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Feinstein’s welcomes Franc D’Ambrosio as he salutes music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

The REPORTER

On Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8, Broadway legend Franc D'Ambrosio takes the stage with special guest Glory Crampton for a celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals. *Angel of Music: A Salute to the Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber* is one event you don't want to miss.

Join Feinstein's favorite "Phantom" for a celebration of Lloyd Webber's iconic Broadway musicals. D'Ambrosio and Crampton will entertain you with medleys from Lloyd Webber's diverse catalog of classics including *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *CATS*, and *Starlight Express*, along with *Evita*, *Sunset Boulevard*, and more. There is something for everyone in this spirited and emotional salute to some of the most successful musicals of all time.

Don't forget the role that made D'Ambrosio a Broadway legend. He and Crampton will thrill you with the very best of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Early in his career, D'Ambrosio was discovered in the cast of his first Broadway show, which led to the role of Anthony Corleone, the opera singing son of Al Pacino in Coppola's seven-time Academy Award nominated film *Godfather III*. He starred in the

film and sang the Academy Award winning theme song, "Speak Softly Love." This performance so impressed the late Luciano Pavarotti that it led to an invitation for him to study with the legendary tenor at his home in Italy.

Called "The Iron Man of The Mask," D'Ambrosio was awarded the distinction as the "World's Longest Running Phantom." After that noteworthy run, he was personally chosen by Barry Manilow to star as the male lead, Tony, in Manilow's pre-Broadway tour of *Copacabana*. His performance earned D'Ambrosio his National Theatre Award nomination for Best Male Performer in a Musical.

D'Ambrosio has toured extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and South America with his critically acclaimed one-man shows: *Franc D'Ambrosio's Broadway – Songs from The Great White Way* and *Franc D'Ambrosio's Hollywood – Songs of The Silver Screen*. D'Ambrosio is also a frequent guest artist with many major American orchestras and symphonies.

A veteran of over 40 productions, Glory Crampton created the role of "Christine" in the highly acclaimed *Phantom* (a musical based on the *Phantom of the Opera* legend) written by Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit, who created the Broadway musicals *Titanic*

and *Nine*.

Crampton is featured on the original cast recording of the show, which is one of the highest-selling musical recordings in the U.S.

That voice stood her in good stead when Crampton was handpicked by opera great Jose Carreras (of The Three Tenors) to duet with him in sold-out concert performances of selections at Radio City Music Hall with The Orchestra of St. Lukes.

Her talents again rose to the top when Crampton was selected to sing as soloist numerous times for former President George and Barbara Bush, as well singing as guest soloist to a private party for The Royal Crown Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg, and as soloist at Irving Berlins' home in NYC, singing his beloved music for his family and United Nations Dignitaries.

Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and drinks. Get your tickets to these shows at feinstein-she.com. Browse the website for even more stupendous shows coming soon.

Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947. If you're considering having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein's and need tickets for eight or more, email sales@hotelcarmichael.com.

HOSPITALITY

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Photo provided

Savoring delicious Undhiyu in India with my favorite person ... my dad.

Rajkot's Kathiyawadi hospitality is about more than just serving food – it's about creating an experience where people come together, share food, share connection, and feel they truly belong. In many ways, it reminds me of Hoosier Hospitality, where kindness and generosity define the culture. Whether in a small Gujarati *farsan* shop or a cozy Indiana diner, the essence remains the same – food has the power to turn strangers into family.

At the end of the day, food is more than just what's on the plate – it's about the warmth it brings and the connections it creates. And in both Rajkot and Indiana, food always feels like home.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each Saturday in the pages of The Reporter.

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teachers volunteered to kiss a pig. Throughout the week students and staff donated money to the teacher that they wanted to see kiss a pig. It was a hilarious and heartwarming moment that raised money for the chapter, all while giving the students a chance to see their teachers in a very different light.

The week ended with the FFA Breakfast, where students, teachers, and families gathered to enjoy a delicious meal, all while supporting the chapter's future events and initiatives.

In addition to the week's fun events, Sheridan FFA is also gearing up for the district contest which will take place the last week of February. Students will compete in a variety of events such as public speaking, livestock judging, and plant identification, demonstrat-

ing their dedication to leadership, teamwork, and agriculture. The contest serves as an opportunity for personal growth and to connect with other FFA chapters in the district.

In addition to this upcoming contest, the Middle School FFA Meats Judging team, consisting of Eva Beckner, Jacob Glunt, Landon Glunt, and Mackenzie Pickard, achieved an impressive second-place finish at the state competition. This outstanding accomplishment showcases their dedication, hard work, and the valuable experiences provided through FFA.

This week alone shows the energy and dedication of the Sheridan FFA chapter. Through fun events and a strong sense of community, they continue to thrive, fostering leadership and teamwork.

Thanks for reading!

Fishers' Disability Awareness Month celebration returns in March with 'Connected Through Language' theme

Month-long celebration will feature launch of county-wide closed captioning initiative, community events & more

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers and Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability will hold their annual celebration of **National Disability Awareness Month** next month with a month-long lineup of special events and programs aimed to raise awareness of what life is like for those with physical and intellectual disabilities in the community.

The celebration presented by Old National Bank is themed *Connected Through Language* and will strive to highlight the power of language in cultivating identity and connections, from the perspective of residents who are Deaf or hard of hearing. As part of the celebration, March will also feature the launch of a **county-wide closed captioning initiative** that aims to foster and inclusive and accessible experience for everyone in public places. The countywide initiative, led by Hamilton County Tourism with support from the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, encourages and educates business owners on the benefits and logistics of using closed captioning.

"Since establishing the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability in 2017, our group has been committed to working with the City of Fishers to ensure that those with disabilities have the necessary accommodations, support, and opportunities to thrive in our community," said Cecilia Coble, co-chair of the Fishers Advisory on Disability and Fishers City Councilor. "Our committee looks forward to March as a time to elevate the stories, accomplishments, and challenges of the local disability community and encourage residents, businesses, and community leaders to rally behind this important cause."

The celebration will include the return of the popular Ally campaign, which invites residents to become advocates for disability inclusion. Free Ally toolkits will be available for community members to showcase their advocacy, educate themselves and others, and further the discussion on disability inclusion. Toolkits including a T-shirt, yard sign, stickers, and

other materials will be available for pick up at the March Disability Awareness Month Kickoff on March 3 at Fishers City Hall Theater, 1 Municipal Drive.

Virtual toolkits are also available with information on how to best serve as an Ally, including a language guide, social media graphics, an Ally pledge, and more. The virtual toolkit is available for download at [FishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness](https://fishersin.gov/DisabilityAwareness).

"The Ally campaign is a great way to engage residents who don't have a direct tie with the disability community in the celebration and build a support network to rally for inclusivity and accessibility," said Kelly Hartman, committee co-chair and president and CEO of KQuad Consulting. "I love seeing residents with their t-shirts and yard signs, showcasing their allyship with pride."

The 2025 event lineup features several events hosted by community partners like the Fishers Arts Council, OneZone, and Hamilton East Public Library, truly making this a community-wide celebration.

The programming lineup includes:

2025 Disability Awareness Month Kickoff & Awards: Connected Through Language
Monday, March 3, 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Fishers Municipal Center Theater,
1 Municipal Drive
Free, no registration required

Mayor Scott Fadness and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability invite the public to celebrate the kick-off of National Disability Awareness Month in Fishers. To highlight this year's *Connected Through Language* theme, this event will feature a panel discussion with Fishers residents Jason Magner, Irina Burke, and Greg Gantt about the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, history of American Sign Language (ASL), and the cel-



bration of Deaf culture.

The event will also include the presentation of the annual Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability's Inclusion and Accessibility Awards. The three awards – Life Without Limits Award, Cornerstone Employer Award, and Accessibility Award – are community-nominated awards are given to individuals and organizations that inspire and advocate for the local disability community.

Fishers Parks' Storywalk: My Brain is Magic

Begins March 1, Daily, dawn to dusk
Holland Park (1 Park Drive)

Free, no registration required

Enjoy an easy, family-friendly hike around Holland Park as you enjoy March's featured book, *My Brain is Magic*, by Prasha Sooful. No registration is required. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/Storywalk](https://fishersparks.com/Storywalk).

OneZone Disability Awareness Breakfast

Wednesday, March 3, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Fishers Municipal Center Theater
(1 Municipal Drive)

\$15 for members, \$25 for guests
Registration required

Join One Zone for a small breakfast of coffee and pastries to learn about Damar Services, Inc. and the positive impact of hiring an individual with a disability from Dr. Jim Dalton, the President and CEO.

Fishers Arts Council's Second Friday: March Disability Awareness Art Exhibition
Friday, March 14, 6 to 9 p.m.
Fishers Municipal Center Theater
(1 Municipal Drive)

Free, no registration required

Fishers Arts Council hosts an evening for all ages including live music and various kinds of artistic expressions on display in the gallery. All are welcome to this open-

house style "Second Friday" celebrating artists with different abilities. Speakers from the Fishers Advisory Committee, Ignite Studio, and the Fishers Arts Council will make comments at 7 p.m. Light refreshments are also available.

Hamilton County Disability Resource Fair

March 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Carmel High School, 520 E. Main St.
Free, no registration required

All are welcome to a countywide resource fair for individuals with disabilities and their families. No registration required.

Hamilton East Public Library Workshops

Hamilton East Public Library,
5 Municipal Drive

Join the Hamilton East Public Library's Fishers branch for various workshops and programs themed around Disability Awareness Month. Learn more at hamiltoneastpl.org.

• **Unbound by Limits: The Power of Movement in Art:** Saturday, March 8, 11 to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. **Registration is open now.**

• **Neurodivergent Teen Hangout:** Game Night: Sunday, March 9, 2 to 3 p.m. **Register here.**

• **Preparing for Adulthood on the Spectrum:** A Disability Awareness Month Workshop: Tuesday, March 18, 7 to 8 p.m. Virtual. **Register here.**

• **Notes on Blindness:** A Virtual Reality Experience: Thursday, March 27, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. **Registration opens** at 5:30 p.m. Feb 25.

This celebration is made possible by sponsors including Old National Bank (presenting sponsor), and platinum sponsors Fishers Magazine, Hamilton East Public Library, Fishers Arts Council, and OneZone. To register for events, download the Ally Toolkit, and learn more about the work of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, visit [FishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness](https://fishersin.gov/DisabilityAwareness). Follow along on social media at #FishersMDAM.

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—Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ—

Do not believe Satan’s lies! (Part 2)

Satan is “a liar and the father of all lies” (John 8:44). The first sin was committed because Eve believed Satan’s lie, and we have all been feeling the effects of it ever since.

Believe me, Satan has not stopped lying. His whole mission is one of lies and deception (Revelation 20:7-9). Why is it we look around at our culture today and see so much confusion over basic truths about God, religion, marriage, family, gender, etc.? How did we get there? Well, Paul described a similar culture, where Gentiles rejected the truth about God from their minds, and let them believe all of Satan’s lies. The result was all kinds of confusion and uncleanness (Romans 1:18-32).

Here is the point: The further away we get from the Creator the further away we get from truths of creation



itself. The further away we get from the light the darker our minds (and eventually our cultures) become. The further away from the source of truth the more we believe the lie.

As I said last month, we have all been there and done that, by rejecting the truth and believing the lie. We have all given ourselves over to the “futility of our minds,” had our “understanding darkened” and our lives bore the fruit of it (Ephesians 4:17-18). That is why God revealed truth through scripture and gave us all we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). He has called us to be transformed by the “renewal of our minds” (Romans 12:2).

Yet, there are still many today who believe the lies of Satan. Thankfully, God has not left us ignorant (2 Cor-

inthians 2:11). Last month we talked about perhaps the most destructive lie ever told, that there is no such thing as truth – that truth is subjective to you and your experiences, but there are so many others.

We are going to address just a few more here, like ...

1. “Follow your heart.”

We have all heard someone say, “Trust your feelings” or “Trust your gut, you will never go wrong.” In fact, some try make this religious and say things like, “Jesus laid this on my heart.” The only question I have is, “How do you know it was Jesus who put that there? How do you know it was not Satan?” I think that is a necessary question.

See, the Bible does not talk this way. Jeremiah said, “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). Jeremiah KNEW that! But do we KNOW that? Have you ever proven that to yourself? Your instincts, feelings, or thoughts led you down the wrong path. So, what did you do? You started feeling something new and decided that feeling is the right one.

The only way we can be sure our feelings are trustworthy is after study of God’s Word. We can train our hearts and renew our minds by it. But God’s Word strongly warns us about trusting our feelings. It is not within man to direct his own steps.

2. “If it feels right then it must be right.”

Have you noticed how Christianity is being repackaged to sound like this? If

you are not feeling blessed or being blessed with material goods, then something must be wrong in your service to God. Because if you are serving God the right way, then life will be happy and feel good. We call it the “health and wealth gospel.” This kind of teaching is drawing in millions of people, but is leaving just as many with a bad taste in their mouths when they find out it is not true.

Proverbs 14:12 (16:25) says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” If it feels right, so what? In fact, some of the greatest things Jesus instructed feel wrong, like ... Loving your enemies. Turning the other cheek. Denying yourself. Taking up your cross. Losing your life to save it. Putting other’s interests before your own. Having patience with others (“long-suffering”). Submitting to the government, even when you do not agree. Submit to one another, even when it gets difficult. Submitting to God first, even when you do not understand why. None of those things feel right or good, but this lie gets it all mixed up.

Again, those are just a few of Satan lies that many of us believe.

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!



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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.



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

Board Highlights

Feb. 18, 2025 Meeting


Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- Employees who saved a colleague’s life during a medical emergency were recognized by the school board and the Hamilton County Health Department.
- NHS Thespians were recognized for multiple accomplishments in state competition.
- North Elementary leaders presented on the success of their family literacy night.
- Assistant Superintendent Dr. Heather Hendrich presented on exceptional staffing. It was the first of a new series of monthly reports on the [Noblesville Schools Strategic Plan](#).
- The board reviewed bids and selected a contractor for the NEMS athletic building/NHS softball projects.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Stony Creek church of Christ




We are a group of Christians doing our best to follow the Bible and nothing more. No outside organization(s). No man-made traditions. No additions or subtractions. Just hearts fully set on Jesus, His church, His word, and living His ways. We would LOVE for you to come join us or let us know if you are interested in having a personal Bible study.

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| The Bible Reveals... | Passage Found. | Date Science Discovered. | Years prior. |
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| There was an origin of creation and life. | Genesis 1:1; 2:7 (1440-1400 BC) | 1920’s | 3,300+ |
| Earth is free floating. | Job 26:7 (7th to 4th Century BC) | 1650’s | 2,000+ |
| Earth is round. | Isaiah 40:22 (740-681 BC) | 16th century (first practical proof) | 2,200+ |
| First law of Thermodynamics. | Genesis 2:1 (1440-1400 BC) | 1850’s | 3,200+ |
| The Hydrologic Cycle. | Ecclesiastes 1:7 (930 BC) | 1580’s | 2,500+ |
| Life is in the blood. | Leviticus 17:11 (1440-1400 BC) | 1620’s | 3,000+ |


And those are just a few of many examples.



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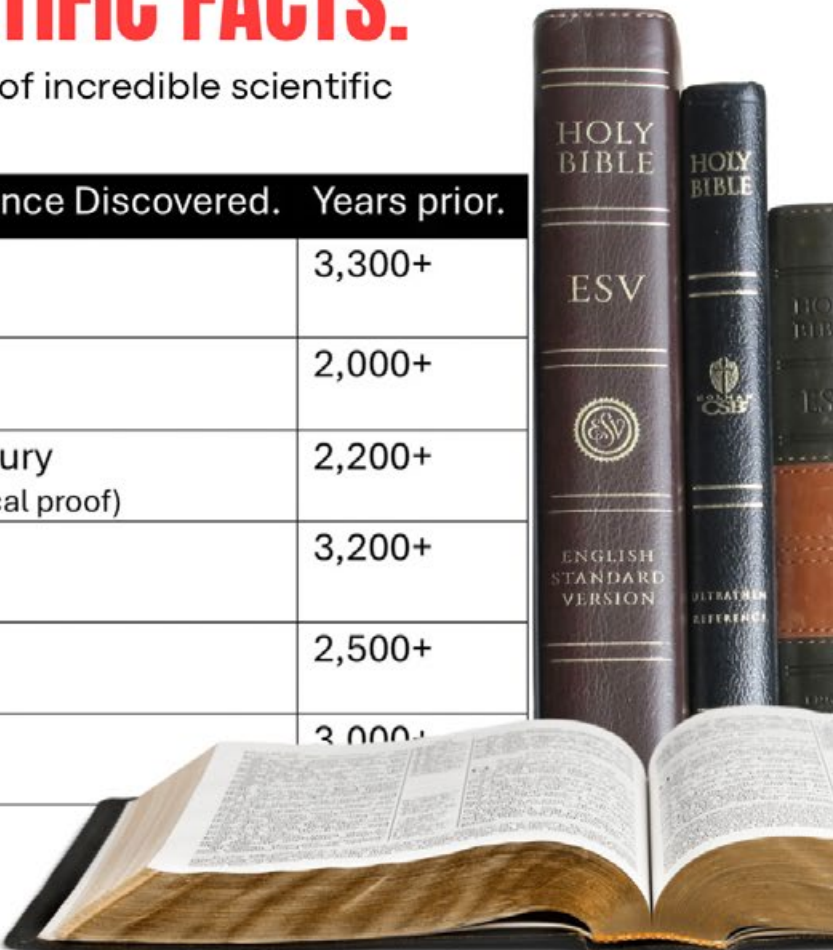
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Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM



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 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
317-773-9956

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

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
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Tues 8am-6pm

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

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<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

Last Saturday of the month, 8am-9am
@ Schoolhouse 7 Cafe
12125 Cyntheanne Rd,
Fishers, IN

Thank you to our sponsor: Cliff Morlan, University Veterans Post 360

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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
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa 8a-11p, 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 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-Su 12-10pm 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, 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 12th till May 10th

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 2nd 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

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:
Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

Hamilton County Health Department is Listening!!!
Tell Them Your Health Needs Thursday February 27th, 6pm till 730pm Sheridan Elementary School 24795 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, In

We want to hear from you!

Your voice matters in shaping our plan for community health

Community Listening Session

Thursday, Feb 27th
6pm - 7:30pm

Sheridan Elementary School
24795 Hinesley Rd, Sheridan, IN

Light refreshments & childcare provided!

Registration required by Feb 20

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(TOP LEFT) Captain Robert “Seph” Coats from Carmichael, Calif., presents an award to Musician First Class Amanda Ballantine from Indianapolis at an all-hands meeting in the historic sail loft at the Washington Navy Yard. The U.S. Navy Band performs concerts and ceremonies in the Washington Capital region and on tours nationwide. (TOP RIGHT) Fire Controlman (Aegis) 2nd Class Caleb Grafton, Indianapolis, tracks air contacts in the combat information center of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Wayne E. Meyer (DDG 108) in the Pacific Ocean, Jan. 31, 2025. Wayne E. Meyer is underway in U.S. 3rd Fleet conducting routine operations. (ABOVE LEFT) U.S. Navy Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Handling) Airman Apprentice Jashon Webb (left) from Indianapolis and Izaiah Blackman assemble light fixtures aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), Jan. 29, 2025. Theodore Roosevelt, the flagship of Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group, is currently pierside at Naval Air Station North Island in its homeport of San Diego undergoing routine maintenance and equipment upgrades during a Planned Incremental Availability. (ABOVE RIGHT) Master-at-Arms 1st Class Luis Zaragoza, Indianapolis, oversees a small arms live-fire exercise as the small arms marksmanship instructor on the flight deck of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Preble (DDG 88) in the Philippine Sea, Jan. 16. Preble is forward-deployed and assigned to Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy’s largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th Fleet’s principal surface force.



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Gov. Braun defends Medicaid strategy following ABA cuts

By TIM SPEARS

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Gov. Mike Braun is defending his strategy to reduce Medicaid spending after the state cut coverage of a popular autism therapy.

On Wednesday, Gov. Braun **signed an executive order** creating a task force to evaluate applied behavior analysis, or ABA therapy. It's a method of focusing on behavior to help people with autism improve communication, development, and socialization.

The task force will evaluate best practices for ABA therapy under Medicaid, which the state says more than 8,000 Hoosier children with autism rely on, then submit a report to Gov. Braun by November.

As News 8 reported, the Braun administration has already placed a **three-year limit on ABA coverage** under Medicaid, with some exceptions, and placed weekly limits on therapy hours. The coverage caps are expected to start in April, pending federal approval.

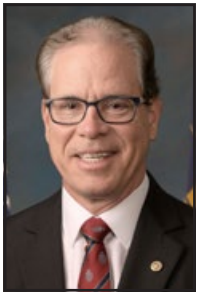
"We have to do all we can to control rising costs," Braun said.

The Braun administration's larger Medicaid crackdown started with increasing the number of eligibility checks, from once a year to once a quarter, and ordering providers to **stop advertising Medicaid programs** on TV and radio.

Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, described the advertising ban as "making sure that Hoosiers don't know what they're eligible to receive."

Yoder said, "We have so many nonprofit agencies across the state that provide that guidance and help to Hoosiers and now they're left wondering, 'is that going to be prohibitive, can we not help the clients that we serve?'"

Braun pushed back against questions from News 8 whether he's attempting to lower Medicaid enrollment by limiting ac-



Braun

cess and making programs more difficult to navigate.

Braun claims he's trying to get in front of Medicaid "going broke." "At some point it's got to be reformed," Braun said.

The next major Medicaid battle is **Senate Bill 2**, which would add work requirements for the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and cap HIP enrollment to 500,000. The cap would effectively cost about 200,000 current Medicaid enrollees their coverage.

The bill passed the Senate on a party-line vote of 40-9. The bill now goes to the House.

Yoder believes the proposed cap on HIP enrollment and ABA therapy seems to lack any relationship to the current demand for healthcare.

"We are making these sweeping changes based on arbitrary numbers, gut feelings," Yoder said. "We

don't have the information or analysis to go boldly into these changes."

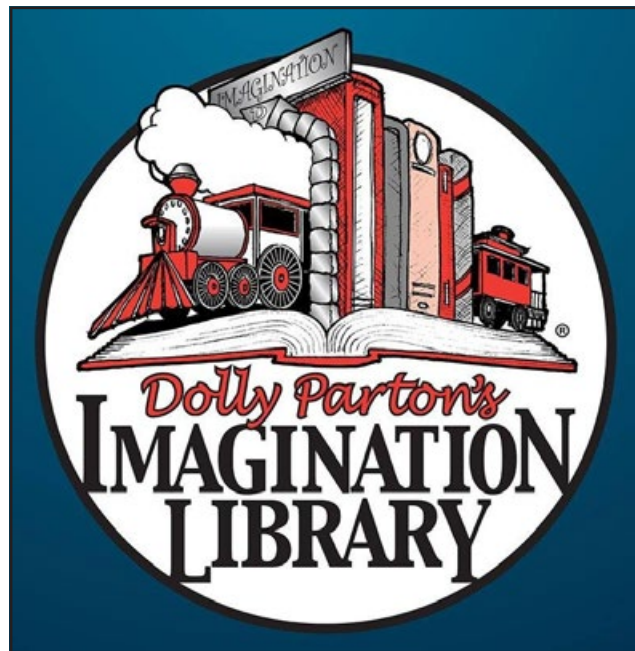
FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob said the three-year limit on ABA coverage could be lifted before patients hit the 36-month cap in April 2028.

"I'm not making any guarantees," Braun said. "I want to make sure we get it under control and can do it sustainably."

Indiana faced a \$1 billion Medicaid budget shortfall last year. An audit found at least \$56.5 million in improper Indiana Medicaid payments for ABA services over the course of a year. There are nearly two million Hoosiers enrolled in some form of Medicaid, but Roob told News 8 the state does not have a target enrollment number it's trying to reach.

Any material changes to Medicaid are subject to federal approval.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/braun-defends-medicaid-strategy-following-aba-cuts.



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First Lady Maureen Braun working to secure continued funding for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

**Submitted by
Office of the Governor**

Governor Mike Braun says he values literacy and learning, and to that end, he has asked First Lady Maureen Braun to spearhead an initiative to keep Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Indiana.

First Lady Braun will work with philanthropic partners and in consultation with state leadership to identify funding opportunities for the book distribution program.

"I have asked my gracious wife, First Lady Maureen Braun, to spearhead an initiative to keep Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Indiana," Braun said. "She has agreed and she will work with philanthropic partners and in consultation with state leadership to identify funding opportunities for the book distribution program."

The First Lady says she is certain she and partners will work toward a collaborative solution.

"I am honored to lead this work to help ensure our youngest Hoosiers have as much exposure as possible

to books and learning," the First Lady said. "Indiana has many strong community partners and I am confident we will collaborate on a solution that grows children's love of reading."

The Dollywood Foundation President Jeff Conyers made clear his gratitude to the Governor and First Lady for their support of the Imagination Library.

"I deeply appreciate Governor Braun's commitment to early childhood literacy and the leadership of First Lady Maureen Braun in championing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library," Conyers said. "The Imagination Library brings the joy of reading to over 125,000 Hoosier children each month in all 92 counties across the state, and we are encouraged by Governor and First Lady Braun's support to ensure its future in Indiana. We look forward to working with the Governor and First Lady, state leaders, and Local Program Partners to keep books in the hands of Indiana's youngest learners and strengthen this foundation for a lifetime of success."

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble presents 'Mixed Rep' performance with exquisite array of dances & fan favorites

The REPORTER

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble (CIDE) looks ahead to March 9 for its annual Mixed Rep performance at The Tarkington at The Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. **Tickets are available now** for what promises to be an inspiring performance.

CIDE's Mixed Rep will feature an exciting blend of classical, contemporary, and modern repertoire. Join them for a captivating afternoon showcasing innovative and breathtaking original choreography by world-renowned artists, culminating with excerpts from a celebrated classical ballet. The Mixed Rep will perform at 4 p.m. A silent auction will also be part of the afternoon and begins at 2 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the mission of CIDE.

CIDE's mission is to commit to providing cultural and educational enrichment to the central Indiana community. CIDE presents dance performances and provides a vehicle for children to be trained in dance principles and give them the opportunity to perform and train in dance at a regional level with other pre-professional, professional dancers, and teachers.

In this 2025 Mixed Rep performance, CIDE offers an exquisite array of dances, featuring variations from the fiery and dynamic ballet *Paquita*. Set in 19th century Spain, *Paquita* is the tale of a young gypsy maiden, who falls in love with a dashing French officer, encountering peril, romance, and oth-



Photo provided by CIDE

In this 2025 Mixed Rep performance, CIDE offers an exquisite array of dances, featuring variations from the fiery and dynamic ballet *Paquita*.

er surprises along the way. This March, enjoy the passion and romance of dance, as CIDE showcases *Paquita*, in addition to a variety of other masterful selections – all performed with great poise and finesse.

They will also be bringing back some "favorite" pieces of choreography as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of CIDE including a piece titled "All Star Swing," choreographed by former New York City ballet dancer Lisa de Ribere, a piece titled "Red Bench," choreographed by former Nashville Ballet and Ballet West dancer Kristin Hakala and a fan favorite "Life" choreographed by New York City-based choreographer Joe Istre.

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Mischief & hilarity unfold in Couples Therapy: The Theatrical Show coming up at Feinstein’s

The REPORTER
Couples Therapy: The Theatrical Show explores and exploits people’s differences in all their magnificent and hilarious glory. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at The Tarkington in Carmel. This unforgettable evening of laughter and entertainment is a unique and clever combination of theatre, stand-up comedy, and improv that is as funny as it is insightful. Audiences go on a hilarious and interactive ride as a pair of married relationship experts attempt to help couples with their relationships, but as the show wears on you see that they have more problems than their patients. And fear not guys, this

Photo provided

is not one of those beat-down sessions on men. Instead, *Couples Therapy* equally explore, appreciate, and laugh at the differences between men and women. The show offers endless humor packed with practical relationship advice rooted in science and psychology – they really did their homework. So strap in – they don’t just break the fourth wall, they smash right through it. Recommended for those age 21 and over due to some mature content.


ISO presents music of Scheherazade

The REPORTER
Joyce Yang dazzles in Prokofiev’s sparkling third Piano Concerto, a piece with the one of the most brilliant finishes of any work in the genre. Anna Clyne’s *Masquerade* conjures images of a chaotic revelry. Conductor Valentina Peleggi makes her ISO debut and transports us into a Middle Eastern fairy tale with Rimsky-Korsakov’s exotic *Scheherazade*. Click here to buy tickets to the performance. Performances begin at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, and at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1. Arrive 50 minutes before the concert start time to hear “Words on Music,” a 20-minute presentation about the concert and what listeners can expect to hear. For more information regarding the policies of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, please visit Indianapolis-Symphony.org. About Valentina Peleggi Valentina Peleggi has been Music Director of the Richmond Symphony (Virginia) since the 2020-21 season and has already revitalized the orchestra’s artistic output. While focusing on developing the orchestra’s own sound she has also launched new concert formats, joined national co-commission partnerships, started a three-year composer in residence program, launched conducting masterclasses in collaboration with the local universities, and championed neglected composers from diverse backgrounds. During the pandemic she sat on the jury of the first virtual Menuhin Competition hosted by the Richmond Symphony. Peleggi holds a Master

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in Conducting with honors from the Conservatorio Santa Cecilia in Rome, and in 2013 was awarded the Accademia Chigiana’s highest award, going on to assist Bruno Campanella and Gianluigi Gelmetti at Teatro Regio di Torino, Opera Bastille Paris, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Teatro Regio di Parma and Teatro San Carlo. She also assisted on a live worldwide broadcast and DVD production of Rossini’s *Cenerentola* with the Orchestra Nazionale della RAI. From 2005 to 2015 she was the Principal Conductor and Music Director of the University Choir in Florence and remains their Honorary Conductor, receiving a special award from the Government in 2011 in recognition of her work there. Peleggi is passionate about the arts and holds a master in Comparative Literature. About Joyce Yang Blessed with “poetic and sensitive pianism” (*Washington Post*) and a “wondrous sense of color” (*San Francisco Classical Voice*), Grammy-nominated pianist Joyce Yang captivates audiences with her virtuosity, lyricism, and interpretive sensitivity. She first came to international attention in 2005 when she won the silver medal at the 12th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The youngest contestant at 19 years old, she took home two additional awards: Best Performance of Chamber Music (with the Takács Quartet), and Best Performance of a New Work. In 2006 Yang made her celebrated New York Philharmonic debut alongside Lorin Maazel at Avery Fisher Hall along with the orchestra’s tour of Asia, making a triumphant return to her hometown of Seoul, South Korea. Yang’s subsequent appearances with the New York Philharmonic have included opening night of the 2008 Leonard Bernstein Festival – an appearance made at the request of Maazel in his final season as music director. *The New York Times* pronounced her performance in Bernstein’s *The Age of Anxiety* a “knockout.” In the last decade, Yang has blossomed into an “astounding artist” (*Neue Zürcher Zeitung*), showcasing her colorful musical personality in solo recitals and collaborations with the world’s top orchestras and chamber musicians through more than 1,000 debuts and re-engagements. She received the 2010 Avery Fisher Career Grant and earned her first Grammy nomination (Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance) for her recording of *Franck, Kurtág, Previn & Schumann* with violinist Augustin Hadelich (“One can only sit in misty-eyed amazement at their insightful flair and spontaneity.” – *The Strad*). She has become a staple of the summer festival circuit with frequent appearances on the programs of the Aspen Summer Music Festival, La Jolla SummerFest and the Seattle Chamber Music Society.

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Linda S. Williams

January 25, 1953 – February 18, 2025

Linda S. Williams, 72, McCordsville, passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, surrounded by her loving family, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on January 25, 1953, to Thomas and Helen (Sessoms) Cunningham in Madison, Wis.

Linda had a deep love for music, which was a common theme throughout the tapestry of her life. She was a talented vocalist and pianist. Linda received her degree in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Her extraordinary talents brought joy to many people, who heard her sing or participated in one of her choirs or musical productions. She dedicated many years to Fishers United Methodist Church as their Choir Director. Linda also enjoyed sewing costumes, crafting, reading, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Linda’s passion extended beyond her musical talents, as the founder and subsequent director of Come to Me Food Pantry at Fishers United Methodist Church in 2007. Her legacy of volunteerism and supporting those in need is evidenced by the 3.5 million pounds of food that has been distributed since the pantry’s inception. Linda led a group of devoted volunteers who coordinated the collection of food from various businesses, churches, schools, and service groups throughout the community. The pantry’s impact has been profound, serving upwards of 180 families each week.

Linda is survived by her husband, Steve Williams; the mother who raised her, Susan Cunningham; children, Scott (Angela) Williams, Kristin (Tom) Paulus, Kyle (Julie) Williams, and Jennifer Williams and 12 grandchildren; her sister, Kelly (Jeff) Bybee and their children Nick and Heather; and her brother, Brad (Meghan) Cunningham and their sons Thomas (Maya) and Will.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Nicholas Williams.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a service at 1 p.m., on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Come To Me Food Pantry at Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers, IN 46037 (cometome-foodpantry.org).

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Boys Wrestling State Finals, Day 1 — Five county wrestlers advance at state finals

By **RICHIE HALL**
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INDIANAPOLIS — Five Hamilton County wrestlers advanced to the quarterfinals of the IHSAA boys wrestling state finals on Friday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, setting the county up for its most medalists in five years.

Fishers advanced two to the quarters, both with dominating wins. First up was 126-pound senior Chayce Yant, ranked No. 6 in the state. He took on No. 8-ranked Penn sophomore Angelo Vargo, and the match was tight at first, with neither wrestler scoring in the first period.

But Yant started to roll in the second period. He made a takedown with 1:11 left for a 3-0 lead, then got three sets of four near-fall points. Once Yant hit 15-0, he had a technical fall victory.

“I just feel like I need to get to my offense quicker,” said Yant, who placed sixth at 120 pounds last year. “Take more shots in the first period, be more offensive. I just waited around a little bit. But once I got to my offense in the second period, I knew I could take over the match and get on top of him.”

Yant is 37-3 for the season and faces Avon junior Nate Rioux, ranked No. 2, this morning in the quarterfinals.

Fishers junior Xavier Smith is ranked No. 2 at 175 pounds, and he took care of business in his match with a 19-4 technical fall over DeKalb senior Dominick Dunn. Smith cruised through the first period for a 15-4 lead, then chose to start the second period in the down position. He got the escape point to go up 16-4, then made a take down to end the match.

“I feel I’m dialed in this tournament,” said Smith, a state qualifier at 165 last year. “I’m going to perform how I want to perform. Mentally, I’m super positive right now. Just looking for that next match, next opportunity to score.”

Smith is 40-4 and takes on Penn junior Vinny Freeman, ranked No. 3 in the quarters.

Major, Cain advance at 165

Two county wrestlers are competing at 165 pounds and both picked up easy wins on Friday.

Carmel senior Michael Major, the third-ranked wrestler at 165, won his match by pin over Evansville Mater Dei junior Camden Baumann, who is rated No. 21. Major was in control from the start and pinned Baumann with 12 seconds left in the first period.

Major missed the state tournament last year due to injury, so he was happy to be wrestling again and is also keeping a positive mindset.

“Just being with my teammates, coaches, friends, family, they were all really



Photos by Manford Photography
(TOP LEFT) Fishers senior Chayce Yant picked up a technical-fall win at 126 pounds. **(TOP RIGHT)** Carmel senior Michael Major won his 165-pound state first-round match with a first-period pin. **(ABOVE)** Westfield freshman Connor Maddox won his 106-pound match by technical fall. **(RIGHT)** Fishers junior Xavier Smith won by technical fall at 175 pounds.



Photos by Manford Photography
(ABOVE) Hamilton Heights senior Michael Cain scored a major-decision victory to win his 165-pound match. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Westfield junior Job Mavrick competed at 285 pounds for the Shamrocks. **(RIGHT)** Fishers junior Julian Burgett wrestled at 215 pounds for the Tigers.

positive, and just keeping a positive mindset,” said Major. “I thought it was really fun leading up to it. Win or lose, I was ready to go out there. Just leave it all out.”

Major is 38-3 and takes on Penn senior Leonardo Santiago, ranked No. 23, in the quarterfinals today.

On the other side of the 165 bracket, No. 5-ranked Hamilton Heights senior Michael Cain beat Avon junior Griffan Larson by a 15-3 major decision. Cain began to take control in the second period with a reverse, followed by near-fall points, then maintained a

strong advantage in the third period.

Cain said that once he got in control, he used “smart wrestling and smart points, nothing crazy” to get the win.

“In tough environments like this, secure the win and wrestle smart,” said Cain. “It only takes one point to win.” Cain improved to 46-2 and takes on Belmont senior Gavin Davis, ranked No. 7, in the quarters.

Freshman Maddox moves on

Westfield freshman Connor Maddox, ranked No. 5, easily picked up

his first-ever state win by beating Monrovia senior Gavin Ash, the sixth-ranked 106-pound wrestler, with a 17-1 technical fall. Just like the other tech-fall winners, Maddox steadily built his lead throughout the match.

“Ash is tough,” said Maddox. “He’s a senior, so he’s obviously going to be really strong and big. I knew it was going to be a bit of a battle, but the points started coming. As the match went on, the more points started coming easily.”

Maddox is 39-1 and wrestles Fort Wayne Carroll freshman Joey Warner,



ranked No. 14, this morning in the quarterfinals.

Other matches

Two more county wrestlers competed at state. Fishers junior Julian Burgett, the No. 14-wrestler at 215 pounds, took on Heritage Hills junior, No. 8 Jett Goldsberry in the first round. Goldsberry quickly built a lead and won by technical fall 16-0 in the second period. Burgett finished his season 33-12.

Westfield junior, No. 14 Job Mavrick, gave his opponent, Homestead senior and No. 4-ranked Caleb Evans, all he could handle in the first round. Neither wres-

tler gave up a take down in the three regulation periods; Mavrick went up 1-0 with an escape point in the second round, then Evans scored an escape point in the third round.

The match went to overtime, where Evans won with a takedown at the 25-second mark. Mavrick finished his season with a 25-6 record.

Quarterfinal action begins at 9 a.m., with the semifinals and wrestleback matches to follow. The consolation matches, which determine third through eighth places, begin at 4:30 p.m. The championship matches start at 7:30 p.m.

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Girls Basketball Semi-State Preview

Aiming for redemption

Sheridan girls basketball returns to semi-state

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

The Sheridan Lady Blackhawks have been a force to be reckoned with in Indiana high school basketball, and their impressive run this season has earned them a well-deserved return trip to the Class 2A semi-state.

After an unforgettable journey last year that ended in a first-round loss at the semi-state, the Lady Blackhawks are determined to make this year's appearance a much more successful one.

The Lady Blackhawks have been nothing short of dominant in the 2024-2025 season on the court. With a remarkable 25-1 record,



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Lady Blackhawks with their Regional Championship Trophy.

and 8-0 in their conference, they've proven themselves

to be one of the top teams in the state. And the students playing on the court are also dominating in the classroom. As the team prepares for the upcoming semi-state showdown, the excitement is shown around the school and the community.

Sheridan's semi-state journey will begin at noon today, Feb. 22 against a tough Rensselaer Central team with a 24-2 record. Rensselaer Central has been impressive all season long, but the Lady Blackhawks are no strangers to facing tough competition. Coach Jaidlin Bradshaw has emphasized defense, discipline, and teamwork, all of which have been on full display in their dominant victories leading up to semi-state.

"I think the driving force for our team this year is how we left the season last year," Bradshaw said. "It left a really bad taste in the girls' mouths, and it has been the driving force for their wanting to win games and be successful. We have an outstanding group of seniors who don't accept anything but the best from themselves and their teammates. Every kid in this program is an outstanding person not only on the court, but in all aspects of their lives. Our success this season is truly a testament to this team's work ethic and character."

If the Lady Blackhawks are able to defeat Rensselaer Central, they will have the opportunity to compete for the semi-state championship later in the day at 8 p.m., facing off against the winner of the Whitko vs. Eastside matchup. It will be a thrilling day of basketball for fans in Logansport and across the state, but Sheridan's players and coaching staff have their eyes firmly set on the big prize.

For the Lady Blackhawks, the goal is clear: redemption and the pursuit of a state title. With the momentum of an outstanding season and a determined focus, the Sheridan girls' basketball team is ready to go! As the team takes to the court the community of Sheridan is cheering for the Lady Blackhawks to bring home a championship and etch their names in Indiana high school basketball history.

Boys Basketball

Blackhawks cruise past Edinburgh

The REPORTER

Sheridan cruised past Edinburgh 77-44 Friday at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium.

Four Blackhawks players reached double figures. Trey Page totaled 19 points, including four 3-pointers. Damon Winston added 18 points, Caleb Wright scored 17 points, including three 3s, and Devon Hamilton

contributed 14 points. Caleb Wright dished out nine assists, with Chance Spencer handing out four assists. Winston and Hamilton led the rebounds with six each, while Page pulled five rebounds.

Sheridan is 15-5 and travels to Waldron next Friday to finish the regular season.

| SHERIDAN 77, EDINBURGH 44 | | | | |
|--|----|-----|----|----|
| Sheridan | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Trey Page | 6 | 3-3 | 19 | 0 |
| Caleb Wright | 7 | 0-0 | 17 | 4 |
| Damon Winston | 7 | 3-4 | 18 | 2 |
| Devon Hamilton | 6 | 2-2 | 14 | 2 |
| Carson Wright | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Chance Spencer | 2 | 0-0 | 5 | 1 |
| Brayden Whisman | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Dayne Voegel | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Jax Peerman | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Landon Moffitt | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jake Hall | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson Stoneking | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 30 | 8-9 | 77 | 16 |
| Score by Quarters not available | | | | |
| Sheridan 3-pointers (10) Page 4, Cal. Wright 3, Spencer 1, Winston 1, Car. Wright 1. | | | | |

Huskies overwhelm Twin Lakes for 3rd in conference

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights overwhelmed Twin Lakes 73-41 on Friday to win the third-place game of the Hoosier Conference tournament.

The host Huskies led 13-5 after one quarter and 34-19 at halftime. Heights blasted through the third period, pouring in 31 points to take a 65-33 lead going into the fourth period.

Gavin Saunders had an

incredible shooting night, making eight 3-pointers for 24 points. Saunders also led the rebounds with five. Rees Knapp added 13 points, while Tyler Champion had 10 points, five assists and five steals.

The Huskies are 13-8 and finish the regular season Tuesday by hosting Rushville. The junior varsity game starts at 6:30 p.m., with the varsity game starting at 8 p.m.

| HAMILTON HEIGHTS 73, TWIN LAKES 41 | | | | |
|--|-------|------|----|------|
| Heights | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Tyler Champion | 5-9 | 0-0 | 10 | 3 |
| Chris Nobbe | 4-5 | 1-2 | 9 | 2 |
| Rees Knapp | 5-9 | 2-2 | 13 | 3 |
| Jack Kakasuleff | 3-6 | 2-2 | 8 | 0 |
| Gavin Saunders | 8-17 | 0-0 | 24 | 2 |
| Carson Felger | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Aidan Unger | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dreydin Serna | 0-1 | 3-4 | 3 | 0 |
| Hayden Spicer | 2-3 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Austin Day | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Justin Overton | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jackson Mikesell | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson Cantlon | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 28-55 | 8-10 | 73 | 16 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Twin Lakes | 6 | 13 | 14 | 8-41 |
| Heights | 13 | 21 | 31 | 8-73 |
| Heights 3-point shooting (9-23) Saunders 8-13, Knapp 1-4, Champion 0-3, Nobbe 0-1, Kakasuleff 0-1, Cantlon 0-1. | | | | |
| Heights rebounds (20) Saunders 5, Champion 3, Unger 2, Kakasuleff 2, Spicer 2, Knapp 1, Day 1, Felger 1, Serna 1, Mikesell 1, Overton 1. | | | | |

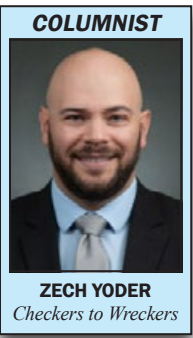
Daytona mayhem

The 2025 Daytona 500 had only its fifth back-to-back Daytona 500 winner and first since Denny Hamlin in 2019-2020. William Byron navigated his way through the carnage of a last-lap wreck among the leaders to take the checkered flag for the second consecutive year. In his post-race interview, Byron credited good fortune and being at the right place at the right time.

I had high hopes for this year's Daytona 500. After two good dual races earlier in the week – though not without controversy – I was optimistic that the race would come down to a spectacular move off turn 4, and it almost did. But on the back stretch of the last lap, Cole Custer, while racing three-wide with Denny Hamlin and Austin Cindric, veered left and hooked Hamlin, sending him into the wall and taking out much of the remaining cars. Byron, who was running ninth at the time and had little hope of winning, narrowly avoided Hamlin's spinning car.

The last-lap carnage came on the heels of another big wreck when Cole Custer got Christopher Bell out of shape and into the outside wall. Bell then spun down into the field which sent Ryan Preece into a nasty airborne roll. And only moments before the Custer Bell wreck, Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. and Joey Logano got together, which took out numerous cars in the front of the field.

Sufficient to say, the last 20 laps of the race were a crash fest. In his Monday morning podcast, Denny Hamlin did not hold back in criticizing both NASCAR and his fellow drivers for the style of racing that has developed on drafting tracks



such as Daytona and Talladega. Hamlin credits the cars with creating an environment for rough racing. With additional downforce, reduced horsepower, and low speeds, argues Hamlin, the cars are easier to drive. This leads to bigger and tighter backs of cars. Additionally, the increased downforce makes it more difficult for the cars to pass, which leads to more aggression from the drivers, which leads to mayhem at the end of the race.

I think Hamlin's analysis is spot on. I recently watched the finish of the 2005 and 2006 Daytona 500 and was surprised just how different the racing was. The cars were more spread out, but the finishes were still excellent. Unlike what we have had the last few years, the race did not end in a last lap crash and the winner deserved to win the race. He made the moves on the last lap the secured the victory. The Daytona 500 is NASCAR's Superbowl event. The biggest event of the season. It cannot continue to devolve into crash fest where the winner decided by pure luck. I expected NASCAR to have made more progress on the superspeedway racing package. It appears that they have not.

This week is Atlanta. It is a drafting track but much smaller than Daytona. The finish last year was one of the closest finishes in NASCAR history. I expect a great race. My pick is Austin Cindric. He was good at Daytona and has demonstrated his prowess on drafting tracks.

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Boys Basketball

Carmel falls to Warren Central

The REPORTER

Carmel dropped a tough game to Warren Central 42-41 Friday on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Warriors led 8-4 after the first quarter and 21-18 at halftime. The Greyhounds kept fighting back, cutting Warren Central's lead to 30-28 after three periods. Carmel led 41-39 in the final seconds, but the

Warriors hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer for the win.

Liam Mann led the 'Hounds with nine points, with Ben Bremer scoring eight points. Aiden Dickerson pulled eight rebounds, while Evan Harrell collected five rebounds and blocked two shots.

Carmel is 9-11 and hosts Class 2A No. 9 Providence at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

| WARREN CENTRAL 42, CARMEL 41 | | | | |
|---|-------|------|----|---------|
| Carmel | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Jamie Whack | 1-3 | 0-0 | 3 | 3 |
| Aiden Dickerson | 3-6 | 1-2 | 7 | 2 |
| Jamichael Fountain | 1-4 | 0-0 | 3 | 3 |
| Ben Bremer | 3-8 | 2-4 | 8 | 3 |
| Liam Mann | 3-5 | 3-8 | 9 | 2 |
| Evan Harrell | 2-6 | 2-2 | 7 | 2 |
| Zach Michaels | 2-3 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 15-35 | 8-16 | 41 | 15 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Warren Central | 8 | 13 | 9 | 12 - 42 |
| Carmel | 4 | 14 | 10 | 13 - 41 |
| Carmel 3-point shooting (3-12) Whack 1-3, Harrell 1-3, Fountain 1-2, Dickerson 0-2, Bremer 0-2. | | | | |
| Carmel rebounds (20) Dickerson 8, Harrell 5, Mann 3, Bremer 2, Michaels 1, Fountain 1. | | | | |

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

BOYS SWIMMING

Sectional finals

Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 1 p.m.

Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 1 p.m.

University at Lawrence North, 1 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

IHSAA state finals

Quarterfinal matches, 9 a.m.

Semifinal matches, to follow

Placement matches (third through eighth), 4:30 p.m.

Championship matches, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMI-STATES

At Frankfort

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Valparaiso, 10 a.m.

Warsaw vs. McCutcheon, noon

Championship, 7:30 p.m.

At Logansport

Whitko vs. Eastside, 10 a.m.

Sheridan vs. Rensselaer Central, noon

Championship, 8 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Noblesville, Westfield at Southmont Mountie Invitational, noon

Sunday, Feb. 23

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tournament draw date

Tuesday, Feb. 25

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Crispus Attucks, 7:30 p.m.

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

Lawrence North at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Mississinewa, 7:30 p.m.

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

Westfield at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

Rushville at Hamilton Heights, 8 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Westfield at Shelbyville (with New Palestine), 6 p.m.

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Tigers fight off Eagles, clinch unbeaten HCC title

The REPORTER

Fishers got a test from Zionsville Friday in its Hoosier Crossroads Conference finale before pulling away in the fourth quarter.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers beat the Eagles 56-50 to clinch an unbeaten conference campaign. Fishers led 15-12 after the first quarter, with Justin Kirby scoring six points.

Zionsville came back to tie the game at 21-21 at halftime. The Tigers inched ahead 33-32 after three quar-

ters, with JonAnthony Hall scoring seven points. Fishers poured in 23 points in the fourth period to get the win. Cooper Zachary scored nine points in the fourth; including a 7-of-7 effort from the free-throw line. Hall poured in eight points.

Zachary and Hall both totaled 17 points for the game, with Kirby scoring 14.

The Tigers are 23-0 and play at North Central Tuesday to finish the regular season.

| FISHERS 56, ZIONSVILLE 50 | | | | |
|--|----|-------|----|---------|
| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Cooper Zachary | 4 | 7-7 | 17 | 3 |
| Jason Gardner Jr. | 0 | 1-4 | 1 | 2 |
| Justin Kirby | 4 | 4-4 | 14 | 3 |
| JonAnthony Hall | 8 | 1-3 | 17 | 3 |
| Nathan Baker | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Millen McCartney | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Torey Breland | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Logan Sigler | 1 | 3-4 | 5 | 0 |
| Jean-Claude L'Homme | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 18 | 16-22 | 56 | 16 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Zionsville | 12 | 9 | 11 | 18 - 50 |
| Fishers | 15 | 6 | 12 | 23 - 56 |
| Fishers 3-pointers (4) Zachary 2, Kirby 2. | | | | |

Balanced Rocks beat Flashes

The REPORTER

Westfield completed Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday with a 53-37 win at Franklin Central.

The Class 4A No. 3 Shamrocks led 15-9 after the first quarter and 26-13 at halftime. Seven different Westfield players scored in the first half, led by Durante Morton's six points. The 'Rocks further extended their lead in the third quarter, going up 43-

24. Jalen Malone stepped up in the second half with seven points.

Morton and Malone both scored 10 points in total, with Drew Haffner adding nine and Will Harvey scoring eight.

Westfield finished HCC play with a 4-3 record, tying for third in the conference. The Shamrocks are 17-3 overall and complete the regular season Tuesday at Mount Vernon.

| WESTFIELD 53, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 37 | | | | |
|--|----|-----|----|---------|
| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Will Harvey | 2 | 2-2 | 8 | 2 |
| Jalen Malone | 4 | 0-0 | 10 | 2 |
| Durante Morton | 5 | 0-0 | 10 | 4 |
| Drew Haffner | 4 | 0-0 | 9 | 0 |
| Rylan Rauch | 2 | 0-0 | 6 | 0 |
| Brock Detamore | 2 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Ryan Hunsucker | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Luke Vandegriff | 1 | 2-2 | 4 | 1 |
| Totals | 21 | 4-4 | 53 | 11 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Westfield | 15 | 11 | 17 | 10 - 53 |
| Franklin Central | 9 | 4 | 11 | 13 - 37 |
| Westfield 3-pointers (7) Harvey 2, Malone 2, Rauch 2, Haffner. | | | | |

Millers stun No. 2 Avon in OT

The REPORTER

Noblesville scored a huge victory on Friday, shocking Class 4A No. 2 Avon 49-46 in an overtime Hoosier Crossroads game on the road.

The Orioles led 13-5 after one quarter, then inched ahead 24-15 at halftime and 38-28 after three periods. Baron Walker got going for the 4 No. 12 Millers in the third quarter with eight points.

Noblesville came back in the fourth, outscoring

Avon 15-5 to force overtime with the score 43-43. The Millers then held the Orioles to three points in the extra period to get the victory.

Walker led Noblesville with 21 points, including 15 in the second half. Curry finished with 14 points.

The Millers finished HCC play with a 4-3 record, tying them for third in the conference. Noblesville is 16-5 overall and completes the regular season Tuesday at Mississinewa.

| NOBLESVILLE 49, AVON 46 (overtime) | | | | |
|---|----|-------|----|---------|
| Noblesville | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| T.J. Davidson | 1 | 1-2 | 3 | 4 |
| Adam Fine | 1 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Justin Curry | 4 | 4-6 | 14 | 2 |
| Aiden Brewer | 2 | 1-2 | 5 | 1 |
| Baron Walker | 6 | 8-12 | 21 | 2 |
| Ryan Vctor | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |
| Max Flanagan | 1 | 2-2 | 4 | 0 |
| Luke Davis | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Totals | 15 | 16-24 | 49 | 17 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Noblesville | 5 | 10 | 13 | 15 - 49 |
| Avon | 13 | 11 | 14 | 5 - 46 |
| Noblesville 3-pointers (3) Curry 2, Walker. | | | | |

Royals beat Brownsburg in OT

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern finished its Hoosier Crossroads Conference season with an exciting win on Friday.

The Royals got a 61-55 overtime victory at Brownsburg. The Bulldogs led 15-11 after the first quarter, but Southeastern came back to lead 29-26 at halftime.

The Royals held a 44-42 lead after three periods before Brownsburg got it back to 51-51 at the end of regulation. Southeastern outscored the Bulldogs 10-4 in the extra period.

Maverick Young led HSE with 18 points, followed by Landon Osswald with 11 points and Varschon Clark with 10 points. Braeden Totten had a strong defensive game with eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Clark and Lucas Weemer both dished out four assists.

Southeastern completed HCC play with a 2-5 record. The Royals are 13-10 overall, having won their last five games. Southeastern hosts Lawrence North on Tuesday in its regular-season finale.

| HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 61, BROWNSBURG 55 (overtime) | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----|--------|
| Southeastern | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Jack Jacobs | 1-3 | 2-2 | 5 | 4 |
| Maverick Young | 5-10 | 6-7 | 18 | 1 |
| Braeden Totten | 1-6 | 2-4 | 5 | 2 |
| Landon Osswald | 2-4 | 7-8 | 11 | 3 |
| Varschon Clark | 4-8 | 1-2 | 10 | 4 |
| Lucas Weemer | 3-4 | 1-4 | 8 | 2 |
| Kian Kelly | 1-1 | 1-2 | 4 | 2 |
| Kallen Hoeft | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zachary Tansel | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jaxon Wanza | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 17-36 | 20-29 | 61 | 19 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Southeastern | 10 | 19 | 15 | 7 - 61 |
| Brownsburg | 15 | 11 | 16 | 9 - 55 |
| Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-15) Young 2-5, Totten 1-3, Jacobs 1-2, Clark 1-2, Weemer 1-2, Kelly 1-1. | | | | |
| Southeastern rebounds (32) Totten 8, Jacobs 4, Osswald 4, Clark 4, Weemer 4, Young 2, team 6. | | | | |

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