

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Early morning clouds,
then mostly sunny.
Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 44 LOW: 32



Don't be scared, be prepared

Hamilton County Emergency Management ready to assist you during Severe Weather Preparedness Week

The REPORTER

Severe Weather Preparedness Week in central Indiana is set for March 9 to 15. Throughout the week, Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) will encourage residents to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season.

Leading into Severe Weather Preparedness Week, HCEM plays host to the National Weather Service's Storm Spotter training. This year's event will be held virtually.

"Good news! You can receive this valuable and timely training from the comfort of your own office or home," HCEM Executive Director Chad Knecht said. "With the transition to a virtual training session, please make sure that

you register with a valid email address to which you can receive the presentation link."

[Click here](#) to register for the training.

Each day of Severe Weather Preparedness Week will highlight a unique topic aimed at helping residents be prepared. Stay connected with HCEM on [X](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [NextDoor](#), where they will share updates throughout the week regarding each subject.

• Sunday – General awareness of severe weather



Knecht



- Monday – Severe Weather Outlooks and Watches
- Tuesday – Watches vs. Warnings; Statewide Tornado drill will sound the sirens at approximately 10:15 a.m.
- Wednesday – Response to a severe storm
- Thursday – Recovery from a severe storm
- Friday – Hamilton County is a part of Weather Ready Nation
- Saturday – Family planning for a severe storm

Being prepared involves having a solid plan, creating an emergency kit, and staying informed. HCEM advises residents to develop a plan and communicate it with everyone in the household. It's important to identify a safe area in your home, understand when to go there, and know how to determine when it's safe to leave that area. Don't forget to include your pets in your preparations.

When crafting your plan, consider any mobility, hearing, learning, or vision challenges. Assembling a kit can be a fun family activity, ensuring that your safe space is stocked with essentials like flashlights, water, food, a battery-operated radio, and some entertainment.

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When flavors meet, hearts connect!

It wasn't love at first sight, but it was surely food at first bite.

My husband and I were strangers when our extended families brought us together, but the moment he tasted my cooking, a connection sparked. He wasn't just someone who ate to fill his belly – he truly appreciated flavors, textures, and the love poured into a dish. That's how our journey began – not just as a couple, but as two food lovers blending our traditions, one meal at a time.

We come from two different states in India – Mumbai, Maharashtra, and Rajkot, Gujarat – just like how Indianapolis and New York have distinct lifestyles, cultures, and family traditions. Every meal we shared in our early days of marriage became an opportunity to learn about each other – our likes, dislikes, and the deep-rooted memories tied to food.

Maharashtra and Gujarat, though neighboring states, have their own unique identities when it comes to food and hospitality. Mumbai, a fast-paced metro city, thrives on the bold flavors of Misal Pav, street-style Vada Pav, and the comforting sweetness of Puran Poli. Gujarat, on the other hand, is a land where flavors balance between sweet, spicy, and tangy in dishes like Dhokla, Thepla, and Undhiyu. But beyond these well-known foods, every home has its own way of preparing, sharing, and savoring meals – shaped by traditions, family dynamics, and love.

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A concert to remember: Taylor Swift in Indianapolis

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade honors English class, taught by Tanya Busailah.

My name is Beth Adams, and I am a sophomore at Sheridan High School.

The most fun I have ever experienced was when I went to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour last November. I have always been a huge fan of Taylor Swift, so it was very exciting that she was coming to Indianapolis for this huge event.

I never expected that I would be able to go, but a week before the concert my sister surprised me with tickets for the two of us. It did not feel real at all!

We went on the first night she was in town, which was Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. We had an E-learning day, so I had all afternoon to get ready and get to Lucas Oil Stadium without rushing. Since we got the tickets only the week before, we did not have enough time to plan outfits, but I was wearing a white dress, black Converse hightops, the cardigan that accompanies her most

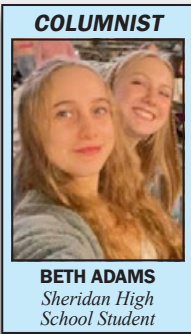
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Taste of Community



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BETH ADAMS

Sheridan High School Student

Sheridan Elementary celebrates Read Across America 2025

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Students and staff at Sheridan Elementary School (SES) were in for an exciting and fun-filled celebration of reading for Read Across America.

The events brought the school together to celebrate and share in the joy of books with many creative and interactive activities.

To start off the festivities, teachers distributed paper hearts for students to fill out with their names and the titles of their favorite books. These colorful hearts were displayed in the hallways outside of classrooms, proudly showcasing the wide variety of books that the SES students love and are inspired by. It was heartwarming to see how much enthusiasm our students had for sharing their love of reading.

On Monday, March 3, students participated in the Book Character Parade. Kindergarten and first-grade students amazed everyone with their



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

A steady stream of costumed youngsters were ready to read their favorite books!

dazzling costumes as they paraded around the building, representing their favorite book characters. Second- through

fifth-grade students cheered them on and contributed to the fun and festive atmosphere. So many beloved and well-known

characters came to life during this wonderful sight.

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Fishers invites public to attend webinar on proposed rental registration ordinance

The REPORTER

Fishers city officials will hold a public webinar town hall about a proposed ordinance to enact a home rental registration and permitting program within the city. [Click here](#) to read the proposed ordinance.

The webinar is scheduled

for noon on Monday, March 10, and will feature Fishers Chief of Staff Jordin Alexander and Planning & Zoning Director Ross Hilleary. [Click here](#) to register.

Following the webinar, a recording will be posted on the city's [YouTube channel](#). Registrants may submit questions

prior to the town hall via the registration link above.

HOA leaders, residents, and interested parties are encouraged to attend the webinar to learn more about the proposed proposal directly from city officials as part of the public outreach plan for the ordinance.

The Fishers City Council held its first reading of the proposed ordinance on [Monday, Feb. 24 during the regular meeting](#). A second reading and public comment period will be held at the April City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 21 at Fishers Municipal Center.

Westfield Library Foundation to sponsor Children's Book Writing Contest in April

Winners will receive cash prizes & have their books published

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) is sponsoring a Children's Book Writing Contest in celebration of Library Appreciation Week in April. The theme for this year's contest is "A Night at the New Library!" and invites participants to explore their creativity about what an evening at the new Westfield Washington Public Library might look like.

"We're eager to see the creative ideas that our residents bring to the table," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "We

hope this contest will inspire young writers and seasoned adults alike to contribute their unique voices."

The contest is open to residents of Westfield in three categories: Youth (6 to 12 years old), Teen (13 to 17 years old), and Adult (18 years and older). The winner of each category will receive a cash prize: \$100 for the youth category, \$250 for teens, and \$250 for adults. The winning stories will be pub-



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lished and featured as part of a special book shelving display at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

Entries should be no longer than 30 pages and can be submitted at the library's front desk or by emailing Downey at edowney@wwpl.lib.in.us.

The deadline for submissions is midnight on April 1, 2025, and winners will be announced on May 1, 2025. Winners will also have the option to illustrate their books themselves or collaborate with a student illustrator.

For more information or to submit an entry, please visit westfieldlibraryfoundation.com.



Don't forget to change your clocks!

The REPORTER

Once again, it's time "Spring Forward" for Daylight Saving Time, so before you head to bed tonight, set your clocks forward one hour.

This weekend is also the perfect time to check your smoke detectors. Did you know working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half? That's why it's critical to take that lifesaving step to keep you and your family safe from home fires – the country's most frequent disaster.

So don't forget: "Turn and Test!"

PREPARE

HCEM will participate in the statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 11, and test the sirens at approximately 10:15 a.m. that morning. Beginning that week, the sirens will be tested each Friday at 11 a.m. until the end of October. To avoid confusion or concern, sirens are not tested on days when storms are threatening.

HCEM reminds everyone that the sirens are for

outdoor warning. They are not intended to warn you inside your home. They also suggest that every household should have at least one weather radio to receive timely updates. Additionally, HCEM provides an app that delivers important weather information.

HCEM is giving away a free weather radio. [Click here](#) to enter to win and share what you have done to

prepare for severe weather. Winners will be contacted by email on Monday, March 17.

HCEM is eager to engage with your group, HOA, or place of worship to discuss the potential emergencies that affect Hamilton County and how to be better prepared. If you're interested in this free presentation, please reach out to Monica.Peterson@HamiltonCounty.in.gov.

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READ



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Students had a great time guessing which of their teachers or school staff members were reading from “behind the mask.”

The students also enjoyed a special surprise during lunch: the SES Masked Reader event. Teachers and staff members dressed up and read short picture books while hidden behind inflatable costumes. Students eagerly tried to guess who the “masked”

readers were, making for a playful, engaging, and interactive experience. The excitement and laughter filled the cafeteria, and it was a great way to get everyone involved in the magic and joy of reading.

This year's Read Across America celebration at SES

was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see so many students, teachers, and staff come together to celebrate the love of reading. Sheridan Elementary School can't wait to continue inspiring a passion for books in the school community.

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FLAVORS

My husband grew up in a nuclear family, where cooking was a solo affair – ingredients bought in small quantities, meals prepared for the day, and food eaten individually. I, on the other hand, was raised in a bustling joint family in Rajkot, where the kitchen was the heart of our home. Cooking was a collective effort – ingredients bought in bulk, shared equally, and transformed into meals with everyone's best skills put forward. My aunt mastered savory snacks, my uncle created the most indulgent desserts, and my mother made curries that felt like a warm hug.

In our home, no one was ever treated as a guest. If you stepped in, you were family, and family must be fed! My mother, always standing by our coal stove (chulha), never failed to serve an unexpected visitor. The smoky aroma of slow-cooked dals, fresh rotis, and bubbling curries still lingers in my memory.

Now, in Noblesville, Indiana, I find myself blending our two worlds – his metro upbringing and my small-town traditions – into our own unique family culture. And though our love story didn't start at first sight, it

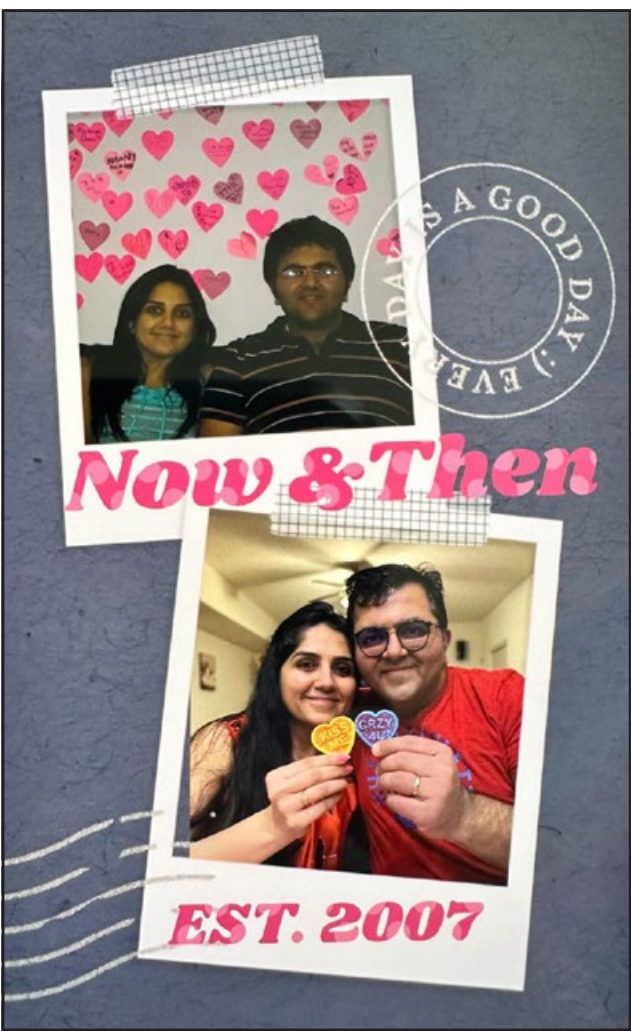


Photo illustration by Pooja Thakkar

It was truly love at first bite for Pooja and her husband.

surely started at **first bite**.

Today, we proudly fuse two states, two homes, and two traditions into a shared love for **F-O-O-D** – and for those who love **F-O-O-D**!

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

REMEMBER

recent album, and a white bow in my hair.

A tradition that Swifties started for the Eras Tour was to make friendship bracelets with song titles or lyrics to trade with each other. Of course, my sister and I had a fun time making these bracelets and using them to accessorize our outfits.

When we finally got into Lucas Oil Stadium, we saw so many girls looking great in their costumes and everyone was so friendly with each other. There were lots of bracelets being traded, smiles shared, and compliments being given.

When we got to our seats, we realized how great our view of the stage was. We were on the floor! We were in row nine, which is so close! It was amazing. So, we settled in and took pictures, traded bracelets, and talked to the people we were sitting by.

Then it was time for the opener to come out.

The opener was Gracie Abrams, who is a wonderful artist, and it was such a great time. I did not know all the songs she sang but it was still very enjoyable. Then we waited around 30 minutes for Taylor to come out. My heart dropped; I was shaking. It was such a crazy experience. I'm so surprised that I did not start crying. She was so close! Our view was outstanding.

With the Eras Tour, she plays a few songs from all 11 of her albums with two surprise acoustic songs that are different for each show. She also has different outfits for each album with a few

variations of each outfit.

Her first album she plays is *Lover*. She wore a sparkly bodysuit and sparkly high boots. My favorite part of *Lover* was yelling the bridge of “Cruel Summer” which is a sort of iconic tradition of the tour.

The next album was *Fearless* where she wore a sparkly dress with tassels. My favorite part was when she played the song “Fearless” and she was super close to our section.

The next album she played was *Red*, and part of it she wore a T-shirt and shorts and the “22” hat that she gave to a little kid in the audience. Later she wore a red and black bodysuit. Then she puts on a long jacket to perform “All Too Well” (Ten-Minute Version), which was my favorite part of this section.

Next is *Speak Now*, but the only song she performed was “Enchanted” in a pink sparkly full-length ball gown. The next Era she did was *Reputation*, which was so much fun. She was wearing a sparkly black and gold snake bodysuit, and my favorite part was when she performed “Don't Blame Me” because it is so iconic and the vocals are insane.

One of my favorite Eras, *Folklore* and *Evermore*, came after and she wore a red flowy dress. Two very special parts in this section was when she performed “Champagne Problems” on the piano and afterwards we gave her a three-minute ovation of just clapping and cheering for her. Then she performed “Marjorie”

which is a song about her grandmother who passed away and we shine our phone flashlights.

The next segment is 1989 and she wore a super cute sparkly pink skirt and tank top set. My favorite part is probably when she performed “Style” or “Blank Space.” Next up is *The Tortured Poets Department* set, and the choreography and all of it is so much fun. She wore a white dress then changed into a two-piece set with a jacket. My favorite part is when she performs the “Smallest Man Who Ever Lived” because the choreography is so powerful.

Afterwards she played the acoustic surprise set; we got “The Albatross” mashed with “Holy Ground” on the guitar and “Exile” mashed with “Cold as You” on the piano, which was so wonderful and such a pleasant surprise.

The final set of the night is for *Midnights*. The outfits for this album included a T-shirt dress with a jacket, later without the jacket, and a sparkly dark blue bodysuit. This set she was having technical difficulties, so she had to have her tech people put batteries in her wireless and at some points her vocals were off. At the end she performs “Karma.”

She introduced her entire crew and they did a final bow. The lights came on, and my sister and I just hung out until most of the people had filed into the lobby. We picked up confetti as keepsakes and traded more bracelets on our way out. Our walk back to the car was the safest I ever have and probably ever will feel walking in Indianapolis at night because we were walking in a group of Swifties.

This night just showed me how important music and community is and I hope everyone gets to experience something this fun at least once in their lifetime.



Dedication Program
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The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation offers a unique opportunity for you to pay tribute to someone you love, commemorate an event, or celebrate a friend or family member through the gift of a dedication tree, bench, or brick.

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Contact Hamilton County Parks and Recreation for more information:

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Thanks for reading The Reporter!



JERSEY BOYS

This Tony Award winner for Best Musical includes:

“Sherry”

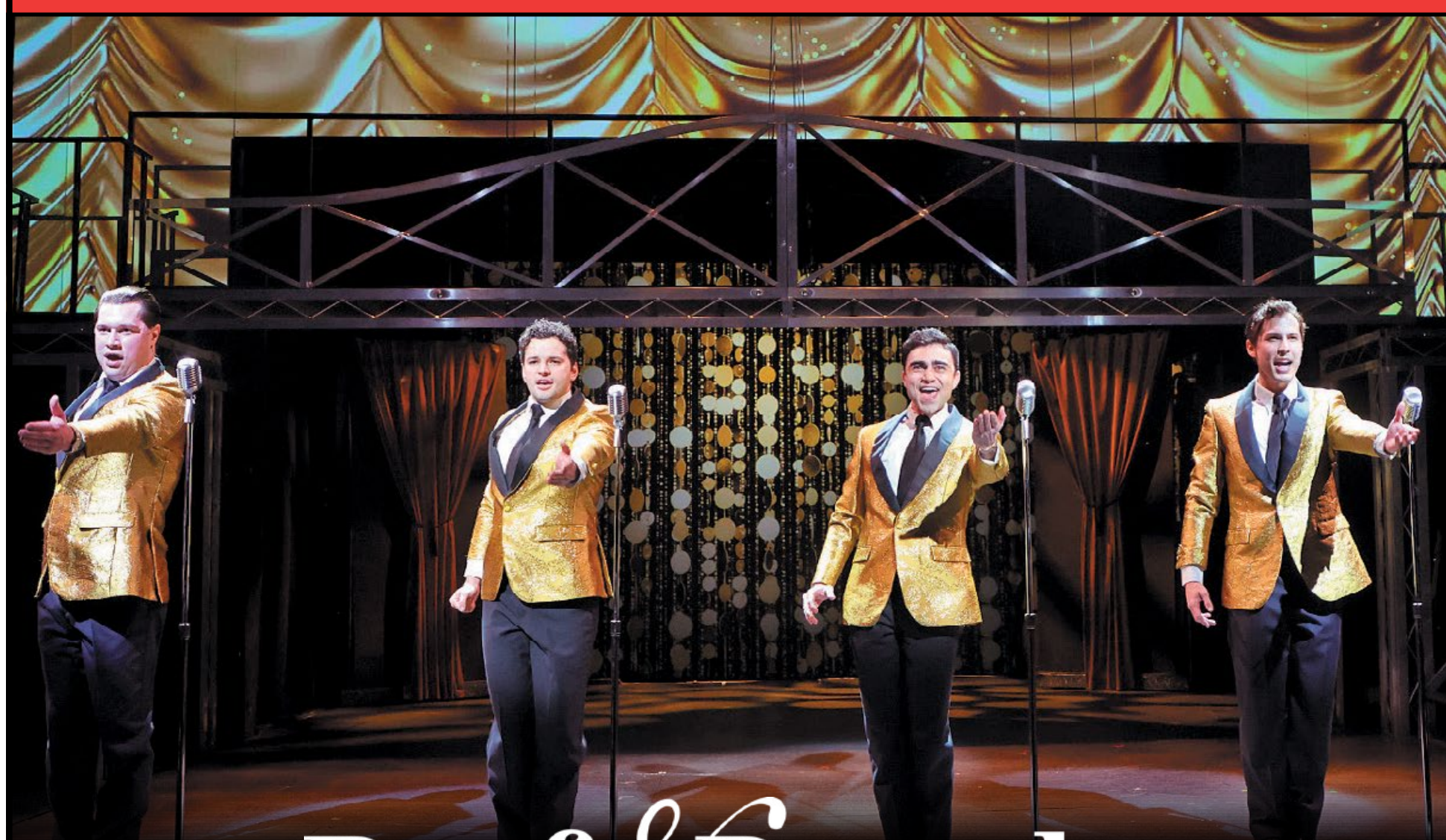
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“Christmas in June” Care Package Drive for our
Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12th till May 10th

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

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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

Riverview Health joins with KLR Medical Certification Training School in first direct primary care agreement

The REPORTER

Riverview Health announced on Thursday the signing of its first Direct Primary Care agreement with KLR Medical Certification Training School. Effective March 1, 2025, KLR employees have access to comprehensive primary care services at Riverview Health’s Employer Health Centers located in Noblesville and Westfield.

This agreement marks a significant milestone for Riverview Health, demonstrating its commitment to providing accessible and cost-effective healthcare solutions to the growing business community in Hamilton County.

“We are thrilled to partner with KLR Medical Certification Training School and provide their employees with high-quality, personalized primary care,” said Dustin Mikesell, Riverview Health Associate Vice President of Employer Partnerships. “This agreement underscores our dedication to supporting local businesses by offering innovative healthcare options that meet their unique needs.”

The partnership between Riverview Health and KLR builds upon an existing strong relationship. KLR, which partners with The Pursuit Institute and Hamilton County High Schools to offer dual-track pathways for medical certification training, has collaborated with Riverview Health for several years, providing clinical placement opportunities for its students.

KLR Founder and CEO Katie Reigelsperger recognized the alignment between KLR’s growth and Riverview Health’s patient-centered culture. While initial discussions centered on Riverview’s Sapphire insurance product, the diverse geographical location of KLR employees necessitated a more flexible solution. The Direct Primary Care model proved to be an ideal fit, offering com-



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prehensive primary care at a predictable cost.

“We have been impressed by the partnership we have built with Riverview Health and are excited to provide this excellent healthcare option for our employees,” Reigelsperger said. “The Direct Primary Care model allows us to offer valuable healthcare benefits while managing costs effectively.”

The Direct Primary Care agreement highlights Riverview Health’s commitment to serving small businesses, which often face challenges in providing affordable and accessible healthcare to their employees. Direct Primary Care provides a cost-efficient option for businesses without comprehensive care, as well as those looking to enhance their existing benefits plans. By offering personalized care and eliminating the complexities of traditional insurance-based models, Riverview Health is empowering local businesses to prioritize the health and well-being of their employees.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is an independent, commu-

nity-based health system offering comprehensive healthcare services throughout Hamilton County. The system’s network includes a 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, three additional combined ER and urgent care facilities and 10 primary care locations. With expertise in more than 25 specialties, Riverview Health also provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is consistently recognized for clinical and service excellence. Most recently, Riverview Health was certified as a Great Place To Work and received the Culture of Good Community Impact Award for 2024.

About KLR Medical Certification Training School

KLR Medical Certification Training School partners with The Pursuit Institute and Hamilton County High Schools to offer dual-track pathways for medical certification training. KLR is committed to providing high-quality education and training to aspiring medical professionals.

Ghajan Kalainesan of Carmel makes University of Minnesota dean’s list

The REPORTER

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities has announced its 2024 fall semester dean’s list. Ghajan

Kalainesan of Carmel is one of the students on that list. Kalainesan is a sophomore more studying in the College of Science and Engineering.

To qualify for the dean’s list, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade-point average.

Thank you for reading The Reporter!



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Westfield updates Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance to enhance safety & regulation

The REPORTER

Westfield has updated its mobile food vendor ordinance aimed at improving safety standards and regulating food trucks operating within city limits. The ordinance introduces necessary guidelines for food truck operators to comply with, ensuring that all food trucks are safe, sanitary, and meet the needs of the community.

As part of the new regulations, mobile food vendors will be required to pay an annual licensing fee of \$150. This fee will help fund the oversight and enforcement of the new ordi-

nances, ensuring that the city maintains the highest standards for food truck safety and operation. Additionally, anyone wishing to hire a food truck for a special event will be required to secure a temporary use and event permit for \$150 valid for up to three years. This permit is required for any individual or entity hosting a food truck at an event open to the public.

“With the increasing number of special events



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hosted in our city, ensuring food trucks meet the highest standards of safety and regulation is a priority,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “This ordinance is designed to protect food truck operators, event organizers, and the public at large. We look forward to working with everyone involved to ensure a smooth rollout.”

The new licensing and permitting requirements are in addition to any permits required by the Hamilton

County Health Department and the State of Indiana.

Additionally, the city will maintain an up-to-date list of all licensed food trucks on its website to simplify the process for those wishing to hire a food truck for their event. This list will allow event organizers and residents to easily search for food trucks that are in full compliance with the city’s regulations.

For more information about the food truck ordinance, please visit westfieldin.gov/mobilefood or contact planners@westfieldin.gov.

Westfield Chamber invites you to meet city planner Caleb Ernst

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites you “Pastry with a Planner,” featuring Westfield Long Range Planning Manager Caleb Ernst, where you will have a unique opportunity to connect with Westfield city planners and delve into all things Westfield.

The event is a time for community and learning. During the first 20 minutes,

mingle, eat pastries and drink beverages. Following that there will be a presentation by city staff/planners, and the remaining time will be for a Q&A from those attending.

The event will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd. That’s just off Tomlinson Road near 203rd Street.

[Click here](#) to register.



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Registration now open for Indiana Bar Foundation’s 2025 Civics Summit

The REPORTER

The Indiana Bar Foundation will hold its 2025 Indiana Civics Summit from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at the Ivy Tech Conference Center, 2820 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

This annual one-day conference brings together leaders from government, education, business, non-profits, and the legal community to discuss and promote civic education and engagement across the state.

This year’s summit will feature keynote speaker Jeffrey Rosen, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center. He will discuss his latest book, *The Pursuit of Happiness: How Classical Writers on Virtue Inspired the Lives of the Founders and Defined America*. Each attendee will receive a complimentary copy of the book, with an opportunity for signing by the author.

The summit’s agenda includes showcases of civic education and engagement programs for youth through-

out Indiana and a preview of activities planned for America’s 250th anniversary in 2026. These sessions aim to highlight successful initiatives and inspire collaborative efforts to enhance civic participation among young Hoosiers.

“The 2025 Indiana Civics Summit is a vital opportunity to bring together leaders and educators who are committed to strengthening civic education and engagement in our state,” said Charles Dunlap, President & CEO of the Indiana Bar Foundation. “We are honored to welcome Jeffrey Rosen as our keynote speaker, and we look forward to insightful discussions that will help prepare the next generation of informed and engaged citizens.”

Tickets are priced at \$50, covering both breakfast and lunch. Seating is limited to the first 200 registrants with a registration deadline of Monday, April 7.

[Click here](#) to register or learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Join new nonprofit to make connections, gather inspiration & help form more vibrant community

Submitted

Join [Create What You Crave](#) from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 for a panel-style event designed to ignite creativity, foster community, and inspire local creatives.

Create What You Crave launched in 2023 as a passion project by Anne O’Brien, and the organization recently received nonprofit status. O’Brien is actively building a dedicated board of directors and a volunteer committee. She serves as the host and moderator of the event.

The mission of Create What You Crave is to amplify the voice of local creatives and offer space for connection and inspiration. Events and media are produced with the intention to build a community for creatives and advocate for the arts.

Create What You Crave envisions a thriving, connected community where creatives of all disciplines

feel seen, supported, and inspired. By fostering collaboration, storytelling, and advocacy, Create What You Crave aims to make creativity and the arts an integral part of everyday life, shaping a more vibrant and expressive culture in Carmel and beyond.

This event will take place at Brown Hound Studios, 435 Gradle Drive, Carmel. Expect this Inspiration Session to be a high-energy event focused on socializing with other creatives and spotlighting local guest speakers who are living out their dream. You’ll leave ready to conquer your own.

Immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere filled with inspiration while enjoying dynamic conversation, light bites, drinks, music, and activities to fuel your creativity.

Attendees will then be part of a live audience for a discussion panel of local creatives:



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- **Scott Osborne**, artist and owner of Brown Hound Studios, co-host of *No Title Needed* podcast
- **Tori Witter**, Creative Director at TriAD CTV and Executive Director of Indy Design Week
- **Patrick Armstrong**, host of *Conversation Piece*


Podcast

If you crave connection, inspiration or a more vibrant community, you have the power to create it. Join this next Create What You Crave Inspiration Session to get started.

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Latest Carmel road construction updates

The REPORTER Road closure at 1st Avenue SE

Beginning Monday, March 10, 1st Avenue SE will be closed for utility work associated with the mixed-use development under construction on the east side of Range Line Road across from the Indiana Design Center.

During this two-day closure, 1st Street SE, Range Line Road, and Supply Street are available detour routes. [Click here](#) to view a larger image of the map.

Monon Greenway detour due to Midtown Spray Plaza Project

The Monon Greenway will be closed from West Elm Street to West Walnut Street due to utility work for the Midtown Spray Plaza. The closure will start on Monday, March 10, and will remain in effect throughout the day on Tuesday, March 11.

During this time, detour signage will be posted. Monon Greenway traffic will be detoured west to Monon Boulevard (see the detour map above). For questions about this closure,

MONON GREENWAY DETOUR

Detour to Begin on March 10

Detour is planned to last until Wednesday, March 12



LEGEND

- Pedestrian Detour
- Closed Monon Trail

Questions about the project? Call 317.571.2441 or email engineering@carmel.in.gov

Graphic provided

please call Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation at (317) 573-4044.

College Avenue reconstruction

Beginning on or after March 17, the city will begin the next phase of construction on North College

Avenue.

• **College Avenue from 96th Street to Interstate 465:** Reconstruction of this portion of College Avenue will run through July 2025 and will require a full closure. During this time, you may access North College

Avenue from the north, via West 106th Street.

• **96th Street and College Avenue roundabout:** Construction of the roundabout at this intersection is estimated to begin in late April or May and will require a 60-day closure.

Now Hiring

Carmel Dads' Club is seeking to fill a **full-time** **Grounds Maintenance** position on our Facilities Team. Candidates should contact Facility Superintendent Josh Blackmore at **(317) 846-1663 X 3315** to set up applications and interviews.

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The position is full-time, year-round, with a very competitive wage and full benefits package.

Register now for Hamilton County InterFaith Summit

The REPORTER

Good Samaritan Network (GSN) will play host to an InterFaith Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel, 11925 N. Meridian St., Carmel.

The InterFaith Summit is free and includes entry, complimentary continental breakfast, and a boxed lunch. Space is limited, and online registrations are required. The registration deadline is Friday, March 14. [Click here](#) to register.

“Our objective for the day is to address significant challenges facing Hamilton County and its residents,” GSN Executive Director Nancy Chance said. “We want to recognize our similarities and embrace our differences, identify and consider solutions, and work together to be prepared.”

This gathering aims to strengthen collaboration among churches, faith-based organizations, and places of worship and engage individuals and agencies committed to making a difference. Together, attendees will explore practical strategies and initiatives that empower all residents of Hamilton County.

Please plan to take part in an in-depth discussion with distinguished guest speakers and expert panel members as we tackle pressing issues affecting our community, including housing, mental health, volunteerism, and community safety. The InterFaith Summit will engage in dialogue and possible plans to provide care methods for Hamilton County families in different areas, such as affordable housing, mental health, volunteerism, and more.

“The ability to bring together Hamilton County residents and especially the inter-faith community to increase awareness and engagement with an eventual outcome of being prepared during a devastating disaster or emergency,” Chance said, “is really a return to the grassroots of being a caring community.”

Chance also said, “Sponsors like Gaylor Electric – Chuck Goodrich are crucial in making this free event possible for Hamilton County, and they deserve our support for taking



Chance



on this unique event!”

Sponsorships are still available for: EVENT Sponsor, PARTNER Sponsor, and PRIVATE Sponsor. Besides RSVP signup, sponsorship details and signup links are listed online at gsnlive.org/interfaithsummit.

Hamilton County Challenges Breakout Sessions & Panel Discussions

The summit will include a Q&A, breakout sessions, presentation handouts, and panel discussion topics to build a prepared Hamilton County community. Panelists are assembled from a cross-section of varied local organizations to lead the discussions, including:

• **Homelessness, Housing Instability, and Uncertainties:** Andrea Muirragui Davis, Executive Director, CFRM, HAND Inc.

• **Mental Health Services:** Amy Chaudion, Director, LIFEhouse Minis-

tries; Holly Homan, LCSW, LCAC, Owner, Chief of Unlimited Potential, JRNY Counseling; Monica Greer, Executive Director, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs; Dr. Mary Beth Woehrl, Founder/President, IGNITE Transform & IGNITE Center 4 Community; James R. Ginder, MS, NREMT, PI, CHES, NCEE, PAI, CCHW, Health Education Specialist, Hamilton County Health Department; and Kaitlyn Ervin, Director of Crisis Services, Aspire Indiana

• **Volunteerism:** Kim Rogers-Hatfield, CVA, Director of Community Resources with Heart of Indiana United Way

“Understanding our differences while recognizing our similarities and working together to be better prepared and more resilient as a community is critical – especially in a disaster or emergency,” Chance said.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
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Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
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**

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
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 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
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 Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su
12p-8p
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-
930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
**Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service
till close**

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
Su-Sa 11a-11p.
**Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a,
Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su
12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p

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 Hamilton County Ship 29
Meets 4th Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting
at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10th St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Learn 3 Steps On How To Control Bleeding
at Carmel Fire Dept HQ March 13

Hamilton County Health Department Presents

FREE STOP THE BLEED COURSE

March 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Carmel Fire Department Headquarters
210 Veterans Way
Carmel, IN 46032

Register Here



Stop the Bleed course teaches you 3 steps to control the bleeding before emergency crews arrive - apply pressure with your hands, pack the wound & press and how to apply a tourniquet. This is for anyone interested in learning this lifesaving skill.




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- ✓ Education and Training Info

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Activities & Events

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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Since August 2015, our mission at Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans has been to FIND, THANK and REPAY Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. WHVV & community partners have held over 250 special "Welcome Home" events in ALL 92 Indiana Counties with the Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Program, A TIME TO HONOR book & DVD set. This extremely successful statewide outreach program honors, remembers and preserves the memories of Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. A 2021 collaboration with Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution has been a key component to many of these community events taking place ensuring all Indiana public libraries and high schools have a donated copy of A Time To Honor. We connect Veterans to earned benefits and resources. We have impacted over 20,000 military families!

Our final "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" appreciation event with this Vietnam Gift Outreach will be on National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Saturday, March 29th, 2025. This is the last year for the Department of Defense 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The event will take place at the Johnson County Indiana National Guard Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin, Indiana, 46131.

Highlights include a luncheon, Huey Helicopter Flights provided by Columbus Indiana Huey, a special viewing of The Journey Home documentary. All attendees will receive a copy of A Time To Honor—Stories of Service, Duty and Sacrifice book/DVD. Our Honored Guest is Indiana's own Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy L. Davis. Invited special guests include former Vice President Mike Pence, Governor Braun, The Adjunct General of Indiana Larry Muennich, Senator Aaron Freeman, Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Indiana State Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elaine Sholtz, MG Ret. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs Director Jake Adams, and officials from the Department of Indiana American Legion, VFW Department of Indiana, Indiana DAV, AMVETS, Civil Air Patrol, DAR Leadership, IMMVG, and others. It is free and open to the public.

We hope you will consider joining us to make this a very special day for Indiana Vietnam Veterans

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 5 - 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

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March 29 and 30

Easter Express

All aboard for a springtime Easter adventure. Enjoy an interactive story with the Easter Bunny and Farmer Brown, a sweet treat and our special Nickel Plate bunny punch.

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

Bike the historic line north and south from Forest Park using unique "railbikes" that operate on the existing railroad tracks. The NPX Railbike is the first of its kind in Indiana and one of the few available in the Midwest!

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Indiana Connections Academy opens enrollment for 2025-2026 school year

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Indiana Connections Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, is now enrolling students in grades K-12 for the 2025-26 school year.

Indiana Connections Academy provides students with the continuous support of highly-skilled teachers and a curriculum that focuses on both academics and helping to build fundamental life skills. This combination fosters an environment for students to gain the confidence they need to thrive in today's modern world.

The 2025-26 academic year will mark another year of its expanded College and Early Career Readiness program for middle and high school students. Building on its success, this refined offering integrates traditional academic subjects with industry-leading, career-focused options like IT, business, health sciences and marketing. This program equips students with durable skills like leadership, critical thinking and teamwork. Students can participate in career exploration

and industry networking opportunities to build confidence, make connections and find direction to prepare for their future.

"At Indiana Connections Academy, we are dedicated to empowering students through personalized learning plans, enabling students to pursue their education in a way that works best for them," said Kelly Simone, executive director of Indiana Connections Academy. "Our commitment to providing one-on-one attention and career readiness support ensures the development of well-rounded educational plans, supporting students as they change, grow and plan for life beyond graduation."

For more than a decade, Indiana Connections Academy has served thousands of students with a variety of needs. Students complete rigorous schoolwork with virtual instruction and support from state-certified teachers. Students develop a strong degree of intrinsic motivation and critical thinking while enrolled at Indiana Connections Academy.



The full-time online school empowers students to find their direction, build confidence and make valuable connections through its college and early career readiness program. By combining traditional coursework, skills development and partnerships with leading companies and higher education institutions, Indiana Connections Academy offers students diverse opportunities to learn, grow, and shape their future.

Throughout the year, students can participate in a variety of in-person activities designed to foster community and build meaningful relationships. These include field trips, student government, National Honor Society, prom, an in-person graduation ceremony, Back to School Connections Week, Fall Fest, STEAM Day, Winter Formal and Spring Student Showcase. Indiana Connections Acad-

emy also provides a wide range of course options, including core subjects like math, science, language arts and social studies; extensive electives such as foreign languages, digital technology and career and technical education; as well as honors and AP courses. Additionally, students can join an array of online clubs, covering interests like robotics, gaming, poetry and art.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Academy's 2025-26 school year is now underway for students in grades K-12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming online information sessions to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students. For more information about Indiana Connections Academy or to begin the enrollment process, call 1-833-591-0251 or visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

Comptroller Nieshalla reports Indiana's strong financial health & leadership among states

The REPORTER

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla released on Thursday the State of Indiana's Financial Report for fiscal year 2024 highlighting the state's solid position as evidenced by the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

"Indiana continues to be a leader among states with our low debt, well-funded pensions, healthy cash reserves, a balanced budget and AAA credit rating," Nieshalla said. "As the fourth-lowest debt per capita state in the nation at \$186 per person, Indiana is leading the way, serving as a model of fiscal responsibility."

Produced annually by the State Comptroller's Office, the ACFR is the audited report of Hoosier tax dollars at work, providing an in-depth analysis of state expenditures, cash flow, debt administration, and additional financial information.

"This year's report affirms that Indiana has maintained a strong financial standing with its net position increasing to \$31.7 billion in 2024 from \$30.4 billion in 2023," Nieshalla said. "This growth shows the positive balance between the assets the State owns and the liabilities owed – a key indicator of stability."

Takeaways of the 2024 Report include:

- General Fund revenue grew 2 percent to \$24.7 billion, attributed to growth in employment (1.3 percent) and personal income (5.1 percent).
- Total cash reserves of 11 percent (\$2.6 billion) – within the optimal 10-15 percent range for retaining Indiana's AAA credit rating.
- Gross State Product (GSP) grew 2.9 percent in real value compared to 1.3 percent in 2023.

"While Indiana's finances are an example of fiscal responsibility, our state is vulnerable to the rapidly deteriorating financial position of our country that is \$36 trillion in debt, which equates to a debt burden of \$107,000 per person," said Nieshalla, who also serves as Chair of the National Debt Crisis Taskforce for state financial officers. The Task Force is leading an effort to support the restoration of America's fiscal solvency.

The State of Indiana's Financial Report, along with current and previous ACFRs, is available electronically on the Comptroller's website. Indiana's ACFR has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for 31 consecutive years.



Nieshalla

Indiana's Career Scholarship Accounts provide access to hands-on learning & job training

The REPORTER

Indiana Career Scholarship Account (CSA) application opened on March 1 for Hoosier parents of 10th- through 12th-grade students enrolled in an approved CSA program for the upcoming school year to pursue high-quality work-based learning opportunities including internships, apprenticeships, and applied learning experiences.

"CSAs give students real educational opportunities in today's job market," Treasurer Daniel Elliott. "It also shows that Indiana is leading the way in giving parents and their children real choices for their future."

Beth Michalek praised

the CSA program when sharing her son's journey.

"My son was hired by Ferrer Mechanical for a summer internship in plumbing and will be returning to the ABC Prep Academy program," Michalek said. "He is not just learning trade skills at ABC Prep, but the school is installing in him confidence, work ethic, and responsibility. Throughout the school year I have seen him grow in his confidence for not just the trades, but in confidence in having a purpose after high school."

CSA providers also attest to the advantages that



Elliott

the program provides to its students.

"As an approved CSA employer and training provider," said Matthew Presley, President and CEO, Legacy Medical Academy, "the program has increased opportunities for Indiana students to earn valuable healthcare certifications, participate in meaningful clinical and work-based learning experiences, and build a network of professional connections in the healthcare sector – creating true talent pipelines and helping to meet our state's current and ever-growing demand for

healthcare workers."

CSA is an innovative, state-funded scholarship designed to help students pursue their interests through unique career preparation opportunities, while giving local employers a chance to connect with, mentor, and recruit talent.

The CSA Program was created in 2023 by former Indiana State Representative Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville). More than 2,200 students have benefited from this unique funding since the first enrollment took place for the 2023-2024 school year.

The CSA application deadline is Oct. 1, 2025. Parents learn more about CSA and apply [here](#).

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Don't miss The Return of ELP with Carl Palmer at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER
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 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



Photo provided

Percussionist Carl Palmer will perform at Palladium on Friday, March 21.
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 Martínez 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

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 Shawties.” 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.

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.



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Partisan school board elections will lead to greater transparency

The goal in any democratic election is to allow residents the opportunity to select representatives who reflect their values and align with their personal vision of the community. Every year, voters make their way to the polls, doing their best to educate themselves on a variety of candidates.

The candidates, similarly, work tirelessly to reach voters and differentiate themselves from their competition. Surprisingly, most candidates end up campaigning on similar platforms – at least in general. In school board races, every candidate claims to support students, teachers, transparency, and fiscal responsibility. With little else beyond these broad statements, voters are left in the dark on specific values, policy positions, and political ideology.

I support **Senate Bill 287**, now in the House of Representatives, which would add another level of transparency for voters in the only non-partisan position still on the ballot in



Indiana. In every other race, from city clerk to sheriff, voters can see a party affiliation next to each candidate's name when they cast their vote. This isn't meant to be the only criteria used in your selection, but it adds to what you have already heard and seen during the long and difficult to follow campaign season.

I would love if we all had the time and inclination to delve deep into each candidate's personal history, social circles, and related experience, but the simple truth is we don't. We rely on word of mouth, maybe a few notable endorsements, and in the end, that little R, D, or I on the ballot. In school board races, the latter is not available.

Arguments against allowing this kind of transparency mostly center around the idea that school boards should remain apolitical and truly non-partisan. Of course, I agree. Sadly, that ship has long since sailed.

For decades, political action committees have been set up to push and fund certain candidates, includ-

ing in these non-partisan races. IPACE, the Indiana State Teachers' Union PAC, endorses and funds candidates, as do partisan elected officials and local groups such as Fishers One and HSEqual. Each have their own PACs and split along party lines. It seems that everyone OTHER THAN the common voter knows where non-partisan candidates stand politically.

In my particular race in 2022, I was endorsed by partisan groups and partisan elected officials, as was my opponent. I received funding from partisan elected officials and groups, as did my opponent.

To make the point extremely clear, my opponent was also simultaneously serving as the Vice President of the Fishers Democratic Club, WHILE seeking re-election for a "non-partisan" race. She actually FOUNDED this club, and served as its inaugural president in 2020, while also in this "non-partisan" office.

Another sitting member of that board seeking re-election was featured on the partisan club's homepage. Following that member's school board loss, she

immediately sought election for the PARTISAN position of city clerk, where she was defeated. Why were 2023 city clerk voters allowed to know her party, while 2022 school board voters were left to guess?

I could continue to point out example after example of partisan ideology, partisan fundraising, and partisan policy making within these "non-partisan" races, but again, it won't help voters in future elections. Next year, we will once again be left in the dark in only one set of races. Our school boards should reflect the community they represent. The data shows clearly that partisan races yield higher turnouts than their non-partisan counterparts. The reason is clear: voters don't know what candidates represent beyond those common, ambiguous bullet points.

We all have some type of political leaning, no matter how slight. Our party affiliation isn't meant to define us entirely, but again, it is simply another filter for residents in their selection process. Based on recent demographic shifts, my view may in fact be self-defeating, but regardless my stance remains: elected officials should reflect the values and vision of their community.

In this effort, candidates must be transparent in their political affiliations and allow voters the opportunity to decide its weight.

Ben Orr serves on the Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees representing District 4.

Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader generally pleased with Trump's direction so far

Dear Editor:
In January, I wrote that I would wait and see how President Trump's actions would affect what I thought about the outcomes of his actions.

I have waited and I have seen.
The President has put forth a string of accomplishments the speed and intensity of which boggle the mind. He has accomplished a great deal of positive steps toward his mantra: "Make America Great Again." He has overseen closing the border, something we were told during the Biden administration was too difficult to do without legislative action. He has facilitated removal of dangerous migrant criminals. He has led the inspection and oversight of billions of dollars of government waste and fraud.

All good things in my opinion.
Trump has also dabbled in a questionable action or two – the most quizzical being the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico, which I believe might just be an irritating tweaking of the opposition's nose, but who knows?

Meanwhile, it seems to me that the opposition has been caught without any direction, their only reactions being childish and clumsy attempts at disruption and resetting their image.

I was quite surprised by what just happened this week during Mr. Trump's address to Congress, where the Dems sat on their hands even during some noteworthy and praise-worthy references to certain accomplishments by the President. One especially grievous occasion was during the announcement of a 13-year-old boy being awarded an honorary position in the Secret Service. Such heartlessness doesn't play well.

The disruptiveness by the Dems shows that they are unhappy with Trump, which is not a surprise – but they offer nothing to reshape things they are opposed to.

Morris Bedlam
Carmel

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North America's biggest dinosaur event returns to State Fairgrounds

The REPORTER

North America's most popular interactive dinosaur event Jurassic Quest has been thrilling millions of guests for over 10 years, and Indianapolis-area families will soon get the chance to walk among the nation's most scientifically accurate tour with the biggest herd of photorealistic dinosaurs when it visits the



Indiana State Fairgrounds from March 21 to 23.

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The Jurassic Quest Herd

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Tickets & logistics

Advance purchase online is recommended to ensure desired date and availability at jurassicquest.com, or tickets are available on-site. Use code QUEST15 to save 15 percent on regularly-priced tickets.

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BBB Scam Alert: synthetic ID theft, new trick for scammers

The REPORTER

Identity theft is an ever-evolving crime. As credit bureaus and individuals catch on to the schemes of identity thieves, the con artists simply modify their tactics. Scammers are now combining information from multiple individuals to invent a false identity, a technique called “synthetic” identity theft. It’s so hard to detect, you might be a victim and not even know it. **The Deloitte Center for Financial Services** projects that synthetic identity theft fraud will generate at least \$23 billion in losses by 2030.

How the scam works

Scammers pull together a stolen social security or social Insurance number (often belonging to a **minor** or someone with no credit history), the **address of an abandoned property**, and a fake name and birth date. Using this information, the scammer applies for a credit card. Initially, they will be declined since they don’t

have a credit profile, but this creates a record of a “person” that doesn’t actually exist.

Next, the scammer adds that “person” to one or more legitimate accounts. Over time, the scammer builds up a credit history. They may even make charges and payments over several years, until they can qualify for large lines of credit. Once they are approved for a high line of credit, they do what is called a “bust-out.” The con artist charges their credit cards to the limit, pays nothing, discards the identity and disappears.

If your social security number has been used in synthetic identity theft, it will be difficult to detect. Negative credit reports will be tied to your social security number, but not your name, phone number and address. This means fraud alerts, credit monitoring and credit freezes won’t stop the scammers or alert you to what is happening. However, unpaid debts left by the

scammer can affect your ability to take out loans or credit. Also, jilted creditors will eventually track the debts back to the social security number and, ultimately, its real owner.

How to protect yourself from synthetic identity theft

- **Minimize your exposure.** Don’t give out your social security number if it isn’t absolutely necessary. When a business, medical office, or individual asks for this information, don’t be afraid to ask them why they need it and how they will protect your personal information.

- **Protect your child’s personal information.** A child’s identity is appealing to scammers due to their clean, blank slate. **See these BBB tips** for more advice on protecting your child’s identity.

- **Keep an eye on your communications.** Monitor any mail, phone calls, email, or other communications you receive. Be alert if some-

thing arrives out of the blue or doesn’t make sense. If you receive any mail or phone calls regarding you or your child that seem like a red flag, follow up right away.

For more information

You can find valuable information on spotting and avoiding identity theft of all kinds on the **Federal Trade Commission website**. Also, read **BBB Tip: Identity Theft** for more tips and advice.

If you know or suspect you or your child have been the victim of synthetic identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission’s **identity theft page** to file a report with the FTC and create a personalized recovery plan. Also, report your experience on the **BBB Scam Tracker** to help increase consumer awareness about this serious crime.

Click here to sign up for BBB Scam Alerts.

Read more about **BBB Accreditation Standards** and **BBB Standards for Trust**.

Rep. Victoria Spartz introduces Delphi Retirees Pension Restoration Act

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05), along with 13 of her House colleagues introduced on Thursday bipartisan legislation to fully restore retirement benefits of the Delphi retirees.

In 2009, over 20,000 salaried employees lost their full benefits due to the auto industry collapse and Delphi’s bankruptcy. In July 2009 a formerly fully funded pension plan was dissolved, and all assets were transferred to the Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). Due to the Great Recession and crash of the financial markets, the fair market value of the assets at the time was not sufficient to cover pension liabilities and retiree benefits were reduced.

The bill uses the appreciated assets formerly owned by the Delphi Salaried Pension Plan and currently held by the PBGC to restore benefits with no fiscal impact to the federal budget.

“This bill restores retirement benefits for thousands of hard-working Americans wronged by the politics of an auto-industry bailout in 2009 with no fiscal impact to the taxpayers,” Rep. Spartz said. “This issue has not been resolved for too long, and I appreciate the bipartisan support to finally bring justice for so many people around the country.”

Click here to see a chart for the asset value, and you can the full text of the bill at **this link**.



Spartz

Small Business Administration to require citizenship verification for loan applications

Submitted

U.S. Small Business Administration Administrator Kelly Loeffler announced on Thursday a series of reforms to put American citizens first by ending taxpayer benefits for illegal aliens and moving SBA offices out of sanctuary cities.

Loeffler said these actions support President Trump’s agenda to secure the country’s borders.

In the coming days, the SBA will promulgate a new policy requiring SBA loan applications to include a citizenship verification provision to ensure only legal, eligible applicants can access SBA programs. Lenders will be required to confirm that applicant businesses are not owned in whole or in part by an illegal alien, consistent with President Trump’s **executive order** ending the taxpayer subsidization of open borders.

Additionally, the SBA will relocate six of its regional offices currently in mu-

nicipalities that do not comply with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Over the coming months, the Atlanta, Ga., Boston, Mass., Chicago, Ill., Denver, Colo., New York City, N.Y., and Seattle, Wash., regional offices will be moved to less costly, more accessible locations that Loeffler says will better serve the small business community and comply with federal immigration law.

“Over the last four years, the record invasion of illegal aliens has jeopardized both the lives of American citizens and the livelihoods of American small business owners, who have each become victims of Joe Biden’s migrant crime spree,” Loeffler said. “Under President Trump, the SBA is committed to putting American citizens first again – starting by ensuring that zero taxpayer dollars go to fund illegal aliens.”

Loeffler continued, “Today, I am pleased to an-

nounce that this agency will cut off access to loans for illegal aliens and relocate our regional offices out of sanctuary cities that reward criminal behavior. We will return our focus to empowering legal, eligible business owners across the United States – in partnership with the municipalities who share this Administration’s commitment to secure borders and safe communities.”

Under the last administration, Loeffler said, illegal

aliens were allowed to both apply for and get approved for SBA assistance. In June 2024, the agency approved a \$783,000 loan application for a small business that was 49 percent owned by an illegal alien. Last month, under the leadership of this Administration, an internal SBA audit identified the illegal status of the individual and halted the loan from being disbursed – ensuring that \$0 was distributed to the business.

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The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.	The Hamilton County Executive 911 Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 11, 2025, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.	The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2025, for discussion of pending litigation pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B). A public session will follow at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.	

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING


THE BASIN FOR WASHING

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Exodus 38:8 (NIV)

Julianna Louise Wiseman

July 8, 1932 – March 5, 2025



Julianna Louise Wiseman, 92, Fishers, passed away on March 5, 2025. Julianna was born on July 8, 1932, in Sharpsville, Ind., to Paul and Beulah (Collier) Grinstead. Julianna graduated from Sheridan High School and continued her education receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing from Holy Cross. She married Bud Wiseman in August 1953, and together they had three sons. She worked as a nurse at Riverview Hospital and then became the first school nurse for all five Hamilton Southeastern Schools where she proudly started the Candy Strippers Program.

Julianna was a former member of Noblesville Baptist Church where she played the piano, and a former member of Cyntheanne Christian Church. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, and taking care of her flowers, but most of all she loved being a mom to her three boys and a wonderful and attentive grandmother to her grandchildren.

Julianna is survived by her children, Rex (Barb) Wiseman, Mark Wiseman, and Kelly (Nancy) Wiseman; grandchildren, Keith "Luke" (Brittany) Wiseman, Nick (Sarah) Wiseman, Matt (Cassie) Wiseman, John Wiseman, Jessica (Jeremy) Smith, and Jordan (Charlotte) Wiseman; and great-grandchildren, Reid, Noelle, Colton, Clay, Jack, Max, Clark, Clyde, and Clarence. She is also survived by her siblings, David (Rebecca) Grinstead and Deloris Durham; sister-in-law, Sandra Grinstead; brother-in-law, Ron Cook; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry R. "Bud" Wiseman; her parents, Paul and Beulah Grinstead; brother, Dallas Grinstead; sister, Carol Cook; and sister-in-law, Harriett Madonna Lutton.

Visitation for Julianna will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2025, at Seals Funeral Home, 122 W. Staat St., Fortville. A Funeral Service will take place at 1 p.m. and burial will follow at Gravel Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions to Julianne's honor may be made to St. Jude or to the Arthritis Association.

Please visit sealsfuneralhome.com to sign her online guestbook.

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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

Families and funeral homes are asked to submit obituaries at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.



Photo provided by Purdue University / Kelsey Lefever
Purdue University engineers Nusrat Jung (left) and Brandon Boor study the impact of everyday products and activities on a home's air quality.

Purdue University researchers: possible health risks from aroma of wax melts & air fresheners

Submitted

They often have enticing names and appealing fragrances – like ocean breeze, white cedar and sweet jasmine. While wax melts, air fresheners and other scented products may make your home smell inviting, two Purdue University researchers say you might be breathing in chemicals that could be harmful to your health.

“A forest is a pristine environment, but if you’re using cleaning and aromatherapy products full of chemically manufactured scents to recreate a forest in your home, you’re actually creating a tremendous amount of indoor air pollution that you shouldn’t be breathing in,” said Nusrat Jung, an assistant professor in Purdue’s Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering.

Jung and fellow civil engineering professor Brandon Boor say scented chemical products release particles into the air that are small enough to get deep into your lungs.

“To understand how airborne particles form indoors, you need to measure the smallest nanoparticles – down to a single nanometer,” said Boor, Purdue’s Dr. Margery E. Hoffman Associate Professor in Civil Engineering.

“At this scale, we can observe the earliest stages of new particle formation, where fragrances react with ozone to form tiny molecular clusters. These clusters then rapidly evolve, growing and transforming in the air around us.”

In a small, specially designed “tiny house lab,” Jung and Boor are using state-of-the-art equipment to explore how everyday household products affect indoor air quality.

The two engineering professors are tracking how scented household products emit volatile chemicals – substances that easily evaporate into the air. These chemicals blend with ozone coming into your home through the HVAC system and become airborne pollutants. They say these chemicals might have a significant impact on health.

The researchers hope their findings will improve how indoor air quality is monitored, controlled and regulated.

This air quality research is largely funded by the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Chemistry of Indoor Environments program.

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Boys Basketball Sectional Semifinals

Millers edge Royals in semifinal, punch ticket to tonight's title game

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

CARMEL — Friday night's first Sectional 8 boys basketball semifinal for sure lived up to its billing.

A packed house at the Eric Clark Activity Center served up a pair of semifinals that kept fans in their seats all night. Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern battled throughout in the first game and it was a game of runs. In the end, the Millers were able to hold off a Royals comeback, 56-53.

Not long before tipoff, Carmel High School staff placed a sign outside the doors stating that the games were a sellout and there would be no more admitted, per the fire marshal.

Noblesville got going first with a 3-0 and then 5-2 on a steal at midcourt by Aiden Brewer. HSE tied it at 5-5 on a Lucas Weemer three. The Royals kept the lead until an Adam Fine free throw tied it 10-10. Freshman Varschon Clark made 1 of 3 free throws that gave the Royals an 11-10 lead through one.

It would stay tight in the second. Maverick Young scored the first basket of the quarter on a fast break for 13-10.

Justin Curry then pulled up from the right wing for a three to tie it 13-13. Young answered at the other end for 16-13.

Back-and-forth they went. Baron Walker tied it 16-16 with a three from the left side. HSE would go on a 6-5 spurt to take a 22-21 lead into halftime.

"At halftime we talked about it. We're down one point, guys," said Noblesville head coach Scott McClelland. "They're playing well and they're forcing us to not play well. I said, let's pick up our body language. We're ok. These games aren't going to be easy and they never are."

The third quarter became a different story. The Millers came out of the locker room with purpose. Just 14 seconds into the period, Walker was fouled shooting a three right in front of the Noblesville bench. The junior guard

sank all three for the sixth tie.

That began an 11-0 run for Noblesville in the first 3:07 of the third. Young's jumper from the right baseline stopped the scoring spree. But Noblesville kept it going with a 9-5 run to end the third with their largest lead of the night at 41-27.

Noblesville outscored HSE 20-5 in the third, but that seemed to fuel the Royals.

"It never felt comfortable, because I knew that they were never going to quit," McClelland said. "They've got a really good team. Young really played well tonight. I was really worried all week about Weemer and I think we did a pretty good job on him for the most part."

"They came out and really hit some shots to start the third quarter and we had some careless turnovers and I think that was just a huge swing in the game right there," said Hamilton Southeastern head coach John Ashworth.

"You put yourself down 14 or 15, fighting and clawing back, but it's almost too little too late at that point," Ashworth added.

Southeastern woke up in the fourth quarter. The Royals went on a 13-2 run to trail just 45-42.

Brewer took a pass from Fine down low for a five-point lead 47-42 with 2:30 left. Fine made a pair of free throws for a seven-point margin at 49-42.

Young made this third triple of the fourth with 1:51 to go to cut it to 49-45.

"We got some stops and got a little lead. We got it to 12 and then 14. Then, they hit a couple tough shots," continued McClelland.

Trading buckets in the final 90 seconds, the lead stretched to six on another two Fine makes at the foul line for 53-47.

Young simply had ice water in his veins, draining another three and it was 53-50.

Walker made 1 of 2 free throws with 21.9 seconds on the clock. On his miss, Curry grabbed a critical offensive board and laid it back in for 56-50.

Young cut it to three



again 56-53 with 4.8 ticks left. Curry was fouled at the other end with 3.4 seconds remaining. He would miss both attempts.

"They sped us up. I didn't do a very good job of helping the kids get into spots and attacking," said McClelland. "Credit HSE, they're a good team. They play hard. Young hit some bombs tonight. He's a good player."

Weemer took the pass just past midcourt. He launched a game-tying three-point attempt at the buzzer that went off the back of the iron, allowing Noblesville to hang on for the win.

"That was a really good look, especially with no timeouts. For our kids to advance it and get a clean look, I mean, that's what you can ask for from your team," said Ashworth. "I thought it was in too. It was right there on-line, just kind of rimmed out, hit the rim and bounced out."

"It's this sectional and it's March, too. I know that's 'coach speak' and kind of cliché, but that's the

reality," said McClelland. "Everybody thinks they've got a puncher's chance and believes in their team. Everybody's wanting a shot to play Saturday night. I'm proud of the guys. We made some plays when we needed to."

Hamilton Southeastern (13-13) closes out its season and graduates just senior Braeden Totton. Junior Young led all scorers with a game-high 24 points, knocking down 5-for-8 from three-point range.

Clark was the other Royal in double digits with 10 before fouling out. Totton scored eight in his final game and Weemer five.

Noblesville (19-5) advances to its third consecutive sectional championship and looks to win its second in three years.

The Millers were led by Curry's team-high 17. Walker joined him in double figures with 15, while Fine had nine, Brewer eight and Ryan Vctor six.

No. 8 Noblesville will play top-ranked Fishers (26-0) in the Sectional 8 championship at 7 p.m. tonight.



Photos by Julie Montgomery

(LEFT) Noblesville's Baron Walker scored 15 points for the Millers during their sectional semifinal win over Hamilton Southeastern Friday at Carmel. (ABOVE) Noblesville's Adam Fine (left) goes in for a layup while being guarded by Hamilton Southeastern's Maverick Young. The HSE junior scored 24 points, including five 3-pointers.

NOBLESVILLE 56, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 53

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Jacobs	1-4	0-0	2	1
Maverick Young	8-13	3-4	24	2
Braeden Totton	4-9	0-0	8	2
Landon Osswald	1-2	0-0	2	1
Lucas Weemer	2-6	0-0	5	4
Varschon Clark	4-6	2-6	10	5
Kian Kelly	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kallen Hoeft	1-1	0-0	2	1
Jaxon Wanza	0-0	0-0	0	5
Totals	21-41	5-10	53	22

Southeastern 3-point shooting (6-17) Young 5-8, Weemer 1-4, Totton 0-3, Jacobs 0-1, Clark 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (26) Osswald 6, Jacobs 4, Kelly 3, Young 2, Totton 2, Clark 2, Weemer 2, team 5.

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
TJ Davidson	0-4	1-2	1	1
Adam Fine	1-3	7-12	9	3
Justin Curry	6-15	3-7	17	0
Aiden Brewer	4-7	0-0	8	4
Baron Walker	4-8	6-7	15	3
Ryan Vctor	2-4	2-2	6	1
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Max Flanagan	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-42	19-30	56	12

Noblesville 3-point shooting (3-16) Curry 2-9, Walker 1-3, Davidson 0-1, Fine 0-1, Vctor 0-1, Flanagan 0-1.

Noblesville rebounds (28) Fine 6, Davidson 4, Curry 4, Brewer 4, Walker 3, Vctor 2, Davis 1, team 4.

Score by Quarters

Southeastern	11	11	5	26 - 53
Noblesville	10	11	20	15 - 56

Tigers pull away from Zionsville, back in Sectional 8 final

The REPORTER

Fishers is back in the Sectional 8 championship game.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers overcame an early deficit for a halftime lead, then pulled away in the second half to score a 57-41 win over Zionsville in the Sectional 8 semifinals on Bill Shepherd Court at Carmel's Eric Clark Activity Center.

Zionsville flew through

the opening minutes of the game, building a 7-0 lead. JonAnthony Hall got Fishers on the board at the 4:23 mark of the first quarter, then hit a 3-pointer seconds later. The Tigers worked their way back to a 12-12 tie before Drew Snively scored to give the Eagles a 14-12 lead after one.

"They were clicking on all cylinders," Fishers coach Garrett Winegar said of Zionsville. Meanwhile,

Winegar said his team "had some really good looks in our first few possessions," but didn't finish.

Neither team scored in the second quarter until the 5:42 mark, when Justin Kirby drove in for a layup to tie the game at 14-14. Kirby then gave Fishers its first lead of the game with a putback with 3:49 left. The Tigers were now up 16-14.

Zionsville jumped ahead 19-16 after Rylon Gore made a 3, but Fishers' Jason Gardner Jr. answered that immediately with a traditional three-point play. The Eagles had one more

lead at 20-19 before the Tigers finished the half with a 7-2 spurt. Millen McCartney's triple gave Fishers a 26-22 lead at halftime.

The Tigers pulled away in the second half. Cooper Zachary took over the game in the third quarter, pouring in 11 points. That included three 3-pointers.

All of Fishers' other baskets in the second half were two-point baskets, as Winegar said he felt his team "had an advantage inside," and credited the Fishers players with doing "a much better job" of going inside and attacking the paint.

Fishers led 43-32 going into the fourth period and used its balance to extend the lead in that quarter. Gardner and Hall both scored four points, with five different players getting points in the fourth.

"We average about 21 assists a game," said Winegar. The coach called that "a credit to our guys, being unselfish, being willing to pass up good shots for great shots."

"They don't care who scores, they just care about winning," said Winegar.

Zachary and Hall both finished with 15 points,

while Gardner added 11 points. Kirby had eight points.

The Tigers are 26-0 and play Noblesville at 7 p.m. tonight for the Sectional 8 championship. Fishers beat the Millers 74-40 in their regular-season game on Dec. 6, on a night when Winegar said his team "shot like 70 percent" from 3-point range.

"Obviously it will not be like that in the tournament," said Winegar. "I think we've gotten better, but they've gotten a lot better. I expect a very close game."

FISHERS 57, ZIONSVILLE 41

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cooper Zachary	5	2-2	15	0
Jason Gardner Jr.	3	5-5	11	1
Justin Kirby	4	0-0	8	3
JonAnthony Hall	7	0-0	15	1
Nathan Baker	0	0-2	0	1
Millen McCartney	1	0-0	3	4
Logan Sigler	1	1-2	3	1
Torey Breland	0	0-0	0	0
Ethan Laboy	0	0-0	0	0
Jean-Claude L'Homme	1	0-0	2	0
Jalen Campbell	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22	8-11	57	11

Score by Quarters

Zionsville	14	8	10	9 - 41
Fishers	12	14	17	14 - 57

Fishers 3-pointers (5) Zachary 3, McCartney, Hall.

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Boys Basketball Sectional Semifinals

Blackhawks edged out by Tipton

The REPORTER
Sheridan dropped a close game to Tipton Friday in the semifinals of Class 2A Sectional 39 at Frankton.

The Blackhawks jumped out to a 20-13 lead after the first quarter. Trey Page hit two 3-pointers for six points, with Caleb Wright scoring five points. The Blue Devils cut into that lead during the second quarter, but Sheridan still was up 29-26 at halftime.

Tipton moved ahead 43-42 after three quarters; Damon Winston helped keep the 'Hawks in it with five points. The game was tied at 45-45 with 6:17 left in the fourth, but the Blue Devils

inched ahead towards the middle of the period and held on for the win.

Four Sheridan players reached double-digit scoring. Damon Winston finished with 13 points, with Caleb Wright and Devon Hamilton each scoring 12 points. Page had 11 points.

Carson Wright led the rebounds with six, followed by five each from Caleb Wright and Winston. Caleb Wright dished out six assists, while Hamilton handed out four assists.

The Blackhawks completed their season with a 16-6 record, the most wins for Sheridan since its 2002-03 team also went 16-6.



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal reached double-double status with 18 points and 10 rebounds during the Golden Eagles' Sectional 25 semifinal win over Brebeuf Jesuit Friday at Frankfort's Case Arena.

Golden Eagles advance to title game with win over Brebeuf

The REPORTER
Guerin Catholic will play for a third consecutive sectional championship tonight after a big win over a big rival.

The Class 3A No. 5 Golden Eagles beat Brebeuf Jesuit 59-45 Friday in the semifinals of Sectional 25 at Frankfort's Case Arena. The two teams met last year at Guerin Catholic, where the Golden Eagles won a double-overtime thriller for the sectional title.

Guerin Catholic jumped out to a 16-7 lead after one quarter, then led 32-19 at

halftime. The Golden Eagles achieved their largest lead in the third quarter, going up 37-21 before the Braves got within 43-34 after three quarters. Guerin Catholic outscored Brebeuf 16-11 in the fourth.

Bryson Cardinal led the Golden Eagles with a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds. Jake Grissom and Ryne Paris both scored 14 points, with Paris collecting seven rebounds.

Guerin Catholic is 22-4 and plays Tri-West for the sectional title at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 59, BREBEUF JESUIT 45				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	5-10	4-6	14	3
Malcolm Houze	3-5	1-2	7	3
Ryne Paris	6-11	1-2	14	0
Hayden Rogers	2-2	0-0	4	2
Bryson Cardinal	6-13	4-7	18	4
Jack Toles	1-3	0-0	2	0
Carter Murans	0-0	0-0	0	0
RJ Hill	0-0	0-0	0	0
Julian Melendez	0-0	0-0	0	0
Andrew Reithman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Carey	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-44	10-17	59	12
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	16	16	11	16 – 59
Brebeuf Jesuit	7	12	15	11 – 45
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (3-10) Cardinal 2-5, Paris 1-2, Grissom 0-2, Houze 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (28) Cardinal 10, Paris 7, Grissom 4, Houze 3, Toles 2, Rogers 1, team 1.				

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 8

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel

Championship: Noblesville vs. Fishers, 7 p.m.

Sectional 25 at Frankfort

Championship: Tri-West vs. Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 42 at Park Tudor

Championship: University vs. Cardinal Ritter, 7 p.m.

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The REPORTER
University advanced to the Sectional 42 championship game with a 62-49 win over Monrovia Friday night at Park Tudor.

The Trailblazers overpowered the Bulldogs in the first quarter, jumping to a 24-8 lead after the first quarter and stretched the lead to 38-19 at halftime.

Faisal Mohamud led four players in double figures. Blake Gray had 13, Max McComb 11 and Josh Henderson 10 for University.

The Blazers jumped out to a 13-1 lead in the first four minutes of the game. Cooper Cammack opened the scoring on a fast break layin off a pass from Gray. Mohamud stole the inbound pass and scored for a quick 4-0 lead. Gray knocked down a corner three to make it 7-1. Mohamud scored on a floater

in the lane before McComb stole the inbound and fed Gray for an 11-1 lead forcing Monrovia's second time out of the quarter. McComb added two foul shots for a 13-3 lead.

University scored four points in the last seven seconds of the opening period for their 24-8 advantage. McComb scored on a rebound before Noah Cortez stole the ball and beat the buzzer with a layin.

A Peter Morales three pointer and Henderson's fast break layin that started with a DJ Willis steal gave University what would be their largest lead of the night at 29-8.

Monrovia outscored University 14-4 in the first five minutes of the second half to pull within 42-33. University steadied the ship with a pair of Zien Bland free throws and another Mohamud steal and

layin. After the Bulldogs pulled within 47-40 Henderson ended the third quarter scoring with a layin off a McComb assist.

University regained control in the fourth quarter outscoring the Bulldogs 9-2 over the first five minutes to lead by 16 and made foul shots down the stretch. McComb finished with

five assists and four steals.

The Trailblazers improved their record to 16-9 and advanced to the sectional championship for the fourth consecutive season. University last won a sectional in 2022.

Saturday's championship game is at 7 p.m. at Park Tudor against Cardinal Ritter.

UNIVERSITY 62, MONROVIA 49				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zien Bland	0	2-2	2	2
Max McComb	3	5-7	11	2
Blake Gray	4	2-2	13	1
Faisal Mohamud	6	2-2	14	1
Cooper Cammack	2	1-2	5	2
Noah Cortez	1	0-0	2	1
DJ Willis	0	0-0	0	0
Peter Morales	2	0-0	5	0
Josh Henderson	5	0-0	10	1
Totals	23	12-15	62	10
Score by Quarters				
Monrovia	8	11	21	9 – 49
University	24	14	11	13 – 62
University 3-pointers (4) Gray 3, Morales.				

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