmel Symphony Orchestra this Saturday for an enchanting evening of music at the Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, featuring two of Claude Debussy's most beloved works.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

Let the timeless beauty of "Clair de Lune" transport you with its delicate, moonlit charm, and experience the grandeur of "La Mer,"

Debussy's sweeping orchestral tribute to the sea.

This extraordinary program is part of a celebration of the Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival, blending classical treasures with cultural traditions. The evening also features pianist Daniel Epstein performing the "Yellow River Concerto," a piece he first performed in 1973 with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, just before their historic tour of China.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

## Kara VanDyke of Fishers makes Trinity Christian College dean's list

### The REPORTER

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill., released the college's Dean's List for Fall 2024.

Among the students on the list is Kara VanDyke of

Fishers.

The Dean's List is Trinity Christian College's highest academic honor. It is recognized for traditional undergraduate students who achieve a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better in 12 or more credits with grade points.

# Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre announces local auditions for remainder of 2025 Season

Casting roles in "Waitress," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Tootsie" & more

### The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre announces upcoming adult auditions for productions in the remainder of its 2025 Season. These are for ages 19 and older, and includes both Equity and non-Equity performers.

This audition will seek to fill roles in *Waitress*, *Heartbreak Hotel*, *Tootsie*, *A Beef & Boards Christmas*, and *A Christmas Carol*.

**Auditions are by appointment only.** They will take place Monday, Feb. 17 (Equity Principal Auditions) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with dance callbacks from 6 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, Feb. 18 (Equity Chorus Call), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with dance callbacks at 2 p.m. Those with an audition appointment should report to

the lobby of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, to sign in.

The theatre is seeking actors who are racially, ethnically, and physically diverse, including all gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities. To secure an audition or for more information, visit [BeefandBoards.com](http://BeefandBoards.com).

- *Waitress* performances are from July 17 through Aug. 31, 2025. Rehearsals begin July 3, 2025.

- *Heartbreak Hotel* is on stage Sept. 4 through Oct. 12, 2025. Rehearsals start Aug. 21, 2025.

- *Tootsie* runs from Oct. 16 through Nov. 23, 2025. Rehearsals begin Oct. 2, 2025.

- *A Beef & Boards*



*Christmas* performances take place from Nov. 28 through Dec. 31, 2025. Rehearsals begin Nov. 13, 2025.

- *A Christmas Carol* takes place from Dec. 5 to 22, 2025, with rehearsals starting on Nov. 28, 2025.

Those auditioning should prepare two contrasting vocal selections – one up tempo and one ballad – and music in the correct key. A one-minute monologue may be requested. Auditioners should also bring an updated picture and resume, as well as dance clothes and their en-

tire vocal book for a potential dance callback at 6 p.m.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is an Equity Dinner Theatre. Everyone cast in shows receives negotiated payment. Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Check [BeefandBoards.com](http://BeefandBoards.com) or Beef & Boards' social media for updates. No phone calls, please.

*Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.*

## OneZone Chamber welcomes Kristi Lowell to 2025 Board of Directors

### The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber announces the appointment of Kristi Lowell to its 2025 Board of Directors.

"OneZone is an important partner and resource for area businesses, and I am excited to represent FORUM Credit Union and the interests of all businesses through serving as a member on the Board of Directors,"

said Kristi Lowell, Chief Marketing and Community Officer for FORUM Credit Union. "I have lived, worked, and raised

my family in Fishers, experiencing all the communities in this area have to offer and I look forward to supporting the continued growth and prosperity of our local businesses and community members."

Jack Russell, President & CEO of OneZone Chamber, added, "Kristi's deep roots in the community and commitment to business growth make



Lowell



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her a valuable addition to our Board. Her expertise and leadership will help advance our mission to support businesses, drive economic development, and foster a thriving business environment."

The OneZone Chamber Board of Directors is

comprised of influential business and community leaders who provide strategic guidance and champion initiatives that support workforce development, innovation, and regional prosperity.

For additional details about OneZone Chamber and its Board of Directors, visit [onezonechamber.com](http://onezonechamber.com).

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## Mayors warn of major cuts as property tax hearings begin

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
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Two Indiana mayors from opposing parties told lawmakers a more targeted approach to property tax reform could head off significant cuts, especially to public safety.

Six days after Gov. Mike Braun pushed for property tax reform in his **State of the State address**, lawmakers held their first hearing on his plan on Tuesday.

In its current form, the measure would allow homeowners to either file for a 60 percent homestead deduction or have their tax bill reset to 2021 levels. It also would require property tax referendum votes to occur during general elections in even-numbered years, when voter turnout is higher for presidential and midterm elections.

Property tax rates skyrocketed following the pandemic. Braun's team shared data with the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee which showed that property taxes spiked by 5.6 percent for taxes paid in 2021, then another 49 percent for 2022 and 10.2 percent in 2023. Taxes paid for the years 2024 and 2025 will net homeowners back-to-back increases of 7.1 percent each year.

Those numbers carry real-world consequences. While lawmakers took testimony on the plan upstairs, Braun hosted two homeowners for a fireside chat in his office. Indianapolis resident Jennie Reith said her property taxes went up by \$1,200 over the past four years, while Franklin resident Mark Gross said he pays at least \$1,000 a year more now than in 2021.

"Literally one day a month, my paycheck goes straight to paying taxes," Gross said.

Braun's plan carries a stiff price tag. The state's budget writers estimate local governments could lose a combined total of more than \$1 billion next year and in each year following. State budget writers **released estimates for every single township, city and county in the state**, along with school corporations and special taxing districts. IMPD could lose \$4.2 million next year if the bill passes in its current form. Greenfield-Central Schools would lose \$2.9 million. The Monroe County Public Library would lose about \$900,000. All of those figures go up in the years that follow.

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, a Republican, and Terre Haute Mayor Brandon Sakbun, a Democrat, told lawmakers their cities would have to cut essential

services if the plan passes in its current form. Sakbun said his city would have to reduce its total workforce by 10 to 15 percent. He said 82 percent of his city's property tax revenue goes to public safety.



Finkam

"In the city of Terre Haute, we are already reducing our total amount of personnel," he said. "What's abundantly important here is, when you have the conversation around taxation, it's important to also say, well, folks, you get what you pay for."

Finkam said Carmel already has one of the lowest tax rates in the state. She said her city would lose \$26 million next year, more than one-fourth of Carmel's general fund revenue. As an example of the city's uses for property tax revenue, she said Carmel already has two fewer fire stations than it needs to provide adequate fire protection and the city council just voted Monday night to add another ambulance on the city's west side.

"It's how do we do that and still maintain the services that people deserve and expect and frankly have been invested in for years," she said.

During his testimony, Sakbun noted 40 percent of the people who live in Terre Haute are renters rather than homeowners and said the property tax conversation should include them as well. Braun said while he's open to that, homeowners have borne the brunt of the increase in property taxes over the past four years and so are in the greatest need of relief.

Braun said he's open to conversations with local government leaders like Finkam and Sakbun on how to implement his plan in a way that minimizes impact to services. He said local governments are nearly always run more efficiently than state government, but that doesn't mean there's no room for cities and counties to find additional savings.

"This is an issue about listening to the taxpayers — some of them now feel that they may not be able to keep their home — and listening to the folks that we all want to be healthy and survive," Braun said, adding he wants to make sure local governments weren't simply taking advantage of a tax revenue windfall.

There was no committee vote Tuesday. Bill author Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, said he plans to file an amendment based on feedback from Tuesday's hearing, with a possible committee vote coming next week.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/mayors-warn-property-tax-reform](http://wishtv.com/news/politics/mayors-warn-property-tax-reform).*

## Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness delivers State of the City address

*Announces major new corporate & lifestyle investments*

### The REPORTER

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness delivered his annual State of the City address Wednesday, announcing major new corporate and lifestyle investments and marking a decade of service as the city's first mayor.

Fadness highlighted Fishers' rapid growth over the past decade and the community's transformation from a small suburb to a major regional destination and fourth-largest city in the state. In addition to the accelerated population growth, the mayor cited the city's expanding infrastructure and lifestyle amenities over the past 10 years, referencing the 61 percent increase in park acreage, \$135 million investment in parks and trails, roadway improvements such as the 106th Street interchange and State Road 37 project, and new community amenities like the Fishers Event Center, Nickel Plate Trail, and upcoming Fishers Community Center.

Fadness also announced a lineup of major new investments that will bring new jobs and lifestyle amenities to the community. These investments include:

#### • Expanded restaurant

**& retail at Fishers District from BW Development:** A \$30 million investment from BW Development will bring new restaurant and retail space to The Crossing at Fishers District,



Fadness

home of the new Fishers Event Center. The 35,000 square-foot leasable space will provide new dining and retail options to this burgeoning entertainment district.

**• A mixed-use development joins new restaurant & retail at The Crossing:** In the coming weeks, a partnership with another development company will be presented to Fishers City Council to bring a new, mixed-use development to The Crossing. This proposed development will include multifamily housing, retail space, and a potential hotel pad.

**• AgriPark 2.0 in west Fishers:** The city is developing an AgriPark 2.0 in west Fishers to expand the offerings of one of the city's most unique and popular parks. This second AgriPark will bring the urban farm experience

to west Fishers, offering u-pick produce, special programming, and more.

**• New Target store in east Fishers:** A 148,000 square-foot Target store is coming to 136th Street in east Fishers, adding new jobs and a convenient shopping experience for eastside residents. The store will be located south of Southeastern Parkway at Exit 210 and will feature a dedicated drive-up order location, extensive native landscaping, and an improved pedestrian experience.

**• New investments from life science companies:** NCOG BioPharma Services has committed approximately \$280 million to build out its Fishers site along Fishers' Life Sciences & Innovation Corridor. The company plans to add nearly 100 new employees by the end of the year and another 100 in 2026, along with adding a third filling line and 114,000 square-foot building to their site. Stevanato Group, located at the Fishers Life Science & Innovation Park, is also

expanding with new jobs and capabilities with its manufacturing operations. This includes manufacturing drug delivery devices and the addition of research and development activities at its Fishers location. By 2032, the company plans to have 700 employees with an average salary of \$70,000. Combined, INCOG and Stevanato bring a total investment of more than \$1.2 billion and 1,665 new jobs to Fishers.

**• Plug and Play partners with Launch Fishers:** Plug and Play, a platform that connects startups to corporations, venture capital firms, universities and government agencies, has partnered with Launch Fishers to bring business connections and resources straight to Launch companies. Plug and Play is headquartered in Silicon Valley and has a presence in more than 50 locations across five continents. The partnership will bring direct access to clients, corporate reverse pitch events, workshops and mentor sessions, monthly and weekly networking roundtable discussions, workshops, and panels for Launch Fishers startups.

## Costs of "success" in America are addressed on stage in *Red Speedo*

By ADAM CROWE  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

My theatrical 2025 has started with another production of American Lives Theatre (ALT). I'm a fan of their choices, and wasn't disappointed by their current production of *Red Speedo* by Lucas Hnath. Hnath gained attention and awards for his plays *A Doll's House Part 2* and *The Christians*.

*Red Speedo* begins with a flurry of exposition by the excellent Alex Oberheid as the lawyer/brother of the man in said red speedo, Ray. Ray's hopes of making the Olympic swimming team teeter back and forth as the play progresses.

Cody Miley plays Ray, a simple man who knows how limited his life choices are and does what he thinks he has to in order to achieve them. Drew Vidal plays Ray's swim coach, and the cast is com-

pleted by Paige Elisse as Lydia, Ray's former girlfriend. The cast is uniformly good. Over 85 (intermission-free) minutes, these characters each take a turn asking about the costs of "success" in America and how outside forces may sometimes make decisions for us.

A friend recently reviewed a local musical and wrote about the concept of the "I Want" song. As a part of the structure of a musical, one or more characters will sing about their wants and dreams to move the story and tell us more about a character. *Red Speedo* features a cacophony of such sentiments, though not in song. None of the characters seem too concerned that their particular "want" will seriously affect the others.

Directed by ALT Artistic Director Chris Saunders, with the lighting design by Laura Glover and a won-



Photo provided by ALT

Alex Oberheid as Peter (left) and Cody Miley as Ray.

derful locker room set (with pool) by Matt Mott, *Red Speedo* is the latest in a line of thoughtful, surprising plays from ALT. If I have any quibbles, I lay them at the feet of the playwright. He bites off a lot and at times, I'm not sure he keeps it all digestible.

American Lives The-

atre's production of *Red Speedo* runs at Phoenix Theater Cultural Center through Feb. 16. Tickets are available through the Phoenix website at [phoenixtheatre.org](http://phoenixtheatre.org) or by calling (317) 635-7529.

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

## Shelby Materials named 2024 IRMCA Producer of the Year

### The REPORTER

On Tuesday, the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA) announced Shelby Materials as the recipient of the 2024 IRMCA Producer of the Year Award, recognizing the company's exceptional involvement and contributions to the association and the concrete industry throughout the past year.

Shelby Materials, a leading ready-mixed concrete producer in central Indiana, has demonstrated unparalleled dedication to

the IRMCA's mission by actively participating in events, advocating for industry advancements, and collaborating with peers to foster a stronger, more sustainable concrete industry in the state.

"We're incredibly honored to receive the IRMCA Producer of the Year Award," said Shelby Materials President Matt Haehl. "Our involvement with the IRMCA has been a key priority for us, and we're proud to support the association's efforts to promote safety,



Photo provided

(From left) Shelby Materials Director of Sales Dustin Hartman, President Matt Haehl, Executive Vice President Parker Haehl, and Quality Control Director Eric Wagoner.

sustainability, and innovation across the industry. This award is a testament to the hard work of our team and our shared vision with the IRMCA."

Producers like Shelby Materials play a crucial role in the growth and success of the IRMCA by getting involved in various committees, attending industry events, and supporting initiatives that advance the association's goals. Their contributions help shape the future of the industry and ensure the IRMCA's continued leadership in promoting safety, innovation, and sustainability within Indiana's ready-mixed concrete sector.

"Shelby Materials has long been a key player in advancing the standards of the ready-mixed con-

crete industry in Indiana," IRMCA Executive Director Chad Montgomery said. "Matt and his entire team have shown a dedication to innovation and environmental responsibility, and are continuous key contributors when the IRMCA needs assistance to further the industry for producers across Indiana. They are more than deserving of this recognition as the 2024 Producer of the Year."

With headquarters in Shelbyville, Ind., Shelby Materials is in its seventh decade, having grown to 12 locations with more than 225 employees. Shelby Materials has a location in Westfield at 18050 Mule Bard Road. For more information on Shelby Materials, visit [shelbymaterials.com](http://shelbymaterials.com).

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 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 Trivia Wed 6pm  
 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  
 317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 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 Conner St Noblesville

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
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## INDY WARRIOR PARTNERSHIP

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.

## Hamilton County Military Veteran

Join the Indy Vet Center for "The Weekly Grind" Every Thursday 10am-noon



We are starting a new coffee time open to ALL veterans weekly here at the Vet Center. This is not counselor led or directed in anyway, it is just an open invitation to have some coffee with your community.

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Christina Owens  
**Veteran Outreach Program Specialist**

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## American Legion & VFW Bar & Restaurant Hours

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 Su 8a-8p. **Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p**  
**Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

**Carmel VFW**  
 Su-Sa 11a-11p. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

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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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# Carmel provides update on College Avenue roundabout

## The REPORTER

Beginning on or after March 17, Carmel will begin constructing a roundabout at the intersection of East 96th Street and North College Avenue. This project will require a full closure of the intersection for approximately 60 days.

In addition to the roundabout, improvements will take place along North College Avenue from East 96th Street to East 104th Street during the next 12 months. These upgrades will include utility coordination, enhanced pedestrian connectivity (such as multi-use paths), and the installation of additional roundabouts at Pennsylvania Parkway and Parkwood Crossing. Landscaping will also be added along North College Avenue.

The full closure of East 96th Street and North College Avenue, as well as

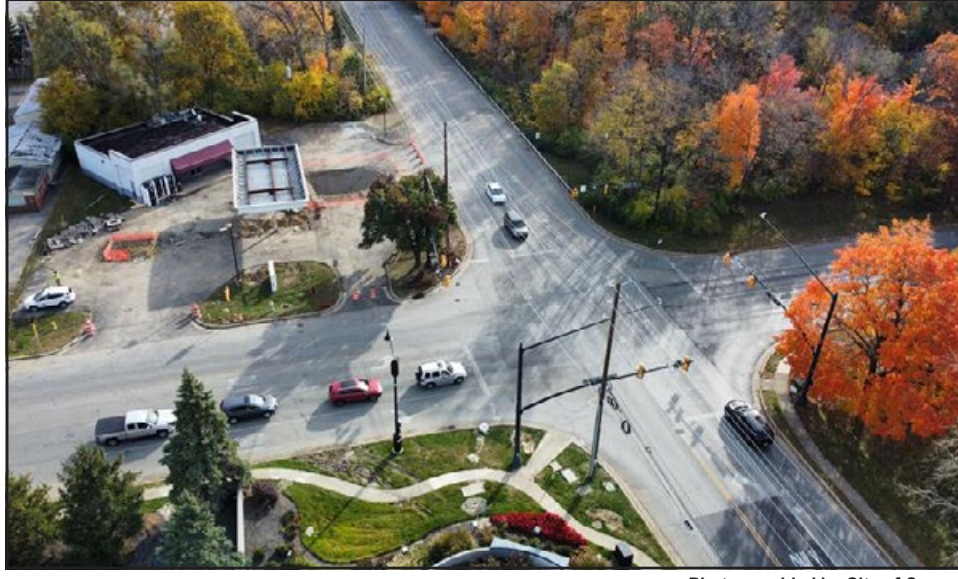


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College Avenue between the intersection and Interstate 465, will remain in effect until June 1.

After this date:

- Southbound traffic on College Avenue will be permitted between 104th Street and 96th Street.

- Northbound traffic will have access to I-465

with no access beyond it as the northbound lane of College Avenue is reconstructed.

### Community meeting

The public is invited to attend a community meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. City representatives will provide an

overview of the North College Avenue reconstruction project and be available for questions.

The event is free but seating is limited; please register for the meeting at [this Eventbrite link](#). The meeting will be live-streamed on the [City of Carmel Facebook page](#).

# Eleven Hamilton County college students named to prestigious early career development program

## The REPORTER

Eleven recent and upcoming college graduates from Hamilton County have been named to Orr Fellowship's newest cohort for 2025. They are among 74 talented college seniors who have been matched with leading Indiana-based partner companies to embark on a two-year Fellowship upon graduation.

Orr Fellowship is an early career development program for versatile high-achievers and future-focused businesses in Indiana. The program recruits, assesses and matches university graduates with high-agency roles in growing Indiana businesses.

The new Orr Fellows from Hamilton County as well as their respective universities and partner companies are:

### Noblesville

- Rayan Duffy, Indiana University Bloomington, The Heritage Group

### Carmel

- Grant Gottlieb, Purdue University, Ryan Fireprotection

- Vanessa Castro, Indiana University Bloomington, The Heritage Group

- Tally Seitz, Purdue University, Spry

### Westfield

- Cate Jensen, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana University

- Morgan Hagerty, Ball State University, Terraboost Media

- Benjamin Wallace, Wabash College, Steele

### Fishers

- Isabel Chalfant, Purdue University, TPMA

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- Olivia Lux, Indiana University Bloomington, Stitch

- Kayla Malmquist, Taylor University, The Heritage Group

This year's Fellows, formally selected after Finalist Day interviews in Indianapolis and Evansville, will gain unparalleled career development, **an expedited pathway into the Kelley Evening MBA program**, formal leadership training and community building within Indiana's thriving business ecosystem. The program's growth ensures a pipeline of qualified talent that directly impacts Indiana's economic and entrepreneurial landscape.

"We are thrilled to welcome this new group of talented individuals to Orr Fellowship," Orr Fellowship President Steven Emch said. "These Fellows demonstrate the leadership potential and innovative thinking that will drive Indiana's business community forward. With the addition of the Evansville Region chapter, we are expanding our reach across the state and cultivating a network of leaders committed to Indiana's growth and success."

Fellows are selected for their strong leadership potential, academic achievements and commitment to community impact. Over two years, they gain hands-on experience with companies in diverse fields, from marketing to engineering, while participating in professional development opportunities, nonprofit consulting projects and leadership training.

# INDOT to hold public hearing for SR 13 roundabouts

## The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 19 to inform residents and solicit feedback about two proposed roundabouts on State Road 13 near the Hamilton, Madison, and Tipton county lines:

- SR 13 at Strawtown Avenue/West 8th Street near Perkinsville (DES. 2003082)

- SR 13 at SR 128/East 296th Street near Elwood (DES. 2003081)

The hearing will take place at the Lapel High School Auditorium, 1800 S. County Road 900 West,

Lapel. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with a project presentation to begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by an in-person comment session.

The purpose of the projects is to reduce the incidence and severity of crashes and improve overall safety at both intersections.

Project documents are currently available online at [bit.ly/SR13Roundabouts](http://bit.ly/SR13Roundabouts). Meeting materials will be available on the same webpage following the hearing.



Printed copies of project documents are available at the following locations:

- Lapel Branch Public Library, 610 Main St., Lapel
- Elwood Public Library, 1600 Main St., Elwood

- INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 S. Broadway St., Greenfield

Comments may be submitted in-person at the hearing or in writing. To submit via mail, send to Kaskaskia Engineering

Group, LLC, Attn: Virginia Flynn, 208 E. Main St., Suite 100, Belleville, IL 62220.

Comments may also be submitted by email to [vflynn@kaskaskiaeng.com](mailto:vflynn@kaskaskiaeng.com), or to INDOT's customer service center at [INDOT4U.com](http://INDOT4U.com) or by calling 1-855-INDOT4U (1-855-463-6848).

INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted and/or postmarked by Wednesday, March 5, 2024.

In case of inclement weather, the hearing will be rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the same time and location.



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# Epcon closes on land for The Courtyards of Hazel Dell

Noblesville community to accept home site reservations this spring

**Submitted**

Epcon Communities recently closed on the land for its latest Indianapolis-area community, The Courtyards of Hazel Dell. Epcon will start accepting home site reservations this spring.

The Courtyards of Hazel Dell will offer four home designs ranging from 1,550 to 4,000 square feet. Amenities will include a clubhouse, pool, and pickleball court. The community will also have direct access to Midland Trace Trail.

"This is a desirable piece of property and were thrilled to start developing it into a community our buyers have asked us for and come to expect with Epcon," said Robyn Crawford, regional president for Epcon Communities in Indianapolis. "This includes resort-style amenities, low-maintenance living, private courtyards and a lock-and-leave lifestyle."

Epcon also has four other active communities in the



Rendering provided by Epcon Communities

Indianapolis area.

Since 1986, Epcon has built homes with smart, innovative designs and the most desirable of modern amenities. Epcon builds luxury ranch homes with private courtyards that are popular with buyers aged 55

and over. Epcon communities offer low maintenance living with many communities offering amenities like clubhouses, pools, pickleball courts, walking trails, fitness centers, and more based on the size and the location of the community.

More than 35,000 families and individuals call an Epcon community "home," making Epcon one of the top lifestyle-rich home developers in the country year after year.

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

# Spots available for Valentine's Day blood drive in Sheridan

**The REPORTER**

The Sheridan Public Library and Versiti will hold a Valentine's Day Blood Drive from 1:45 to 6 p.m. The blood drive will be in the Community Room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

Appointments are preferred; [click here](#) to schedule your donation time.

Be sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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# South Korean luxury hotel development planned for Westfield

By **PARKER CARLSON**  
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One of the largest hotel developers in South Korea wants to build a luxury hotel and restaurant in Westfield, and the city is planning on making it happen.

**Lotte**, a South Korean chaebol, or a large conglomerate owned by a single individual or family, runs businesses all across the world. The company is looking to invest \$50 million into Westfield with a new hotel called L7 by Lotte.

The proposed development will construct the hotel off U.S. 31 and 161st Street, and will have access to the Monon Trail.

The five-story hotel currently plans for 228 rooms and a separate, 10,000 square-foot restaurant in the same development area.

The **Westfield city government** originally made plans for that site in 2007 to develop it into a retail space similar to Village Park Plaza;



Rendering provided by City of Westfield

**The City of Westfield is hearing proposed development plans for a luxury hotel called The L7 by Lotte, a South Korean company wanting to invest in the city.**

however, plans shifted to a luxury hotel development in 2021.

At the **Advisory Plan Commission** meeting Feb. 3, representatives of the plan said construction could begin as early as this fall. They expect construction to last 12 to 18 months.

While the plans for the hotel have not yet been approved, plan commissioners said having a South Korean developer interested in Westfield "speaks volumes to what we all have going on here."

In March, Westfield Mayor Scott Willis and other city officials will travel to South Korea to build relationships for potential future partnerships. Kayla

Arnold, director of communications for the city, said they are trying to establish a sister-city program to promote "cultural exchange, education, economic growth, and tourism."

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# Gene McDonald joins American Structurepoint's Architecture + Interiors Group

**The REPORTER**

American Structurepoint welcomes Gene McDonald, AIA, to the firm's Architecture + Interiors Group as Principal of National Growth. He will be responsible for the group's strategic growth by fostering national partnerships and collaborating with top industry leaders.

McDonald brings over 25 years of experience to American Structurepoint. He is a nationally recognized industry leader, dedicated to delivering sustainability, innovation, and design excellence in the multifamily, higher education, and healthcare sectors.

"We are thrilled to welcome Gene to our team," American Structurepoint President Cash Canfield said. "We've had great success expanding our architectural presence in Indiana. As

our company continues to grow, we have the opportunity to expand our services nationally. Gene will position American Structurepoint as a leader in both new and existing markets by using his experience with larger projects and identifying key areas where our strengths can fuel growth."

McDonald is active in industry organizations, including the American Institute of Architects, the Urban Land Institute, the Society for College and University Planning, and the Association of College



McDonald

and University Housing Officers. He holds a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Kentucky.

"I am passionate about helping American Structurepoint grow into a nationally recognized architectural leader," McDonald said. "I am excited to join the Architecture + Interiors team and build on their fantastic success in improving the quality of life for the people and communities we serve."

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The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday Feb. 10, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

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*"The first offspring of every womb belongs to me, including all the firstborn males of your livestock, whether from herd or flock. Redeem the firstborn donkey with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem all your firstborn sons.*

*"No one is to appear before me empty-handed.*

*"Six days you shall labor; but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.*

*"Celebrate the Festival of Weeks with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, and the Festival of Ingathering at the turn of the year. Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord, the God of Israel. I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your territory, and no one will covet your land when you go up three times each year to appear before the Lord your God.*

*"Do not offer the blood of a sacrifice to me along with anything containing yeast, and do not let any of the sacrifice from the Passover Festival remain until morning.*

*"Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God.*

*"Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk."*

*Exodus 34:19-26 (NIV)*

### The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to submit obituaries at [ReadTheReporter.com/obitform](http://ReadTheReporter.com/obitform).

### Cathy Sue Stowe (Wallace)

July 27, 1954 – January 24, 2025

Cathy Sue Stowe (Wallace), a beloved mother, (great) grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 24, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. She was 70 years old.

Born on July 27, 1954, in Noblesville, Cathy was the youngest daughter of Lloyd and Mary Catherine (Hines) Wallace. She grew up in Sheridan and was a 1972 graduate of Sheridan High School. As an adult she lived in various cities including Sheridan, Indianapolis, Nashville, Tenn., Kokomo, Ind.; and most recently Huntsville, Ala. Her greatest pride was her family.

Cathy's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She was a devoted Christian who found comfort and strength in her relationship with God. She often offered prayers and words of encouragement to those in need. Her unwavering belief in God's grace guided her through life's challenges and inspired those around her. Cathy had a passion for taking care of her lawn, crafting, reading, traveling, music and movies, and had a deep love for her family and pets.

She was a devoted mother to Cristina (Eric) Huprich, Adrienne Pickett, Thomas (Sheana) Stowe, and Heather (Jacob) Johnson; a loving grandmother to Sarah (Kayla) Bennett, Nicholas Carter, Cora Stowe, Shawn Stowe-Vines, Tobin Johnson, Avery Stowe, Olliver Johnson, Jesse Stowe, Imogen Johnson, and Emily Stowe; and a proud great-grandmother to Noah Bennett.

She is also survived by her siblings, Vance Wallace, Keith (Nancy) Wallace, and Peggy Robinson; as well as cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She is reunited in eternal peace with her parents, Lloyd and Mary Catherine (Hines) Wallace; her brother, James Wallace; sister-in-law, Susie Wallace; and many others, including her beloved dogs, Tyke and Robbie.

Her family finds solace in knowing that she is now in the presence of her Savior, embraced by eternal light and love.

A celebration of Cathy's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

Cathy will be remembered for her boundless love, steadfast faith, and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed but forever cherished in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

### Judith Diane (Blew) Ramey

September 16, 1945 – January 27, 2025

Judith Diane (Blew) Ramey, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2025, at the age of 79. Born on September 16, 1945, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Betty (Wilson) Blew and Ora Blew, Judi lived a life full of love, service, and dedication to those she held dear.

Judi leaves behind a legacy of fierce love and unwavering support for her family and friends. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Robert; her children, Eric Ramey and Damara (Ramey) Mitchell; and her cherished grandchildren, Jacob, Tyler, Raymee, Jonah, Brody, Lydia Diane, and Morgan (predeceased). She is also remembered by her siblings, Donna Hammel, Gary Blew, Michael Blew, and Gwendolyn (Blew) Rice.

From a young age, Judi's heart was captivated by music and travel. She had an innate curiosity about the world and a passion for exploring its beauty, which she loved to share with others by organizing meaningful trips. Whether researching destinations or writing about new places to discover, Judi's love of travel knew no bounds. Her most cherished moments were when she could create lasting memories for others through her thoughtful travel plans.

Judi's compassion extended beyond her family. She devoted much of her life to serving others. Her time as a Stephen Minister and Grief Share teacher gave her the opportunity to walk alongside those experiencing some of life's hardest moments, offering support, prayer, and encouragement. Judi's faith was a central part of her life, and she was a prayer warrior who believed deeply in the power of God and her savior Jesus Christ.

A lover of music, Judi studied opera at Ball State University and helped establish the radio station WQME at Anderson University. She found joy singing with the "Sweet Adelines" during her time in Tehran, Iran, with her young family. In addition to her musical pursuits, Judi worked at the Indiana State School for the Deaf.

Judi was known for her vibrant personality, her ability to listen and encourage, and her deep love for God. She was outgoing, passionate, and truly a champion for her family. She fought bravely through many health battles over the last 25 years, always with the mantra, "It's worth the fight and God is good."

A memorial service to celebrate Judi's life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 12 at Church At The Crossing, 9111 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. All who knew and loved Judi are invited to join in honoring her memory.

Judi's legacy of love, service, and joy will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of her family and in the countless lives she touched.

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# REPORTER SPORTS THURSDAY

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## Football



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Westfield's Gabe Arambolles and Mikeah Webster are two of 12 new student-athletes that will join the Ball State football program this fall.

## Two Rocks ready to join Ball State football team

### The REPORTER

Two Westfield football stars are among the 12 new student-athlete football players that will join the Ball State Cardinals program in 2025.

Gabe Arambolles and Mikeah Webster will be incoming freshmen at Ball State this fall. Both players helped the Shamrocks to a 12-2 record and a state final-

ist finish in the IHSAA Class 6A state tournament.

Arambolles, at 6-0 and 196 pounds, played both wide receiver and defensive back. He signs with Ball State classified as an "Athlete" and caught 38 passes for 548 yards and five touchdowns, despite being injured late in his senior campaign. Arambolles played in 10 games and led the Shamrocks with 54.8

receiving yards per game. He was named to the Reporter's All-County second team and to the 2024 *IndyStar* football preseason Super Team at wide receiver.

Webster, a 6-1 and 230-pound linebacker, was a force on both sides of the ball for the Shamrocks, scoring a combined 11 touchdowns in his career and logging 280 total tackles. He earned IFC

All-State honors in 2023 and 2024 and was named to the Reporter's All-County First Team and the *IndyStar*'s 2024 football Super Team. Webster earned a three-star rating from 247Sports and was ranked the sixth-best linebacker in Indiana in the class of 2025. Mikeah Webster is the younger brother of Ball State redshirt junior Maximus Webster.



Photo provided

Noblesville's Aiden Reynolds has committed to Indiana University to play baseball.

## Noblesville's Aiden Reynolds commits to play IU baseball

By PHIL SANCHEZ  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A total of 15,000. That's how many swings that Noblesville's Aiden Reynolds took during the offseason when he was just 11 years old. That was the same offseason where he started taking baseball more seriously.

Clearly, it's paid off as Reynolds, a 2026 grad, has committed to play baseball at Indiana University.

"They want what's best for me and my family," Reynolds said about the coaching staff at Indiana. "Some coaches at other schools only cared about baseball and that's not what I was looking for in a school, I wanted a place that cared about me and my family because that's something that I value."

It's also something that his coach at Noblesville values, too. Reynolds said he was in middle school when he first met Noblesville Head Coach Justin Keever. However, Reynolds remembers Keever coming to watch him play when he was playing Babe Ruth ball.

"He would always come out and watch me play, never talked much at that time, but, in middle school, talked to one of my classes and that was the first time I ever met

him. He's great, big family guy. He always talks about that, we are a family, we do things together, and I love that."

Reynolds, an infielder, is the ninth-ranked player in the state for the class of 2026. He said that he would love to help the Noblesville Millers win this season.

"We have a lot of players returning from last year so we would love to go undefeated in our conference, I don't think that's been done for a while."

Reynolds who plays travel ball with the Indiana Bulls during the summer and trains out of Pro-X in Westfield said that he owes everything to his family, especially his mom, Shantel and dad, Scott.

"She's the emotional support, she may not everything that's happening on the baseball field but she's the most supportive person," Reynolds said about his mom.

As far as his dad goes, Reynolds points to those 15,000 swings and more.

"He's taught me everything, he's found coaches for me, he pays for everything, I owe everything to him."

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/sports/high-school-the-zone/noble-reynolds-indiana-university-baseball-commitment](http://wishtv.com/sports/high-school-the-zone/noble-reynolds-indiana-university-baseball-commitment).

## Boys Basketball



Photo by Bob Cross



Photo by Julie Montgomery

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Heights' Gavin Saunders scored 51 points for the Huskies during their win over KIPP Indy Legacy on Wednesday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carson Felger dished out six of Hamilton Heights' 20 assists during the Huskies' Wednesday game.

## Huskies shoot to win big over KIPP Indy Legacy

### The REPORTER

A red-hot shooting night from Hamilton Heights' Gavin Saunders – and for that matter, the entire Huskies' team – turned into a huge Wednesday win.

Heights rolled past KIPP Indy Legacy 97-53 in a home game. The Pride came into the Huskies' gym with a 10-4 record, but Heights dominated this game, scoring at least 21 points in each quarter of its Senior Night game.

"That's a great team

win," said Huskies coach Chad Ballenger. "That's one of those games as a coach, I was worried our guys wouldn't take them serious just because they weren't familiar with them." Ballenger said KIPP has three "pretty good" players and credited his players with containing them.

There was no containing Saunders, a senior who put together a memorable performance on Senior Night. Saunders scored 51 points on 18-of-22 field

goal shooting. Saunders made all 12 of his 2-point attempts and went 6-of-10 from 3-point range in what Ballenger called an "unbelievable shooting night."

"We ran sets for him," said Ballenger. "He got free, he knocked shots down. He got to the rim, he attacked the rim off the drive and he hit 3s. And his teammates got him the ball."

Heights shot 61 percent as a team, making 36 of

59 attempts. Rees Knapp poured in 16 points, while Dreydin Serna scored 13 points. The Huskies shared the ball well with 20 assists; Tyler Champion and Carson Felger both dished out six assists each.

Serna led the rebounds with six, while Felger collected five. Saunders also made four steals.

Heights is 10-6 and plays at Winchester Saturday afternoon.

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HAMILTON HEIGHTS 97, KIPP INDY LEGACY 53				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	1-3	3-4	5	0
Rees Knapp	8-15	0-0	16	1
Carson Felger	1-2	0-0	2	3
Dreydin Serna	6-10	1-2	13	2
Gavin Saunders	18-22	9-11	51	0
Chris Nobbe	1-2	0-0	2	4
Aiden Unger	0-2	1-2	1	1
Jack Kakasuleff	0-1	0-0	0	0
Austin Day	1-1	0-0	3	1
Justin Overton	0-0	3-4	3	0
Jackson Cantlon	0-1	0-0	0	0
Hayden Spicer	0-0	1-2	1	0
Totals	36-59	18-25	97	12
Score by Quarters				
KIPP Academy	13	18	12	10 - 83
Heights	27	21	24	25 - 97
Heights 3-point shooting (7-18) Saunders 6-10, Day 1-1, Knapp 0-4, Champion 0-2, Cantlon 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (32) Serna 6, Felger 5, Knapp 4, Champion 3, Nobbe 3, Saunders 3, Spicer 3, Overton 2, Unger 1, Kakasuleff 1.				

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## Girls Basketball Heights falls to Delta

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team fell to Delta 63-37 in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 24 Tuesday at Connersville.

The Huskies stayed close with the Eagles in the first quarter, with Delta leading 14-10. But the

Eagles outscored Heights 33-9 in the second period for a 47-19 halftime lead.

Senior Katie Brown led the Huskies with 20 points. Kamryn Rhoton collected 11 rebounds; both she and Presley Cherry scored seven points each.

Heights finished its season with a 5-17 record.

DELTA 63, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 37				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Brown	7-14	4-5	20	0
Kamryn Rhoton	3-12	0-2	7	2
Presley Cherry	2-6	2-2	7	1
Reece Blanton	0-1	1-4	1	1
Sarah Sherrill	0-0	0-0	0	1
Abi Hilfiker	1-3	0-0	2	4
Illiana Bowyer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Haley Barr	0-0	0-0	0	0
Julianna Thompson	0-0	0-0	0	1
Macy Bradley	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13-36	7-13	37	10
Score by Quarters				
Delta	14	33	9	7-63
Heights	10	9	8	10-37
Heights 3-point shooting (4-14) Brown 2-7, Rhoton 1-4, Cherry 1-3.				
Heights rebounds (18) Rhoton 11, Blanton 3, Brown 2, Hilfiker 1, Sherrill 1.				

## Indy Allstars merges with Select Athletics, creating Indy Select

**The REPORTER**  
Select Athletics, a leading youth sports organization, has launched a new division, Indy Select. This expansion brings the organization's high-quality programming to the central Indiana area, furthering its commitment to youth athlete development.

President Erica Raisor said. This move aligns perfectly with our mission to provide top-tier athletic opportunities to youth across the country."

Indy Allstars Director William Dabner expressed enthusiasm about the merger. "The alignment with Select Athletics will give us the resources to continue to expand our program to serve more youth in the central Indiana area."

The cornerstone of this new division is the integration of the Indy Allstars 7-on-7 program into the Select Athletics family. Indy Allstars, a rising star in the 7-on-7 football scene operating out of Fishers, has quickly gained recognition for its exceptional training and competitive success.

The Indy Select division aims to deliver the same high-quality programming that Select Athletics is known for, now tailored to meet the specific needs of central Indiana's young athletes.

"We are thrilled to start this new division by bringing the Indy Allstars 7-on-7 program into our organi-

zation," Raisor said. For more information about Indy Select and its programs, please visit [select-athletics.com](http://select-athletics.com).

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Thursday, Feb. 6**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Carmel at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.  
Fishers at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Herron at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.  
Mount Vernon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMINARIES**  
University at Lafayette Jefferson, 5:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6 p.m.

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7:30 pm Mt Vernon vs Noblesville | Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

**Fri Feb 7 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
6:00 pm Zionville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports  
7:30 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports

**Sat Feb 8 - Boys Basketball**  
10:50 am Outlook Christian vs Horizon Christian | 2024-25 Youth Basketball | Indiana SRN  
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**Sat Feb 8 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
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7:20 pm Legacy Christian vs Horizon Christian | IHSAA Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN  
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## Gymnastics Noblesville takes second place at four-team meet

**The REPORTER**  
The Noblesville gymnastics team placed second in a four-team meet with New Palestine, Fishers and Pendleton Heights on Wednesday.

The Millers totaled a team score of 94.875. McKenna Watson led the way for Noblesville, placing second on the vault with an 8.60. Emmerson Leckrone

took third in the uneven bars, scoring 8.10, while Valorey Bittles was third on the balance beam with 8.425.

Lilly Martin finished second in the junior varsity all-around by scoring 24.15. She placed second on the beam (6.65) and third on the bars (4.55), while also posting a 7.20 on the vault and 5.75 on the floor exercise.

Individual varsity scores, along with top six places now follow.

**All-around:** 5. Valorey Bittles 32.25, 6. McKenna Watson 30.125, Ethan Rivers 27.675, Lydia Blackwell 26.125, Alexis Mitcham 23.00.

**Vault:** 2. Watson 8.60, Blackwell 8.05, Bittles 8.00, Rivers 7.70, Mitcham 7.30.

**Uneven bars:** 3. Emmer-

son Leckrone 8.10, 4. Bittles 7.625, Watson 6.10, Rivers 5.625, Blackwell 4.625, Mitcham 4.125.

**Balance beam:** 3. Bittles 8.425, 5. Leckrone 8.175, Watson 7.675, Rivers 6.775, Blackwell 6.10, Mitcham 5.20.

**Floor exercise:** 6. Bittles 8.20, Leckrone 8.175, Watson 7.75, Rivers 7.575, Blackwell 7.35, Mitcham 6.375.

## Swimming Southeastern hosts Reserve Championships, get several wins

**The REPORTER**  
The Hamilton Southeastern swim team hosted the Reserve Championships Meet last Saturday.

The Royals welcomed teams from Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville to the event. Southeastern picked up several wins, including eight in the girls meet. Molly Hultgren was a double winner in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

Southeastern "C" (Onufrock, Johnson, Gansman, Edison) 1:51.58, 8. Southeastern "D" (Goss, Isabel Ransom, Mattick, Anaya Lammie) 1:55.28.

50 freestyle: 2. Ryland Williams (HSE) 24.28, 3. Brody Hayes (HSE) 24.30, 6. Cade Breske (HSE) 26.20, 7. Graham Weier (HSE) 26.24, 8. Wes Arnold (N) 27.64.

Also placing first for HSE: Kaavya Patel in the individual medley, Juli Goss in the butterfly, Hayden Bunch in the backstroke, Scarlett Fanger in the breaststroke, and the medley and 200 free relays.

**100 freestyle:** 1. M. Hultgren (HSE) 2:03.97, 3. Sophia Croy (HSE) 2:06.92, 4. Eleanor Hultgren (HSE) 2:08.25, 6. Camdyn McGuire (HSE) 2:11.29, 8. Murphy (HSE) 2:15.65.

**100 backstroke:** 1. H. Bunch (HSE) 1:03.64, 2. Willency (HSE) 1:03.76, 3. Goss (HSE) 1:05.35, 4. M. Page (HSE) 1:05.93, 7. Edison (HSE) 1:07.32, 8. Onufrock (HSE) 1:07.70.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Joseph Justice (HSE), score n/a.

The Shamrocks' Carly Herring won the diving event. The Millers' Stella Cramer placed second in the IM.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Patel (HSE) 2:21.02, 2. Stella Cramer (N) 2:22.17, 3. Fanger (HSE) 2:23.82, 4. Edison (HSE) 2:26.95, 5. E. Bunch 2:30.09, 7. H. Bunch (HSE) 2:30.09, 8. Herring (HSE) 2:30.33.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Fanger (HSE) 1:11.02, 2. Patel (HSE) 1:13.91, 3. Cramer (N) 1:14.29, 4. McIntosh (HSE) 1:14.30, 5. Sophia Listenfelt (HSE) 1:15.38, 8. Bidle (N) 1:19.13.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Nelsen (HSE) 59.65, 2. John Obusek (W) 1:00.95, 3. Belaire (HSE) 1:01.44, 4. Avi Avyanth (W) 1:21.25.

Southeastern picked up six wins in the boys meet. Carter Nelsen was a double winner in the 200 free and butterfly. Also winning were Joseph Justice in diving, Clive Bourff in the backstroke, Aiden Stivers in the breaststroke and the Royals' medley relay.

**50 freestyle:** 3. Croy (HSE) 25.83, 4. M. Page (HSE) 25.87, 5. Anissa Lammie (HSE) 25.89.

**400 freestyle relay:** 2. Southeastern "A" (Croy, McIntosh, Onufrock, M. Hultgren) 3:55.43, 4. Southeastern "B" (Ani. Lammie, Ana. Lammie, E. Hultgren, Noelle Page) 4:10.23, 5. Westfield "A" (McNally, Morse, Naas, Davis) 4:10.38, 7. Southeastern "C" (Leah Lechleider, Zella Foreman, Ashlyn Gehle, Kayla Gulley) 4:26.19, 8. Westfield "B" (Ella Bozarth, Jenna McConaha, Brianna Howard, Cameron Goodwin) 4:30.89.

**100 freestyle:** 2. Williams (HSE) 53.49, 4. Hayes (HSE) 55.19, 7. Bourff (HSE) 58.80, 8. Faulkenberg (W) 59.44.

**GIRLS MEET**  
**200 medley relay:** 1. Hamilton Southeastern "A" (Hayden Bunch, Scarlett Fanger, Gabby Johnson, Molly Hultgren) 1:56.86, 2. Southeastern "B" (Maddy Page, Sophia Listenfelt, Emerson Bunch, Ryan

**100 butterfly:** 1. Goss (HSE) 1:05.42, 2. Johnson (HSE) 1:05.77, 4. Davis (W) 1:06.55, 5. Gansman (HSE) 1:06.75, 6. Naas (W) 1:07.50, 7. Mathes (N) 1:07.90.

**BOYS MEET**  
**200 medley relay:** 1. Southeastern "A" (Aiden Stivers, Grayer Belaire, Carter Nelsen, Luke Fletcher) 1:48.39, 3. Southeastern "B" (Clive Bourff, Connor Pugh, Cooper Murphy, Graham Weier) 1:59.90, 4. Westfield "A" (JP Mikels, Bryce Pittman, Alex Faulkenburg, Cole McGrath) 2:05.49.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Stivers (HSE) 1:04.55, 2. Belaire (HSE) 1:05.62, 3. Cochran (HSE) 1:06.35, 7. Pugh (HSE) 1:13.87, 8. Hood (W) 1:22.82.

## Flynn commits to Indiana University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
Noblesville's Riley Flynn has committed to the Indiana University Indianapolis women's cross country and track & field teams. (Front row, from left) Kimberly Flynn (mother), Riley Flynn, and David Flynn (father). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Girls Cross Country Head Coach Aaron Becker, Noblesville Girls Cross Country Assistant A.J. Snyder, Gavin Flynn (brother), and Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach Jim Pearce.

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