



Chief Deputy John Lowes releases data on illegal immigrant arrests

The REPORTER

Chief Deputy John Lowes of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has released statistical data regarding the number of arrests in Hamilton County of illegal immigrants and the impact of non-U.S. citizen arrests within the county.

The data reflects the number of Hamilton County Jail bookings and the types of crimes committed by individuals without legal status, highlighting concerns related to public safety and law enforcement resources.

According to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, over the past year, there have been 595 bookings involving individuals identified as illegal immigrants or non-U.S. citizens. These arrests include a range of criminal offenses, including but not limited to the examples below:

- **Sex Offenses:** eight cases
- **Drug Offenses:** 48 cases
- **Weapon Offenses:** 14 cases
- **Assault / Intimidation:** 46 cases
- **Burglary/ Shoplifting / Larceny:** 50 cases

"This data underscores the need for strong law enforcement cooperation with

County Jail Bookings, 2024	
Total Bookings	6,012
Non-US Citizens	595
ICE Detainers	77
Misdemeanor Charges	585
Felony Charges	161

County Jail Bookings, 2022	
Total Bookings	5,161
Non-US Citizens	256
ICE Detainers	18
Misdemeanor Charges	258
Felony Charges	86

County Jail Bookings, 2020	
Total Bookings	4,550
Non-US Citizens	187
ICE Detainers	37
Misdemeanor Charges	181
Felony Charges	64

federal immigration authorities to ensure public safety in Hamilton County," Lowes said. "We remain committed to enforcing the law equally and ensuring that all individuals who commit crimes are held accountable, regardless of their immigration status."

Lowes emphasized the importance of continuing proactive policing efforts, in-

telligence-sharing with federal agencies, and community engagement to address concerns surrounding crime and public safety.

"While the majority of our residents are law-abiding citizens, we cannot ignore the challenges posed by criminal activity among non-U.S. citizens," Lowes said. "Our priority remains keeping Hamilton County safe, and

we will continue to work diligently to uphold the law and protect our community."

The 287(g) program is a collaboration between ICE and local law enforcement agencies, authorizing designated jail officers to perform limited immigration law enforcement functions only within the confines of the county's detention facilities. This is a jail-based program. It applies to illegal aliens who commit crimes and then are booked into the Hamilton County Jail.



Lowes

Melt the Trail 5K returns March 1

The REPORTER

Westfield Welcome's 11th annual Melt the Trail 5K, presented by The Farmers Bank, returns at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 1 at Grand Junction Brewing Company, 1189 E. 181st St.

"Melt the Trail is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate health, wellness, and healthy competition," Mayor Scott Willis said. "Whether you're running, walking, or volunteering, Melt the Trail is a great way to connect with neighbors and explore our trails."

The 5K through Westfield's award-winning trail system will kick off at

Grand Junction Brewing Company. After the race, participants are invited to attend the Grand Junction Brewing Company afterparty, where they can purchase food, enjoy music, and play arcade games. Children and leashed dogs are welcome to join.

The race registration fee is \$40 and includes a long-sleeve race shirt, a finisher's medal, post-race snacks and drinks, one free drink ticket (ages 21 and over), a timed route, and a chance to win awards. The registration fee will increase to \$45 on Monday, Feb. 24 and to \$50 on March 1. Participants



Photo provided by City of Westfield

must register by Tuesday, Feb. 11 to guarantee receiving a long-sleeve race shirt.

Participants may pick up their packets early at The Farmer's Bank in Westfield, 17370 Farmers Bank Way, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thurs-

day, Feb. 27, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. Race day packet pickup will also be available at Grand Junction Brewing Company from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

To register, visit melt-thetrail.com.



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Don't miss Steve Wariner Feb. 21 at The Palladium

The REPORTER

Noblesville's own Steve Wariner will perform live at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 at the Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

More than 21 albums and five decades into his career, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Steve Wariner has earned 14 No. 1 hits, over 30 Top 10 singles, four Grammy Awards, and three CMA Awards, among other honors.

Wariner has composed songs for many artists in-

cluding Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley, and Keith Urban.

Wariner is a member of the Musicians Hall of Fame, the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, and the National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame, and one of only five guitarists in the world to receive the Certified Guitar Player title from Chet Atkins.

Don't miss this rare solo performance featuring songs, stories, and hot guitar. [Click here](#) for tickets right now.

Community News

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CUPID

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Let's wrap this column up and put a pretty pink bow on it. Guys, your girl works hard. She loves you. It's up to you to let her know how much she means to you and how special she is. Valentine's Day is a perfect opportunity to express that. I know

you're busy, and so is she. Make the time. It is well worth it for your relationship.

The moral of the story is ... don't fight Cupid, stupid.

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Let's dance! It'll do our hearts good

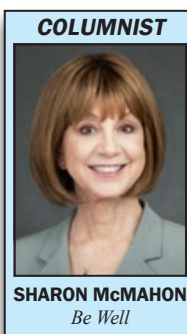
"Pick the beat up, and kick your feet up ... Dance with me" – Orleans, 1973

There she goes, writing about dancing again! I know, Dear Readers, but please bear with me and read on!

For those of you who say things like this: "I am not coordinated enough" or "there are too many steps to learn" or "I don't have a dance partner" or even "what if someone sees me?" I have an answer for all of these and more!

In the past I have written about the health aspects of dancing for coordination, flexibility, and even strengthening. Dancing can increase muscle strength, improve balance and coordination, give you stronger bones, lower the risk of dementia, improve memory, reduce stress, and give you more energy. Dancing engages your core – abs, hips, glutes – and powers your body.¹ The physical rewards are many, and your brain will thank you for the stimulation.

I was inspired this month to write about dancing for a couple of reasons.



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

As February is "heart health awareness" month, one way we care for our hearts is through increased physical activity as well as lowering our stress and anxiety. I was also asked by one of my FlexAbility class members if I knew of any classes or opportunities for someone whose partner just isn't interested in dancing. And there are many opportunities, just get out on the dance floor! (And in case you are wondering you absolutely do not need to be a Fred Astaire, Gene Kelley, Ginger Rogers, or Cyd Charisse to dance; and if you do not know who those people were, be sure to look them up and be entertained!)

My early exposure to dancing was about 1957 at the tender age of seven when I discovered *American Bandstand* and made sure I tuned in every day after school to watch the Philly teenagers dance. I also enjoyed watching my parents dance – at least until the age of about 13 or so because after all what adolescent wants to see their par-

ents do much of anything! The primary incentive, up close and personal, was watching the kids at NHS come down to the canteen, turn on the jukebox and dance while I awaited my baton twirling teacher Karen to arrive in the canteen to take me to the NHS gym for our lesson. Knowing my interest, my parents taught me some basic swing steps and I never looked back.

So, moving on to discuss the many forms of dancing available – the list is nearly endless! My husband Bruce and I like to ballroom swing dance (East Coast but sometimes West Coast as well) primarily but also enjoy cha-cha and waltz. Partner dancing is fun and a great way to stay coordinated together. The Two-Step is a fun one to try with your partner and really keeps you moving around the floor. If you do not have a dance partner, you can also sign up for a dance class with an instructor who can pair you with another single dancer. If you have a partner who wishes to dance more casually, just get out on the dance floor and move – it all works!

Thinking back to the NHS "sock hops" of the 60s – the Twist, Swim, Mashed Potato, and Jerk – we just

made sure we moved to the beat. And NO, you are never too old!

If you are looking for opportunities for classes that allow you to dance without a designated partner, here are some suggestions: Belly dance, Hula, Tap, Ballet, Flamenco, Irish Step, Clogging, Folk, Contra, Country Line dance. You can search through YouTube to learn more about these dances and look on your social media to find out about any classes in the area. I especially have enjoyed my Tap, Ballet, and Clogging classes over the years and I am looking forward to a belly dance and step dance class next. (Stay tuned!)

And, really, how about just doing some "house dancing" where you turn on the music – whatever your taste – and move! Just today as I was organizing my home office, I found myself dancing to Fleetwood Mac and ABBA. Calories burned, energy increased, endorphins kicked in.

Remember, it is difficult to wear a frown when dancing! There is no age limit, no weight limit, and no reason to not give dancing a try. If you are limited in your mobility, do not let that hinder you in listening to energiz-



Photo provided

Bruce and Sharon dancing to the beat!

ing or inspiring music and feeling the beat as you can actually increase your heart rate and your flexibility with even small movements.

Make your heart your Valentine and let's dance!
¹ [medlineplus.gov](https://www.medlineplus.gov)

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

Three local students graduate from Indiana Connections Academy

Submitted

More than 150 students recently graduated from Indiana Connections Academy, a **tuition-free full-time public virtual school**, as part of the Class of 2024 – including Mia Van Zee from Carmel and Alivia Stewart and Katelynn Amos from Noblesville.

For more than a decade, Indiana Connections Academy has served **thousands of students** with a range of needs. Students complete rigorous school work in the comfort of their homes with virtual instruction and support from state-certified teachers. Students develop a strong degree of intrinsic motivation and critical

thinking while enrolled at Indiana Connections Academy.

Indiana Connections Academy offers many activities throughout the course of the year to help build community and relationships including numerous field trips, student government, National Honor Society, prom and an in-person graduation ceremony. Indiana Connections Academy also offers many course options for students, including core classes in math, science, language arts and social studies; extensive electives including foreign languages, digital technology and career technical courses, as well

as honors and Dual Credit courses. The school also offers a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to po-

etry and art.

For more information about Indiana Connections Academy, visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

Lyla Bozoian of Westfield makes Aurora University dean's list

The REPORTER

Aurora University in Aurora, Ill., has named Lyla Bozoian of Westfield to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester. Bozoian is major-

ing in exercise science and finance. The dean's list recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Police Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, in the Support Conference Room at the Carmel Police Department, 1000 S. Range Line Road, Carmel, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 2:05 p.m. (or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later) in the same location.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 the Hamilton County Council will meet in an executive session at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2025, in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, for discussion concerning personnel pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

The Westfield Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission has released its remaining meeting schedule for 2025. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. on Mondays, unless otherwise indicated. The first meeting of the month will take place at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., and the second will take place at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E. 171st St.

March 3	Feb. 18 (Tues.)
April 7	March 17
May 5	April 21
June 2	May 19
July 7	June 16
Aug. 4	July 21
Sept. 2 (Tues.)	Aug. 18
Oct. 6	Sept. 15
Nov. 3	Oct. 20
Dec. 1	Nov. 17
	Dec. 15

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, and will be held at the Indianapolis Executive Airport Main Hangar Conference Room, 11329 State Road 32, Zionsville. There will be an executive session at 6 p.m. followed by a public session at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss the Purchase or Lease of Real Property IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D). Virtual meeting access at (219) 225-8177; conference ID: 376 066 325#.

The Clay Township Board and Trustee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

The Westfield Board of Zoning Appeals has released its remaining meeting schedule for 2025. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

March 11	April 5
May 13	June 10
July 8	Aug. 12
Sept. 9	Oct. 14
Nov. 11	Dec. 9

The Westfield Technical Advisory Committee has released its remaining meeting schedule for 2025. Meetings will take place at 9 a.m. Tuesdays.

Feb. 18	March 18
April 15	May 20
May 17	July 15
Aug. 19	Sept. 16
Oct. 21	Nov. 18
Dec. 16	

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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 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th 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 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs
Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

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Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

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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

VET CENTER Connection. Camaraderie. Community.
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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Veteran Outreach Program Specialist
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Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p
Carmel VFW
Su-Sa 11a-11p. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**
Cicero Legion
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F eat in or carry out
Fishers Legion
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.
Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 9-12, Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th,F 3-8 Sa, 12-5 Su
Noblesville Legion
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-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
Sheridan Legion
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close

Christmas In June Care Package Drive

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Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post’s addresses.
Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops
Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men’s and Women’s (Sizes S – 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you’ve been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;
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Saturday February 22, 10am till 2pm

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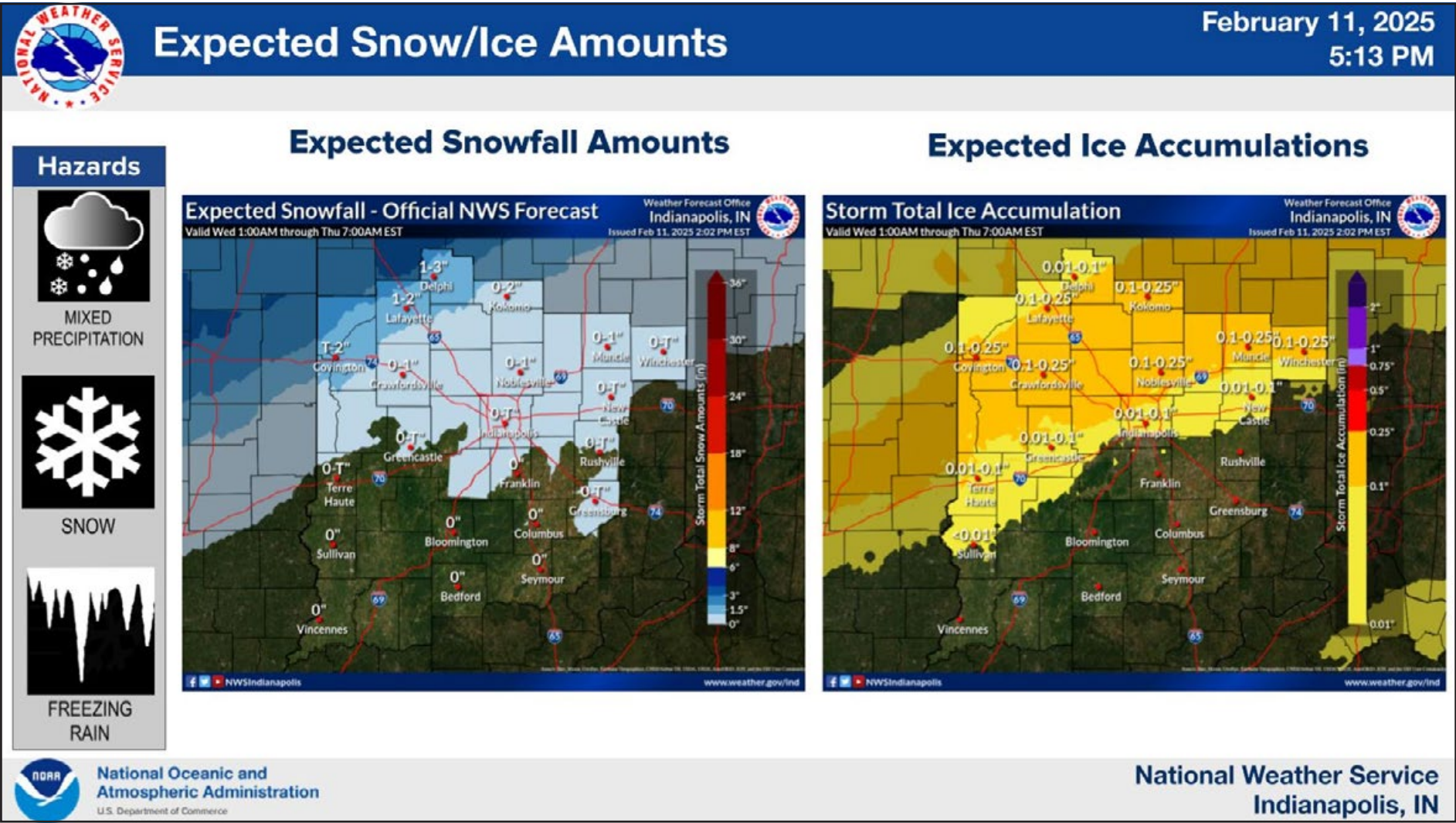
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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall’s January Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It’s to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it’s important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you’ll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, January work included: a joint Board of Commissioners and County Council Executive session and working session, a Board of Commissioners public meeting, the annual Liability Insurance renewal meeting, a Finance Committee meeting, a Cicero Town council meeting, a quarterly insurance meeting, an emergency personnel committee meeting, and a Noblesville Town Council meeting.

This month I received six constituent service requests. Five requests were specific to the 236th Street project in Jackson Township. The questions were either related to the redirection of traffic, the trail



along 236th, the bridge and road repair on 236th, or the intersection of 236th and U.S. 31. People wanted to understand why the county website had not been updated, how the traffic redirection plan was arrived at, what is the current project status and when does the county expect the project to be completed.

Service requests require research from the appropriate department and then providing the response to the constituent.

In this situation, given the number of requests and the frustration in their questions, I decided that making county officials available at a public meeting was the best course of action. I arranged for the County Engineer to present the current project status and answer questions at a Cicero Town Council public meeting. I streamed the meeting on Facebook for those who were unable to attend in person.

The room was full of interested citizens. The County Engineer, Joel Thurman, did a wonderful job presenting the project details and answering questions from the public; he shares our collective frustration over the project. The Hamilton County Highway Director, Brad Davis, also attended and provided several answers during Q&A.

One primary reason for delays has been the relocation of utilities in the area. Twice, assigned crews on our project have been pulled off our project, temporarily reassigned to emergency power restoration projects in the south after storms. Each of these temporary reassignments costs the project several weeks.

The other constituent request was specific to a regulated drain in Sheridan and flooding that a citizen was experiencing. After speaking with the County Surveyor, he addressed the question with me and then directly with the individual property owner.

Noteworthy items from January included more meetings and research for Hamilton County’s Domestic Violence Center. As an update on last month’s Director of Council Operations position, several candidates have been through first- and second-round interviews. I was able to participate by video and expect that we will wrap up the search by the end of February.

I forgot to report that last month I attended a portion of an attempted murder trial in Circuit Court. Given that our population growth requires more judges, we need more courts. Apart from the intrigue of observing a felony trial, my research includes attending court, watching operations, and comparing how we operate against best practices and state-of-the-art technology. New County Courts will be modernized with improved safety, recording and presentation technology.

The most noteworthy topic from January is Property Tax reform. To be clear, we need property tax reform, and I am told that some form of property tax and/or local income tax reform is coming from this legislative session. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) is making its way through the statehouse and in its initial form the impact on Hamilton County revenue is substantial, a 45 percent estimated reduction. The impact on local governments, townships, and schools will also

be big. My time has been spent researching the various bills and their impact on Hamilton County. Potential changes in revenue require purposeful advance planning.

For now, until we understand the final impact to Hamilton County, my position is to pull back on long-term spending commitments that have not already been funded.

This month included attending more events to honor experienced county employees who retired.

It was my honor to represent you this past month at a lunch with Sheridan Town Councilor, Levi Shrock, at a meeting with David West, the new Director of Hamilton County Tourism, and at a meeting with Congresswoman Victoria Spartz’s office advocating for Hamilton County future issues that will require federal assistance to achieve.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during January 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners’ priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people’s business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it’s important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it’s important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

Legislation advances to expand protections for health care workers

Submitted

Members of the Indiana Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee voted 7-1 Tuesday in favor of **Senate Bill (SB) 419** to expand protections for Indiana health care workers.

Indiana law currently provides an enhanced penalty for battery committed against certain licensed health care professionals and any staff member of an emergency department in a hospital. If SB 419 becomes law, these enhanced criminal penalties would be applied to acts of violence and verbal intimidation against all health care workers.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, health care workers are five times more likely to experience a workplace violence injury than workers in other industries. **One study** found that most cases of violence against health care workers

take place in the outpatient setting.

“We thank Sen. Cyndi Carrasco and members of the Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee for standing up for health care workers whose safety on the job is essential for quality patient care,” Indiana Hospital Association President Scott B. Tittle said. “This vote underscores the critical importance of protecting employees from physical and verbal aggressiveness, allowing them to safely deliver care to Hoosier patients.”

Several health care organizations testified in support of SB 419, including IHA, IU Health, Eskenazi Health, the Indiana State Nurses Association (ISNA) and Indiana Organization for Nursing Leadership (IONL).

The bill is expected to next be heard by the full Senate.

Gov. Braun issues statement on property tax relief plan

Submitted by Office of the Governor

The Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy passed Senate Bill 1 Tuesday, advancing the bill to the floor for consideration. The Governor's office issued the following statement.

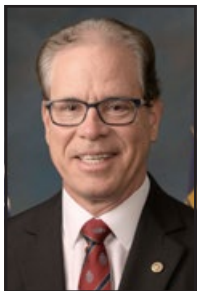
“Governor Braun remains committed to delivering meaningful property tax reform that puts taxpayers first by providing immediate relief, capping future growth, and simplifying the process through reform and transparency.

“Today, the Senate Committee on Tax and Fiscal Policy has taken steps in the right direction

by proposing strong caps on future bill growth, reforms to the referendum process, and targeted relief for veterans, retirees, and

first-time homebuyers, but Hoosier homeowners need a solution that includes broad and immediate reductions in their tax bills.

“The Governor will carefully review the changes to his plan and looks forward to working with the House and Senate to strengthen the amended bill to include broad based and immediate property tax cuts for Hoosier homeowners who have been hit the hardest by skyrocketing home value inflation.”



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Fishers Community Center memberships available for presale

Center will feature central Indiana’s only Aquatics NINJACROSS System & city’s first public indoor track

The REPORTER

Memberships are now available for pre-sale for the Fishers Community Center, set to open in November. With the purchase of a pre-sale membership, you will become a Charter Member of the center and receive recognition on a permeant display inside the center, VIP access during the grand opening, and more. The first 100 Charter Members will receive an exclusive Fishers Community Center branded 18-ounce YETI water bottle.

Members will enjoy full access to amenities including an aquatic facility, fitness center, three sports courts, sauna, and more. Discounts are available for Fishers residents, seniors, veterans, and teachers. Memberships can be purchased at [FishersCommunityCenter.com](#). Only a join fee will be charged at this time, with monthly fees beginning when the center opens in November.

A separate membership for the two-acre dog park will be available for pre-sale beginning this spring.

Designed to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, the Fishers Community Center will serve as a vibrant hub for community connection. The center includes several groundbreaking features that will be the first of their kind in Fishers, including the city’s first public indoor track; central Indiana’s first Aquatics NINJACROSS System; and one of Fishers’

largest indoor playgrounds, a two-story 5,300 square-foot playspace. Some of these offerings are exclusively for members, while others will be available for free to everyone through a registration system.

Exclusively for members

- **Aquatics Center featuring Aquatics NINJACROSS Course:** The center will feature the first indoor Aquatics NINJACROSS System in central Indiana. This unique system, inspired by the show America Ninja Warrior, challenges users to overcome obstacles above, below, and on the water. The course will be part of the 9,800 square-foot aquatics center, featuring a 25-yard lap pool, AquaClimb wall, enclosed water slide, a zero-depth entry warm water pool with interactive play and splash features, and an on-deck sauna.
- **Wellness Center:** An 11,000 square-foot wellness center will be located on the second floor of the facility. This space will act as the fitness hub of the Fishers Community Center, offering more than 50 state-of-the-art cardio machines from Matrix and Life Fitness, an EGYM Strength Circuit 11-piece tech-enabled system, two group exercise studios, a cycle studio, and a 20-by-48-foot turf area for functional training and stretching. Group exercise classes will also be included with membership.

- **Free childcare:** Family memberships include up to two hours of free childcare per day for all children on the membership plan (ages six weeks to 12 years). The childcare center will feature separate, age specific areas with a variety of interactive and educational activities.
- **Indoor sports courts:** The center will feature an 18,600 square-foot sports court area including three 50-by-84-foot full-size basketball courts that can convert into six cross basketball courts, three volleyball courts, and up to nine pickleball courts.
- **Dog park:** The Fishers Community Center will be home to two dog parks (a half-acre park for small dogs and a 1.5-acre park for large dogs), ensuring that pets can enjoy safe and engaging playtime with others of similar size. Both areas of the park will have shade, nighttime lighting, security cameras, water fountains, trash receptacles, waste stations, and benches. Separate memberships for the dog park will be available for purchase this spring.
- **Free for everyone**
- **First public indoor track:** The Fishers Community Center will feature the first public indoor walking/running track in the city, a top-requested feature identified in a resident survey taken in 2021. Overlooking the lower-level gymnasium, this one-ninth-mile track will provide year-round space

for walkers and runners.

- **Two-story indoor playground:** The indoor playground, comparable in size to the playground at Brooks School Park, will offer 5,300 square feet of state-of-the-art, interactive play space. Highlights include low-climbing play features, a dedicated toddler zone, and a custom-designed two-story play structure complete with tunnel slides.
- **Sahm’s Community Café:** A 2,600 square-foot cafe operated by Sahm’s Hospitality Group will be housed on the first floor of the Fishers Community Center. This space will offer a welcoming spot to gather, relax, and recharge. Along with the cafe, other gathering spaces will be available to the public including a one large multi-purpose room and three smaller multi-purpose rooms.

Accessibility features

The Fishers Community Center has prioritized accessibility by incorporating recommendations from an ADA consultant, Fishers residents, and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability. The center will include features like an adult changing table room, universal locker rooms, water wheelchairs, double handrails for pool entry, and specialized fitness equipment.

Learn more about Fishers Community Center and purchase a membership at [FishersCommunityCenter.com](#).

Obituary

Melanie S. Turner

February 13, 1953 – February 6, 2025

Melanie Sue (Harris) Turner was a dedicated teacher, profound gardener, and proud angel to her sisters of AOH. Most importantly, she was a Nana to her two grandsons, Jaxon and Jagger, she was a beloved mother-in-law to Justine, she was everything that epitomized being a mom to her son Troy and daughter Natalie, and a wonderful wife of nearly 50 years to her husband, Dennis. She was called to eternal rest with the Lord on

February 6, 2025, at the age of 71.

She was born to Harvey O. and Margaret H. Harris on February 13, 1953. She is survived by her husband Dennis, two children Troy (Justine) and Natalie, her two grandsons Jaxon and Jagger, brother Rex (Anita), sisters-in-law Darlene (Paul) and Denise (Steve), and several nieces and nephews.

After graduating high school, Melanie pursued her Home Economics degree at Indiana State University and became a proud sister of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. After college she and Dennis were married on August 9, 1975; soon after she became a mother with two of her greatest joys. Her early years as a professional began as a seamstress and eventually evolved into a profound teaching career. Her magnitude of achievements include being Teacher of the Year, Business Woman of the Year, former member of Zonta Club of Lebanon, member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, head of Z Club at Lebanon High School, creator of Tiger Town Book Store at Lebanon High School, coach of multiple sports including basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball for young athletes, a twirler, Indiana Poland China Pork Queen, and 1970 Miss Boone County.

Melanie was a woman of tradition, always welcoming her beautiful home for gatherings and especially enjoyed hosting family for the holidays. As a mother she loved watching her kids waterski on Lake Shafer, supporting them in sports and guiding them through all of their life decisions. She enjoyed bringing their friends together in her home. Whether it be dance parties at the house, or summer trips to the lake, everyone was always welcomed with love.

Melanie found great peace in gardening. She loved having her hands in the dirt creating beautiful flower gardens while enjoying her koi pond.

Melanie’s most treasured moment was becoming a Nana where she spent most of her retired days instilling her kindness, generosity, and love to her grandchildren. She and Dennis loved watching the Indiana Pacers, specifically Myles Turner, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Purdue Boilermakers. Her pinnacle of happiness was being Dennis’ dancing queen. Melanie was the glue to her family and will be missed immensely.

Visitation was held Tuesday, February 11, 2025, and again from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, February 12, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Funeral services are planned for noon Wednesday, February 12. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Online condolences: [MyersMortuary.com](#).

Noblesville city officials propose Evolve Transporters relocate headquarters to city

The REPORTER

Noblesville city leadership presented at Tuesday evening’s Common Council meeting a proposal that Evolve Transporters, a leader in the design and manufacturing of custom transport solutions for the motorsports industry, will invest \$39 million and relocate its headquarters and manufacturing facilities from Painesville, Ohio, to Noblesville’s Washington Business Park.

The move is expected to create 210 new jobs for the local economy.

Patch Development will build the 250,000 square-foot headquarters and manufacturing facility on Lot 6 at Washington Business Park. If approved, Evolve Transporters will break ground in April 2025 and complete construction during the second half of 2026.

Evolve Transporters, a leading designer and fabricator of high-end, customizable trailer transporters for motorsports, has established operations in Noblesville, marking a significant milestone as the city’s first motorsports-related company.

“The City of Noblesville and Evolve Transporters share a common set of values that promote innovation

and forward thinking, and I know they will be an asset to our community,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This development highlights our state’s deep connection to racing and its potential to attract industry leaders and talent. The Evolve Transporters HQ relocation to Noblesville is a significant announcement for our region and workforce, and I look forward to Evolve being a valued part of our community. I’m grateful to Evolve for investing in Noblesville and embracing our passion for motorsports and culture of innovation.”

With roots back to 1981 through the prestigious high-tech brand, Evolve Transporters was founded in 2019. Evolve Transporters specializes in designing, building, and servicing cutting-edge motorsports transporters. Evolve Transporters crafts innovative solutions tailored to clients’ needs, meeting the increasingly complex demands of teams competing in some of the world’s most demanding races.

“Evolve Transporters is on an exciting journey as we grow our business to support the leading motor racing teams in North America and beyond,” Evolve Trans-



Photo provided

porters CEO Brad Kossov said. “Our investment in Noblesville and the creation of a new manufacturing center is essential to realize our growth objectives. I want to thank the city, county and state officials who have supported the planning process and in particular, the Economic Development team at the City of Noblesville for working closely with us to realize this project.”

Noblesville Economic Development Director Andrew Murray said the move fits well with the city’s plans for bring certain industries to Noblesville.

“The decision by Evolve Transporters to relocate its headquarters, transport solutions and manufacturing to Noblesville aligns perfectly with our targeted industry sectors for attraction,” Murray said. “It is a

testament to our economic development strategy that their competitive site selection process led them to conclude that Noblesville is the best place in the U.S. for them to implement an innovative, high-tech approach to meet their client’s distinctive demand. The benefits this project will bring to our economy align with our city’s long-term vision for growth and innovation.”

Washington Business Park is a prime location 13 minutes from Interstate 465 and 10 minutes from Interstate 69, ideally suited with existing leasable space and for build-to-suit corporate headquarters and advanced manufacturing opportunities. Learn more at [Choose-Noblesville.com](#).

Learn more about Evolve Transporters at [EvolveTransporters.com](#).

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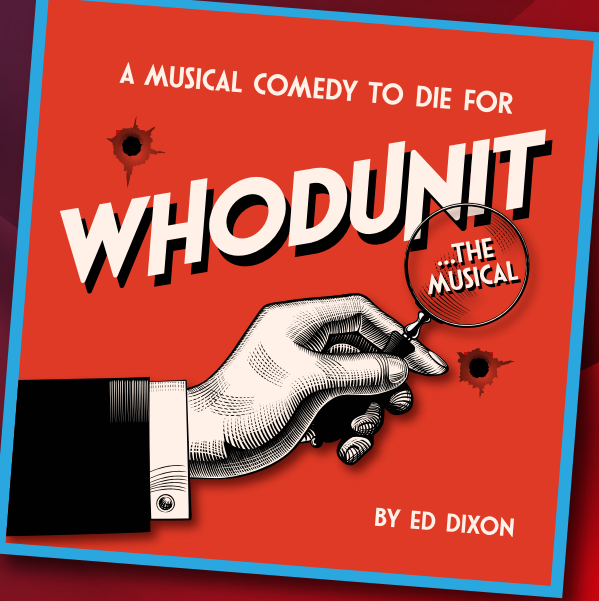
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Raw honesty, anger & more taking center stage at IRT

By **DANIEL SHOCK**
A Seat on the Aisle

Walking into the Main-Stage Theatre at IRT for *Nina Simone: Four Women*, I was immediately confronted by the charred remains of what had once been a sanctuary. Pews lay in disarray, the red carpet scorched and burned, shattered glass everywhere.

The further upstage I looked, the more intact the church appeared – stained-glass windows still standing behind a piano perched near the wreckage – like a stark reminder of what once was, and what might yet be. I braced for raw honesty and anger. We got that and so much more. We got four women who sang with heartbreaking power. We got to witness the pain and the arguments that happen when anger turns inward, blinding us to the real enemy.

Set in the aftermath of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Ala., *Nina Simone: Four Women* shines a searing spotlight on a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Era. The story focuses on the famed singer and pianist Nina Simone (played with volcanic intensity by Akili Ni Mali), haunted by the violence that claimed the lives of four young Black girls. Out of this trauma, she channels her anger into the creation of a new protest song, “Mississippi Goddam.”

While Simone was herself a prodigious pianist, in

this production the onstage piano duties mainly fall to Music Director Morgan E. Stevenson, with support from Associate Music Director Teneb E. C. Karimu. This allows Ni Mali to devote her energy to inhabiting Nina’s fierce, commanding presence – a striking blend of fear, vulnerability, and righteous fury.

The action unfolds in Nina’s living room, then shifts to the bombed-out church – constantly reminding us that these conversations take place amidst unimaginable loss. Over the course of the play, three other women emerge, each embodying an aspect of Simone’s famous song “Four Women”:

- **Jamecia Bennett (Sarah):** She arrives in a maid’s uniform, reflecting her dependence on white employers. In hushed conversations, it’s clear she’s weary of a life defined by servitude and whispered prayers. Bennett’s vocals capture a deep-rooted pain that finally breaks the surface.

- **Aeriel Williams (Sephronia):** With a more modern style of dress, she is lighter-skinned and lives “between two worlds.” The financial and social privileges she sometimes enjoys provoke suspicion from the others, who wonder if she truly understands their struggle.

- **Precious Omigie (Sweet Thing):** Her flashy outfit radiates sexual bravado. She wields her sexuality as a means of survival and validation, challenging the



Photo by Zach Rosing
Akili Ni Mali (left) as Nina Simone with Aeriel Williams as Sephronia.

others with her boldness – and revealing her own hidden hurts.

- Meanwhile, **Nina Simone herself (Ni Mali)** stands apart in an elegant performance gown. This “fancy” dress becomes a point of contention, a visible marker of her relative wealth and success – and to some, a sign that she might not fully grasp the grinding realities the others face.

Director Austene Van creates a simmering sense of unease that flares into raw confrontation. The friction among these four women underscores a profound message: systemic racism and oppression too often divide communities from within, forcing individuals to turn on each other rather than unite against the real source of injustice. Yet out of this tension comes moments of tender solidarity – especially when the women merge their voices in song. Those harmonies hit like a tidal wave, reminding us of the power found in collective resistance.

Playwright Christina Ham masterfully interlaces historical fact with stirring emotional arcs. The script uses Simone’s iconic songs – like “Sinnerman” and “Four Women” – as both dramatic turning points and deep wells of empathy.

Scenic Designer Regina Garcia sets the tone with the devastating wreckage of a church, a constant visual reminder of the violence that sparked Nina Simone’s artistic and political awakening. Lighting Designer Nic Vincent and Sound Designer Jeff Bailey create a haunting atmosphere, shifting between the hushed

darkness of a grieving world and the electric intensity of Simone’s resolve. Costume Designer Mathew J. Lefebvre defines each character’s identity – from Sarah’s maid uniform, to Nina’s elegant gown, to Sephronia’s modern dress, and Sweet Thing’s revealing style – making clear statements about class, colorism, and survival strategies within the Black community.

Music Director Morgan E. Stevenson remains a near-constant presence at the piano, guiding the songs so they emerge organically from the characters’ emotional battles.

One of my favorite lines in the play came from Nina (paraphrased): “Real freedom is having no fear.” For so much of my privileged life, I’ve lived without fear; *Nina Simone: Four Women* crystallized how deeply that fear runs for so many who’ve lived with it, sometimes silently, for generations.

This production’s power lies in showing how easily righteous anger can turn inward – unless we direct it at the systems that oppress us. With its thought-provoking themes, soaring music, and unflinching look at injustice, *Nina Simone: Four Women* both breaks your heart and stirs your spirit.

Catch *Nina Simone: Four Women on the Main-Stage* at Indiana Repertory Theatre through March 2. For tickets, visit irtlive.com or call (317) 635-5252, and experience the indomitable spirit of an artist who refused to be silenced.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.



Photo provided
Scott A. Faultless (left) and David W. Craig are Indianapolis personal injury attorneys.

Two local attorneys travel to Florida to coach other lawyers

Submitted

Attorneys David W. Craig and Scott A. Faultless will run a four-hour workshop at an Orlando legal conference on truck accident law on Feb. 17. They are nationally recognized truck accident attorneys who frequently speak on this area of the law.

Craig and Faultless, two of the founding members of Craig, Kelley & Faultless LLC, said they are honored to be invited to coach other lawyers at the Florida Justice Association’s John Romano Workhorse Seminar. They encourage lawyers from any state to register for this week-long, informative conference at myfja.org/events/2025-workhorse-seminar.

The seminar spans five days, beginning Monday, Feb. 17 and ending Friday, Feb. 21. From 1 to 5 p.m. that Monday, David and Scott will lead a workshop on trucking topics, including:

- Litigating a trucking case from start to finish
- Investigating truck accidents

- Commercial driver’s license requirements and trucking industry standards
- Insurance coverages
- Effective strategies
- Overcoming defense tactics

Craig and Faultless are two of fewer than 75 attorneys nationally who

have received board certification in truck accident law. Board certification by the National Board of Trial Advocacy signifies attorneys’ competence and integrity in their practice.

Craig has written two books: *Semitruck Wreck: A Guide for Victims and Their Families* (2020) and *It’s Never Been Easier to Hire the Wrong Attorney*, which will be released later this year. His podcast, *After the Crash*, is ranked seventh of all personal injury podcasts. He has been named one of Indiana’s Top 50 attorneys by Super Lawyers and received the National Thurgood Marshall “Fighting for Justice” Award.

Faultless serves as an officer of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association and has presented topics to the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys. A life-long Hoosier, he served as president of the Fishers Town Council from 2001 to 2013. He also received the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award.

Craig, Kelley & Faultless is a personal injury law firm headquartered in Indianapolis. Its attorneys represent victims of commercial vehicle wrecks – crashes caused by semis, tractor-trailers, or other large trucks – in Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Iowa, and Tennessee.

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First Farmers Bank & Trust hires Regional Manager for Hamilton & Boone counties

The REPORTER

First Farmers Bank & Trust announces the hiring of Jessica Jefferis as Assistant Vice President, Regional Manager of Hamilton and Boone counties.

In her new role at First Farmers, Jefferis will be responsible and accountable for directing and administering, through subordinate personnel, a group of bank branches in Hamilton and Boone counties to achieve profit, growth and customer service objectives.

“I’ve successfully led teams to achieve outstanding results, and I have a

strong vision for the future of our regional branches which includes a focus on driving growth, enhancing customer experiences and fostering a positive work environment for our team members,” Jefferis said.

Jefferis has over 18 years of experience in the banking industry from her time at BMO Bank, demonstrating exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to the employee and customer experience. Throughout her nearly two decades in the banking industry, she served as vice president, bank manager; head of employee experience for the Midwest region; and head of employee development for central Indiana.

“We’re thrilled to have Jessica on board as our



Jefferis

regional manager for our new branches in Carmel and Lebanon,” Senior Vice President, Director of Communications & Public Relations Tade Powell said. “Her exceptional leadership, extensive knowledge of the financial services industry and proven track record building and maintaining customer relationships across the Midwest made her a perfect choice for our team.”

First Farmers Bank & Trust plans to open both its new Hamilton County branch in Carmel near Range Line Road and its Boone County branch in Lebanon inside of the Lebanon Gateway Shops complex both later this year.

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Moses assembled the whole Israelite community and said to them, “These are the things the Lord has commanded you to do: For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day shall be your holy day, a day of sabbath rest to the Lord. Whoever does any work on it is to be put to death. Do not light a fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day.”

Exodus 35:1-3 (NIV)

Patrick Timothy O’Neal

February 1, 1967 – February 9, 2025

Patrick Timothy O’Neal, 58, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at his home. He was born on February 1, 1967, to Woodrow and Violet (Coan) O’Neal in Los Angeles, Calif.



Patrick proudly served in the United States Army as a field artillery mechanic. He was an application engineer by trade. Patrick enjoyed spending time with his family and working on cars and motorcycles, especially his 1976 Camaro and his Harley. He was an outgoing man with a great personality and always very open with his opinion. Most of all, Pat was a loving husband and father.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 31 years, Heidi O’Neal; sons, Patrick (Claudia Ruiz) O’Neal, Jr. and Thomas O’Neal; daughter, Megan O’Neal; grandchildren, Mason O’Neal and Logan O’Neal; as well as siblings, Jackie Barrett, Grace Adams, Patty Martin, Cheryl Brown, Kim Payton, and Kathleen Caric.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Jack Brown, Jr. and Linda Thacker.

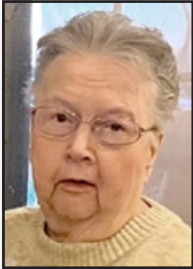
Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Military Rites being held at 5 p.m.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Karen Sue (Inman) Wallace

January 26, 1942 – February 9, 2025

Karen Sue (Inman) Wallace, 83, passed away on Sunday morning, February 9, 2025, at her home in Sheridan, surrounded by her six children. Born January 26, 1942, in Sheridan, she was the daughter of the late Warren Henry and Audia Deloris (Greathouse) Inman. She married the love of her life, Chester Earl “Chet” Wallace on June 6, 1958.



Sue was an active member of the Sheridan First Christian Church for over 60 years, faithfully taking her six children to church each Sunday. The first part of her adult life was focused on raising her children. When she felt the time was right, she went to work for Dart Controls in Zionsville, dedicating 24 years to the company.

An avid Dodgers fan, Sue was over the moon with excitement when they won the World Series last year. As a teenager, she and her lifelong best friend, Karen (Dodd) McQuern, were active members of Sheridan Job’s Daughters.

Sue is survived by one son, John David Wallace (Andrea) of Lafayette; five daughters, Karen Jo Wallace of Sheridan, Deloris Elizabeth “Beth” Curl (Bill) of Sheridan, Anita Carol Childers (Scott) of Sheridan, Debra Lon Brown (Danny) of Sheridan, and Stacey Marie Halvorsen (Harris) of Sheridan. She was blessed with 23 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She is also survived by brother-in-law, Paul Edward Wallace (Gail), sister-in-law, Karen Inman, and lifelong friends, Bob and Karen McQuern.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Warren Henry and Audia Deloris (Greathouse) Inman; six brothers, Jim, Bill, Tuffy, David, Jack, and Chuck Inman; her sister, Julia Ann Inman; and by her husband of 34 years, Chester E. “Chet” Wallace on July 28, 1992.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, February 14, 2025, at the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. 3rd St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Michael Srbijan will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First Christian Church, P.O. Box 111, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Diana L. Biggs

August 5, 1956 – February 9, 2025

Diana L. Biggs, 68, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on February 9, 2025. She was born to Charles and Barbara Keel on August 5, 1956, in Indianapolis and resided in Noblesville, Indiana for most of her life. She married the love of her life, Donnie Biggs in 1980.



Diana was a devoted wife and homemaker whose strength and beauty shone through her quiet demeanor. She cherished her husband above all else, exhibiting an exceptional depth of love and commitment. A lover of life’s simple joys, Diana found great pleasure in long motorcycle rides, the company of her grandchildren and pets, the serenity of the beach, and the fellowship of her Calvary Apostolic church family.

Diana’s legacy of love will live on in the hearts of those she left behind: her husband, Donnie; her children, Jeremy (Sheri) Keel, Jason Keel, Frankie (Janelle) Biggs, Donnie Joe (Rotchel) Biggs, and Amber Biggs; and a sister, Debbie Babcock. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her indomitable spirit and her unyielding love will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved daughter, Leah; brothers, Randy and Brian Keel; and sister, Linda Brown.

Her life will be celebrated with a visitation at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The funeral service will follow at the same location at 1 p.m. with Pastor Bryan Tanton officiating. Burial will follow the service at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In these moments, we will remember Diana for the love and joy she brought into our lives. We encourage everyone who knew Diana to share their memories of her on her memorial page at glenngeorgeandson.com.

Memorial donations in her honor can be made to Calvary Apostolic Church.

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County divers sweep top three at regional

Noblesville's Eryn McMahon prevails in close battle

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The competition was close at the Hamilton Southeastern diving regional Tuesday night.

Noblesville's Eryn McMahon and Hamilton Heights' Campbell Lively-Mason both held the lead at one point and were battling until the last of the 11 dives for the regional championship. It took one last high-scoring dive for McMahon to claim the title, which she did by scoring 410.05 points.

Meanwhile, Carmel's Helena Gibson used a huge final dive to jump into second place, totaling 406.15 points. Lively-Mason finished third with 401.95 points, but not before getting the highest-scoring dive of the night on her 11th try.

All three divers advance to Saturday's IHSAA state finals at the IU Natatorium.

Lively-Mason led by less than a point over McMahon after the first five dives. McMahon took a very slight lead after eight dives, totaling 292.95 to Lively-Mason's 292.65. McMahon increased her

lead after the first two dives of the finals, then clinched the title by scoring 40.25 on her 11th, a forward two somersault pike.

"I think I dove pretty well," said McMahon. "I feel like I dove the same as sectionals. I try to keep my head in the same space. I just think I put my best foot forward and just try hard my best on every dive."

McMahon said her regional score was close to her personal best, a 416.90 that she achieved at last Saturday's Carmel sectional finals. While she was a few points off, she said she was "just grateful that I got to break 400 at this meet."

Gibson, the winner of the Carmel sectional, kept herself consistently in the top five throughout the meet. She made her move on her 10th dive, a back 1-1/2 somersault, 1-1/2 twist, which scored her 43.75 points. Gibson followed that with a score of 41.85 points on her final dive, an inward 2-1/2 somersault tuck that featured a high degree of difficulty (3.1).

Gibson called that "her hardest dive, so I had to have a lot of energy for it. I put it at the end of my list

because the DD got me the good score."

"I don't think I dove my best, but I am still really proud of how I did today," said Gibson. "I'm glad with how I finished."

Lively-Mason struggled with her first two dives of the finals, but came back with a solid score on her 11th dive, a back 1-1/2 somersault pike. The Huskies senior scored 48.30 points, pushing her above 400 points and clinching the bronze.

"I think everything went pretty well," said Lively-Mason. "I definitely left some points out there on the board, for sure. I missed one or two dives that I could have definitely hit for higher points." But she said she was "definitely proud" of how she performed.

Three other county divers competed at the HSE regional. The Royals' Zoe Rehm finished 12th with a score of 312.00 points. Fishers' Blair Kallas was 13th with 218.40 points, followed by Carmel's Emily Linder in 14th with 214.10 points. The top 12 divers after eight dives advance to the finals.

The state diving finals



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton County divers swept the top three places at Tuesday's Hamilton Southeastern diving regional. Noblesville's Eryn McMahon (center) won a close competition, with Carmel's Helena Gibson (right) placing second and Hamilton Heights' Campbell Lively-Mason (left) placing third.

begin at 9 a.m. Saturday with the preliminaries, where all 32 divers from across the state perform

five dives. The top 20 after the prelims advance to the semifinals to complete three more dives. The top 16 after

the semifinals perform another three dives that afternoon to determine the state champion.

Boys Basketball

Rocks win road game at Harrison

The REPORTER

Westfield picked up a Tuesday road victory at Harrison by the score of 62-53.

The Class 4A No. 6 Shamrocks steadily built their lead throughout the game, outscoring the Raiders in each quarter. Westfield led 14-10 after the first period and 29-14 at halftime. Drew Haffner made three 3-pointers in the first half for nine points, while Durante Morton scored eight points.

The 'Rocks led 47-41 after three quarters. Will Har-

vey stepped up in the third, hitting two triples on his way to eight points. Brock Detamore helped Westfield finish things off, with six points in the fourth.

Four different Shamrocks scored in double figures. Haffner totaled four 3s while scoring 16 points, Detamore finished with 15, Harvey made three 3s on his way to 13 points and Morton totaled 12 points.

Westfield is 14-3 and plays Friday at Hamilton Heights.

WESTFIELD 62, HARRISON 53				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Will Harvey	5	0-0	13	3
Jalen Malone	2	0-0	4	2
Durante Morton	5	2-2	12	1
Drew Haffner	6	0-0	16	1
Rylan Rauch	0	0-0	0	1
Brock Detamore	6	2-2	15	1
Ryan Hunsucker	1	0-2	2	1
Luke Vandegriff	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	2-4	62	10
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	14	15	18	15-62
Harrison	10	14	17	12-53
Westfield 3-pointers (8) Haffner 4, Harvey 3, Detamore.				



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Ryne Paris scored 12 points during the Golden Eagles' Tuesday game at New Palestine.

Golden Eagles fall in top five clash

The REPORTER

Noblesville got off to a good start over visiting Anderson Tuesday at The Mill, and that led the Class 4A No. 14 Millers to a 66-59 victory over the 4A No. 3 Indians.

Baron Walker sparked Noblesville in the first quarter, scoring 10 points (including two 3-pointers) to help the Millers to an 18-10 lead. Noblesville increased its margin to 31-20 by halftime. Anderson made a comeback in the third quarter, cutting the Millers' advantage to 41-36, but Noblesville poured in 25 points

in the fourth period to get the win. Walker put up 12 points in the fourth, going 8 of 9 from the free-throw line in that quarter.

Walker finished the game with 27 points, making 9 of 10 free throws overall. Justin Curry scored 12 points and TJ Davidson contributed 11 points. Curry led the rebounds with eight, followed by Aiden Brewer with five. Walker also dished out five assists.

Noblesville is 15-4 and hosts Brownsburg Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

NOBLESVILLE 66, ANDERSON 59				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
TJ Davidson	3-5	3-4	11	2
Adam Fine	2-4	3-4	8	0
Justin Curry	4-14	2-2	12	1
Aiden Brewer	4-6	0-0	8	3
Baron Walker	8-13	9-10	27	4
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Veto	0-1	0-0	0	1
Max Flanagan	0-1	0-0	0	1
Totals	21-44	17-20	66	12
Score by Quarters				
Anderson	10	10	16	23-59
Noblesville	18	13	10	25-66
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-19) Curry 2-8, Walker 2-5, Davidson 2-2, Fine 1-3, Flanagan 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (20) Curry 8, Brewer 5, Walker 3, Davidson 1, Fine 1, Veto 1, Flanagan 1.				

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic dropped a 66-51 game at New Palestine on Tuesday.

The Class 3A No. 3 Golden Eagles led early, enjoying a 16-8 advantage after one quarter. But the 3A No. 5 Dragons roared back in the second period, outscoring Guerin Catholic 25-9 for a 33-25 halftime lead. The Golden Eagles were within 48-41

after three quarters, but an 18-point New Pal fourth period clinched the game.

Bryson Cardinal scored 21 points, including four 3-pointers and also led the rebounds with seven. Ryne Paris contributed 12 points and made four steals. Jake Grissom dished out four assists and blocked two shots.

The Golden Eagles are 17-4 and play Friday at Danville.

NEW PALESTINE 66, GUERIN CATHOLIC 51				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	1-7	0-0	2	4
Ryne Paris	5-11	2-2	12	2
Hayden Rogers	1-3	0-0	3	2
Bryson Cardinal	7-16	3-4	21	3
Carter Murans	1-1	0-0	3	1
Julian Melendez	2-5	1-3	5	1
Malcolm Houze	1-2	2-2	5	2
RJ Hill	0-1	0-0	0	0
Jack Toles	0-0	0-0	0	0
Andrew Reithman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Carey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-46	8-11	51	15
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	16	9	16	10-51
New Palestine	8	25	15	18-66
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (7-17) Cardinal 4-5, Houze 1-2, Rogers 1-2, Murans 1-1, Paris 0-4, Grissom 0-2, Hill 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (22) Cardinal 7, Melendez 4, Houze 3, Rogers 3, Paris 2, Murans 2, Grissom 1.				

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Boys Basketball—
Strong first half sends
HSE past Pumas

The REPORTER
Hamilton Southeastern had a strong first half at Indianapolis Metropolitan on Tuesday and that helped the Royals to a 65-50 win over the Class 1A No. 7 Pumas.
The Royals led 17-12 after one quarter, then poured in 23 points in the second period for a 40-26 lead. Southeastern led 48-28 at one point during the third quarter before Metropolitan came back to 49-36 by the end of the third. A 16-point fourth period finished things out for the Royals.
Three HSE players reached double figured. Braeden Totten scored 16 points. Varschon Clark added 13 points and also blocked four shots. Landon Osswald scored 11 points and led the rebounds with six. Totten and Clark both pulled five rebounds. Jack Jacobs dished out seven assists.
Southeastern is 11-10 and plays Friday at Carmel.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 65, METROPOLITAN 50				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Jacobs	1-2	0-0	3	0
Maverick Young	2-5	0-2	5	2
Braeden Totten	4-9	8-10	16	2
Landon Osswald	4-8	3-4	11	3
Varschon Clark	4-9	4-4	13	1
Kian Kelly	1-2	4-4	6	2
Jaxon Wanza	1-2	0-0	2	0
Zachary Tansel	1-1	0-0	2	1
Kallen Hoeft	2-8	2-2	7	0
Alexander Weber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maksim Radovich	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-46	21-26	65	11
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	17	23	9	16 – 65
Metropolitan	12	14	10	14 – 50
Southeastern 3-point shooting (4-14) Hoeft 1-6, Jacobs 1-2, Young 1-2, Clark 1-1, Totten 0-2, Kelly 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (28) Osswald 6, Totten 5, Clark 5, Young 3, Wanza 3, Kelly 2, Jacobs 1, team 3.				

IBCA boys basketball
poll – Week of Feb. 10

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (22)	440	20-0
2	Greenfield-Central	414	17-2
3	Avon	356	16-2
4	Anderson	349	16-1
5	Cathedral	316	14-4
6	Westfield	311	13-3
7	Lawrence North	304	14-4
8	Warsaw	268	17-3
9	Crown Point	257	13-2
10	New Palestine	239	18-2
11	Brownstown Central	202	16-0
12	South Bend St. Joseph	195	16-3
13	New Albany	166	14-2
14	Ben Davis	165	14-5
15	Jeffersonville	130	12-5
16	Northridge	99	15-3
T17	Guerin Catholic	91	17-3
T17	Noblesville	91	14-4
19	NorthWood	43	15-3
20	Crispus Attucks	27	13-6

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Blackhawk Christian (15-3), Carmel (9-8), Clay City (16-1), Columbus North (14-3), Evansville Central (15-2), Evansville Reitz (13-3), Evansville Harrison (11-6), Fort Wayne Wayne (13-5), Homestead (15-4), Manchester (16-1), Mount Vernon (12-4), Northview (18-1), Princeton Community (17-2), Silver Creek (16-3), South Bend Riley (14-3), South Ripley (18-0), Terre Haute North Vigo (16-3), Wapahani (16-1), Warren Central (11-6).

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Garner, Saunders among
IBCA Players of the Week

The REPORTER
Sheridan senior Kenzie Garner and Hamilton Heights senior Gavin Saunders are among this week's honorees in the IBCA/Franciscan Health Player of the Week program for 2024-25.
Garner produced a career-best 40 points in the girls Class 2A Sectional 39 final while averaging 27.0 points, 10.3 rebounds and 3.3 assists to spark the 2A No. 11 Sheridan girls to a 3-0 week. The 6-0 guard scored 25 points with seven rebounds, three assists, six steals and two blocks in a 58-25 victory over Frankton. She followed with 16 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, two steals and two blocks in a 62-12 runaway against Tipton. The Ferris State recruit then unloaded 40 points plus 13 rebounds and two assists as the Blackhawks topped Lapel 54-47 to move to 24-1. She was 15-of-25 from the floor, 1-of-7 from deep and 9-of-12 from the line in her big game. Over three games, Garner was 32-of-56, 5-of-19 and 14-of-18.
Saunders poured in 51 points in a game while averaging 31.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.0 steals in propelling the Hamilton Heights boys (11-6) to two victories. First, the 6-4 guard poured in 51 points with three rebounds, one assists and six steals in a 97-53 triumph over KIPP

Indy Legacy. He followed with 12 points, eight rebounds and two steals as the Huskies edged Winchester 65-61 in overtime. Saunders converted 18-of-22 from the floor, including a school-record 12-of-12 on 2-pointers and 6-of-10 on 3-pointers, plus 9-of-11 free throws in the 51-point outing. Over the two games, he was 23-of-34 on field goals, 8-of-13 on 3s and 9-of-11 on freebies.

Frank Dixon's run ends as
Carmel girls soccer coach

The REPORTER
The Carmel athletic department and longtime girls soccer coach Frank Dixon have parted ways.

The Hall of Fame coach's 34-year run as the Greyhounds' mentor has ended. Dixon became the Greyhounds' coach in 1991 and led the team to incredible success over the years.

Soccer became an IH-SAA-sanctioned sport in 1994, and Carmel won the first two state championships under Dixon's watch. The Greyhounds won again in 1998, then put together an unprecedented streak of five consecutive state titles from 2000 to 2004. Carmel won the first ever Class 2A state title in 2011, then won a 3A championship in 2019, the third year of the three-class tournament.

"Head Coach Frank Dixon has been a cornerstone of the program going back to 1991 when he became the leader of Carmel Soccer," said Carmel Athletic Director Inskeep in a statement. Dixon's career record was 620-50-54. In



Richie Hall / File photo

Carmel girls soccer coach Frank Dixon's run as the Greyhounds' mentor ended this season after 34 years. Dixon, shown here in 2019, coached Carmel to 10 IHSAA state championships and compiled a career record of 620-50-54.

addition to the 10 state titles, the Greyhounds were state runners-up five times, making them by far the leader in state championship appearances with 15. Carmel has also won 20 sectional, 17 regional and a state-leading 14 semi-state championships.

"Frank has given much to Carmel High School and immersed himself in our school community, support-

ing Greyhounds in their endeavors away from the soccer field," said Inskeep in the statement. He continued:

"I have a great amount of respect for Coach Dixon and the manner in which he has led the program. Carmel Soccer has become the standard in Indiana other programs look to emulate. I am thankful for his dedication to our student-athletes and the many, many lives he has

impacted as the head coach at Carmel.

"Looking ahead, we are committed to finding the best possible successor to build upon the strong tradition that Coach Dixon has established. Carmel High School has a commitment to excellence and a championship-caliber program. We anticipate announcing a new head coach within the next week."

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 12

GYMNASTICS

Fishers at Franklin Central 4-Way, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14

BOYS BASKETBALL

Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Center Grove at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Danville, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.

University hosts Pioneer Conference placement game, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

State prelims at IU Natatorium, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Semi-state at New Castle, 9 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

At Lapel

Sheridan vs. Lewis Cass, 7 p.m.

At Marion

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Homestead, 7 p.m.

GIRLS DIVING

State prelims at IU Natatorium, 9 a.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville at Connersville Invitational, 10 a.m.

Westfield at Logansport, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fishers at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.

Jay County at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Western Boone, 7:30 p.m.

University at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 6:30 p.m. at Gymnastics Company

Thursday, Feb. 20

BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMINARIES

Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern

Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel

University at Lawrence North

GYMNASTICS

Fishers at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21

BOYS BASKETBALL

Edinburgh at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights hosts Hoosier Conference playoff game, 7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

Warren Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

Zionsville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

BOYS BASKETBALL

Decatur Central at University, 3:30 p.m.

Providence at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville, Westfield at Southmont Mountie Invitational, noon

Sunday, Feb. 23

BOYS BASKETBALL

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Deetz signs to play soccer for Saint Mary's College

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Savannah Deetz has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame this fall. Saint Mary's College is a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Conference and an NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Scott and Lynn Deetz.

Deetz was drawn to Saint Mary's because of its amazing and small campus within close proximity to and partnership with Notre Dame University (i.e., to take classes, dine, and purchase student-priced tickets for sporting events). She also liked how each student is recognized for their own uniqueness and not treated as just another student.

"I felt at home here," Deetz said after her campus visit. She plans to major in business management and graphic design and minor in chemistry. She would like to design promotions and own her own business one day.

A multi-sport athlete (track), Deetz is as strong in the classroom as she is on the field. She was a four-year member of the varsity team and team captain, was named Defensive Player of the Year and All-Conference, and All-Conference Honorable Mention. In addition, she is a member and vice president of the National Honor Society, a Husky Ambassador, and is active in her church.

"I fell in love with soccer when I was four years old," Deetz recalled. She worked hard to prove her-



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights senior Savannah Deetz has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Saint Mary's College Belles in Notre Dame this fall. Deetz (seated) is pictured with her grandmas Carmen Hernandez (front left) and Becky Deetz (front right). (Back, from left) Luis Hernandez (papa), Lynn Deetz (mom), Rebecca Deetz (sister), Scott Deetz (dad), and Donald Deetz (grandpa).

self as a great player who could do great things. She took training seriously and surrounded herself with encouraging teammates, who push her every day. It paid off.

Deetz said it is her parents and high school team who have been a major influence in her development over the years.

"Without them, I wouldn't be signing to play college level soccer and wouldn't have the amazing life I do now," she added.

"Savannah has shown tremendous growth during her time in the program," Hamilton Heights Women's Soccer Head Coach Travis Kauffman said. "She has always been a passionate soccer player with talent but

what has grown and helped her make such a huge difference in our program, is her maturity, approach to the game, and soccer IQ. The mark of a great player is how they leave the program after their time in it. Savannah has been instrumental in creating an encouraging team culture that everyone can buy into. She also has helped create a culture where teammates are pushed to be their best and to earn each and everything they, and the team, get. She has earned the respect and appreciation of her teammates and has earned the many accolades that are a part of her high school career. Coach Handy and I have so much appreciated her on-field talent, tough-

ness, and team-first attitude that has made her teams better."

"Savannah is one of those student/athletes who quietly goes about her business and just gets things done," Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden said. "She's extremely competitive, both on the field and in the classroom. It's through that drive and determination that she has put herself in a position to continue to play the sport she loves. We wish her the best at Saint Mary's College."

After graduating from college, Deetz said she would like to live somewhere warm and make a difference in the world. "I'm excited for the next chapter of my life," Deetz noted.

Racing

BC39 returns to the dirt track at IMS

Submitted by IMS

One of the most prestigious events in dirt racing is set to return this summer as the BC39 presented by Avanti Windows & Doors heads back to The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for its seventh running on a new date, July 1-2.

The United States Auto Club (USAC) NOS Energy Drink Midget National Championship will once again take center stage as drivers race for victory on the quarter-mile dirt oval inside Turn 3 of IMS. This is the first time the BC39 has taken place in early

July, as four of the previous events occurred in September and the other two in August.

Action among the top Midget racers in the country will open Tuesday, July 1, with the 39-lap feature race set for Wednesday night, July 2. The event honors the memory of Bryan Clauson, a three-time Indianapolis 500 starter and four-time USAC national driving champion.

Ticket renewals and applications will be open from Feb. 11-21, with tickets going on sale to the general public Wednesday, Feb. 26. Visit IMS.com for com-



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plete details and to renew, apply for or buy tickets.

Cannon McIntosh took the lead with slightly more than one lap remaining to win the BC39 last September in an unforgettable finish. He joins a list of BC39 winners that includes NA-

SCAR Cup Series champion and Brickyard 400 presented by PPG winner Kyle Larson and short-track stars Justin Grant, Buddy Kofoed, Zeb Wise and Brady Bacon. No driver has ever won this coveted race more than once.



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