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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Heights BPA students shine at state, 12 advance to nationals

The REPORTER

Students from Hamilton Heights High School's Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) recently returned from the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. The Huskies excelled on the state stage placing in the top 10 in 17 events with 12 students qualifying for nationals.

- **Olivia Cosand:** 10th, 190 Financial Math and Concepts
- **Bella McDole:** 1st, 590 Meeting and Event Planning
- **Hailey Hall:** 9th, 591 Management Marketing and Human Resource Concepts
- **Katelynn Bishop:** 6th, 594 Digital Marketing Concepts
- **Grant Cavanaugh, Enzo Christy, Landon Faubion, Drew Laitas:** 6th, 160 Economic Research Team
- **Kylie Hilton, Maddy Lustig, Zoe Pickett:** 5th, 455 User Experience Design Team
- **Bekah Beechler, Brinley Flaherty, Anna Kauffman, Jessa Steffen:** 6th, 500 Global Marketing Team



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Gwendolyn Pritsch placed first in the state for Ethics and Professionalism at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. The National Leadership Conference represents the culmination of a year's work for those students and chapter sponsors attending. (ABOVE RIGHT) Bella McDole placed first in the state for Meeting and Event Planning at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. She is among those students who get to take their leadership and career skills to the national stage in May.

- **Julia Bearman, Sierra Bramel, Giselle Effing, Elyse Hurley:** 3rd, 510 Small Business Management Team
- **Izzy Bailey, Addison Gilmore, Drew Hilton, Gwendolyn Pritsch:** 5th, 550 Parliamentary Procedure Team
- **Lizzy Smith:** 4th, 420 Digital Media Production
- **Hailey Hall:** 2nd, 535 Human Resource Management
- **Gwendolyn Pritsch:** 1st, 540 Ethics and Professionalism
- **Katelynn Bishop:** 4th, 110 Advanced Accounting

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About that basketball thing

If there were an award for Most Clueless Person When It Comes to Sports, it would go to me, hands down. This amuses my family and friends to no end.

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against them. And I've played some. I was on our junior varsity tennis team in high school and played tennis with friends long after that in college and in my 20s. I also enjoy volleyball, which is how I met my husband, John.

I've just never had any interest in sports overall. Which I know makes me an oddball in our society – well, I'm an oddball for other reasons, too, but I digress.

For example, as I waited for my friend Monday evening before we went out to dinner, I saw clips on the news of people getting downtown Indianapolis ready for March Madness. *Oh yeah*, I thought, *it's time for that basketball thing where people have those ... what do you call them ... brackets ... whatever that means*.

Okay, I do know what March Madness is ... sort of ... and what a big deal it is for most people in central Indiana. I have enjoyed watching basketball games in the past and understand the basics.

Other sports? Forget it. John has attempted to explain football to me multiple times. I understand it ... that day ... but since it doesn't pertain to my life whatsoever, it all flies out of my head by the next day.

In fact, for the first time in years, we didn't even watch the Super Bowl last month. In the past I enjoyed it for the commercials. But this year, knowing they'd all be on YouTube, our family skipped it.

To be fair to myself, John and his family aren't into sports, either, although my husband loves to watch baseball both live and on TV. And when asked if he would attend some sporting event, John's dad would famously say, "Why? They (the players) don't pay to come watch me work."

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Noblesville Elks support Prevail



Photo provided by Terri Sigman-Kennedy

Members of Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 recently met with Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger, MPA, and Prevail Director of Advancement Brittany Winebar LCSW, CYE-P. Members from the Elks presented a generous donation to Prevail totaling \$1,980. Prevail is one of many local organizations the Elks supports. Others include the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, The Feeding Team, Meals on Wheels, IU/PU Cancer Research, as well as many others. Prevail uses these funds towards continuing their mission of strengthening survivors of crime and abuse. (From left) Ann Huber, Noblesville Elks Exalted Ruler Steve Vallier, Noblesville Elks Activities Chair Treva Vallier Tami Wanninger of Prevail, Noblesville Elks Past Indiana State President Geoff Robinson, and Carolyn Deines.

Four new murals brighten Westfield

By JAY ADKINS
WISH-TV | wish.tv.com

Westfield officials on Wednesday unveiled the city's public art initiative, the Artistic Bench Program, made possible by a 2024 Indiana Arts Commission Arts Project Support (APS) grant.

This program showcases four vibrantly muralized benches throughout the city, celebrating local artists and enriching public spaces for residents and visitors alike.

The four muralized benches are strategically placed across the city: wwo at Hadley Park (northwest corner of State Road 32 and Union Street), one along the Monon Trail north of the State Road 32 pedestrian bridge, and one along the Midland Trace Trail near Gray Road. Each bench tells a story through its design, allowing people to sit, reflect, and engage with the artwork as they enjoy Westfield's scene outdoor spaces.

According to a press release, the collaboration with local artists Andre Parnell, Kathy Barnes, Chris Blice, and various artists from Janus Developmental Services "highlights Westfield's commitment to supporting and promoting local talent. Their lively designs bring a fresh artistic dimension to the city's parks and trails, ensuring that art is accessible to all members of the community."



Photos provided by City of Westfield

(From top to bottom, left to right) The bench on the Monon Trail created by Andre Parnell. Kathy Barnes created this bench, which is in Hadley Park. Blice Edwards made this bench, which is also at Hadley Park. This bench, made by the folks at Janus Developmental Services, is set along the Midland Trace Trail.

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ly published by WISH-TV at wish.tv.com/news/local-news/4-new-murals-brighten-westfield.

Indiana Peony Festival celebrates five impactful years this May

Submitted

Attention all peony lovers! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17 when the Indiana Peony Festival returns to Noblesville's historic Seminary Park. It's a special time to celebrate five years of festival growth, success, and community impact.

The Indiana Peony Festival presents Smith's Jewelers as the 2025 premier festival sponsor. Together, the Indiana Peony Festival and Smith's Jewelers – known for helping their customers create special moments of their own – are highlighting the beauty behind sentimental moments and festival traditions.

This year's festival will feature an enhanced experience including 150 vendors, a Hoosier Row food court offering Indiana's hometown food favorites, beer-wine-special drinks, a kids' zone, and expanded open spaces for attendees to enjoy the park creating space and time to enjoy exquisite floral installations throughout the park setting.

"We are celebrating a milestone for the festival this year and along with Smith's Jewelers we want to create a special and memorable experience for our festival goers, too," Indiana Peony Festival President Kelly McVey said. "It's a peony party celebrating our Indiana state flower for our community and beyond."

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Members of Hamilton Heights High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) are pictured heading into the general session at the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Twelve students qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla., in May.

• **Taylor Morrison:** 3rd, 125 Payroll Accounting
• **Anna Kauffman:** 3rd, 600 Medical Coding
• **Tessa Hartwick:** 8th, 605 Health Insurance and Billing
• **Olivia Cosand:** 6th, 610 Health Admin Procedures
“I am so proud of the hard work I have seen among BPA students this

year,” said Austin Nicole, Business Department Head Teacher, Work-based Learning Coordinator, and BPA Advisor. “Hailey Hall, chapter president, has done a great job leading our chapter of 70 students. This combination has led to great professional growth across the board for freshmen through seniors. Let’s finish the year strong and get some hardware at NLC!”
This year’s conference is expected to bring together delegates from across the country to vie for top honors in business and information technology skills competitions, attend leadership and professional development workshops, receive awards for community service activities and elect BPA’s 2025-26 national student

leadership team.
The 2025 BPA National Leadership will take place May 7 to 11 in Orlando, Fla. The opening session (May 7) and awards sessions (May 11) will be streamed live at bpa.org/nlc.
About Business Professionals of America
BPA is the nation’s leading CTSO (Career and Technical Student Organization) for students pursuing careers in business management, information technology, finance, accounting office administration, and other business-related career fields. With 52,000 members in over 1,800 chapters across 25 states and Puerto Rico as well as international presence in Canada, China, Peru, and South Korea, BPA is a co-curricular organization that supports business and information technology educators by offering co-curricular exercises based on national standards.

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THAT THING

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Strangely, I love watching the Olympics, which has been a tradition for John and me for years. I guess it’s because most of those sports are simple to understand. If someone crosses the finish line first, they get a gold medal ... if someone does a great gymnastics routine, they get high scores ...
We also love hearing the stories about the athletes and learning how hard they’ve worked/how far they’ve come. It’s inspiring and amazing.

At 54 years of age, I don’t think my cluelessness in sports will ever improve.

I used to beat myself up over it, but at this stage, I’ve realized it’s not the end of the world. I have other strengths, gifts, and talents. I’ve lived a pretty great life (thank you, God!) and look forward to more years ahead.

Just don’t ask me this month if I watched “the game last night.” You’ll be guaranteed to see a deer-in-headlights look.

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PEONY FESTIVAL

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Other festival events
Peonies in the Park

VIPP (Very Important Peony Person) Night – sponsored by CCHA Law – kicks off the festival on Friday, May 16 amidst the stunning backdrop of Seminary Park. The ticketed event is a fundraiser for the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to continue its work with beautification projects, peony gardens, and horticulture education, as well as promoting Hamilton County as a desirable destination for peony lovers.

Brunch & Booms

In addition to the festivities in the park on Saturday, “Brunch and Blooms,” provides visitors with food and drink throughout the day from local restaurants in seven outdoor locations including four in the Noblesville downtown alleys.

Story Themes

• Shared stories of festival attendees who have created or celebrated special milestones at the festival

• A first-ever commemorative charm created for the Indiana Peony Festival by premier festival sponsor, Smith’s Jewelers. “We hope to introduce a new charm to collect as a special memory of their own from each year’s festival,” McVey said.

• Smith’s Jewelers’ com-

mitment to help festival goers create unforgettable special memories, moments, and milestones at the festival and beyond through their mission to help celebrate “Your Love, Your Story, Your Legacy.”

• Features on the award-winning chefs highlighted at the Indiana Peony Festival’s VIPP event.

• Features on Hoosier Row and the vendors included in this year’s special celebration Indiana food favorites.

• Features on the wide variety of peony floral and merchandise vendors at this year’s festival.

• Celebrating the Indiana state flower, the peony, at the festival and beyond the beautification and educational programs.

• What’s the Peony Trail and how is it impacting Noblesville?

For more information, visit IndianaPeonyFestival.com.

About the Indiana Peony Festival

The mission of the Indiana Peony Festival is to inspire Indiana residents to celebrate the state flower, to enhance Noblesville through peony beautification projects, and to promote Hamilton County as a desired visitor destination during May, when peonies are in bloom and Indianapolis 500 festivities occur.

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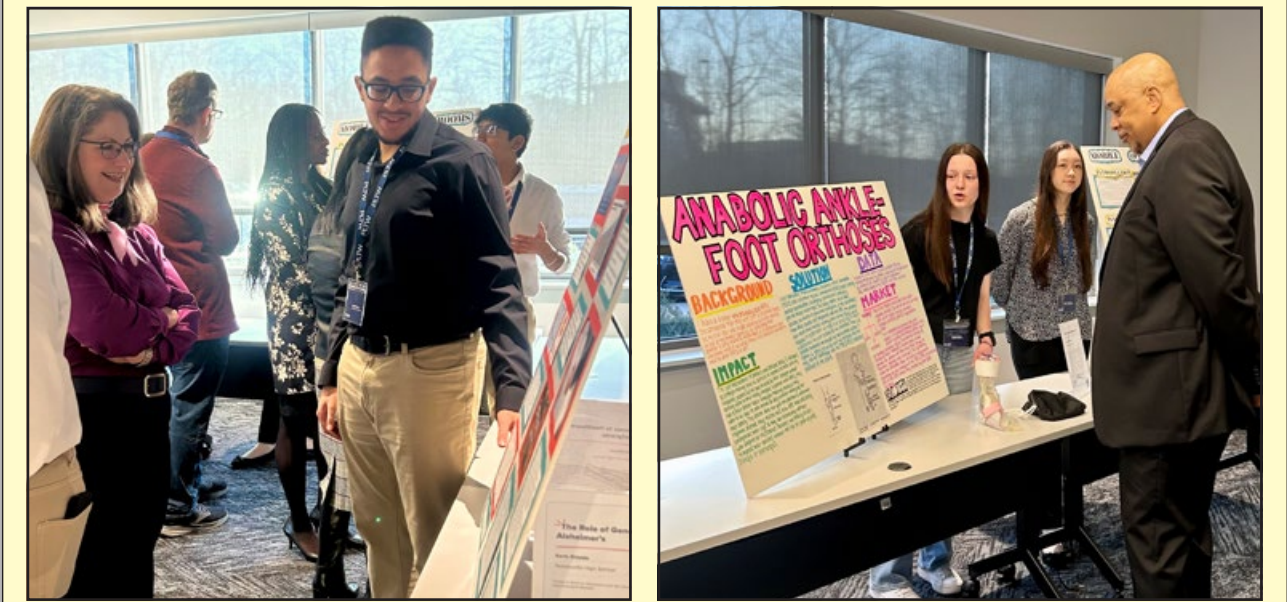
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Noblesville biomed students ready to lead in innovation



Were you doing work like this in high school? Noblesville High School Biomedical Innovations students recently presented senior capstone projects to national Project Lead the Way STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) curriculum executives. Their work included research on topics such as mobile operating rooms, barriers to patient care, and arthritis technology.

Riverview Health recognized for excellence in infant & maternal health

The REPORTER

Riverview Health was recently recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with State Health Commissioner Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP, for its commitment to infant and maternal health at the fifth annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program.

Riverview Health earned an INspire Hospital of Distinction award based on implementing best practices in key areas, including infant safe sleep, breast-feeding, perinatal substance use, social drivers of health, obstetric hemorrhage, and maternal hypertension.

“It is an incredible honor for Riverview Health to receive the INspire Hospital of Distinction award,” Associate Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Allen said. “This achievement is a testament to our collective effort to enhance maternal and infant health, ensuring every patient receives compassionate, high-quality care.”

This work is done in partnership with the Indiana Department of Health.

“The Indiana Department of Health remains focused on working with healthcare providers to improve outcomes for Hoosier moms and babies,” State Health Commissioner



This is the fourth time Riverview Health has received the Inspire Hospital of Distinction award.

er Lindsay Weaver, M.D., FACEP said. “We are grateful to have hospitals across the state to support initiatives, such as the Indiana Perinatal Levels of Care and obstetrical emergencies training, that have contributed to improvements in both maternal and infant health.”

For the first time in the program’s history, 100 percent of Indiana’s birthing facilities earned one of two INspire recognitions, reinforcing the progress that has been made to improve upon the key drivers of maternal and infant health. Due to the compassionate and excellent patient care provided by the medical staff and nurses, this is the fourth time Riverview Health has been recognized with an INspire Hospital of Distinction award.

“Indiana hospitals are grateful for the leadership of Dr. Weaver and her team for their continued partnership to address the critical issue of infant and maternal mortality,” IHA President Scott B. Tittle said. “We are proud to celebrate the Hoosier facilities that have successfully demonstrated these best practices and how far our state has come in the five years since the launch of INspire. Together, we are truly making a difference.”

IHA serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health and other specialized hospitals in Indiana.

For more information about Riverview Health’s maternity services, visit riverview.org/services/maternity.

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Lawmakers float alternative property tax solution

By **GARRETT BERGQUIST**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The House’s top budget writer on Wednesday said Indiana’s local tax system is ultimately behind many of the problems that have brought property taxes to the fore.

For the second week in a row, the House Ways and Means Committee took testimony on Senate Bill 1, the property tax relief bill that has become the signature issue of the 2025 legislative session. Committee Chair Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, on Wednesday floated a new proposal that would replace the bill’s current language with a **property tax proposal he filed**

earlier this session.

Thompson’s amendment would phase out the state’s current property tax deductions and replace them with a single homestead deduction amounting to two-thirds of a home’s assessed valuation, or one-third of assessed value for homes eligible for the state’s property tax circuit breaker. The circuit breaker is for low-income homeowners age 65 and older, and limits any increase in their property taxes to 2 percent per year. The measure also contains several tax provisions unrelated to property taxes.

Thompson said the state’s constitution mandates setting property tax rates but, in practice, many

of the state’s property taxes are levies, meaning the total amount of funds a local government unit may collect on a rate. He said his goal is ultimately to set a single, equal rate across the state of \$3 per \$100 assessed value.

“If you raise the rate (under the current system), I get more dollars for my unit and the other units lose,” he said. “And if I lower the rate, the other units gain and my unit loses, and my taxpayers didn’t see a penny change. And to me, that’s the most important part of the bill.”

That goal drew pointed questions from Democrats on the committee. Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, asked who would be responsible for ensuring individ-

ual taxing districts did not exceed the maximum rate. Thompson said that’s the General Assembly’s job.

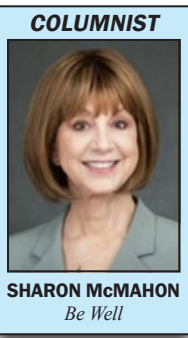
The question of how to balance property tax relief with the needs of local services such as police, fire, and schools has driven this year’s debate over SB 1. Thompson’s proposal still would cost local governments more than \$736 million per year by 2031 but, unlike earlier versions of SB 1, **some local taxing units would gain revenue**. For example, Indianapolis Public Schools would lose about \$9.4 million in 2031 but the tax district that funds Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department would bring in an additional \$8.1 million. That’s in part because the bill also would allow municipalities to set local income tax rates of up to 1.2 percent.

Thompson’s committee took several hours of testimony on his amendment but intentionally did not take any action on it. The language of his amendment has not been added into the bill. Thompson said the bill is still very much an ongoing conversation and his amendment does not necessarily represent his committee’s final plan. He said he expects to hear additional proposals in the coming weeks.

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We’re all joined together in this circle of life

“From the day we arrive on the planet, and blinking, step into the sun / There’s more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done.” – Elton John in “Circle of Life” from *The Lion King*



take the time to reach out to those in mourning, you will lift them up as well as yourself. We do it as a service both to those for whom we care and for ourselves.

There is a saying that “we never really begin to live until we are prepared to die.” I earnestly believe that is true; whatever your personal faith might be, most of us believe that we will be aware and engaged after our demise.

Speaking for myself, I am in no great hurry to meet that end, so I want to live my life healthy, engaged, giving, and with enjoyment in the process. We are all shaped differently with various talents, outlooks, and plans. However, we are drawn together in common goals to achieve our “best self.” These goals include proper nutrition, moving our bodies away from the television, computers, and social media, working our muscles and staying flexible, and keeping our mental capacities strong and curious.

Obviously, there are situations in which the demise of a person is immediate and without warning, something my own family has experienced and maybe some of you as well. A life cut short in that way is truly tragic but not the situation which I am

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Dedication Program

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Songbook Academy application deadline extended to March 30

The REPORTER

Applications will be accepted through March 30 for the 16th annual Songbook Academy summer music intensive for high schoolers, taking place July 12 to 19 at the Great American Songbook Foundation’s headquarters in Carmel.

This national pre-professional program enables young singers to develop their performance skills under the personalized guidance of Broadway stars and other experienced artists and music educators. Led by performer and preservationist Michael Feinstein, founder of the Songbook Foundation, the Songbook Academy provides education on the foundations of American popular music and opportunities to build confidence through workshops and performances in state-of-the-art concert facilities. Participants also form lifelong connections through the academy’s alumni network.

Many alumni of the Songbook Academy have

gone on to enjoy professional success, including Kyrie Courter (Broadway cast of *Sweeney Todd*), Adriana Scalice (National Tour of *Six*), New York City-based singer-songwriter Eleri Ward, and Nina White, currently originating a role in *The Queen of Versailles* on Broadway.

Songbook Academy coaches and mentors come from prestigious university music programs and every corner of the entertainment industry. Guest mentors in previous years have included Broadway notables Joshua Henry, Telly Leung, and Nasia Thomas; stage and screen stars Ashley Park and Ali Stroker; and GRAMMY Award-winning artists Nicole Zuraitis, Melissa Manchester and Catherine Russell.

How to apply

The Songbook Academy is open to active U.S. students in grades 9 through 12 as of Nov. 13, 2024. Applications must be submitted online by March 30 at app.getacceptd.com/

songbookacademy. Applicants must submit videos of themselves performing two contrasting songs, preferably American popular songs written from the 1920s to the 1960s, a foundational era that produced countless jazz standards and musical theater classics.

The application fee is \$50. For those accepted to attend, the \$1,000 program fee includes housing at Butler University, meals, and ground transportation throughout the week. Fee waivers and financial aid, including full scholarships, are available.

The 40 selected singers will be announced in April. All applicants, regardless of the outcome, receive valuable feedback from a national review panel of music educators and entertainment professionals.

More details and application information are available at TheSongbook.org/SongbookAcademy or by email at SongbookAcademy@TheSongbook.org.



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OrthoIndy becomes first in Indiana to offer VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution for partial knee replacement

Carmel patient shares experience with procedure, recovery & mobility

Submitted

OrthoIndy is the first in Indiana and one of the first in the country to offer the VELYS™ Robotic-Assisted Solution for Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (UKA), otherwise known as partial knee replacement. This technology is designed to provide accuracy and consistency during partial knee replacement.

The OrthoIndy team performed its first partial knee replacement with the VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution in December 2024, led by Dr. Philip Huang. Having used this technology for total knee replacements for four years, Dr. Huang is now the first in Indiana to apply it to partial knee replacement procedures. He says the VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution helps him perform knee replacements with the use of data that's tailored to each patient's anatomy.

"The technology allows for greater precision and accuracy during the procedure, which is a critical aspect for partial knee replacements specifically," Dr. Huang said. "As a result, patients undergoing partial knee replacements with the VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution often experience a faster recovery while also hopefully improving long term outcomes and survivorship. Barring any complications, patients go home the same day – whereas traditional procedures require them to stay in the hospital for several days."

Key features of the

VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution for partial knee replacement include a single PROADJUST planning screen for personalized planning and an ACCUBALANCE graph for personalized balancing throughout the full range of motion.

"The UKA application also enables me to guide precise implant placement without the need for a CT scan," Dr. Huang said. "Being CT-free benefits the patient, as it reduces radiation exposure and saves time and money during the process."

A patient's journey to recovery

For Carmel resident Martin Gomez, being the first patient in the state to undergo a partial knee replacement with the VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution has been a game-changer.

"I'm blown away by what I can do just six weeks after surgery," said Gomez, who reached this post-op milestone in January 2025. "I can now bend my knee to 130 degrees, and I was able to fully straighten it just seven to 10 days after surgery."

Gomez first noticed knee pain three to four years ago as an occasional pain that popped up after exercise. Over time, the pain became more frequent and severe, to the point where he could no longer do many of the things he enjoyed, such as running, playing tennis and basketball, and even walking his dogs. Injections and physical therapy provided temporary relief, but when they stopped working effectively, Gomez consult-



Photo provided

Martin Gomez of Carmel is the first Hoosier to benefit from this new technology.

ed Dr. Huang, who felt he was a strong candidate for a partial knee replacement.

"As I was talking to Dr. Huang about what this procedure would look like, he told me all the work he's been doing over the years to help develop the VELYS Robotic-Assisted Solution and using it for total knee replacement surgeries," Gomez said. "When he mentioned the possibility of using robotic assistance technology for my partial knee replacement, I was thrilled and really excited to be the first person in Indiana to have this platform help with this procedure."

Gomez says he is now able to walk his dogs without pain and is looking forward to adding in more activities as he continues his recovery.

To learn more about the VELYS Robotic-Assisted

Solution for total and partial knee replacement surgeries, schedule a consultation with Dr. Huang at OrthoIndy.com.

Important information

The performance of knee replacements depends on age, weight, activity level, and other factors. There are potential risks and recovery takes time. People with conditions limiting rehabilitation should not have knee replacement surgery. Only an orthopedic surgeon can determine if knee or hip replacement is required based on an individual patient's condition.

Dr. Huang serves as a paid consultant for the VELYS™ Robotic-Assisted Solution, sharing his expertise to advance knee replacement surgery technology with the goal of improving outcomes for patients worldwide.

Ten local students make dean's list at Washington University in St. Louis

The REPORTER

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Students are listed with their hometowns and particular college.

- **Jenny Chen**, Carmel, is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Christina Chun**, Carmel, graduated in December from the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Bekah Dage**, Fishers, is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Chouchi Ding**, Fishers, is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Neal Joshi**, Carmel, graduated in December from the College of Arts & Sciences.

- **Michelle Kim**, Carmel, is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Johnny Mortha**, Carmel, is enrolled in the McKelvey School of Engineering.
- **Sanchali Pothuru**, Carmel, is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Matthew Rao**, Carmel, is enrolled in the College of Arts & Sciences.
- **Zhanqi Su**, Carmel, is enrolled in the university's McKelvey School of Engineering.

To qualify for the dean's list in both the College of Arts & Sciences and the McKelvey School of Engineering, students must earn a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

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addressing here, although I suggest that if you have had that experience that you seek trauma counseling.

In working with senior citizens (of which I am one!) in nutrition consulting and personal training, I very often receive feedback that they now understand that if they had been more discerning of their eating habits, activity, and personal care over the years, their senior years would be more productive, enjoyable, and rewarding. I believe this to be true for most of us.

So – what are we to do?

The answer is very simple, really ... *do the best we can*. Isn't that what it comes down to – taking the best care of ourselves that we possibly can and adopting a positive outlook on the trials and tribulations that are pervasive in our society? By doing that, reaching

out to others, and using our time on planet Earth to be a confident force in maintaining optimum physical, emotional, and mental health we will make the best use of our time here. Control what you can, work on the attributes you can change, and greet each morning with optimism and hope.

Reach out to those who mourn; ease their souls as you soothe your own. Your body, mind, and soul will respond to the care you provide to yourself and to others as you navigate the *circle of life*.

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-984-0001 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
317-842-4441 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
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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
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Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29
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at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10th St Noblesville

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Hamilton County Military Veteran Mar 22 VA Claims Day 10-2p Brownsburg VA Clinic Please RSVP via the QR Code for the Event


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Tuesday March 18th, 2025
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Frederick Douglass Park Family Center
1616 East 25th Street


Why Attend?

- ✓ **Employment Opportunities**
- ✓ **Community Resources**
- ✓ **Education and Training info**

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317-637-3776
Ncalvert@ednamartincc.org

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Fund Raiser for Recovery Café of Hamilton County March 21, Raise Your Paddle and Make a Bid

RAISE the PADDLE
Give the Gift of Love

Friday, March 21, 2025
Delaware Township Community Center
9094 E 131st St, Fishers
Coffee Bar and Appetizers at 6:00PM
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Recovery Café Hamilton County

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Activities & Events

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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325 Minuteman Way - Franklin, IN 46131

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The Journey Home
Armory Auditorium Showtimes:
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Sammy L. Davis
Medal of Honor - Vietnam
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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 Sholty, MG Ret. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana Department of Veterans 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 S – 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you've been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;
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April 29 and May 13

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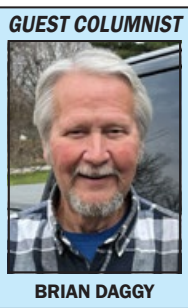
The true cost of LEAP & the toll it will take on our future

The LEAP project is quickly shaping up to be one of the most expensive projects our state has ever seen – and yet, citizens are still being kept in the dark about the true cost and impact.

As members of the Boone County Preservation Group, we strongly oppose this project because it threatens to deplete our precious farmland, drains our already limited water resources, and could raise the cost of living for all of us. But what's most frustrating is that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is running this project without any real transparency or accountability – especially considering it's funded by significant tax dollars. That hasn't changed in the years since news of this project first was leaked by farmers who had been approached to sell their land.

Recent reports from the Arnolt Center for Investigative Journalism and the Indiana Capital Chronicle have uncovered just how much money is being poured into LEAP.

Nearly \$1 billion has already been spent on this project, with more than \$427 million used to buy up 6,000 acres of prime farmland around Lebanon – land that has been carefully cul-



GUEST COLUMNIST
BRIAN DAGGY



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JIM LOVE

tivated by farmers for generations to feed our state and country. We believe that our farmland should be preserved for future generations, not sacrificed for corporate interests.

It gets worse. Almost \$170 million has been set aside to pay for water services for this district. The industries the state hopes to attract to the area require huge amounts of water. This is at a time when Indiana's water supply is already stretched thin. We've heard experts warning that our water is in danger, yet the state is rushing forward with this plan without clear proof that it can handle the needs of the businesses and over 50,000 workers that the project claims it will support – most of which have not yet been identified.

Electricity is another resource in jeopardy. LEAP hopes to attract large data centers, and if they become reality, there will need to be vast improvements made to provide the large amounts of power these

centers need. Citizens Action Coalition recently said, "If these data centers end up using less electricity than planned, or close early, other electric ratepayers (such as you) could be on the hook."

At a time when the state is considering cutting Medicaid costs and other spending, these data centers could also cost valuable state revenue. Why? Because the Indiana General Assembly approved a sales tax exemption for data centers in 2019. Experts say a typical data center will spend about \$500 million each year on its electric bill, meaning in Indiana they could receive more than \$1.7 billion in state sales tax subsidies over 50 years, or \$34 million per year. The \$34 million multiplied by the eight currently planned data centers is \$272 million per year.

Even by government standards, we're starting to talk real money here!

These factors are all concerning, but the most troubling is the secrecy continuing to surround the LEAP project. The IEDC operates under a quasi-private setup, which means it can hide the financial details from the public. A large portion of the money is being spent to purchase farmland at inflated prices. This turns the

IEDC into a large developer with a seemingly unlimited budget and no regard for return on investment.

At the same time, the existing farms within the LEAP district and throughout central Indiana are experiencing land values that make it impossible to grow or even sustain current operations. The far-reaching effect of state-sponsored destruction of agriculture will have deep effects within communities. Locally operated farms spend money locally on both goods and services. One specific case involves a young family that had a verbal agreement to purchase a farm they had been operating. By the time the paperwork was finished, the seller increased the price five times the original price – making the land unaffordable to farm. If a family was asked to make a priority list, we can only assume food would rank higher than semiconductor chips, batteries, data centers, or solar panels.

At what point will we learn from mistakes of the past and protect our future?

In addition to the loss of farmland, there is the looming issue of the environmental cost. Boone County has been home to fertile, productive land for generations – land that will be irreversibly altered by this devel-

opment. The loss of our farmland means the loss of our agricultural heritage, and once this land is developed, it's gone forever. As this project bulldozes through our natural resources, it also undermines the long-term sustainability of our region.

And what are we left with in return? A vast, taxpayer-funded district filled with uncertain promises and questionable financials. Eli Lilly & Co. is still the only confirmed tenant, with a signed deal, while the rest of the businesses that are supposed to fill this district remain unknown or uncommitted. The IEDC's refusal to disclose its full budget and expenses only adds to the growing uncertainty. How can we be expected to trust that this project will benefit our community when we have no insight into the true costs or who will ultimately benefit from this land grab?

The people of Boone County and the entire state deserve better. We deserve transparency, accountability, and a seat at the table when decisions about our future are being made. We

deserve development that respects our land, our water, our electricity capacity and our communities, not one that devastates them. It is time for the IEDC to be held accountable, for local citizens to have a real say in the project's direction, and for the voices of those most affected by the LEAP project to be heard.

As we move forward, we will continue to fight for the preservation of our farmland, our water, and our future. We urge our fellow Hoosiers to join us in demanding greater transparency and accountability from the IEDC, and to stand with us in protecting what makes Indiana special.

Brian Daggy and Jim Love are members of the Boone County Preservation Group, an organization formed in opposition to the LEAP project. The group's mission is to create a unified community voice focused on preserving local farmland and natural resources, while supporting responsible land development. You can follow the Boone County Preservation Group on Facebook or find out more on their website.



Two chances to see “Asteroid: Mission Extreme” at Carmel High School Planetarium

Submitted

“Asteroid: Mission Extreme” takes audiences on an epic journey to discover how asteroids are both a danger and an opportunity. The danger lies in the possibility of a cataclysmic collision with Earth; the opportunity is the fasci-

nating idea that asteroids could be stepping stones to other worlds – veritable way stations in space – enabling us to cross the Solar System.

The challenges are enormous, but a mission so extreme could ultimately lead us to protect our planet

and inhabit others.

Explore what it would take for astronauts to reach an asteroid and how such an adventure could benefit humankind.

The audience will also experience the Night Sky of early Spring 2025.

The presentation will

take place in two shows at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 29 in the Carmel High School Planetarium and will last approximately 45 minutes.

• [Click here](#) for tickets to the 2 p.m. show.

• [Click here](#) for tickets to the 3 p.m. show.

Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham Auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 15 minutes before show time. *No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children aged 12 years and younger should*

be accompanied by an adult.

[Click here](#) to learn more or call Planetarium Director Keith Turner at (317) 846-7721 ext. 7446, or email wktturner@ccs.k12.in.us. You can also follow along on X at [@CCSPlanetarium](https://twitter.com/CCSPlanetarium).

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Center Presents

Season Performances

Emmylou Harris

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3
The Palladium

Printing Partners Encore Series

Singer-songwriter Emmylou Harris is one of the most admired and influential women in music. She has released more than 25 albums and recorded with such diverse artists as Linda Ronstadt, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Gram Parsons, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Elvis Costello, Johnny Cash, and Lyle Lovett. She is a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, the *Billboard* Century Award, 14 Grammy Awards, three CMA Awards, and four Americana Awards. Harris will be accompanied by veteran musicians and songwriters Shawn Camp and Verlon Thompson.

A.J. Croce: Heart of The Eternal Tour
8 p.m. Friday, April 4
The Palladium

Printing Partners Encore Series

Piano prodigy, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter A.J. Croce returns for a special night of music celebrating his brand-new album, *Heart of the Eternal*, as well as the timeless songs and stories of his father, Jim Croce. A.J. began playing professionally at 15 and soon was touring with B.B. King and Ray Charles. He has released 11 studio albums as a bandleader, performed with artists including Willie Nelson and the Neville Brothers, and co-written songs with Leon Russell, Dan Penn, and other esteemed songsmiths. *Heart of the Eternal*, produced by Shooter Jennings (Brandi Carlile, Tanya Tucker), features styles ranging from psychedelia to Philadelphia soul to Latin-infused jazz-pop.

Pure Prairie League

8 p.m. Saturday, April 5
The Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Champions of country rock for more than 50 years, Pure Prairie League exemplified the genre with hits that included “Amie,” “Falling In and Out of Love,” “Two Lane Highway,” and “Let Me Love You Tonight.” With an evolving lineup over the decades, the band has been a training ground for artists such as Vince Gill. The current roster features founding member John David Call on pedal steel guitar, with Scott Thompson on drums, Randy Harp-

er on keyboards, and new members Jared Camic on bass, and Jeff Zona on guitar. In December, they released *Back on Track*, their first new album in almost two decades.

United States Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9
The Palladium

SOLD OUT; free livestream registration available at TheCenterPresents.org/ArmyFieldBand

Known as “The Musical Ambassadors of the Army,” the members of the U.S. Army Field Band are selected by highly competitive audition and represent some of the nation’s finest musical talent. The organization’s largest ensembles, the 60-member Concert Band and 29-member Soldiers’ Chorus, perform regularly in famous concert halls and small community auditoriums, with free programs that include orchestral masterworks, operatic arias, Broadway musicals, jazz classics, original works for winds and chorus, timeless patriotic favorites and more.

Peter Frampton: Let's Do It Again!
8 p.m. Friday, April 11
The Palladium

Printing Partners Encore Series

Just months after his Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction, Grammy-winning guitarist and singer-songwriter Peter Frampton is celebrating 60 years of touring by heading back out on the road for the “Let’s Do It Again!” tour. Frampton arose from the 1960s British rock scene as leader of the Herd and co-founder of Humble Pie, one of the first heavy rock supergroups. His solo breakthrough came with the 1976 double album *Frampton Comes Alive!*, which was the best-selling album of the year and remains one of the top live albums of all time.

Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

8 p.m. Saturday, April 12
The Palladium

Telamon Passport Series

Formed in 1985 as an antidote to mindless pop, egocentric rock and music business bluster, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain is still thrilling audiences from Tasmania to Carnegie Hall with offbeat humor and four-stringed virtuosity. There are no drums, pianos, backing tracks, guitars or electronic trickery, just an astonishing revelation of the rich palette of orchestration afforded by ukuleles and a menagerie of voices in a collision of post-punk performance and old classics. Come and celebrate their 40th anniversary with a white-knuckle shopping-trolley dash through nearly every musical genre, from ABBA to ZZ Top, Tchaikovsky to Nirvana, bluegrass to Broadway, all played on the “bonsai guitar.”



Photo provided

Pure Prairie League has returned, and you can see them April 5 in Carmel.

Bachelors of Broadway: Gentlemen of the Theatre

7 p.m. Sunday, April 13
The Palladium

Hoosier Village & The Barrington of Carmel Songbook Series

Take a trio of dashing men, add soaring melodies from stage and screen, refine the sound with contemporary three-part vocal harmony, and you’ve got a ticket to Bachelors of Broadway: Gentlemen of the Theatre. This exciting production features lush symphonic arrangements of songs from modern and classic musicals such as *Wicked*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Jersey Boys*, *42nd Street*, *Hamilton*, *Miss Saigon*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Les Miserables*, and many more. This fresh take on classic and contemporary songs marries the magic of Broadway with artful new musical settings.

Itzhak Perlman in Recital

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17
The Palladium

Classical Series

No violinist more beautifully captures and conveys the joy of music than Itzhak Perlman, the reigning virtuoso of violin. In this recital, he is joined by his musical partner of 25 years, Rohan De Silva, in a program celebrating the classical tradition through Perlman’s insightful and modern mastery of the violin and De Silva’s ingeniously fluid accompaniment. The program will feature works of Bach, Strauss and Schumann.

Micky Dolenz of the Monkees: An Evening of Songs & Stories

8 p.m. Friday, April 25
The Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Micky Dolenz is an actor, singer, director, producer, writer and radio DJ, best known as a vocalist and drummer for 1960s pop sensations the Monkees. The prefab band achieved great success not only as a TV series, but also as recording artists, selling more than 65 million records and achieving worldwide fame. Their first four albums topped the charts and spawned No. 1 singles including “Last Train to Clarksville” and “I’m a Believer,” both with lead vocals by Dolenz. Recent projects have included a four-song EP, *Dolenz Sings R.E.M.*, and a 2023 book of photos and stories titled *I’m Told I Had A Good Time*.

Black Violin

8 p.m. Saturday, April 26
The Palladium

Special Event

Violinist Kev Marcus and violist Wil Baptiste first played together at a performing arts high school in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Classically trained by day, they listened to hip-hop at night, and after college, they developed a club act that took them to a win on *Showtime at the Apollo*. Merging classical virtuosity and structure with modern beats and tones, they have worked with artists from Kanye West to Tom Petty, Lupe Fiasco to Aerosmith.

The Making of Our Planet with Dan Tapster

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29
The Palladium

Old Town Family Series

From the Emmy Award-winning team behind Netflix’s *Our Planet* series comes a new natural history speaker series: *The Making of Our Planet*. This immersive stage show features behind-the-scenes stories from the explorers, filmmakers and

scientists who created some of the most eye-catching footage of the natural world, with a focus on climate fragility and climate migration. Presenter Dan Tapster is an eight-time Emmy-nominated showrunner who began his career with the BBC Natural History Unit and has worked on series including *Sir David Attenborough’s Life of Mammals*, *MythBusters* (Discovery Channel), and *Life on Our Planet* (Netflix).

Other April activities include:

Peanut Butter & Jam: Figaro! The Bunny of Seville with Indy Opera

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5

The Palladium

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

This bite-sized version of Rossini’s famous comedic opera is filled with catchy tunes, silly antics, and lots of heart! Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions engage young children in the arts.

World Voice Day

6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10
The Palladium

Free

Singers of all ages and skill levels are invited to perform one song each during Allied Solutions Center’s annual World Voice Day celebration, as the Palladium stage is transformed into a public cabaret. Doors open at 6 p.m. for sign-up; limited to the first 30 registrants. For accompaniment, singers can bring their own instruments, recorded tracks, or sheet music for the piano accompanist.

Palladium Bookies

6:30 p.m. April 14

The Palladium

Free; RSVP to

Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org

The Palladium Bookies meet every other month to discuss books about the performing arts or related to upcoming performances. Social time is followed by breakout sessions for in-depth discussion. The April selection is *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Live at the Center: PsyWrn Simone
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22

Online and at the Tarkington



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

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

AshLee “PsyWrn Simone” Baskin is an Indianapolis-based performing artist and arts advocate/educator, known for blending activism and art in collaborations with bands, collectives and prominent musicians. Her genre-blending musical style has been described as “Neo-Afro Soul with a side of funk.” She has been a featured artist at the Indy Arts Council’s annual Art & Soul Celebration and in projects with the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra.

From the Center’s Resident Companies

- Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre: *Spring Equinox* – 7 p.m. Friday, April 4; 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at The Tarkington
- Indiana Wind Symphony: *Dancing in the Streets* – 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at The Studio Theater
- Civic Theatre: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* – April 25 to May 10 at The Tarkington
- Actors Theatre of Indiana: *9 to 5* – April 25 to May 11 at The Studio Theater



“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.

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Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060

Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060

Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;

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Severe weather preparation: how to find a reputable contractor

Severe weather season is just around the corner in Indiana. In a matter of minutes, Mother Nature can inflict considerable damage to homes, farms, businesses, vehicles, and other property. It's important to familiarize yourself with the steps to find a reputable contractor before severe weather hits.

As the executive director of claims at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, I see Hoosiers impacted by damage from wind, hail, lightning, flooding, and tornadoes each spring. According to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana has experienced 1,500 tornadoes since 1950. In 2023, there were 54 tornadoes in the state.

Selecting a quality contractor can be a daunting task under normal conditions. Looking for a reputable contractor after experiencing storm damage comes with added stress and anxiety. However, if you learn and follow these guidelines, you will be less likely to hire a scammer or illegitimate contractor.



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mate contractor.

1. Get multiple bids

This first step is crucial. Each contractor will have varying prices based on materials and their methods of repairing the damage. Be diligent and get at least three bids for your project. That will give you a better understanding of fair pricing and help you avoid overpaying. Remember, the cheapest bid may not be the best option, and the most expensive bid doesn't guarantee quality either. Take the time to review each bid's details by looking at materials, labor costs, and the proposed project timeline.

2. Don't rush your decision

It's natural to want to complete repairs quickly after experiencing storm damage. However, rushed decisions may lead to costly mistakes in judgment. If a contractor pressures you to make a quick decision on a proposal, that's a red flag. Trust your instincts and take the time needed to understand the proposal. Ask questions and get the an-

swers you need before you commit to a contractor.

3. Be wary of the perfect proposal

Unfortunately, scammers prey on people after damaging storms roll through. They aim to take advantage of the chaos. If you receive a proposal that promises abnormally low prices, quick timelines, and perfect repairs, do not take it at face value. The Better Business Bureau advises against hiring contractors who use high-pressure sales techniques, ask you to sign an insurance check over to them, or request full payment up-front.

4. Ask for recommendations

You likely know a friend, co-worker, or family member who has had to hire a contractor for repairs around their home. Take advantage of that trusted network. The people you have a personal relationship with are much more likely to provide an honest review of their experience. Your claims representative can help provide suggestions as well. At Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, our representatives work closely with contractors and know the

warning signs of unreliable contractors.

5. Check the credentials

Before you enter a contract, ask for proof of insurance, licensure, and additional credentials. A reputable contractor will have no problem providing this information. Knowing that these credentials are in good standing will help give you peace of mind as you make your hiring decision. During this step, ask for references or examples of their previous work.

Hopefully, you won't experience storm damage this severe weather season, but it's always best to have a plan in place. Remember to take your time, do your research and confirm those credentials. Following these steps will help you find a reputable contractor and receive the quality work you deserve.

Darrin Walton is the executive director of claims at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the only insurance company fully based in Indiana with its headquarters in Indianapolis and offices in all 92 counties. Walton is an experienced claims professional with 35 years in the field.

State Comptroller votes for non-ESG policy for public retirement savings plan

Submitted by Office of the Comptroller

State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla recently voted to further ensure investment



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options for the state's deferred compensation retirement plan, Hoosier START, are chosen and monitored for the prioritization of objective financial factors over non-financial environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors.

"By focusing solely on financial factors, we not only prioritize the best possible retirement investment options for State of Indiana employees and retirees, but also uphold our fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of plan participants," Comptroller Nieshalla said. "This policy amendment adds an additional safeguard for participant's retirement funds."

The Indiana Deferred Compensation Committee voted unanimously to amend the State of Indiana Public Employees' Hoosier START Plans' Investment Policy Statement as follows:

The Committee must objectively select and evaluate the Plans' investment options based on financial factors. No weight will be given

to non-financial factors that further social, political, or ideological interests when designing the Plans' investment menu and conducting ongoing monitoring of the investment options offered outside of the Self-Directed Brokerage Account. A dedicated focus on fiduciary duty requires that divergent positions on matters of public policy are best resolved by officials who can be held accountable through the democratic process by their constituencies.

The Committee serves as the board that oversees investment options for the Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan/Hoosier START, which is available to both state employees and local units of government that opt to participate.

In calendar year, 2024, Hoosier START participants who solely held the default Target Date options benefited from returns between 6.9 percent and 12.8 percent. The State Comptroller's Office is the administrator of Hoosier START.

For more information about the Plan, please visit in.gov/Comptroller/HoosierSTART.

Don't overlook free options for preparing and filing taxes in 2025

The REPORTER

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) encourages taxpayers who have yet to prepare and file their tax returns to consider taking advantage of the free options available – including IRS Free File, which is free tax preparation software provided through the IRS's partners. The IRS also offers free, in-person, help through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.

IRS Free File

Most taxpayers can file electronically for free by using IRS Free File, available only on IRS.gov.

Currently in its 23rd year, IRS Free File offers free tax preparation software from eight companies in the public-private part-

nership with the IRS. As part of this partnership, tax preparation and filing software partners offer their online products to eligible taxpayers for free.

This year IRS Free File guided tax software products are available to taxpayers with a 2024 adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$84,000 or less. IRS Free File also provides fillable forms for use by any taxpayer, regardless of income, who is comfortable preparing their own return. To access these free tools, taxpayers must start from the IRS Free File page on IRS.gov.

Other free options to file tax returns

In addition to Direct File and IRS Free File, the IRS reminds taxpayers that there are other free programs available to help:



- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Tax Counseling for the Elderly.** Taxpayers can find organizations in their community with IRS certified volunteers that provide [free tax help](#) for eligible taxpayers including working families, the elderly, the disabled and people who speak limited English.

- **MitTax.** A Department of Defense program, **MitTax** generally offers free return preparation and electronic filing software for federal income tax returns and up to three state income tax returns for all military

members, and some veterans, with no income limit.

Beware of scams

Criminals often impersonate IRS employees and sound very convincing when calling taxpayers in aggressive and sophisticated ways. Taxpayers should stay vigilant and be alert to scams when dealing with taxes.

The IRS usually contacts taxpayers with a letter in the mail explaining what they owe and how to question or appeal what they owe. The IRS will not call, text or contact anyone via social media, specifically, to demand immediate tax payment.

If taxpayers are unsure whether they owe money to the IRS, they can view their tax information using their [Online Account](#) on IRS.gov.

Illegal gambling website rolls the dice trying to mislead Hoosiers into thinking it's affiliated with Indiana's licensed casinos

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and the Indiana Gaming Commission are alerting Hoosiers to an illegal gambling website and social media ads posing as licensed Indiana casino companies to deceive consumers.

"Educating the public about this scheme is a critical step to preventing scammers who are taking their chances at hustling a profit off unsuspecting Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "A little bit of awareness goes a long way toward enabling individuals to exercise good judgment and to steer clear of fraudsters."

Not only does the website violate Indiana law, but it also lacks required consumer protections that are in place for authorized and state regulated online gaming. These protections include ensuring that patrons have access to their funds, that minors cannot participate, and that responsible gaming measures are in place.

Ads identified on the social media platform Face-

book, owned by Meta, are using the names and branding of various Indiana casinos without authorizing to trick Hoosiers into thinking that it is a legitimate online gaming site and includes those protections.

The Office of the Attorney General and Indiana Gaming Commission are seeking action against the entities responsible for the deceptive ads identified on the social media platform Facebook, owned by Meta.

In Indiana, the only online gambling that is currently authorized and regulated by the Indiana Gaming Commission is sports wagering. Consumers should follow these simple steps before providing any personal or payment information.

- Confirm the company is licensed and authorized to conduct sports wagering activities online at in.gov/igc/sports-wagering-and-paid-fantasy-sports.



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- Before clicking on a social media ad, view "About the advertiser" and confirm the profile name matches the company name. [Click here](#) to view an example.

- Watch out for ads running under generic names like "Online Games."

- Make sure online ads link to the company's official website URL. You can always go directly to the company's website if you are unsure.

Individuals who suspect illegal gambling activity are encouraged to report it to the Indiana Gaming Commission via its confidential hotline at 1(866) 610-TIPS or online at in.gov/igc/tip-line.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General about any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers can file a complaint by visiting indianaconsumer.com or calling 1-800-382-5516.

Sen. Young & colleagues lead letter supporting offensive cyber capabilities

Submitted by Office of Sen. Todd Young

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined 11 of his Senate Republican colleagues in sending a letter to President Donald J. Trump to express the strong support among Senate Republicans for the President's peace through strength agenda and to highlight the need for increased U.S. offensive cyber capabilities to reestablish deterrence against China.

The letter outlines a series of China-backed cyber attacks and espionage campaigns during the Biden administration that saw Chinese actors burrow into critical infrastructure systems, spy on millions of Americans – including President Trump himself – through compromised U.S. telecommunications

providers, and hack into sensitive U.S. Government systems.

"Mr. President, it is clear that deterrence must be restored in the cyber domain," the senators wrote. "It is unacceptable for China and our other enemies to conduct such brazen cyber-attacks against our government and the American people. We urge you to take strong, decisive action to secure America's critical networks from PRC threats. We stand ready to support you and your administration in imposing higher costs on adversaries who attack our country in the cyber domain, improving our cyber defenses, and increasing U.S. offensive capabilities to conduct cyber operations."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the letter.



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

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025, has been canceled.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

The Jackson Township Merit Commission will meet in an executive session at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in executive session pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Southeastern Consolidated School Building Corporation will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Hamilton Southeastern Schools Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

The purpose of said meeting is to consider (i) approving the form of a second amendment lease for the existing Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School (the “Second Amendment to HIJH Lease”), and (ii) conducting any and all other business as may properly come before said meeting. A copy of all of the documents which will be considered are available at the Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

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— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF TIPTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

CTI-V-02-25 City of Tipton

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tipton Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 26th day of March 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton City Building, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CTI-V-02-25 City of Tipton, owner, Tipton Main Street, petitioner, requests one (1) use variance to construct a 22’ x 16’ outdoor stage in the B-1 Traditional Downtown Business zoning district for an outdoor theater, and one (1) development standard variance to reduce the rear setback from ten (10) feet to two (2) feet four (4) inches.

The property is a parcel currently utilized as City green space, located at or near 107 East Jefferson.

The property is more fully described as:

A part of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 10 of the Original Plat of the City of Tipton, Tipton County, Indiana, being described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 3, thence North 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds West (Indiana State Plan Coordinate System – East Zone) along the East Right of Way line for Court Street, a distance of 198.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 1, thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East along the North line of said Lot 1, a distance of 127.13 feet; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 127.37 feet; thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 127.37 feet; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 0.63 feet; thence North 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 43.50 feet to the West Right of Way line for Independence Street; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East along said West Right of Way line, a distance of 8.00 feet to the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds West along the North line of said Lot 3, a distance of 99.00 feet; thence South 01 degree 27 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 66.00 feet to the South line of said Lot 3; thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes 24 seconds West along said Sough line, a distance of 99.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 0.55 acres, more or less.


Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections may be submitted in writing in the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton Board of Zoning Appeals
R5880 3/14/25, 3/17/25

Michael Allen “Butch” Barrick

September 24, 1951 – March 10, 2025



Michael Allen “Butch” Barrick, 73, Columbus, Ind., formerly of Sheridan, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Monday morning, March 10, 2025, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. Born September 24, 1951, in Noblesville, he was the son of Charles Guy “Bud” and Mary Jean (Wallace) Barrick.

He was a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church.

Butch grew up in Sheridan and was a 1969 graduate of Marion-Adams High School (now Sheridan Community Schools). During his high school years, he was proud to play football for the Blackhawks. Though his time on the field was memorable, it was his time off the field that was life changing. Butch met the love of his life, Chris, in Algebra class. For anyone who has questioned the importance of advanced mathematics, this is one very good example.

He went to work for Indiana Bell in 1971, where he worked as a lineman, and retired from the company in 2002. Butch always loved hunting and fishing as a youth, and his love of the outdoors continued into adulthood. Retirement afforded Butch more time to devote to the things he loved most: family vacations to Gulf Shores and fishing, especially off the piers.

He was an amazing husband, father, and papaw who loved his family very much, and he will be forever missed by everyone who was blessed to have him in their lives.

Butch is survived by his parents, Charles Guy “Bud” and Mary Jean (Wallace) Barrick of Sheridan; and by his loving wife of 53 years, Christine “Chris” Barrick. She and Butch were married on October 16, 1971. Also surviving are his children, Brian Barrick (Gina) and Michelle Barrick Paine (Andrew); three grandchildren, Tobi Barrick Paine, Gibson Barrick, and Charlie Barrick; three brothers, Chuck Barrick (Sandy), David Barrick (Cathy), and Steve Barrick (Mira); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Randy Barrick.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Jeff Jones will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

TODAY’S BIBLE READING


THE MATERIALS USED

The silver obtained from those of the community who were counted in the census was 100 talents and 1,775 shekels, according to the sanctuary shekel—one beka per person, that is, half a shekel, according to the sanctuary shekel, from everyone who had crossed over to those counted, twenty years old or more, a total of 603,550 men. The 100 talents of silver were used to cast the bases for the sanctuary and for the curtain—100 bases from the 100 talents, one talent for each base. They used the 1,775 shekels to make the hooks for the posts, to overlay the tops of the posts, and to make their bands.

Exodus 38:25-28 (NIV)

Darlene Downing Overdorf

July 27, 1935 – March 10, 2025



Darlene Downing Overdorf, 89, Cicero, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2025, at The Waters of Tipton. Darlene was born in Elwood on July 27, 1935, to Samuel Garver and Jessie (Jordan) Downing. She married Walter Clyde “Walt” Overdorf on June 5, 1953, and they were married for 69 years until his passing on October 20, 2022.

Darlene had worked in Food Service for the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. She was a graduate of Windfall High School in the Class of 1953. Darlene was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton and served as a Deacon and also sang in the choir. She was a member of the Helping Hands Extension Homemakers and enjoyed reading, crocheting, and doing word-search puzzles.

Survivors include her three children, Jill Overdorf Leach, Cicero, Bradley Overdorf, Noblesville, and Wade Overdorf and wife Rhonda of Cicero; seven grandchildren, Beth Overdorf Cline, John Leach, Allen Overdorf, Stephen Overdorf, Joe Overdorf, Elizabeth Ann Davis, and Rachel Netherton; as well as several great-grandchildren.

Darlene’s funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 14 at the First Presbyterian Church in Tipton with Pastor Phil Votaw presiding. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the Church.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to assist the Overdorf family in their time of need. Condolences for the family may be left on Darlene’s obituary page at young-nichols.com.

Memorial donations in honor of Darlene should be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Jefferson St., Tipton, IN 46072.

Darlene’s family would like to thank the staff at Miller’s Merry Manor/The Waters of Tipton for the excellent care they provided her over the last several years.

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Girls Basketball

Southeastern's Makalusky named Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year

The REPORTER

In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade announced Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year on Thursday.

Makalusky is the second Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hamilton Southeastern High School, joining Sydney Parrish, who won the award in 2018-19.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Makalusky as Indiana's best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minn.) and Joyce Edwards (2023-

24, Camden High School, S.C.).

The 6-foot-4 senior shooting guard averaged 22.1 points and 6.8 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Royals (27-1) to the Class 4A semi-state championship game. Makalusky also contributed 1.8 steals and 1.3 assists per game while shooting 40.1 percent from 3-point range and 80.3 percent from the free throw line. A two-time First Team All-State selection by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association, she's ranked as the nation's No. 35 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN. She concluded her prep basketball career with 1,933 points.

Makalusky has volunteered locally supporting intellectually and physically challenged youth with Best Buddies as well as her school's Unified basketball and track teams. She has also donated her time as an assistant with HSE's exceptional learners program. "Maya is an incredible shooter," said Kelsey Steele, head coach of West-

field High School. "She has expanded her game to being able to finish through contact this season. She has impacted her team's success tremendously."

Makalusky has maintained a 3.72 grade-point average in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of intent to play basketball at Indiana University this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports — football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field — and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Makalusky joins recent

Gatorade Indiana Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jaylah Lampley (2023-24, Lawrence Central High School), Laila Hull (2022-23, Zionsville Community High School), Ashlynn Shade (2021-22, Noblesville High School) and Jessica Carrothers (2020-21, Crown Point High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow along on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY), and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).



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Hamilton Southeastern senior Maya Makalusky was named the Gatorade Indiana Basketball Player of the Year. Makalusky led the Royals to a 27-1 record this season and an appearance in the IHSAA semi-state championship game.

Fishers' Schellhammer named to girls Futures Game roster

The REPORTER

Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer is among the 24 players that have been named to the rosters for the 2025 *IndyStar* girls' All-Star "Futures Game," games director Mike Broughton announced Thursday.

The Futures Games, one each for boys and girls, are a third-year part of the Indiana All-Star basketball program. The Futures Games will pair teams of current Indiana freshmen and sophomores in a North-South format. The third annual Futures Games doubleheader will be June 2 at Fishers High School. The girls' game is set for 6 p.m., and the boys' game will follow about 8 p.m.

Schellhammer will be one of the 12 players competing on the North Team for the 2025 Futures game. She will be joined by freshmen Delaney Noll and Suzy Perego of Homestead, Fort Wayne Snider freshman Janaya Cooper, McCutcheon sophomore Lillie Graves, Marion freshman Nyomi Hahn, Penn freshman Addison Hummel, Pendleton Heights sophomore Adah Hupfer, Merrillville sophomore Malika Jenkins, Westville freshman Hillary Labis, Hammond Morton sophomore Kylah Patterson and Northridge sophomore Lily Scholl.

Players selected for the 2025 South Team are Evansville Memorial sophomore Rylee Canaan, Logansport sophomore Alaina Diamond, Franklin Central sophomore Payton DuVall, South Knox sopho-

more Kendal Hill, Heritage Christian freshman Riley Johnson, Eastern Hancock sophomore McKenzie Koch, Greensburg sophomore Claire Larrison, Runcall sophomore Elliot Leffler, Plainfield sophomore Hannah Menser, Gibson Southern sophomore Paige Schnaus, Cathedral freshman Caroline Wiggins and Mt. Vernon (Fortville) freshman Zoey Wood.

Koch, Schnaus, Menser and Graves all played in the 2024 girls' Futures Game, where the South prevailed 95-86. Koch totaled seven points, two rebounds and three assists for the South. Schnaus added six points and one rebound, while Menser chipped in three points, four rebounds and two assists for the South. Graves had five points, three rebounds and three assists for the North.

Wes Radtke of Class 2A state runner-up Rensselaer Central is head coach of the North Team. He will be assisted by Brad Bowsman of Twin Lakes. Hollie Anson-Eaves of 2A state champion South Knox is head coach of the South Team. She will be assisted by Matt Vick of 1A state champion Borden.

Radtke is 145-73 in nine seasons as head coach at Rensselaer Central. Bowsman has posted a 303-218 mark in 22 seasons at Twin Lakes, including two sectional titles and one regional crown. Anson-Eaves has amassed a record of 177-110 in 11 seasons with previous sectional titles in 2017 and 2019. Vick is



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Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer is one of 24 players that have been named to the rosters for the 2025 *IndyStar* girls' All-Star "Futures Game." Schellhammer will play on the North team.

106-84 in eight seasons at Borden.

Players and coaches for the All-Star Futures

Games are selected by a Futures Games committee

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Noblesville Youth Baseball's Opening Day is April 19

The REPORTER

Noblesville Youth Baseball is inviting the community to attend its Opening Day on Saturday, April 19.

The festivities begin at 9 a.m. with bounce houses, live music from Mik the Music Man, and entertainment on Field 5 by Brad Farber of Farber Productions. Kids can enjoy a great time in the Nathan Suddarth Kids Zone. The NWMS Band, led by Stacey White, will perform to energize the crowd.

Local leaders will gather at Bobby's Bullpen for a ceremony at 9:30 a.m., after which teams will line up on Field 7 for the Parade of Teams, representing their respective grades.

At 10 a.m., the official Opening Ceremony will commence. Adrienne Colla will welcome all attendees and take a moment to honor those who contribute to the success of the league, including the Board Members and Executive Board. Additionally, NYB will recognize community members and companies that sponsored the new scoreboards.

A special highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Bobby A. Mills Person of the Year Award, followed by the Stutesman Award, which recognizes both the 2023 winner, Jeff Stutesman, and this year's recipient, Aiden Shamo.

At 10:25 a.m., everyone will look to the sky for a possible flyover by Sky Dive Indy (pending confirmation). Shortly after, the NWMS Band will lead the National Anthem at 10:30 a.m., culminating in the ceremonial first pitch.

Before the games begin, everyone will join in a league-wide sing-along of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at 10:35 a.m.

NYB's Opening Day celebration will reflect the strength of our community and the joy of the game, and showcases the hard work of the volunteers, coaches, and families who make it all happen.

Noblesville Youth Baseball's fields are located behind Hazel Dell Elementary School, 3025 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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-6.8% Price Decrease 2/24 vs. 2/25	Months of Inventory Change 17.9% 2/24 vs. 2/25	Interest Rates 30-Year Fixed 6.75% With an APR of 6.865%
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co-chaired by Broughton and Bill Zych, a retired coach who amassed a 478-375 record over 37 seasons while a head coach at Winamac, Rensselaer Central, Jay County, Center Grove, Shelbyville, Perry Meridian, Pike and Southport.

The North and South each has won once in girls' Futures Game history, while the South boys lead 2-0 in their series with the North.

The North prevailed 73-63 in the inaugural girls' game in 2023 as Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern scored 15 points for the winners. Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central netted 12 points for the South that year.

Last year, Lola Lampley of Lawrence Central scored 17 points and Maddy Shirley of Evansville Central added 14 points as the South won 95-86. Myah Epps of Homestead countered with 17 points and Laniah Davis of Marquette Catholic had 13 points for the North.

Braylon Mullins of Greenfield Central totaled 16 points and Azavier Robinson of Lawrence North netted 14 points as the South won 100-96 in the 2023 boys' game. Flory Bindunga of Kokomo had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the North that year.

In the 2024 boys' game, Jaylan Mitchell of Evansville Reitz scored 22 points, Julian Smith of Mount Vernon (and now Cathedral) provided 20 points and DeZhon Hall of Pike had 17 points as the South pulled out a 116-113 decision. Kai McGrew of Lawrence North scored 17 points, Jason Gardner Jr. of Fishers tallied 16 points and Reginald Hinton of Gary West had 15 points for the North.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana boys' All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The All-Star series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The Futures Games doubleheader was added in 2023.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The Indianapolis Star, with its IndyStar brand, is the title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academy is a presenting partner for All-Star week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner for the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.

White commits to Wabash

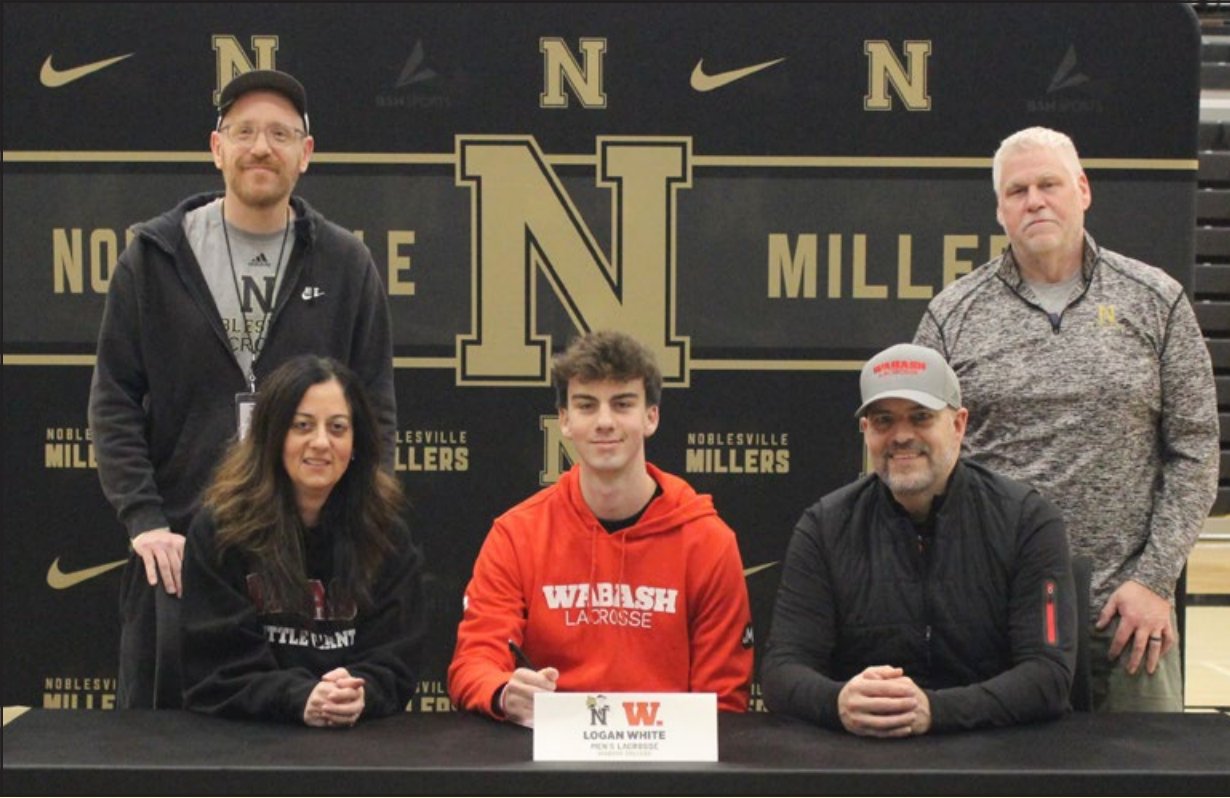


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Noblesville's Logan White has committed to the Wabash College men's lacrosse team. (Front row, from left) Tina White (mother), Logan White, and Mike White (father). (Back row, from left) Mark Milam (Noblesville Boys Lacrosse Head Coach) and Richard Atkins (Noblesville Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach).

Men's Basketball

Dennis' career-high 33 points propels Mad Ants past Bulls

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants returned to the Chicago suburbs on Thursday night to take on the Windy City Bulls. Indiana got back to their winning ways with a 114-97 victory over their regional rivals. RayJ Dennis led the way with a career-high 33 points. Dakota Mathias also contributed with 24 points.

Two-way players RayJ Dennis and Enrique Freeman joined the Mad Ants for the trip to Windy City. It was Dennis who scored the first points of the night. The Illinois native drove past his defender and made a floater of the glass.

Halfway through the first quarter, Jahlil Okafor bullied his way through the paint and scored with a close-range hook shot. The Chicago native made his first

three field goals of the night in front of friends and family members.

In the final minutes of the quarter, De'Vion Harmon added to the Mad Ants with a running layup. Next possession, Freeman was fouled and made a one-for-two free throw. Under a minute to go, Boogie Ellis knocked down a three-pointer. With time running out, Freeman beat the buzzer with a layup. He was fouled on the play and made a three throw to convert the three-point play. Indiana had a 34-32 lead. Dennis led all scorers with 13 first-quarter points.

Josiah-Jordan James scored the first points of the second quarter for Indiana. The Tennessee alum caught a pass in the corner and drive to the paint for a left-handed layup. On the next possession, Dakota Mathias con-

nected on a mid-range jumper. The Mad Ants trailed 39-38 with 10 minutes remaining in the first half.

Trailing by three with seven minutes left, Okafor went to work for the Mad Ants. The Duke alum made layups on consecutive possessions to regain the lead for Indiana. The 29-year-old was successful on his first six field goal attempts. Next time down the floor, Mathias added to the lead with a three-pointer.

With 2:34 left in the first half, the Mad Ants had a 59-51 advantage. A minute later, Mathias added to the lead with a contested three ball. The Ohio native connected again from downtown on the following possession. At the end of the first half, Indiana had a 65-62 lead. Dennis led all scorers with 17 points in the first half.

Dennis' 28 points led the club heading into the fourth quarter.

Okafor scored the first points for Indiana in the fourth quarter. Battling with his defender on the block, the 29-year-old scored with a layup. Okafor made 8 of his first 11 field goals Thursday night.

With 6:47 left in regulation, Indiana had a 100-93 lead over Windy City. Nearly a minute later, Dennis scored once again with a close-range floater. The field goal was his 11th of the night and gave him 30 points.

Indiana pulled away from the Bulls in the later part of the quarter. With 2:15 to go, Indiana had a 112-95 lead. Dennis drained another three giving him a new career high in points and made three-pointers.

The Mad Ants exited Illinois with a victory. The win officially eliminated Windy City from the postseason.

The Indiana Mad Ants remain on the road for their next three games. The club will head to Capital City on Wednesday for a 1 p.m. matchup with the Go-Go. The following day, Indiana returns to Delaware for an 11 a.m. tip-off.

The road trip concludes on March 22 with the Mad Ants returning to Windy City to face the Bulls. The final Mad Ants home game of the regular season comes on March 24 against the Windy City Bulls. Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Look for regional previews for the Fishers and Guerin Catholic boys basketball teams in Saturday's Reporter

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 14

BOYS LACROSSE

South Oldham (Ky.) at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Crown Point at Carmel, 8 p.m.

Fishers at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Center Grove at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

At Lebanon

University vs. Triton Central, 1 p.m.

At Greenfield-Central

Guerin Catholic vs. New Palestine, 4 p.m.

At Frankfort

Fishers vs. Harrison, 7 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Northridge at Westfield, 12:30 p.m.

South Bend St. Joseph at Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m.

Evansville Memorial at Hamilton Southeastern, 2 p.m.

Louisville St. Xavier at Carmel, 4 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Fishers at Crown Point, 10:30 a.m.

Kentucky Country Day at Carmel, noon

Westfield at Evansville Memorial, 2:30 p.m.

Evansville North at Noblesville, 4 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel boys, Guerin Catholic at University of Indianapolis tournament, 10 a.m.

Carmel girls, Hamilton Heights, Westfield at Indiana Wesleyan tournament, 10 a.m.

University at Purdue HSR qualifier, 10 a.m.

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