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“Christmas in June” Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a “Christmas in June”. Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post’s addresses.

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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 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In

Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060

Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060

Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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;

Lynn at [treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)

Tracy at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com)

ESCAPE

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of us were canvassing the neighborhood and surrounding areas, stopping anyone in sight to ask if they had seen two loose dogs. We were told by multiple people that they had been seen together. Each time I asked someone, I was told they had seen them within the last five to 10 minutes. I knew we were on their trail and kept praying that they were OK and not hit or injured. I also kept asking God to keep them together.

After stopping multiple people, I came across a man who said they had just run through his backyard minutes before and told me the direction they headed. I called my husband and brother-in-law. We all start circling the area like vultures.

A man I had stopped along the way to ask if he had seen our dogs saw my husband. He was driving a truck and stopped him and asked if he was looking for the dogs because he had just seen them at the pond. He asked my husband if he wanted to hop into his truck and offered to take him to the spot. My husband didn’t even think twice and hopped in.

My husband calls and all he shouts into the phone is that he has them and to get down to the retention pond, down the street from our neighborhood. I call my brother-in-law on the way and tell him where to head. Neither dog had a leash or collar on. I get to my husband within minutes and look across the pond and try to manage the two unleashed dogs on his own. My brother-in-law gets there in no time, and between the two of them, we get the soaking wet dogs loaded into the car. I called my sister to tell her that we found them and are headed home. My brother-in-law stopped traffic with his cop lights on as we got the dogs loaded in the car. My husband and I were soaking wet as the dogs enjoyed their rendezvous in the pond.

I was distraught. I was so upset and grateful that they were both safe and stayed together. I couldn’t bear the thought of only getting one of them back.

After having time to reflect on this situation, I was struck by the kindness of strangers and neighbors along the way. I remember the group of boys playing football who stopped to talk to me when I was crying and couldn’t find them. The sweetest boy took my number down and told me he would ride his bike around the neighborhood to help look for them. The complete stranger who got into his truck to start looking and then offered my husband a ride. There was another woman who began walking the neighborhood after I asked her if she had seen them. There was another neighbor who started a group text with photos of the dogs and a “be on the lookout.” There were posts to Next Door and Facebook.

What I realize is that nothing unites people quite like a love of animals. If you had told me that my husband would be in his pajamas in a stranger’s truck that morning, I would have said no way. That day was a great reminder to me that there are a lot of good people out there. With all of the divisions in the world, it was a good reminder that most people are inherently good. The media just likes to highlight the bad ones and divisions, but when you get out and talk to your own neighbors, you realize that it’s not the case.

It was also a reminder to check our fence after wind damage. As for Lucy and Elsa, they thought their great escape was their most exciting adventure yet and would do the same thing tomorrow if given the opportunity.

*Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

HISTORY

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elections will offer voters an opportunity to vote for their choice.

The former Adams Township governmental structure has now officially ceased to exist, and the new Town of Sheridan boundaries include the entire township. The vote to incorporate passed with a strong majority back in November and represents a major step forward for the future growth of the new

Town of Sheridan.

Voters in the new Town of Sheridan will now move forward as a single political entity and be better prepared to serve the needs of residents within the entire old township.

GRABOWSKI

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heart scans saving numerous lives have been provided.

Grabowski also volunteers time in Riverview Hospital, often visiting heart patients giving comfort and information to these people.

This year, Grabowski was recognized as Central Region Volunteer of the year by the National Mend- ed Heart Organization. He was then named Divisional Award Volunteer of the year for the United States, followed by the prestigious Volunteer of the Year, which is awarded to only one person in the United States.

Grabowski will also provide transportation to medical appointments if needed. He is a member of the Hamilton County Sheriff Auxiliary and a graduate of the Noblesville Police Citizens Academy. He is a past President of the Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis and has worked with the club to support the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club and The Cooper House.

CONTRACTS

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“I want to thank the mayor and city council for working with the Carmel Professional Firefighters Union IAFF Local 4444 to negotiate a fair contract that prioritizes public safety,” said Sean Sutton, Carmel Firefighters Union President. “Their commitment ensures we have the staffing and training needed to protect our community effectively. Investing in firefighters and paramedics means investing in the safety and well-being

of our visitors and residents. We appreciate their leadership and dedication to keeping our city safe.”

The two-year agreements with both groups are effective Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2026.

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“We are grateful for the support of the many volunteers, donors and key community partners who believe in the missions of both of our predecessor organizations,” FYI Board Co-chair Anderson Schoenrock said. “We look forward to building on our past successes with an eye toward supporting Fishers youth for years to come.”

FYI will continue delivering the same programs its predecessor organizations have historically provided. This includes YMI’s mentoring program, Snack Attack and the Summer Meals Program. Additionally, FYI will continue to work in collaboration with Early Intervention Advocates appointed by Hamilton County as part of the Youth Assistance Program.

In the coming weeks, a new brand and website will launch with information on joint programs and fundraising opportunities to support youth in Fishers. In the interim, both organizations’ websites – [ymionline.org](http://ymionline.org) and [fishersyap.org](http://fishersyap.org) – will continue to direct people to current programs and referral links.

Supporters of YMI and FYAP and interested members of the community are invited to attend a launch reception for Fishers Youth Initiative at 8 a.m. Monday, March 17 at the Fishers Municipal Center Theater. Registration is requested at [this link](#).

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# Jersey Boys hits all the right notes in off-Broadway show

Beef & Boards continues its promising 2024-25 season with *Jersey Boys*, the hit musical about the formation, struggles, and successes of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Having grown up with an admiration for that group, I was looking forward to finally seeing this show – I was not disappointed.

*Jersey Boys* came to Broadway in 2005, winning a Tony Award as Best Musical in 2006. The show ran for over a decade, ending in 2017 before reopening a few months later at an off-Broadway venue. It features a unique – for that time – biographical format, presented in a documentary style with each of the four band members telling a part of the band’s story. The book was written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice after they had conducted interviews with the principals.

B&B’s production is directed by Candi Boyd, a former cast member of the show both on Broadway and in its National Tours. Her



KEN KLINGENMEIER  
A Seat on the Aisle

understanding of the subject matter shines through allowing the flow of the story to be both well developed and lively.

Gian Raffaele DiCostanzo stars as Frankie Valli with an astonishing performance. His portrayal of the singer goes beyond his impressive Valli-like vocal talent. DiCostanzo brings a range of polished acting skills to the role as well. Transforming from a youthful and talented innocent to a polished performer, his previous experience in the role (this being his ninth production) makes his efforts here quite noteworthy.

Joining him as Four Seasons members are a mix of familiar and new faces. Kyle Southern returns to B&B as a feisty Tommy DeVito and B&B regular Logan Moore impresses as bass player, Nick Massi. Making his Beef & Boards debut is Nikita Burshteyn as gifted song writer, Bob Gaudio.

Joey Boos plays record producer Bob Crewe with panache, Peyton Reilly is strong as Valli’s wife – Mary Degado, Jasmine Michelle



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com  
**The Four Seasons (from left): Nick Massi (Logan Moore), Tommy DeVito (Kyle Southern), Frankie Valli (Gian Raffaele DiCostanzo), and Bob Gaudio (Nikita Burshteyn).**

Smith is aptly featured as Valli’s girlfriend Lorraine, and Jeff Stockberger plays what seems like a dozen various characters – landing strongest as mobster Gyp DeCarlo.

The entire cast elevates the storytelling with outstanding performances of the over 30 musical numbers that display the growth and progression of the famous vocal group.

Technical aspects shine as well. Sean McIlquham’s well-thought-out set adds dimension to the many locales of the story, as do the projections by Zach Rosing. Costuming coordinated by Kathy Henry fills the demands of different eras and dozens of

song presentations, while the lighting designed by Ryan Koharchik is essential to portray the various venues. Daniel Hesselbrock’s sound structure is spot-on in each of the many numbers.

**Bottom line:** B&B’s production of *Jersey Boys* is a pleasure to see on many levels – not only from the striking nostalgia of hearing so many favorite songs from the past, but also to see the tale of these performers’ efforts to succeed. Top that with the sparkling portrayals and performances, and this is a show not to miss. Highly recommended!

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

# F.C. Tucker Company recognizes two Carmel residents with highest honors

## The REPORTER

F.C. Tucker Company has recognized two Carmel residents and realtors with its highest awards.

Angel Dean has received the Fred C. Tucker Senior Award, recognizing those who exemplify the high standards and time-honored traditions initiated by the F.C. Tucker Company’s founder, Fred C. Tucker Sr. Brian Wignall, a U.S. Army Master Sergeant, has been awarded the Bud Tucker Volunteer of the Year – Metro Award, the organization’s highest honor for volunteerism.

Dean is widely known for her exceptional leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to the agents and staff at the Carmel office, as well as to the real estate industry as a

whole. Her colleagues describe her as “the epitome of a great leader” and “the most conscientious person I have ever worked for.”

Dean started her real estate career with Tucker as an agent in 2004 and later rose to the leadership role in the Carmel office. Always striving to improve and broaden her and her team’s knowledge, Dean ensures they stay ahead of industry updates and embrace and share technology and best practices from MIBOR REALTOR Association and



Dean



Wignall

F.C. Tucker to enhance her and the team’s success.

Beyond her role as a REALTOR and manager, Dean is deeply involved in volunteer efforts with MIBOR and Indiana Association of REALTORS (IAR) serving on MIBOR’s Grievance Committee and MIBOR and IAR’s Forms Committees, demonstrating her passion for elevating the professionalism of the industry.

Wignall has more than 30 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserves, holding multiple roles, most re-

cently as Master Religious Coordinator for the 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (Army Reserve) at Fort Benjamin Harrison. For the past three years, he has volunteered his time during the holiday season to accompany U.S. Army chaplains overseas, providing security, transportation, and mission support, while also delivering care packages and providing emotional support, encouragement and prayer for deployed U.S. soldiers in Iraq, Syria and Kuwait.

By making personal connections with the soldiers who are away from home during the holidays, Wignall ensures they feel seen, appreciated, and cared for during a challenging time away from their families.

# Help HIP clear invasive species in Westfield

## Submitted

The HIP Strike Team invites you to join them at Asa Bales Park in Westfield on Saturday, March 15 for a day of invasive species removal.

The HIP Strike Team’s efforts will span from 9 a.m. to noon and will target woody stemmed species in the wooded areas of the park. All participants must be 18 or older and are required to complete a virtual safety training prior to the event.

[Click here](#) to register.



Photo provided by City of Westfield

## Community News

### Wayne-Fall Lions invite you to Chicken & Noodle Dinner

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to a Chicken & Noodle Dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22.

All donations will go to the HSE/Fishers FFA, and FFA Members will serve the meals at the Lions Club, located at 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

## Letter to the Editor

### Shaffer applauds Finkam’s tax reform approach, questions ongoing borrowing

Dear Editor:

Carmel mayor Sue Finkam’s letter (“[Protecting Carmel taxpayers](#),” published Feb. 15) precisely stated the city’s position on property tax reductions.

The mayor indicated a responsible, balanced approach to tax reform.

The mayor opined:

“Carmel didn’t become one of America’s most livable cities by happenstance.

“It has been built by residents and city leaders on bold leadership, smart planning and a relentless pursuit of excellence.”

She omitted:

- Carmel has a \$1.6 billion debt and no articulated plan to get out from under it.

- Carmel has tapped out its traditional growth in property taxes as population stagnates and the most recent property tax revenues to the city (2023 annual financial report) show an actual decline in revenue (\$46.6 million in 2022 and \$45.6 million in 2023).

- City spending totaled \$505 million in the most recent year reported – most of which came from borrowing, not tax revenues.

In short, Carmel’s financial situation is compromised by borrowing and spending, not faulty revenue streams.

Like her Federal counterparts, the mayor needs first to cut spending and pay down debt, then worry about revenues.

**Bill Shaffer**

Carmel

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## Master Gardeners gearing up for Plant & Iris Sale fundraiser

**Submitted by Kay Johnson**

The Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association (HCMGA) will hold its 26th annual Plant & Iris Sale fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The sale will feature a wide selection of plants, including native plants, hostas, daylilies, perennials, vegetables, water plants, and some shrubs and small trees. Dug-to-order irises will be available for purchase at the Iris Garden on the southwest corner of the fairgrounds. There are never enough wagons for everyone, so bring your own if you can. Free gardening information and expert planting advice will be offered.

Cash, check, or credit

card accepted. No dogs allowed the day of the sale.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward HCMGA’s Barney Hobbs Memorial Horticulture Scholarship Fund. Barney Hobbs was a founding member of the HCMGA who possessed a strong volunteer spirit. Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each pay tribute to Mr. Hobbs and his many horticultural accomplishments and are awarded annually to qualifying college students majoring in horticulture, botany, landscape architecture/design, or an agriculture or environmental science that includes a plant-focused component.

For more information about the plant and iris sale, visit [bit.ly/3Qjb9eV](http://bit.ly/3Qjb9eV) or email [PlantSaleQuestions@hcmga.org](mailto:PlantSaleQuestions@hcmga.org).

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March 29 and 30

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April 12, 13 and 19

Spring Field Trip Days

Learn about railroad history, safety and more aboard the historic Nickel Plate Express. Take a 45-minute train ride, talk with the Conductor and Engineer and see history in action. Tickets are just \$12 per person.

April 29 and May 13

Railbike Season

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# The Excel Center empowers local adults

## Goodwill’s adult high school celebrates winter graduates

### The REPORTER

The Excel Center, Goodwill's tuition-free high school for adults, will honor its winter graduating class at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Ivy Tech Community College – Hamilton County Auditorium, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville.

Designed to empower individuals to overcome adversity and reach their potential, The Excel Center

provides a unique opportunity for adult learners, like Gracie Board, to earn an Indiana Core 40 high school diploma.

“I left high school early due to the mental health struggles I was experiencing,” Board said. “It was difficult watching my friends go off to college as I fell further behind.”

Amidst the challenges that many residents face in



Hamilton County, The Excel Center offers individualized support and a path to success.

“The staff at The Excel Center have been very un-

derstanding, providing one-on-one support and a safe space when I’m feeling overwhelmed,” Board said. “My experience was amazing.”

The Excel Center in No-

blesville has celebrated more than 500 graduates who have joined the workforce or are continuing their education at local universities.

“Many of the adults we serve have struggled previously to receive the individualized support they needed in school,” said Betsy K. Delgado, senior vice president and chief mission and education officer at Goodwill of Central & Southern Indi-

ana. “From teachers and life coaches to college and career readiness specialists, The Excel Center has dedicated staff for students who may need a little extra support on their educational journey.”

With 18 campuses across central and southern Indiana, The Excel Center has graduated more than 8,500 adults.

Learn more at [ExcelCenter.org](https://www.excelcenter.org).

# Indiana House bill to annex Illinois counties advances from committee

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

House Speaker Todd Huston on Monday said Indiana should respond to votes by nearly a third of Illinois counties in favor of secession from that state.

A bipartisan House committee vote Monday morning advanced a bill to set up a bi-state commission to redraw the border between Indiana and Illinois. Huston, R-Fishers, told the committee voters in 33 of Illinois’ 102 counties have approved ballot measures to explore seceding from that state since 2020, including seven this past November. He said more than 100,000 people have moved to Indiana from Illinois since the COVID-19 pandemic, often

citing Indiana’s lower taxes.

“We don’t want to see our neighbors to our west languish. Ultimately, their success or failure affects our own success or failure,” Huston said. “But it’s up to them to change their course. And in the meantime, to the Illinois counties and residents feeling unheard and unrepresented, we hear you and we invite you to come back home again to Indiana.”

All of the counties in Illinois that have voted to secede are heavily Republican counties in a state long dominated by Chicago-area Democrats. Rep. Ragen Hatcher, D-Gary, asked



Huston

Huston if, in the event such a commission were set up, long-Democratic Lake County would also be given the opportunity to potentially secede from Indiana and join Illinois. Huston replied it could be on the table but Lake County voters would have to decide if they want to deal with Illinois’ laws and tax system.

Rep. Chris Campbell, D-West Lafayette, was the only “no” vote in committee. She said the bill only furthers political division in the United States by redrawing state boundaries along party lines.

“There are so many of us who feel the same way

in our state, that we are not heard, that we are an extremely gerrymandered state,” she said. “I’m not ready to disrupt the constitutions that we have created in our states and in our country at this point.”

Any attempt to redraw state boundaries ultimately would need approval from both the Indiana and Illinois General Assemblies as well as Congress. Illinois State Rep. Brad Holbrook, a Republican, has filed companion legislation in his state to set up the boundary commission but that bill has not yet been heard in committee.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-legislators-secession-illinois](https://www.wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-legislators-secession-illinois).*



Photo provided by City of Westfield

## Shamrock Drop returns March 15

### Submitted

Mark your calendar for the return of one of Westfield Welcome's most popular events, Shamrock Drop, on Saturday, March 15 at Grand Junction Plaza.

This year's event, set for noon to 2 p.m., will feature live Irish music, St. Pat-

rick's Day-themed carnival games with prizes, a Grand Junction Plaza scavenger hunt, games, crafts, and more. Each attendee is eligible to win fantastic prizes donated by local Westfield businesses.

To learn more about Shamrock Drop, [click here](#).



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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

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

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

**Fishers Post 470** Pat Menc  
9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038 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  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson  
[robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz  
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

## Indy Vet Center Is At Recovery Café on Tuesdays, 8am-6pm, to Help Our Hamilton County Veteran Community

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Fishers, IN 46038

**Contact**  
[recoverycafehcc@gmail.com](mailto:recoverycafehcc@gmail.com)  
<https://recoverycafehcc.com>

**Hours**  
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## Hamilton County Military Veteran

**Our Hamilton County Professional Sports Teams are Working with our Military Veteran Community and Hero Hut, so don't miss your chance to be a part of history! Witness volleyball's biggest stars on one stage at the inaugural All-Star Match February, 22 at the Fishers Event Center. Get your tickets here -**

<https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/0500622A838A116A>



### Coffee With a Vet at Schoolhouse 7 Café

**Veterans Coffee Social**

A gathering to get to know veterans in our community

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February 25, 2025  
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HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Purple Star School Program Invite Schools to Join

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## Activities & Events

### American Legion & VFW Bar & Restaurant Hours

**Carmel Legion**  
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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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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**

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M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 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**

**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



**“Christmas in June” Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a “Christmas in June”. Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

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Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In  
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In  
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
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**Center Presents**

**Season Performances**

**The StepCrew**

8 p.m. Friday, March 7

The Palladium

Tickets from \$25

**Telamon Passport Series**

The Canadian Celtic ensemble StepCrew brings together three styles of exhilarating dance forms – Ottawa Valley stepdance, Irish stepdance and tap. With virtuosic dancers and musicians from the likes of the Chieftains, Cherish the Ladies and Bowfire, this cast of outstanding talent takes you on a dance journey, as champions in their respective art forms show audiences the amazing similarities and differences between these three captivating styles. The StepCrew also boasts three world-class fiddlers backed by an amazing five-piece ensemble comprising some of the most talented and respected musicians in the Celtic music scene today.

**Brooklyn Charmers: A Steely Dan Tribute**

8 p.m. Friday, March 7

The Tarkington

Tickets from \$35

**Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**

Brooklyn Charmers is a Steely Dan tribute band comprised of some of Chicago's top players. With masterful precision and obsessive dedication to the music, Brooklyn Charmers injects a new energy into the beloved catalogue, bridging the gap between new and lifelong fans alike. Steely Dan's blend of rock and jazz, along with their infectious hooks and clever lyrics, put them in another league in the eyes of critics and fans. Their prolific and consistent output throughout the 1970s cements them as classic rock royalty. Brooklyn Charmers are excited to carry the torch into the new generation.

**Welcome Back: The Return of Emerson, Lake & Palmer**

8 p.m. Friday, March 21

The Palladium

Tickets from \$35

**Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**

Drummer extraordinaire Carl Palmer leads a tour celebrating the legacy of progressive-rock supergroup Emerson, Lake & Palmer. The trio were known for their classical influences, instrumental virtuosity and a string of platinum albums in the 1970s that made songs such as "Lucky Man," "From the Beginning" and "Karn Evil 9" staples of rock radio. With full cooperation from the estates of his late bandmates, Keith Emerson and Greg Lake, Palmer developed this production, which combines live performance by Palmer and his current band with video of Emerson and Lake from a 1992 ELP concert.

**Dustbowl Revival:**

**A Laurel Canyon Retrospective**

8 p.m. Friday, March 21

The Tarkington

Tickets from \$40

**Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**

Dustbowl Revival offers a fresh take



Photo provided

**Relive the expert musicianship of Steely Dan through the talent of Brooklyn Charmers, who will play The Tarkington on Friday, March 7.**

on timeless classics from the late 1960s folk-rock wave, including songs by Joni Mitchell, the Mamas and the Papas, the Doors, CSNY and Brian Wilson, as well as the 1970s radio hitmakers from the second wave: Carole King, James Taylor, the Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Jackson Browne, Three Dog Night and more. Hailing from Venice Beach, California, Dustbowl Revival is renowned for its signature harmony vocals, soulful horn section and ripping rhythm section of drums, bass and electric guitar. Going into their second decade on the road, the collective has toured to 11 countries and counting.

**Grupo Niche**

8 p.m. Saturday, March 22

The Palladium

Tickets from \$45

**Telamon Passport Series**

Grupo Niche is a Colombian salsa orchestra formed in 1979, recognized by critics and the public alike as the most successful in Latin America during the last four decades. The award-winning ensemble was founded in Bogotá by the late composer and arranger Jairo Varela Martinez before resettling in the western city of Cali. The group is known for its prominent horn arrangements, up-tempo African rhythms, and hits such as "Cali Pachanguero" and "Una Aventura" that have become standards of the genre. Grupo Niche's latest album is *Niche Sinfónico*, recorded with the National Symphony Orchestra of Colombia and named Best Salsa Album at the 2023 Latin Grammy Awards.

**GRIMMZ Fairy Tales**

5 p.m. Sunday, March 23

The Palladium

Tickets from \$25

**Old Town Family Series**

GRIMMZ Fairy Tales is a new play for children that centers on two modern-day street performers, Jay and Will, who bring the time-honored stories of the Brothers Grimm to life with a contemporary urban spin. Performed in hip-hop style amid a brick landscape with graffiti and flashing lights, the featured tales include "Cinderella Remix," "Rapunzel" and "Snow White & the Seven Shaw-

ties." The production was developed by the New Jersey-based Experiential Theater Company in partnership with the North Carolina-based Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

**The Red Hot Chilli Pipers**

7 p.m. Sunday, March 23

The Tarkington

Tickets from \$40

**Telamon Passport Series**

Formed in 2002 in Scotland, the Red Hot Chilli Pipers have become a global phenomenon with their unique fusion of rocked-up bagpipes and clever covers of popular songs from all genres. Their "bagrock" sound mixes traditional pipe tunes like "The Flowers of Scotland" and "The Hills of Argyll" with more recent anthems such as Queen's "We Will Rock You" and Coldplay's "Clocks." A nine-piece ensemble of pipes, guitars, keyboards and drums, they gained international fame after winning top prize on the U.K. TV talent show *When Will I Be Famous* in 2007.

**Lang Lang**

8 p.m. Friday, March 28

The Palladium

Tickets from \$45

**Classical Series**

As a pianist, educator and philanthropist, Lang Lang is a leading figure in classical music and one of the world's most influential ambassadors for the arts in the 21st century. Heralded by the *New York Times* as "the hottest artist on the classical music planet," the Chinese-born virtuoso has collaborated with the world's top conductors and orchestras, been seen by billions of viewers at the Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony in Beijing, and performed at the Grammy Awards with Metallica, Pharrell Williams and Herbie Hancock. The program will feature works of Fauré, Schumann and Chopin.

**Other March events include:**

**Film screening: Showstoppers!**

**Great Women of TV Variety**

2 p.m. Sunday, March 2

The Tarkington

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students

The Great American Songbook Founda-

tion hosts a screening of a new PBS documentary, a live talkback with the filmmakers and host Debby Boone, and a display of costumes worn by Peggy Lee, Mitzi Gaynor, and other stars.

**Peanut Butter & Jam:**

**Katherine Nagy & Friends**

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8

The Studio Theater

Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions

Raised in Ireland, singer-songwriter Katherine Nagy and her band will perform her original Irish-inspired songs, as well as familiar Irish tunes, and share stories filled with Irish tradition. Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions engage young children in the arts.

**Live at the Center:**

**Hank Ruff and the Hellbenders**

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11

Online and at the Tarkington

Livestream: Free (pay-what-you-can, no minimum)

On site: \$10 (pay-what-you-can, \$10 minimum)

Indiana native Hank Ruff tours nationally with his modern take on classic country music, combining rock energy with traditional sounds of steel guitar, fiddle and banjo. His 2022 EP *Hellbender* hit No. 1 on the iTunes all-genre chart.

**Group Vocal Coaching**

6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, March 12 to

April 2

The Palladium

Cost: \$90 for four sessions

Cabaret and theater veteran Todd Neal leads this class for teens and adults who enjoy singing and would like to improve their vocal delivery. No previous training is required.

**Luminaries: Choreographing Dance Narratives with Iris Rosa Santiago**

2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25

The Palladium

Tickets: \$10, includes light refreshments

Iris Rosa Santiago is a choreographer, an Afro-Puerto Rican immigrant and professor emerita of Indiana University Bloomington. Her presentation will focus on various ideas, philosophies, thoughts, feelings and lived experiences that inspire her storytelling in the dance discipline. Dance narratives can be political, historical, social and cultural, and this provides a plethora of material from which to choose. She will share some videos of past choreographic pieces that illustrate her creative work.

**From the Center's**

**Resident Companies**

- Civic Theatre: *The Cat in the Hat*, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1 – The Tarkington; and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, March 14 to 29 – The Studio Theater
- Indiana Wind Symphony: *An Extraordinary Life*, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1 – The Studio Theater
- Central Indiana Dance Ensemble: *Mixed Rep*, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9 – The Tarkington
- Carmel Symphony Orchestra: *Appalachian Spring*, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 16 – The Palladium

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# FFA Week celebrated at Indiana Statehouse

## The REPORTER

In honor of National FFA Week, the seven Indiana FFA State Officers met in the Statehouse to receive a proclamation and resolution declaring Feb. 15-22 FFA Week.

“Indiana FFA and their membership embodies agriculture, youth education and development like no other organization,” said Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture. “It was a pleasure to have these outstanding young professionals representing the State of Indiana and agriculture so well in the Statehouse today and I look forward to celebrating FFA Week with them.”

Gov. Mike Braun signed a proclamation to name this week FFA Week in recognition of all the work the Indiana FFA Organization, agriculture educators and FFA advisors do to cultivate the next generation of agriculturists for the state.

During the week, chapters across the state and nation will host a variety of events to educate, advocate and celebrate the agricultural industry. From community service projects to a farmer’s breakfast, these activities pay homage to the dedication and commitment of today’s agriculturalists. Throughout the week, the Indiana FFA State Officers will travel the state to partic-



ipate in activities alongside local FFA chapters and their communities.

The Indiana FFA Association also received a Senate Concurrent Resolution highlighting the impact of the FFA Organization, which is preparing more than 14,000 members in 90 of Indiana’s 92 counties for the over 250 unique careers in the food, fiber and natural resource sectors. The resolution was led by Sen. Jean Leising, Senate District 42 and Rep. Michael Aylesworth, House District 11.

FFA members are agriculture’s future leaders, future food suppliers, future innovators and more! Whether it is through service projects or community gatherings, FFA Week is a time for FFA members to raise awareness about agricultural education and the role the FFA Organization plays in the development of agriculture’s future leaders.

The first National FFA Week was held in 1948, when the National FFA Board of Directors designated a weeklong celebration to recognize George Washington’s example and legacy as a leader and farmer. For the past 77 years, FFA members across the country have taken part in agricultural, leadership and service-based activities during National FFA Week.

Visit [inffa.org](http://inffa.org) to learn more about Indiana FFA.

# Ground Control Trampoline Park planned for Westfield

## Submitted

Ground Control Trampoline Park, one of the nation’s fastest-growing family entertainment brands, is planning a new location at the 191st Street Entertainment District in Westfield. This future park will span more than 50,000 square feet, offering an incredible lineup of activities and attractions that promise unforgettable experiences for families, friends, and adventure-seekers.

From glow-in-the-dark attractions to state-of-the-art entertainment features, Ground Control Trampoline Park is set to redefine fun in Indiana. Guests can look forward to:

- Expansive trampolines for high-flying action
- Challenging ninja courses to test your skills
- Ziplining adventures for a bird’s-eye view of the fun
- Competitive dodgeball arenas and Air-Track basketball courts
- Thrilling jousting battles
- Massive side-by-side slides that let you race your friends head-to-head, launching into the air and landing on a giant airbag for the ultimate adrenaline rush
- The all-new “Drop Zone” ride for an exhilarating free-fall experience
- Interactive arcade games and so much more

The park will also feature a café serving delicious food and versatile event spaces perfect for birthdays, team-building events, or just

a great day out with loved ones.

## Building a legacy of fun & connection

“Our mission is to create vibrant, safe spaces where families can bond, stay active, and celebrate life’s moments,” said Erick Paulino, co-founder of Ground Control Trampoline Park. “As a family-owned and operated business, we’re excited to bring this innovative experience to Westfield, offering the community a place that combines fun, fitness, and connection.”

Project Manager Mike Pepiot said, “We had many entertainment options come to us as we are right next to Grand Park, and we are excited to have signed Ground Control to an agreement to locate at the 191st Development. Our Design Build team has started work on the project, and it is expected to be open by the spring of 2026 to



support the Grand Park visitors and community.”

Scott Wise, CBRE Vice President of Retail Brokerage, is handling the commercial real estate development for the project.

“We had targeted a family entertainment center for the project and were fortunate to find Ground Control as a great addition to the community of Westfield and visitors coming to Grand Park,” said Wise, who commented that they will be announcing other users soon. “I will also be leasing out over 50,000 square feet available for retailers, restaurants, boutique fitness, and more.”

For more information about leasing or ground available for sale, contact Scott Wise at (317) 650-6018 or [Scott.Wise@CBRE.com](mailto:Scott.Wise@CBRE.com).

## What to expect

The Westfield park will be one of the largest in the Ground Control family, featuring groundbreaking designs and attractions to ensure there’s something for everyone – from toddlers, teens, and adults alike. Whether you’re looking for a thrilling adventure or a place to host a memorable celebration, Ground Control is designed to deliver.

Learn more at [ground-controlpark.com](http://ground-controlpark.com).

# Orchestra Indiana appoints Yaniv Segal as Conductor & Artistic Director

## The REPORTER

Orchestra Indiana in Muncie, Ind., has announced Yaniv Segal as its new Principal Conductor and Artistic Director. Segal, who has extensive experience as a conductor, violinist, actor, and composer, will begin Artistic Director duties immediately and will conduct most of the concerts next season.

Ranging from performing and singing at the Metropolitan Opera and touring in a Broadway show as a child, to composing multiple major works and conducting orchestras across the United States and world, Segal brings his talent and reimagined vision for what orchestra and the arts can do for a community.

“We were looking for a visionary leader, not just a conductor,” Orchestra Indiana Board President Bill Reese said. “Someone who not only has the technical skills to conduct an orchestra, but an artist that has the vision and ability to transform what the orchestra experience typically is. Someone who will build on our orchestral foundation and help us evolve into a groundbreaking, broad-based arts organization throughout east central Indiana. Whether it is blending symphony with rap, collaborating with a wide range of creators from mural artists to performance artists, or bringing orchestra back into schools, Yaniv is the ideal person to lead the way. And, of course, he will continue to build on the core excellence of our classical music performances that the Muncie Symphony and Marion Philharmonic have been delivering for over 75 years.”

Born from the union of the Muncie Symphony and Marion Philharmonic, Orchestra Indiana aims to

enrich communities with innovative concert experiences. In 2025, Segal and Orchestra Indiana will feature a concert with a rap artist, performances in city parks throughout the summer in partnership with the City of Muncie, a Labor Day concert, a magician performing with live music, and six mainstage events between October this year and May 2026.

“Regional orchestras are at a crossroads,” Segal said. “Symphonic music and putting on concerts alone isn’t enough of a presence any longer. Orchestras have to take more of a meet-the-people-where-they-are approach now. There’s a real opportunity with Orchestra Indiana to shape what an orchestra and the arts look like. My goal is to conduct inspiring concerts while increasing the visibility of the organization and the arts in general. I have lots of ideas and I’m looking forward to seeing what we can experiment with and bring to the community.”

In 2013, Segal completed graduate degrees in conducting and composition at the University of Michigan with renowned conducting pedagogue Kenneth Kiesler and MacArthur Award winning composer Bright Sheng, and with support from the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans.

Segal, who is a first-generation American who grew up in New York City and currently lives in Ann Arbor, Mich., is also Music Director of the Salina Symphony, Conductor of the Macon-Mercer Symphony Orchestra, and Musical Artistic Director and co-cre-



Segal

ator of American Patriots, a new theatrical song cycle examining patriotism and the current lived American experience from indigenous, black, white working class, and new American perspectives.

For more information, visit [OrchestraIndiana.org](http://OrchestraIndiana.org).

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**Meeting Notice**

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future meeting.



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# Indiana State Police announces two promotions to Lieutenant Colonel

## The REPORTER

Indiana State Police Superintendent Anthony Scott announced Monday the promotion of Captain Shea L. Reliford to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to serve as the Deputy Superintendent of Support Services, as well as the promotion of Lieutenant Allen J. Williamson to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to serve as the Deputy Superintendent of the Investigations Bureau.

Reliford, who is originally from Terre Haute, Ind., is a 1999 graduate of South Vigo High School, and in 2003, he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University. On April 9, 2006, he graduated from the 65th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and was appointed as a Trooper assigned to the Indiana State Police Post in Indianapolis, where he served for seven years. During that time, Reliford served as a Recruit Academy Counselor for the

70th to 72nd Recruit Academies.

In 2013, Reliford was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and he served in the Employment Services Section of the Human Resources Division. In 2016 he was transferred to the Training Division as the Assistant Commander of the 75th Recruit Academy. In 2016, he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and served as the Director of Administration for the Intelligence & Investigative Technologies Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center and Indiana Clearinghouse for Missing Children and Missing Endangered Adults.

In 2018, Reliford was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and served as the Benefits and Employment Services Section



Reliford



Williamson

Commander of the Human Resources Division.

In May 2021, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and served as the Human Resources Division Deputy Commander.

Lt. Col. Reliford will oversee the Fiscal Division, Logistics Division, Criminal Justice Data Division, Training Division, and the Human Resources Division. He and his family

are residents of Marion County.

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Williamson is a 1981 graduate of New Prairie High School in New Prairie (LaPorte County). He received his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University at Bloomington in Public and Environmental Affairs specializing in Criminal Justice.

In December of 1987, Williamson graduated from the 45th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and was appointed as a Trooper assigned to the Toll Road Post. In 1989, he transferred to the Lowell Post and was assigned patrol duties in Porter and LaPorte counties.

In 1996, he was reassigned as a detective at the Lowell District and in 2008 was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and served as the Investigative Squad Leader at the Toll Road Post.

In 2009, Williamson transferred back to the Lowell Post as that District's Investigative Squad Leader until April 2017 when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he served as the Area I Investigative Commander.

Lt. Col. Williamson will oversee Field Investigations, Drug Investigations, Investigative Support, Special Investigations and the Laboratory Division. He and his family are residents of Madison County.

# State Treasurer Daniel Elliott applauds House Ways & Means Committee for supporting Indiana's scholarship accounts

## Submitted by Office of the State Treasurer

Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott has expressed his gratitude to Chairman Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton) and members of the House Ways & Means Committee for prioritizing Indiana's scholarship accounts in the biennial budget, ensuring parents have more choices in their children's education.

"Thank you, Chairman Thompson and the Ways & Means Committee, for

recognizing the importance of school choice and the scholarship account programs," Treasurer Elliott said. "Having walked this journey with my own family and now running both of these programs, we know how crucial it is for parents to have options and support to meet their children's education needs. We're seeing strong activi-



Elliott

ty, with more students joining the waitlist for both programs each day. This funding increase is a big win for families that will pay dividends for generations to come."

The Education Scholarship Account (ESA) and Career Scholarship Account (CSA) programs provide Hoosier families with greater educational choices, helping

students access resources tailored to their unique learning needs and empowering them to pursue their individual goals. A total of 1,049 students have been funded since the 2022-23 school year, and 862 students, including 156 siblings, have been funded in the 2024-2025 school year. ESA has seen more than 300 percent growth and CSA has seen 750 percent growth since its inception.

For more information, visit [in.gov/tos](http://in.gov/tos).

# AG Todd Rokita responds to House Judiciary Committee pushing forward immigration legislation

## Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued on Monday the fol-

lowing response to the House Judiciary Committee passing **House Bill 1531**, which aims to help combat the immigration crisis impacting Indiana communities.

"Today, we testified in support of much needed legislation that directly helps combat the illegal immigration problem our communities are facing.

"From penalizing employers for hiring illegal aliens to strengthening



Rokita

our sanctuary city law, several correct steps are being done in this legislation to stop the "magnet" that's pulling illegals here who consequently drive-up crime and sex trafficking which strains our police officers and overwhelms our health care services and schools.

"All of this is unfair to the rest of us who have to pay these public safety and health care costs just to then watch as our kids' education

suffers too. All of this is happening while our jobs get displaced ... just so the leftists in our communities and schools can feel good about exercising their twisted America last ideology. Enough is enough.

"Law-abiding and taxpaying Hoosiers have been treated extremely unfairly for far too long. Thank you to State Reps. J.D. Prescott, Chris Jeter, Michelle Davis, and Garrett Bascom for leading the charge on this issue.

"It's time for the General Assembly to join President Trump in putting Hoosiers first."

# Westfield Police Department seeks community input

## Submitted

The Westfield Police Department is developing its five-year strategic plan and is seeking resident feedback and input to ensure the department continues moving forward in a positive, community-focused direction.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the Lord has commanded."*

*Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done."*

*Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.*

*Exodus 36:1-7 (NIV)*

### Jerry Richard Myers

**May 4, 1938 – February 12, 2025**

Jerry Richard Myers, a fifth-generation Carmel pioneer descendent, passed peacefully to the Kingdom of Heaven, surrounded by family on February 12, 2025. He was 86 years old.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 65 years, Kay; children, Lindley Myers (Teresa) of Carmel, Betsy Galliher (Jim) of Fort Wayne, Ind., Mindy Linn (Josh) of Carmel, and Brendon Myers of Springfield, Mo.; grandchildren,

Lucille Galliher, Thomas Galliher (Leila Harris), Sarah Galliher, Grace Galliher, and Benjamin Myers; and one great-grandchild, Beatrix Galliher.

Please visit [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com) to read Jerry's complete obituary.



### Kelly Ann King

**June 22, 1962 – February 14, 2025**

Kelly Ann King, born on June 22, 1962, in Noblesville, lived a life filled with love, joy, and a profound sense of compassion. Her soul was as vibrant and colorful as the butterflies she adored, her spirit as steady and reassuring as the lighthouses that fascinated her. A lover of literature, she found solace and adventure in the pages of her favorite authors, Danelle Steel, James Patterson, and Nora Roberts, to name a few. A generous soul, she delighted in the culinary arts, creating new dishes and tasting joy in every bite of her favorite meal, chicken and mac and cheese.

Though Kelly's body was confined, her spirit was boundless. Confined to a bed and wheelchair due to lupus and muscular dystrophy around 2010, she continued to live a life that was smart, loving, and robust. From the daily soap operas and primetime shows she enjoyed, to her love for gardening and her frequent visits to the library, Kelly embraced each day with courage and grace. Her love for family was unparalleled, a beacon of light that shone brightly even on the darkest days. Despite the physical distance, she was a constant presence on Facebook, staying connected with her loved ones and sharing in their lives. She had a soft spot for animals, cherishing the memories of growing up with dogs and later becoming a cat lover, though she had a distinct aversion to snakes.

Kelly will be lovingly remembered by her mother, Georganne King; her sister, Jenifer (Guy Daubenspeck) King; her cousin, James Jr.; and her Uncle Fred King and Aunt Joann King. She is preceded in death by her father, Clair King. Mark Twain once said, "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." Kelly lived fully, embracing every moment with a radiant smile, a hearty laugh, and a heart full of love.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The Funeral Service will follow at 4 p.m. at Hartley Funeral Home with Pastor Cindy Reynolds officiating.

Let us remember Kelly for the compassionate, loving, smart, and generous soul she was. To honor her memory, we encourage you to share your favorite memories and photos of Kelly on her memorial page. Let's celebrate her life and the joy she brought into ours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hartley Funeral Home to help with Kelly's funeral expenses. Condolences: [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com)

### Lisa Kay Dowell

**April 25, 1962 – February 10, 2025**

Lisa Kay Dowell, 62, Noblesville, passed away peacefully, surrounded by many friends and family members, on February 10, 2025, after a courageous 14-year battle with cancer. She faced every challenge with joy, true strength, and grit, inspiring all who knew her.

Lisa was born on April 25, 1962, in Indianapolis at Methodist Hospital. She graduated from ITT Business School in 1982 and dedicated 40 years of service to Rubin & Levin, where her hard work and commitment left a lasting impact.

Lisa was preceded in death by her ex-husband of 27 years, Brian Dowell, and her father, Kirk Kuykendall. She leaves behind her loving mother, Janet Kuykendall; her cherished daughters, Sarah (Kevin) Hankins and Janelle Anderson; and her adored grandchildren, Kirk Williamson, Gemma Hankins, Valerie Hankins, Josiah Dowell, and Skye Anderson. She is also survived by her siblings, Steve (Kathy) Kuykendall, Karen Gorski, and Jill Lisinski, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In the last two years of her life, Lisa found joy and companionship with Mark Light, who stood by her side, bringing her love and happiness.

Lisa lived life to the fullest, embracing her passions, including horseback riding, particularly with AGAPE Therapeutic Riding, country music, traveling, and spending time with her many friends. She was deeply committed to supporting Multiple Sclerosis awareness through various charities, walks, and events and she was a devoted member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

A private family mass and dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, February 21, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 Pearl St., Cicero. A public visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, February 22, at Hartley Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

The family requests that any donations be made in Lisa's honor to a Multiple Sclerosis charity or a charity of your choice.

Lisa's legacy of strength, kindness, and unwavering spirit will forever be remembered by those whose lives she touched. She lived with courage, loved deeply, and left behind a beautiful example of resilience and grace.

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## Boys Basketball



Photo by Joshua Herd  
Fishers' Nathan Baker scored 21 points for the Tigers during their 75-59 win at Lawrence North on Tuesday.

## Tigers start strong, beat LN to stay perfect

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Another good start led to another big win for Fishers. The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers poured in 24 points during its first quarter at Lawrence North on Tuesday and Fishers carried that momentum to a 75-59 victory. The defending 4A state champions improved to 22-0 for the season with that victory. The Tigers held the Wildcats to 10 points in that first quarter. Meanwhile, Jason Gardner Jr. and JonAnthony Hall each scored six points, with Cooper Zachary adding five. Fishers led 35-21 at halftime, with Hall getting five more points in

the second quarter. Lawrence North cut into the Tigers' lead slightly during the third quarter, scoring 28 points to Fishers' 23 points. Nathan Baker scored 11 points for the Tigers, helping to keep them ahead 58-49 going into the fourth. Fishers outscored LN 17-10 in that fourth period, with Baker adding another eight points. Baker finished as the leading scorer with 21 points. Gardner added 15 and Hall scored 12. Logan Sigler had nine points. The Tigers return to the Tiger Den on Friday to play Zionsville in their Hoosier Crossroads Conference finale.

FISHERS 75, LAWRENCE NORTH 59				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Millen McCartney	3	0-0	6	1
Cooper Zachary	2	0-0	5	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	6	3-5	15	0
JonAnthony Hall	4	4-6	12	5
Nathan Baker	8	4-5	21	2
Justin Kirby	2	2-2	7	0
Logan Sigler	4	1-1	9	3
Torey Breland	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	29	14-19	75	15
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	24	11	23	17-75
Lawrence North	10	11	28	10-59
Fishers 3-pointers (3) Zachary, Kirby, Baker.				

# Huskies take care of Patriots, 72-64

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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ARCADIA – Hamilton Heights was up to the tall task of beating Jay County. The Huskies hosted the Patriots on Tuesday and used a fast start to win 72-64. Heights quickly got a double-digit lead late in the first quarter, then stayed ahead by that margin for most of the game, holding off a late surge by Jay County in the fourth quarter. It was an important victory for the Huskies, as they are in the same sectional as the Patriots. Both teams compete in Class 3A Sectional 24 at New Castle, which begins in two weeks. “We didn’t want to show all of our hand, because we could play them again,” said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. “There’s still stuff that we felt like we could do against them, because they play a lot of zone.”



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
Hamilton Heights' Jack Kakasuleff scored 14 points for the Huskies during their win over Jay County on Tuesday.

Ballenger said the Patriots are talented. “They can shoot it well, they’re big,” said the coach. Jay County showed off its height to start the game, as 6-foot-9 junior Cole Forthofer scored the first basket of the game with a lay-in. That would be the only lead for the Patriots, however, as the Huskies skipped off on a 10-0 run. Gavin Saunders hit two 3-pointers, with a Tyler Champion basket in between. Rees Knapp finished the run with a jumper, then nailed a triple seconds later to give Heights a 14-3 lead. A steal and basket by Saunders gave the Huskies a double-digit advantage for the first time at 15-4.

much as we can against certain teams,” said Ballenger. “There are some we can’t, but we felt tonight that we could definitely take advantage, and we did. We turned them over 27 times.” Jack Kakasuleff scored Heights’ final points of the half with an and-1, putting the Huskies up 39-19 with 1:08 left. Forthofer scored to make the halftime score 39-21, but Saunders opened the third quarter with a 3. A free throw from Knapp gave Heights 43-21 advantage. The Huskies’ lead stayed around 20 points during the third quarter, which finished with Heights ahead 58-40. Dreydin Serna started a 6-0 run with a basket midway through the period, and Kakasuleff made four free throws to continue the spurt. Jay County made its move in the fourth quarter, cutting the Huskies’ lead to 66-56 with around three minutes left to go. Knapp kept Heights ahead with eight points, including two 3s. Champion turned a steal

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 72, JAY COUNTY 64				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	3-6	2-5	8	1
Rees Knapp	9-10	3-4	25	2
Carson Felger	3-5	0-0	6	2
Jack Kakasuleff	3-8	8-9	14	2
Gavin Saunders	5-10	0-0	13	4
Dreydin Serna	1-3	1-2	3	3
Chris Nobbe	0-0	3-4	3	3
Aidan Unger	0-4	0-0	0	0
Totals	24-46	17-24	72	17
Score by Quarters				
Jay County	11	10	19	24-64
Heights	22	17	19	14-72
Heights 3-point shooting (7-13) Knapp 4-4, Saunders 3-7, Unger 0-1, Kakasuleff 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (15) Felger 7, Champion 2, Serna 2, Nobbe 1, Unger 1, Kakasuleff 1, Saunders 1.				

Champion made a three-point play to finish the quarter, with Heights up 22-11. The Huskies kept rolling in the second period, using a 9-0 spurt to lead 33-15. Carson Felger scored four points in that run, including a basket off a steal. Heights picked up 16 steals for the game. “We try to press as

Stars 21-9 after one quarter. Sheridan led 34-23 at halftime, then used a 20-point third period to lead 54-50 going into the fourth. Four Blackhawks players reached double figures,

into a basket to push the Huskies ahead 69-56. A Tucker Griffin 3 and Eli Dirksen layin got the Patriots within single digits at 69-61, but there was under a minute to go by then. Kakasuleff made two free throws with 13.4 seconds left to clinch the win. Knapp had an exceptional night, scoring 25 points and making all four of his 3-point attempts. Kakasuleff had 14 points and Saunders scored 13. Felger did a little by of everything, with seven rebounds, six points and four assists. Champion led the steals with five. Heights is 12-8 and hosts Twin Lakes on Friday for the Hoosier Conference third-place game. The junior varsity game starts at 6:30 p.m., with the varsity to follow around 8 p.m.

# Blackhawks fly past WeBo

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Sheridan traveled to Western Boone on Tuesday and came home with a 67-56 victory. The Blackhawks got off to a fast start, leading the

led by Caleb Wright’s 19 points. Damon Winston scored 17 points, Trey Page made four 3-pointers on his way to 16 points and Devon Hamilton added 15 points. Wright and Winston both collected six rebounds, with Chance Spencer pulling five. Sheridan had 19 assists on 25 made baskets, with Wright dishing out six, Winston handing out five and Spencer providing four. Wright also made four steals. The ‘Hawks are 14-5 and hosts Edinburgh on Friday.

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SHERIDAN 67, WESTERN BOONE 56				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Trey Page	5-9	2-4	16	2
Caleb Wright	8-12	2-2	19	4
Damon Winston	6-15	4-4	17	1
Devon Hamilton	6-10	2-5	15	1
Carson Wright	0-0	0-0	0	1
Chance Spencer	0-2	0-0	0	2
Totals	25-48	10-15	67	11
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	21	13	20	13-67
WeBo	9	14	17	16-56
Sheridan 3-point shooting (7-14) Page 4-7, Winston 1-3, Cal. Wright 1-2, Hamilton 1-1, Spencer 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (25) Cal. Wright 6, Winston 6, Spencer 5, Hamilton 4, Car. Wright 3, Page 1.				

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