

Noblesville Schools announces first Hall of Fame inductees

Submitted

Noblesville Schools has announced eight inaugural inductees into its new Hall of Fame.

“These individuals have made a significant, positive impact on our schools and the Noblesville community, and are more than worthy of this recognition,” Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. “We’re pleased to officially and permanently honor their legacy with Noblesville Schools and look forward to celebrating them with their family and friends at our Hall of Fame induction ceremony later this year.”

The honorees are:

Richard Dellinger

Richard (Dick) Dellinger joined Noblesville High School in 1959 as a government teacher and spent almost 40 years inspiring thousands, including fellow Hall of Fame honoree Kathy Kreag Williams, who attributes her involvement with government to Dellinger. A beloved educator, senior class sponsor, “Voice of the Millers,” 150th anniversary Noble Miller, and longtime state legislator representing Noblesville, Dellinger was an active community contributor during his lifetime



(From left to right, top to bottom) The first Hall of Fame inductees are Dick Dellinger, Vickie Ely, Julia Church Kozicki, John Land, Bryan Mills, Tony Oilar, Rick Towle, and Kathy Kreag Williams.

and a proud reflection of Noblesville Schools.

Vickie Ely

Vickie Ely graduated from Noblesville High School, married her NHS sweetheart, and began working at Noblesville Schools washing dishes in the NHS cafeteria at the age of 18. She worked her way up to man-

aging the cafeteria and a staff of 20 employees, serving millions of school meals over 40 years of service. Ely is a hard worker, always willing to adapt and learn new skills. Serving lunch was more than just a job to her and she is especially known for her kind leadership, care for students, and love for Noblesville Schools.

Julia Church Kozicki

A Noblesville High School graduate, *Jeopardy!* champion, and one of the longest-serving school board members in Noblesville Schools history, Julia Church Kozicki is known not only for her numerous influential

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The balancing act: cooking, career & community

Life in the U.S. required more than just adapting to a new kitchen – it meant juggling multiple roles.

Back in India, household tasks were often shared. Cooking was a communal experience, supported by extended family and household help. Chopping vegetables, grinding fresh spices, and preparing meals were collective efforts that made the kitchen a space of togetherness rather than just a place of work.

When I moved here, the dynamic changed. Suddenly, my husband and I were juggling between work and being Uber parents for our girls and their extracurriculars – all while managing the responsibilities of running a household. The transition was overwhelming at first. I missed the comforting rhythm of home, where meals were slow-cooked with patience and food was a bridge to connection. But amid the chaos, I found my anchor: food itself.

In today’s fast-paced world, we all look for ways to simplify cooking while keeping meals fresh and nourishing. While convenience is essential, I still hold onto the wisdom of slow cooking, fresh ingredients, and mindful preparation – practices deeply rooted in my upbringing. I’ve learned that balancing tradition with modern efficiency is key. Weekly meal prepping, batch cooking, and embracing new ingredients allow me to nourish my family while staying true to my roots. Keeping a balanced diet and incorporating Satvik food into our meals is my comfort – it keeps me grounded, energized, and connected to my heritage.

One thing we have made a point to prioritize is having at least one meal together as a family. No matter how busy the day gets, sitting down at the table allows us to wind down, share reflections, and stay connected. These moments, however simple, reinforce the idea that food is more than sustenance – it is a time to pause, listen, and be present with one another.



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

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Noblesville, Carmel & Westfield Lions assist Gleaners in March



On Tuesday, March 11, the Lions clubs from Noblesville, Carmel, and Westfield assisted Gleaners Food Pantry with their monthly mobile pantry at Grand Park in Westfield. A total of 134 families received donations from the pantry. (From left) Joe Connerley, Scott Willis, Linda Williamson, Jerry Baker, Ron Williamson, Steve Shaw, Jeanne Auffrey, Jim Foote, Ron Sinicki, Don Collins, Bill Ryan, Amber Best, Matt Best, and Jeff Kozicki. Not pictured are Mark Bachar and Ron and Tiny Ekes.



Kroger says it anticipates a ribbon-cutting on the new Marketplace in mid-2026.

Kroger breaks ground on new Marketplace at 146th Street & Howe Road in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Kroger broke ground Thursday on its latest major investment in central Indiana. The grocer will build another Kroger Marketplace, this time in Noblesville. Construction will begin soon at the northeast corner of 146th Street and Howe Road, preparing a new level of service in another rapidly growing area of Hamilton County.

“This is an exciting time to

be in Noblesville,” Kroger Central Division President Colleen Juergensen said. “Kroger is thrilled to have such an important role in the awesome transformation taking place here. Our investment in this new store means Kroger is growing with Noblesville, supporting the city’s ideals of commerce, culture and community. We’re confident the new store will complement the quality of life

that’s drawing people here.”

The new Kroger Marketplace will span nearly 123,000 square feet, room enough for more than two standard football fields under one roof. With the additional size the new store will feature wider aisles, Murray’s Cheese and expanded deli options, Starbucks, popcorn made fresh in the store and an array of features that provide exceptional convenience and

value for Kroger customers in Noblesville.

“We look forward to welcoming the Kroger Marketplace to Noblesville,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This new location will increase access to quality ingredients and provide more shopping options for our growing community. Kroger’s commitment to giving back to

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Time flies: should school start later?

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

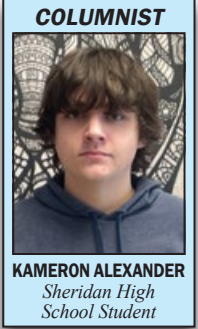
Have you ever thought about the start time of schools? What time did your school start? Over the course of this essay I will describe both the pros and cons of school starting at a later time.

First, I will describe the pros of school starting later. The three main ideas that will be improved are attendance, attention, and grades. These benefits will mostly be centered at a high-school level due to the difference between adolescents’ brains and adult brains.

As a person’s brain develops rapidly during their teen years, they may need more sleep to help them function properly. That’s why school starting at 9 a.m. would be more beneficial to high school students.

For my first improvement, which is attendance, studies from the American Psychological Association ([apa.org](https://www.apa.org)) show that when students get more sleep they are more likely to attend school long term. People may ask “Why don’t the kids just go to sleep earlier?” Well, this is because during puberty hormonal shifts happen in the body that push kids to fall asleep later. This means that the problem is not as simple as it may seem, adding more credibility for a late start.

Secondly, there is a student’s attention to consider. Studies show that having well rested students prevents a myriad of problems that involve attention: “Later start times were correlated with better attendance, less tardiness, less falling asleep in class, better grades, and fewer car crashes” ([apa.org](https://www.apa.org)). All of these problems shown are mostly attention-based. A later start time would not only benefit a student’s grade, but it would also benefit early morning commuters. With fewer car crashes associated with a later start time, commuters as well as students would benefit. Many area businesses also have their start time at 8 a.m., creating more traffic.



KAMERON ALEXANDER
Sheridan High School Student

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Next, I will move onto the cons. Perhaps the main cons of a late start school are the disruption of schedules, logistics of transportation, and extracurricular activities being moved later. These flaws are the main reasons that a late start has not been adapted by more school systems.

I will tackle the first two cons as they tie in together. The main problem that disrupts schedules is that the benefits of a late start are only seen at a high-school and middle-school level; this means there is no need for a late start in elementary school. This can pose a challenge as parents may need to leave earlier than the time the late-start bus arrives, meaning they will have to leave some kids at home. If the parents take their kids to school and some children start late and others don't, it can lead to a difficulty balancing getting kids to school and arriving at work.

It also leads to an even

bigger problem which is bus routes. Schools within a school system starting at different times means that buses need separate routes to accommodate the start times. This means that bus drivers need to be working and buses need to be driving longer.

For the last con of extracurricular activities, they pose a challenge as kids will need to be away from home later. Due to school ending later, extracurriculars will begin and end much later. This can dampen the amount of participation in these activities as either the kids or their parents will not want them to stay out later and impede on family activities such as dinner.

Has this essay changed your mind? This topic is important, and I believe improving the learning experience in school is necessary. More school districts should look into a late start for improving the learning environment of their schools. Isn't that why we are at school anyway – to learn?

HALL OF FAME

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contributions to the district, but also her state leadership in school law, finance, and policy. Kozicki championed multiple referendum campaigns, served on the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation board, led several community organizations, and has received numerous recognition honors including being named a 150th anniversary Noble Miller.

John Land

A Noblesville High School graduate and former Noblesville Schools educator and principal for nearly 40 years, John Land was the first to lead Hazel Dell Elementary when it opened in 1989 and was adored by students, staff, and families throughout his years of service. A humble leader, he advocated for others, created a culture of excellence and belonging, and had a gift for making everyone in his school feel special. When he wasn't cheering on the Millers and supporting students, he was creating a lasting legacy of compassion and community.

Bryan Mills

Noblesville High School graduate, 150th anniversary Noble Miller, and distin-

guished central Indiana community leader, Bryan Mills maintains his strong Noblesville roots. He is an attentive and generous supporter of Noblesville Schools, Noblesville Youth Baseball, the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, and United Way of Central Indiana. A Sunday school teacher and former coach, in addition to his role as CEO of Community Health, Mills was instrumental in developing a new partnership to provide enhanced mental health services to students and staff at Noblesville Schools.

Tony Oilar

A Noblesville Schools institution for more than 40 years, rumor has it that former educator, coach, and athletic director Tony Oilar bleeds black and gold. Oilar is respected for his strong relationships with students, coaches, teachers, and community members, his deep knowledge of Millers history, and his strong work ethic. A 150th anniversary Noble Miller, Miller Backers supporter, and member of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, his passion for athletics has helped

lead thousands of Millers to victory.

Rick Towle

Rick Towle was at the heart of middle school education in Noblesville for nearly 40 years and is a 150th anniversary Noble Miller. Formerly a science teacher at Noblesville East Middle School, he is known for creating an outdoor education center, leading students to the rainforest, coaching, directing drama productions, serving as an assistant athletic director, managing AV, catering meals, running food drives, and much more. His wealth of knowledge and unwavering support of students and staff made him a respected leader and mentor to many.

Kathy Kreag Williams

Perhaps one of the most well-known Millers fans, Noblesville High School graduate Kathy Kreag Williams can frequently be seen at events demonstrating her black and gold pride. Noblesville's representative in the Indiana House for 26 years, Williams is a dedicated school supporter. A Miller Ambassador and 150th anniversary Noble Miller, she was a leader in

the NHS Alumni Association for many years and now spreads her love for our schools through her service with the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. She also serves as the Hamilton County Clerk.

The district solicited Hall of Fame nominations from the community and a selection committee chose individuals who best demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments, or contributions to Noblesville Schools.

The Hall of Fame initiative is a collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF), with honorees being announced at NSEF's 2025 Miller-Palooza event.

The district is currently exploring options for a permanent structure to honor Hall of Fame inductees and will share more details as those plans are finalized.

Nominations are open for future Hall of Fame inductees. Eligibility criteria, nomination guidelines, and the application to nominate can be found at tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleHoFform.

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Living in Indiana, far from home, I have embraced this balancing act. My kitchen is now a space where cultures blend. I experiment with global flavors, mixing the comfort of home-cooked Indian meals with the diversity of my new community. Grocery budgeting, exploring local farmers' markets, and connecting with others over shared meals have deepened my appreciation for food's ability to build relationships.

As I prepare for the Taste of Community potluck and

book signing on Sept. 18, I invite you to reflect on your own food journey. What recipes ground you? What flavors remind you of home? Join me in celebrating the stories that shape our tables and bring our communities closer – one meal at a time. Please RSVP and reach out to me through tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com.

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



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

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KROGER

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Photo provided by Kroger

Kroger and Coca-Cola Consolidated donated \$10,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

the community and investing in our local economy will enhance our workforce and options available to residents.”

The new Noblesville store represents what Kroger calls an “aggressive” commitment to new stores in growing communities. In 2024, the grocer invested \$56 million in remodeling and construction across Indiana, highlighted by the January opening of Fishers’ new Kroger Marketplace. Kroger will continue such investments in 2025, dedicating an additional \$25 million to enhance the shopping experience for its Hoosier customers.

Kroger representatives also said the project represents more than a new store. It reflects the grocer’s commitment to its communities. Kroger and Coca-Cola Consolidated, the largest Coca-Cola bottler in the United States,

joined for a donation of \$10,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN). The funds will help the club provide nutritious food to its young members.

“Each week, the Boys & Girls Club serves over 1,000 snacks during our after-school program,” BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said. “This generous support from Kroger and Coca-Cola Consolidated will ensure that every child who walks through our doors has the energy to learn, play, and grow. Because when kids are fed, they’re focused. When they’re nourished, they thrive.”

Kroger anticipates a ribbon-cutting to open the new store in mid-2026.

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In Sheridan, sugar bridges generation gap

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) recently held a heartwarming event called “Doughnuts with Grown-Ups,” giving students and their families a chance to come together and share a special morning.

Sheridan Elementary PTO sponsored the event for Kindergarten, second-, and fourth-graders and their favorite grownups. The event provided an opportunity for grown-ups – whether parents, guardians, or other family members – to visit the school, enjoy a sugary breakfast, and spend quality time with the students.



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

“Doughnuts with Grown-Ups” gave Sheridan elementary schoolers the chance to share a tasty breakfast with their favorite adults.

Families gathered in the school’s cafeteria, and the atmosphere was filled with laughter and smiles. The students proudly showed their grown-ups around. For many, it was a chance to experience firsthand the en-

vironment where their children spend their days, fostering a stronger connection between home and school.

A special shoutout goes to Allison Waitt’s graphic design class for creating the amazing graphics for the

event.

The event was a wonderful reminder of the importance of family involvement in a child’s education, and the doughnuts were a sweet touch to an already special morning.

“Doughnuts with Grown-Ups has fast become a family favorite, as our fantastic PTO now hosts one each semester!” SES Principal Valerie Roberts said. “This allows all our K-5 families to visit our school and enjoy a special

morning at school!”

Doughnuts with Grown-Ups has been more than just a chance to indulge in a tasty treat – it is a meaningful opportunity to build relationships and make memories that will last.

Doubling down on Deputy Mayors

Submitted

Carmel has been on a roll with its Deputy Mayors.

Two weeks ago, Deputy Mayor Leena, a fifth-grader at Prairie Trace Elementary, not only stepped up to lead for the day, but she also delivered a fantastic self-introduction. Confident, inspiring and full of energy – she’s a natural leader in the making. Carmel’s future is bright with young leaders like Leena.

Last week’s Deputy Mayor was Shravan, a bright fifth-grader from Cherry Tree Elementary. Shravan did a fantastic job presenting to the city council about the Affiliate Review Committee and the city’s upcoming Cherry Blossom Festival. He even nailed the pronunciation of Carmel’s Japanese sister city, Kawachinagano. He also gave Mayor Sue Finkam a thoughtful thank-you letter, which is such a great skill to have. Well done, Shravan!



Photos provided by City of Carmel

Carmel’s future is bright with Deputy Mayors like Leena (top) and Shravan (above).

Carmel Police Department welcomes new Community Service Officer Brittney Sanford

The REPORTER

Carmel Police Department (CPD) welcomes Brittney Sanford, who will serve as a Community Service Officer (CSO).

Sanford follows in the footsteps of her late father, Douglas “Doug” Warren Sanford, who served as a Community Service Officer with CPD and later as a Humane Law Enforcement Officer with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office before he passed away in 2022.

CSOs support the city’s patrol officers by responding to vehicle lockouts, abandoned vehicles, parking complaints and calls related to animals.



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(From left) CPD Chief Drake Sterling; Laura Campbell, Board of Public Works; Brittney Sanford; Jim Barlow, Board of Public Works; and Alan Potasnik, Board of Public Works.



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The Knights of Columbus are ready to serve you . . . fish! Join them on Friday, March 21 and 28.

Two Knights of Columbus fish fries remain

The REPORTER

Knights of Columbus Council 11044 will hold two more Lenten dinners in March: Friday, March 21 and 28 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel.

The menu includes your choice of all-you-can-eat entrées – fried fish (pollock), baked fish (cod), or cheese pizza. Meals also include sides of cole slaw, garden salad, macaroni and cheese, dessert (applesauce, cookie), and drinks (coffee, iced tea, lemonade, water). Cost is \$14 for adults (fish) and \$7 (mac and cheese or cheese pizza); \$8 for children age 6 to 12 (fish) and \$5 (mac and cheese or cheese pizza). There is no charge for children 5 and under and those in religious vocations.

You can dine-in, carry-out, or drive-thru. Proceeds will go to the Knight's



(ABOVE) A huge crowd came out for the first Lenten fish fry held March 7, selling a total of 616 meals. (BELOW) The kids enjoyed seeing one of the Knights dressed up as a blowfish.

charitable causes of feeding and clothing the poor and elderly, assisting those with special needs, and supporting vocations and the needs of the parish.

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Mayor Finkam goes to Washington

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Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam says the biggest part of her job is advocating for the city, and some of that advocacy includes working with Indiana's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. Last week, Finkam visited with Indiana's U.S. Senators and Representatives and discussed the cost and production problems with fire trucks, recruitment and training of public safety personnel, infrastructure, U.S. 31 redevelopment opportunities, and the great progress the city's team made in 2024. Finkam said Indiana's representatives in Congress greatly care about Indiana, and she was incredibly appreciative of their time. (From left to right, top to bottom) Mayor Finkam met with Sen. Todd Young, Sen. Jim Banks, Rep. Erin Houchin (9th District), Rep. Victoria Spartz (5th District), Rep. Jefferson Shreve (6th District), and Marlin Stutzman (3rd District).

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Carmel Rocks the Spectrum at Kid’s Gym

The REPORTER

Sensory In Indy, a new initiative dedicated to enhancing and promoting sensory-friendly experiences throughout central Indiana, has announced its official launch. The organization aims to create an inclusive community where individuals with sensory sensitivities can enjoy a variety of activities and events in a comfortable and accommodating environment.

To celebrate its launch, Sensory In Indy will hold a kickoff event from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 at We Rock the Spectrum Kid’s Gym – Carmel, located at 13644 N. Meridian St. This event marks the beginning of Autism Accep-

tance Month and offers an opportunity for families, caregivers, and community members to come together and learn more about the sensory-friendly resources available in the area.


The kickoff party will feature a range of activities designed to engage attendees of all ages and abilities, including:

- Open play sessions in the gym equipped with specialized sensory equipment
- Interactive art and music stations
- Resource booths from local organizations offering sensory-friendly programs
- Light refreshments and snacks

“Our mission is to foster an inclusive environment

where everyone can participate in the rich cultural and recreational offerings of the Central Indiana area,” said Jessica Willits, Executive Director of Neurodiversity Connection, the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization who runs Sensory In Indy. “We are thrilled to launch this initiative and look forward to collaborating with local venues and organizations to expand sensory-friendly opportunities for all.”

Sensory In Indy plans to partner with various local attractions, museums, theaters, and recreational facilities to increase the availability of sensory-friendly events and accommodations. By providing resources, training, and support, the



Neurodiversity Connection

organization aims to make central Indiana a more inclusive city for individuals with sensory processing differences.

For more information about Sensory in Indy and to RSVP for the kickoff event, please visit bit.ly/sensory-indykickoff or contact Willits at jessica@neurodiversityconnection.com.

About Sensory in Indy

Sensory in Indy is an annual program presented by



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Neurodiversity Connection, dedicated to promoting sensory-friendly experiences throughout central Indiana. By collaborating with local venues and service providers, Sensory In Indy strives to create inclusive opportunities for individuals with sensory sensitivities and their families. The organization’s mission is to empower neurodivergent individuals, families, and professionals with resources, community, and support, championing inclusion together.

We Rock the Spectrum – Carmel is an independently owned and operated franchise of We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym, offering a safe and inclusive environment for children of all abilities to play and grow together. For more information about We Rock the Spectrum – Carmel, visit WeRockTheSpectrum-Carmel.com.

What is Leadership Connection? *Connecting today’s leaders with next generation*

Submitted

Since 2021, Leadership Connection has been serving its mission to connect today’s leaders with the next generation to build a stronger community.

Leadership Connection provides a forum for local high school students to engage with distinguished professionals from both the private and public sectors, allowing students to build professional and personal leadership skills while providing members of our community the opportunity to positively impact the next generation.

How do they do this? Leadership Connection offers two opportunities each year for students chosen from local high schools to come together and participate in workshops and service activities that provide them exposure to what their futures could be like as they learn how they

can positively impact their communities. During these events, they also hear from a keynote speaker and are mentored by representatives from local businesses.

The professionals who participate hail from both the private and public sectors, allowing students to build professional and personal leadership skills while providing members of the community the opportunity to positively impact the next generation.

Schools involved bring students from both Carmel and Indianapolis together. The students who attend qualify to apply for several Portee-Leadership Connection scholarships, which award funds to a college or trade school of the student’s choice as well as a laptop computer. This year, for the first time, there will be a Dr. Richard Markoff scholarship, to honor the gentleman who devoted his career to



service and founded Leadership Connection.

Since that time, 522 juniors and seniors have participated in the program’s activities from a day of community service to Lunch with a Leader.

Attendees shared, “What I enjoyed most during this event was how we got to communicate and connect with other students from different schools. Also, how we got to meet amazing people and got to talk to adults more about what will help our future the best.”

The dates for the 2025 events are Friday, Oct. 24 for Leadership Connection Day of Service and Thurs-

day, Nov. 6 for Leadership Connection.

Leadership Connection is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel in partnership with iTeam Think Tank, Carmel Clay Schools, Carmel Fire Department, Christel House Watanabe, Brebeuf Jesuit, and Elevate Indy. Leadership Connection has also worked with over 100 businesses, community and non-profit executives and leaders since its inception.

For more information on how you can partner, volunteer for upcoming events or support Leadership Connection, visit carmelrotary.com/leadership-connection.php.

Community News

Eat at Culver’s, support Westfield FFA

Culver’s, 17651 Sun Park Drive, Westfield, will hold a Westfield FFA fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

A percentage of all sales for those three hours will be donated to Westfield FFA.

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I encourage students who are struggling with mental health to use this resource to their full advantage.

Thank you so much NSEF for making our schools a safe space where students can get access to the important care they need.

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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
317-773-9956
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su
12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p


Non-Profit Veteran Orgs
Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the
Fishers American Legion. Our website
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>
has 40 pages of resources for our Military
Veteran community

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


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317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
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Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

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

VETERANS APPRECIATION & OUTREACH EVENT
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- Enroll in VA healthcare
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 - Woman's Health
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Brownsburg VA Clinic
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Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions about Federal and State benefits. Scan to RSVP for this event:



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March 18 Job Fair Downtown Indy from 10am till 2pm at Frederick Douglass Park Family Center

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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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For Details Contact Nicholas Calvert
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Ncalvert@ednamartincc.org



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

RAISE the PADDLE
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Friday, March 21, 2025
Delaware Township Community Center
9094 E 131st St, Fishers
Coffee Bar and Appetizers at 6:00PM
Paddle begins at 6:30PM



Noblesville American Legion Weekend Breakfast

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9091 East 126th Street, Fishers, IN 46038, (317) 842-5944



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Activities & Events National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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A Time To Honor -
Stories of Service,
Duty and Sacrifice
1968-1975

We Will Never Forget...
Watch 'The Journey Home' Movie Trailer
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Volunteer to help Honor, Remember and Welcome Home our Vietnam Veterans

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CA4AD2BA6F85-55185776-march#/>

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!!!**

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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

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Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;
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March 29 and 30

Easter Express

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

April 12, 13 and 19

Spring Field Trip Days

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

April 29 and May 13

Railbike Season

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

Opens April 4!

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Dodgeball, as American as apple pie

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools recently held its annual dodgeball tournament, an exciting event that brought together all three schools for some fun and friendly competition. The tournament was split into two evenings: Wednesday for the elementary school students and Thursday for the middle and high school students.

After school on Wednesday, the younger students held their tournament. Sponsored by the Sheridan Elementary School Peer Program, the elementary school dodgeball teams brought their energy and teamwork, making the gymnasium come alive with excitement. Students cheered for their friends as they dodged, ducked, and aimed to secure victory. The event was a great way for elementary students to bond, demonstrate sportsmanship, and enjoy a spirited game with their classmates.

One boy and one girl were also given the Logan Gellert Award which is awarded to the students with the best attitude. This year's awardees were Stella Ferguson and Paxton Smith, both in fifth grade. Congratulations! Thank you to Scott Ellis and Jill Cali for helping with the event.

Thursday night shift-



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools
(ABOVE GROUP) High school students help at the Elementary Dodgeball Tournament. **(RIGHT GROUP)** The elementary school teams. **(BELOW GROUP)** The high school teams.

ed the focus to the older students, with middle and high school teams stepping up their game. The competition was fierce as teams displayed impressive athleticism. The intensity was evident as each team fought for the win. The night was filled with high-energy action, and the crowd cheered on their peers with enthusiasm. Thank you to Allison Waitt for helping with the event.

The dodgeball tournament not only showcased the athletic abilities of Sheridan Community School's students, but also fostered a sense of community and school spirit. It was a memorable event that brought together students, teachers, and families for some fun, friendly competition.



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West District Office: (317) 848-0201

East District Office: (765) 639-0671

www.spartz.house.gov

Latest Carmel road construction updates

The REPORTER
College Avenue reconstruction
Beginning on or after March 17, the city will begin the next phase of construction on North College Avenue.

- **College Avenue from 96th Street to Interstate 465:** Reconstruction of this portion of College Avenue will run through July 2025 and will require a full closure. During this time, you may access North College Avenue from the north, via West 106th Street.
- **96th Street and College Avenue roundabout:** Construction of the round-

about at this intersection is estimated to begin in late April or May and will require a 60-day closure.

146th Street between Hazel Dell Parkway & Cherry Ridge Road
Effective on or after Monday, March 24 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., 146th Street between Hazel Dell Parkway and Cherry Ridge Road will be under lane restrictions in the south lane of eastbound traffic for concrete work. The estimated completion date is Monday, April 7.

Be sure to use extreme caution while driving through this area.

Hoosier Consumer Alert

Don't fall victim to 'smishing' toll road texts claiming you owe money

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General
Hoosiers statewide – like our peers across the U.S. – have seen texts pop up on their phones in recent months warning of unpaid fees from toll roads.

In most cases, warns Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, the texts come from scammers which Indiana Toll Road label as SMS Phishing or “smishing” ruses – and the worst thing you can do is click on any of the seemingly helpful yet sinister links.

“These fraudsters try to create a sense of urgency,” AG Rokita said. “Often, they include triggering phrases like ‘final warning’ or ‘last chance.’ They threaten increased fines or legal penalties if the supposed fees are not promptly paid. The important thing is to pause, take a breath and recognize the red flags.”

Here’s how to protect yourself:

- Don't respond to spam texts. This allows scammers to know your account is active.

- Never click on any links you receive by text or email. Clicking could enable scammers to steal your identity.

- To find out whether you have outstanding charges, check with tolling agencies by using verified phone numbers or websites that you know are legitimate.

- Report text scams by forwarding them to 7726 (SPAM) or using your phone’s “report junk” option. This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages.

- Block numbers from which you’ve received unwanted messages.

- Use restricted phone settings to reduce spam text messages.

- Never share any personal information over text or unsolicited links.

- Put a freeze on your credit to prevent new accounts from being opened in your name in the event of a breach.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, file a complaint at indianaconsumer.com with AG Rokita’s office.

Indiana Members Credit Union donates \$10K to Caroline Symmes Children’s Cancer Endowment

The REPORTER
On behalf of Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) members, IMCU recently presented a check for \$10,000 to the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment as part of its exclusive Cancer Awareness Debit Card Program.

IMCU members nominate a different local cancer-related organization to be the beneficiary each year. Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment was the selected beneficiary for the past year, receiving a contribution for each signature-based transaction made with this card from March 2024 to February 2025.

IMCU Assistant Vice President of Business Development Gina Terril presented the check to Libby Symmes, President and Co-Founder of Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment on Feb. 9.

“For all of IMCU's Affinity Debit Card users, thank you for your philanthropy and charitable giving,” Symmes said. “For members who specifically chose the Cancer Awareness Debit Card, a profound thank you for empowering our Teen Board and for contributing to critically needed pediatric cancer research.”

The Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment was created in honor of the late Caroline Symmes. She was five years old when cancer ended her life. Out of her tragedy, the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment was born to raise funds for researchers at Riley Hospital for Children and inspire hope in future pediatric patients and their families.

“IMCU is honored to support the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment on behalf of our members,” IMCU Chief Executive Officer John Newett said. “Our Cancer Awareness Debit Card was created to benefit local

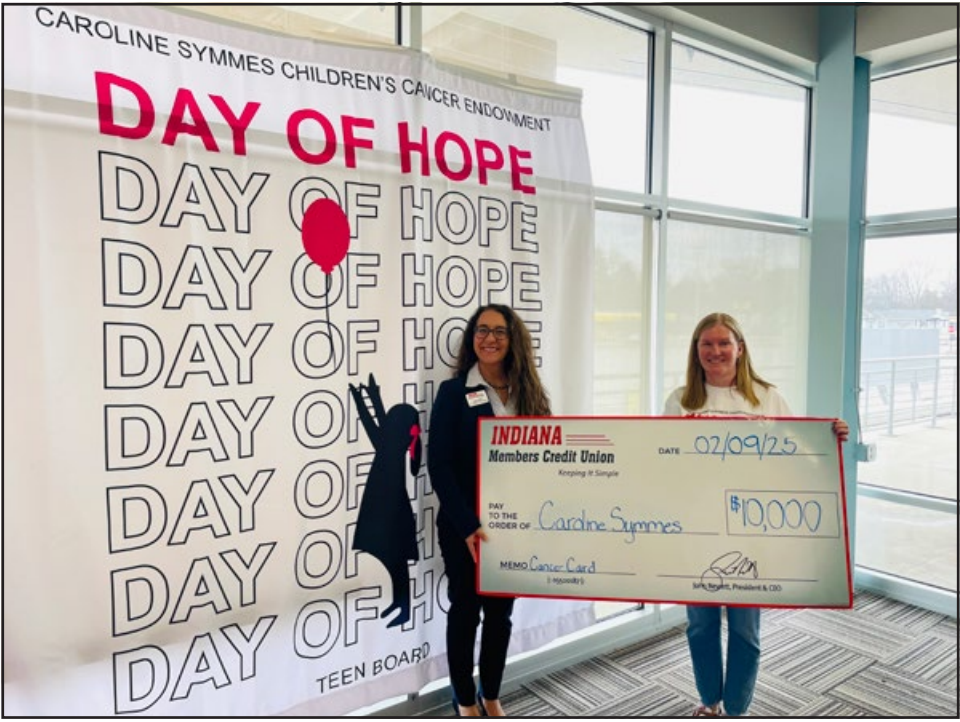


Photo provided
IMCU AVP of Business Development Gina Terril (left) and Libby Symmes, Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment President and Co-Founder.

cancer related organizations dedicated to making a meaningful difference in our community. The Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment's mission to provide funding for researchers at Riley Hospital for Children that develop cutting edge research benefiting children impacted by cancer aligns perfectly with our goals. We are incredibly grateful to our members for their unwavering support, which makes contributions like this possible. Thank you for helping us make a positive impact together.”

The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 31 Indiana locations. The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card is an option to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot.

The new beneficiary for the IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card will be announced in the coming weeks on IMCU's website and social media platforms. For more information about the IMCU Cancer Awareness

Debit Card, please visit IMCU online at imcu.com or visit an IMCU branch for details.

About the Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment

The Caroline Symmes Children's Cancer Endowment's mission is to raise crucial funds to support cutting-edge research by leading pediatric oncologists around the country as they create targeted drugs, less toxic therapies, and brighter outcomes for critically ill children. For more information, please visit carolinesymmes.org.

Sen. Banks introduces bill to speed up military procurement

The REPORTER
Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced on Wednesday the Buying Faster than the Enemy Act. The bill aims to streamline the Department of Defense's (DOD) acquisition process, reducing bureaucratic delays to ensure the U.S. military can procure advanced technology faster and more affordably than its adversaries.

“China, Iran, and our other adversaries don't drown themselves with red tape when arming themselves,” Sen. Banks said. “To stay ahead, the DOD must move faster. My bill

would streamline the purchase of cutting-edge war-fighter tech from American companies – making the process faster and cheaper.”

Key bill provisions

- **Faster and more flexible defense procurement:** Streamlines the acquisition of commercial products and services, allowing for quicker competitive selection and sole-source follow-on contracts.
- **Reduced bureaucratic hurdles:** Limits unnecessary contract clauses for

subcontractors and creates multiple consortia to get new and groundbreaking weapons from both traditional and nontraditional defense contractors.

- **Stronger support for defense suppliers:** Doubles advance payments for contractors from 15 percent to 30 percent and makes DOD buy commercially as the standard, ensuring faster approval and procurement.

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



Banks

Anderson Museum of Art awarded grant to preserve Carnegie Library building

The REPORTER
The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) was selected as a 2024 Historic Preservation Fund Grant recipient. This funding will allow AMOA to move forward with Phase 1 of the Under One Roof Campaign, ensuring the preservation and protection of its historic Carnegie Library building, built in 1905.

Preserving a community treasure
Originally constructed as a Carnegie Library, the building was repurposed in the late 1990s to become an art museum, serving as a vital hub for creativity and cultural engagement in Anderson. As AMOA grows, it remains dedicated to preserving its historic home to serve future generations.

With the awarded



\$52,480 in grant funding, AMOA will complete essential preservation projects, including:

- **Roof replacement:** Restoration of flat roof areas to prevent further water damage.

- **Limestone façade & masonry repairs:** Work on the front entrance stairway and exterior stone to maintain structural integrity.

- **Interior plaster restoration:** Repairing gallery walls and ceilings to ensure a safe and beautiful exhibition space.

This project has been funded in part by a U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund grant, administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match, which AMOA has successfully

secured thanks to the generosity of its supporters. With funding in place, work will begin this spring to restore and protect this historic landmark.

“This grant is a tremendous step forward in preserving our beautiful building, which has been a cornerstone of our community for more than a century,” AMOA Executive Director Mande Spano said. “We are deeply grateful for the support of our donors and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for making this possible.”

AMOA remains committed to maintaining its historic home while serving as a space for creativity, education, and community engagement.

For more information about the restoration project or to support AMOA's ongoing efforts, visit andersonart.org/under-one-roof or follow AMOA on social media.

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Finkam knits new connections



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Looking for A Yarn Market? In the latest episode of *Carmel Connections*, Mayor Sue Finkam visits this cozy, must-see yarn shop to explore its vibrant selection of Carmel-themed yarn, expert-led knitting classes, and locally crafted products. Whether you're a knitting enthusiast, fiber artist, or just love unique local finds, A Yarn Market is the perfect place to connect, create, and be inspired. [Watch now](#) to see why this charming shop is a hub for creativity and community.

Burlesque is back at Feinstein's

Submitted

ESQUE, the sexiest show Carmel may ever see, comes to Feinstein's Cabaret inside the Hotel Carmichael this spring for a seasonal peek at the top stars of tease.

With credits including Broadway National Tours, professional theatre, symphony shows, dance companies, and concert appearances, these singers, dancers, musicians and top cabaret artists premier their first installment of burlesque extraordinaire at Feinstein's.

Coming up on Friday, April 4, and returning on Saturday, May 31, Worcel Shepard Productions presents ESQUE. Prepare to step into a world of glam, glitter, and dazzling decadence with this sensational burlesque show now gracing the stage at Feinstein's Cabaret inside the Hotel Carmichael. This sultry, high-energy performance

blends the art of striptease with captivating choreography, and a touch of old-school Hollywood glamour.

The show features a cast of talented performers who bring both classic burlesque tradition and bold, contemporary twists to the stage. With its luxurious setting at Feinstein's, known for its intimate ambiance and world-class entertainment, ESQUE promises an unforgettable experience for lovers of provocative artistry and bold, thrilling performances. The cast includes Champagne Booblé, Coda Le Beau, Johnnie Serenade, Kiki Ukalei-mi, Miss Raleigh 1999, Red Hedda Hopper, and Spearmint and Juicy Fruit, The Double Take Twins.

Fans of Carol Worcel will be thrilled to know she is also part of the show, as well as serving as director of the production, along with

Alexa Abbott, Kelvin Burzon, Cynthia Collins, Johnnie Ray Hughes, Emmaline Tolley, Jill Kelly Howe, and Deb Wims.

The show is choreographed by Carol Worcel and Kenny Shepard ("Best Choreographer," Broadway World 2024). Costumes are being done by Anthony Sirk ("Best Costume Designer," Broadway World 2024), and the Lighting Designer is James Ledesma. The Sound Editor will be Zach Rosing ("Best Sound Designer," Broadway World 2024) and the Production Manager is Susan Gilbert.

Whether you're a connoisseur of burlesque or a newcomer to the scene, ESQUE will leave you mesmerized, immersed in a celebration of beauty, confidence, and creativity. Indulge in an evening of seductive charm and cheeky fun, all

set against the chic backdrop of one of Indianapolis' most iconic venues. ESQUE is where elegance meets allure, and every performance is a showstopper.

Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind burlesque experience at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael – where the art of tease meets true sophistication. Don't miss this sexy, flexy artform – intended for adults only! Each date, April 4 and May 31, two shows will be offered – one at 7 p.m. and one at 10 p.m. Doors for the 7 p.m. show will open at 5 p.m. for dinner and beverages. They will reopen at 9:15 for the 10 p.m. show.

Tickets are available by [clicking here](#) for the 7 p.m. show, and by [clicking here](#) for the 10 p.m. show. All guests must be age 21 or over. There will be no refunds.

Westfield Chamber invites you to meet city planner Caleb Ernst

The REPORTER

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

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



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

The event will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd. That's just off Tomlinson Road near 203rd Street. [Click here](#) to register.

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WalkerHughes Insurance opens new downtown Noblesville office

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WalkerHughes Insurance announces the opening of its new office in downtown Noblesville, a move that reflects the company's deep investment in the heart of this thriving community.

By combining its Noblesville and Fishers locations into a single, centrally located facility, WalkerHughes is strengthening its commitment to service in Hamilton County. The agency proudly operates two additional Hamilton County office locations

in Carmel and Cicero.

The new office unites two respected agencies – Curry Agency Inc. and Denstorff Insurance Agency – both of which have long-standing histories of serving the community with integrity and care. Curry Agency, founded by Todd Curry in 2010, became part of the WalkerHughes family in September 2022. Denstorff Insurance, originally established in Carmel in 2006,

relocated to downtown Noblesville in 2011 and joined WalkerHughes in December 2023.

For WalkerHughes CEO Benjamin Schoettmer, this expansion is about more than just business – it's about investing in the community where he and his wife raise their young family.

"Noblesville is home for me, and I couldn't be more excited to see our team plant

even deeper roots in this incredible city," Schoettmer said. "We love the energy of downtown Noblesville, and we're thrilled to be part of its continued growth. This move allows us to serve our clients in a more connected and accessible way while contributing to the vibrancy of the community."

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Residence Inn opens in Noblesville

The REPORTER

MHG Hotels has opened the Residence Inn by Marriott Noblesville, located at 13596 Tegler Drive, marking a significant addition to the growing hospitality landscape in Hamilton County.

The newly constructed, all-suite hotel is designed to meet the needs of business travelers, extended-stay guests, and families looking for a comfortable and flexible home-away-from-home experience.

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both work and relaxation.

"We are thrilled to open the doors of Residence Inn Noblesville and bring Marriott's premier extended-stay brand to this vibrant and growing community," said Andrew Quinto, MHG Hotels Chief Operating Officer. "Whether guests are staying for a few days or a few weeks, our team is committed to providing an exceptional experience that makes everyone feel at

home."

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The newly unified office, positioned in the heart of downtown, provides a convenient and welcoming space for clients. It reinforces WalkerHughes’ commitment to personalized service and relationship-driven insurance solutions. As a trusted partner in the community, the company will continue to offer a full range of insurance services, including home, auto, business, and more, tailored to the unique needs of local families and businesses.

Located at 920 Logan St., the new WalkerHughes office will house six full-time team members.

“Many factors made this new location stand out as the right choice,”

Schoettmer said. “It not only accommodates our existing team but also provides room for continued growth. The opportunity to create new jobs and welcome additional team members to our local workforce in the future is something I find incredibly exciting.”

WalkerHughes Insurance is honored to be part of Noblesville’s dynamic future and looks forward to continuing to support and invest in the community.

For more information about WalkerHughes Insurance and the services offered at the new downtown Noblesville office, visit WalkerHughes.com or stop by to see the team in person.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025, has been canceled.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

— CICERO —

NOTICE
On March 18, 2025, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees.
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Exodus 38:29-31 (NIV)

Janet Louise Carter

September 6, 1940 – March 9, 2025

Janet Louise (Dunn) Carter, 84, Noblesville, passed away March 9, 2025. She was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, on September 6, 1940, the daughter of Aris and Eleanor (Engle) Dunn.

Janet was a 1958 graduate of Noblesville High School. She enjoyed living life, expressing a positive attitude and sweet spirit. Janet loved her cats who truly were her family.

In addition to her parents, Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Carter, and brother, Frank Dunn.

Survivors include her sister, Dorothy Reynolds; niece, Linda (Ernest) Hazelwood, and several other nieces and nephews.

Janet was quietly laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.
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Ivan “Sonny” Lothair Sherman

March 12, 1931 – December 25, 2024

Ivan “Sonny” Lothair Sherman, 93, lifelong farmer and resident of Hamilton County, passed away surrounded by family on December 25, 2024.



Friends are invited to join Ivan’s family for A Celebration of Life from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2025, at the Hamilton Masonic Lodge, 11466 IKEA Way, Fishers. Eastern Star services will begin at 4:30 p.m. and Masonic services will follow.

The Reporter’s policy on obituaries

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

Rev. Gary Arthur Dworak

January 5, 1940 – March 11, 2025

The Reverend Gary Arthur Dworak, 85, passed away in his home on March 11, 2025, in Westfield.



Gary was born in Decatur, Ill., on January 5, 1940, to Oscar Dworak and Margaret (Warnick) Dworak. After graduating from MacArthur High School in Decatur, he attended the University of Illinois – Champaign and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in teaching social studies. He went on

to complete a master’s degree in teaching social science at the University of Illinois. While a graduate student, he felt a call to enter the ministry and enrolled in Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Ill.

During his time as a seminarian, Gary served as a vicar at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in The Bronx, N.Y. There he met June Meybohm, whose family were members of the church. June and Gary were married on March 26, 1967. Later that year Gary graduated from the Seminary and was ordained as a Pastor of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on August 20, 1967, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in his hometown of Decatur, Ill.

Gary’s first call was to be an instructor of religion and history at St. John’s College in Winfield, Kan. Gary and June spent two years in Winfield, making good friends and discovering a love for Mexican food. Despite a love for teaching, Gary’s primary goal was to serve as a parish pastor. He accepted a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mount Olive, Ill., and began his life’s work as a preacher of the Gospel of Christ. Gary served in Mount Olive from 1969 to 1974 before the family moved to Indianapolis for him to become Pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. After taking time away from being a parish pastor to pursue studies at Christian Theological Seminary, Gary was called to serve at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brownsburg, Ind., where he served until retirement in 2001. In his retirement, he enjoyed reading, watching classic movies, traveling with June, and playing with his grandchildren.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Linda Campbell. He is survived by June, his wife of 58 years; his children, Jonathan (Erica), Paul (Maricel), and Ruth Le Mounier (Jean-Christophe); his grandchildren, Charlotte, Constance, Isabella, Eleanor, Andrea, and Samuel; his brother, Roger (Karen); and his brother-in-law, Richard Campbell. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, colleagues, and friends.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22 at Advent Lutheran Church in Zionsville, with a Funeral Service to follow at 11 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Concordia Theological Seminary – Fort Wayne (ctsfw.edu/support-ctsfw) or to the Advent Lutheran Church Expansion Campaign (adventlutheran.org/expansion).

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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Boys Basketball

Regional preview, 4A at Frankfort

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

No. 1 Fishers Tigers (27-0) vs. Harrison Raiders (19-6)

Case Arena in Frankfort is the regional site for Fishers and Harrison tomorrow night. The top-ranked Tigers will play the nightcap at 7 p.m., following a Class 1A regional meeting between No. 3 Clinton Prairie (23-2) and Lafayette Central Catholic (12-14).

Fishers and the Raiders have met eight times previously between 2006 and 2014 when Harrison was a member of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. The Tigers hold a 6-2 record in those HCC games, the last on Feb. 28, 2014, 79-46. This will be their first meeting in the state tournament.

Fishers outlasted No. 8 Noblesville in the Sectional 8 championship last Saturday at Carmel, 55-46, to claim just their second sectional crown in program history.

The Tigers are aiming for their second straight regional trophy. They won the regional last season over Kokomo at the New Castle Fieldhouse, 66-52. Fishers then marched all the way to the state finals in 2024, defeating Ben Davis, 65-56 in the championship game.

Head coach Garrett Winegar is 105-23 in his fifth season at Fishers and 123-29 overall, going 18-6 at Warren Central in 2019-20.

Dating back to last season, Fishers is on a 40-game winning streak, the longest in the state currently. Overall, they've won 56 of 57 with just one mid-season loss at Carmel last season.

The Tigers continued their win streak into the season and amped up their schedule. Taking a 24-0 regular season record into the tournament, Fishers had quality wins over Ben Davis, Mount Vernon, Noblesville (twice), Warsaw, Greenfield-Central, Fort Wayne Wayne, Brownsburg, South Bend Riley, Avon, Westfield (twice), Peoria Manual (Ill.), Center Grove, Lawrence North and North Central.

Sophomore Jason Gardner, Jr. is the leading scorer at 14.6 points and dishes out 5.6 assists per contest. Senior Justin Kirby has both started and come off the bench to score 12.6, grab four boards and 2.3 assists. Sophomore Cooper Zachary stuffs his stat line with 11.4 points, 2.7 rebounds, 5.2 assists and 2.7 steals. Zachary also shoots a scorching 50 percent from three-point range (72-for-144) and 85 percent at the foul line (40 of 47).



Joshua Herd / File photo
Fishers sophomore Jason Gardner Jr. is scoring 14.6 points and dishing out 5.6 assists per contest. The Tigers play Harrison tonight at the Class 4A Frankfort regional.

High-flying senior Stanford football commit Jonathan Hall is the fourth Tiger that scores double figures at 10.2 points. Hall also grabs 5.1 rebounds and 2.2 assists. Fellow senior Millen McCartney scores 9.3 and is

another lethal outside shooter, making 63 of 146 for 43 percent. Senior forward Nathan Baker starts and is a solid contributor with 7.7 points and four boards.

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Girls Basketball



Julie Brown / File photo
Noblesville's Meredith Tippner is one of the 13 players selected for the 2025 IndyStar Indiana Girls' All-Stars.

2025 girls Indiana All-Stars named

13 players selected for squad that will face Kentucky in June

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makaluskay and Noblesville's Meredith Tippner are among the 13 players that have been selected for the 2025 *IndyStar* Indiana Girls' All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced Friday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June – one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

The other players comprising 2025 Indiana Girls' All-Stars, listed alphabetically, are Laila Abdurraqib of Lawrence Central, Addison Baxter of Columbia City, Ella Bobe of South Knox, Addie Bowsman of Twin Lakes, Avery Gordon of Brownsburg, Jacklynn Hosier of Alexandria, Kya Hurt of Lawrence North, Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central, Monique Mitchell of South Bend Washington, Kaycie Warfel of Pendleton Heights and Brooke Winchester of Warsaw. Bowsman is injured and will not play in the games.

The 2025 *IndyStar* Indiana Miss Basketball will come from among the above players and be announced later.

The '25 girls' All-Stars have six players who have been a part of state championship teams (Abdurraqib, 2024 4A; Bobe, 2025 2A; Hurt, 2025 4A; Lampley, 2024 4A; Mitchell, 2022 3A; and Tippner, 2022 4A), four players who were named 2025 IBCA first-team Academic All-State

(Baxter, Bobe, Tippner and Warfel) and one player who was chosen 2025 IBCA honorable mention Academic All-State (Gordon). There also are All-Star family ties for two of these players to previous All-Star squads – Hosier's father, Mickey, was a 1996 All-Star, and Makaluskay's sister, Riley, was a 2023 All-Star.

Stacy Mitchell of Warren Central has been named head coach of the 2025 girls' All-Stars. He will be assisted by Brian Satterfield of Hamilton Southeastern and Kristi Sigler of Jennings County. Mitchell has compiled a 145-84 record in 10 seasons at Warren Central, including the 2018 Class 4A state title. Satterfield is 83-16 in four seasons as the HSE girls coach after posting a 322-151 mark in 20 seasons as the HSE boys' coach. Sigler has a 132-86 ledger in nine seasons at Jennings County.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 4 at Greenfield-Central High School. The first game against Kentucky will be June 6 at Lexington Catholic High School. The final game against Kentucky will be June 7 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

All three dates will be doubleheaders with the *IndyStar* Indiana Boys' All-Stars, whose roster will be announced later. The roster for the Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars were announced March 9. The roster for the Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars will be announced later.

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Regional preview, 3A Greenfield-Central

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

No. 5 Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles (23-4) vs. No. 3 New Palestine Dragons (24-3)

Greenfield-Central will host two regional championships on Saturday. The first game at 1 p.m. pits North Decatur (14-13) against Liberty Christian (17-8) in Class 1A. At 4 p.m., the Golden Eagles and Dragons will play for a Class 3A regional trophy.

Guerin and New Pal have met four previous times, but this will be the first time in the state tournament. The Dragons won the most recent meeting, 66-51, on Feb. 11 at New Palestine.

Guerin Catholic captured its eighth sectional championship on Saturday night at Frankfort against Tri-West, 63-39. The Golden Eagles are in just their 19th season as a program.

The Golden Eagles are in search of their seventh regional crown in school history. They won the regional last season, also at Greenfield-Central, over Indianapolis George Washington, 56-39. Their quest for a fourth state finals appearance was halted by eventual 3A state champ Scottsburg in the semi-state championship game, 70-54.

Head coach Bob Allen is in his seventh season at Guerin (128-55) and is 184-129 overall in 13 years. Allen was at Knightstown for six seasons before taking over at Guerin Catholic.

Guerin has been on a pretty good postseason run lately. The Golden Eagles have won three regionals in the last four years and hope to make it five. They also peppered in that mix a state runner-up finish in 2023 two years ago to Northwood,

66-63 in overtime.

Starting off the season, Guerin was at 6-2 just before Christmas with its losses to 4A schools Westfield (53-40) and on a neutral court to Evansville Harrison (55-51).

The Golden Eagles would then win four games in two days at the Ray Furney Holiday Classic at Lawrenceburg on Dec. 27 and 28 against the likes of Gainesville (Fla.), Jennings County, Whiteland and Silver Creek, all by 11 or more.

Those four wins started a 10-game winning streak that included knocking down Circle City Conference opponents Bishop Chatard, Heritage Christian and Brebeuf Jesuit, along with a last-second home win over Cathedral.

Since then, the Golden Eagles have gone 7-2 heading into the regional with the only losses to Noblesville (54-39) and on the road at regional opponent New Palestine, 66-51.

So, this rematch with the Dragons is for more than a regional title. It's for redemption from a double-digit loss just over a month ago.

Senior Bryson Cardinal leads with 19.5 points and 9.3 rebounds per outing. Sophomore Jake Grissom's 12.7 points and 2.7 boards, along with senior Ryne Paris' 10.4, 4.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists compliment the Golden Eagle offense for three averaging in double figures.

Senior Malcolm Houze scores four per game and grabs 2.5 rebounds and dishes out 2.6 assists. Sophomores Hayden Rogers (2.6 assists) and Carter Murans (3.8 points) and senior Jack Toles (3.6) help chip in for depth.

Historically, Guerin



Photo by Mike Navarro
Guerin Catholic's Jake Grissom is averaging 12.7 points and 2.7 rebounds per game for the Golden Eagles this season. Guerin Catholic plays New Palestine this afternoon in the Class 3A Greenfield-Central regional.

Catholic has been quite successful in its short history. Coming out of the south, the Golden Eagles have won six regional and three semi-state championships and are on the upward swing this postseason for a possible fourth state finals berth.

Guerin won the 2012 Class 3A state championship over Norwell, 64-48 and their second title in

2015 over Griffith, 62-56.

New Palestine has 12 sectional championships in program history. They have won five sectionals in the last seven seasons. A win in this week's regional and the Dragons would be in brand new territory, having never advanced out of the regional level.

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4A

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Harrison ended its drought of 25 years without a sectional championship. The Raiders had not won a sectional since 1999. Last Saturday, they surprised the Kokomo Wildkats at Memorial Gym in Kokomo, 70-63.

Harrison just won its fifth sectional championship in program history. Their only regional title was in 1997, the final season of single-class basketball. The Raiders lost in the semi-state semifinals at Mackey Arena at Purdue University to eventual state finalist La Porte, 75-64.

Head coach Mark Rinehart is 187-146 in his 14th season leading the Raiders.

Harrison began the season 5-1, losing in their fourth game at Lafayette Jeff in OT, 48-42. Going 3-2 over the next five, the Raiders notched a six-game winning streak, their longest of the season from late Dec. to late Jan. before the home stretch of the regular season. February saw Harrison go 5-3 heading into sectional play at Kokomo.

They have key wins over Lafayette Jefferson (twice), McCutcheon (twice), Lake Central, Kokomo (twice),

Merrillville and Lafayette Central Catholic.

The Raiders drew the bye and knocked out Lafayette Jeff in the semifinal (55-51) and host Kokomo (70-63) in the championship.

Harrison is a senior laden group that's looking to make a statement. Malachi King (senior) leads all scorers in this regional matchup with 18.7 per game, along with 6.3 rebounds and 2.8 assists. Ray Gibson (senior) is at 14.1 and 3.4 assists, Reid Smith (senior) is the third double-digit scorer with 13.2 points and 3.2 assists.

Seniors Ben Slate (4.2) and Carson Cain (3.8), along with juniors Brady Henchon (2.7) and Quinn Clary (2.5) are all key contributors.

Other regional matchups in 4A north that are potential semi-state opponents are: Homestead (21-5) vs. Carroll (Fort Wayne) (11-15) at Logansport's Berry Bowl, Portage (20-5) and Crown Point (21-2) battle at the Wolves' Den at Michigan City, South Bend Riley (21-4) vs. Warsaw (25-4) meet up at The Great Western Forum at South Bend Washington.

ALL-STARS

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The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year – June 1 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Charlestown and June 4 against the Indiana seniors at Greenfield-Central.

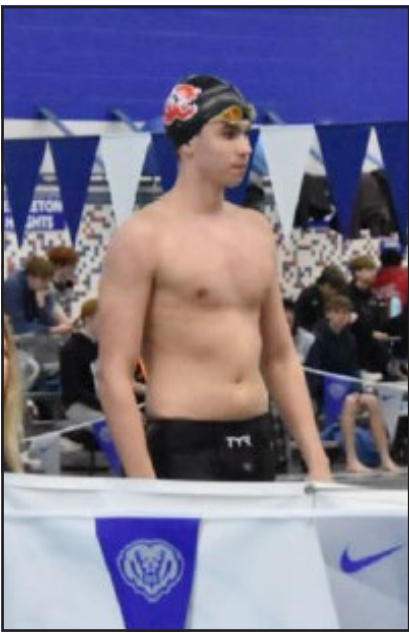
The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana Boys All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The All-Star senior girls have played Kentucky every year since 1976, except 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The All-Star senior boys have played Kentucky in all but three years since 1940 – 1943 (World War II), 1944 (World War II) and 2020 (COVID-19 pandemic).

The Indiana Senior girls lead 55-41 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 41-12 in games against the Indiana Junior girls. The Indiana Junior girls lead 12-1 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 105-46 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 42-11 in games against the Indiana Junior boys. The Indiana Junior boys lead 8-5 in their series with Kentucky.

The third annual *Indy-Star* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be June 2 at Fishers High School. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The Futures Games girls' rosters were announced March 13. The Futures Games boys' lineups will be announced later. The South boys lead the North 2-0. The North and South girls' teams each is 1-1.

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 a title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academy is a presenting partner of All-Star Week, and Energy Systems Group is a present-ed partner of the June 8 All-Star doubleheader at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

The *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star Team is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The top vote getter will be named Miss Basketball, and the remainder of the team is finalized by Broughton after observing numerous games and events throughout the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across the state. Broughton also reviews votes submitted by coaches and media who each could recommend up to 10 players.



Photos provided
(From left) Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern, Emily Wolf of Fishers, and Jonny Hines of Fishers have been named Hoosier Crossroads Conference Athletes of the Year. Congratulations!

Three county athletes among HCC winter Athletes of the Year

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its Athletes of the Year for the winter sports season Friday. Three Hamilton County athletes were among those who received the award in their respective sports.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Maya Makalusky, Hamilton Southeastern

Senior Maya Makalusky has been named the HCC Athlete of the Year for Girls Basketball by a vote of the conference coaches.

Makalusky was a four-year starter who led the Royals to three consecutive HCC titles. During that three-year span, HSE went 20-1 in the extremely competitive Hoosier Crossroads Conference. Maya's Royals went a remarkable 83-16 during her career.

Maya led Hamilton Southeastern to sectional and regional titles this year while averaging 22.1 points per game, 6.8 rebounds per game, shot 40 percent from 3-point range and 80 percent from the free-throw line. She finished her career as the all-time leading scorer at Hamilton Southeastern with 1,933 points. That point total places her second on the all-time HCC scoring list.

Makalusky was named 1st team All HCC three consecutive years. In addition, Maya was recently named the Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year.

Coach Brian Satterfield states, "to watch her overall game grow this past year was tremendous as she led us in nine statistical categories. Opposing teams threw every defense designed to try to slow her down, but she still played within the system and competed to help our team win. Her leadership and willingness to sacrifice for the team is what makes her truly special. She has left a legacy that many future Royals will try to replicate." Maya will continue her education and basketball career at Indiana University.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Emily Wolf, Fishers

Sophomore Emily Wolf has been selected by the HCC Swim/Dive coaches as the Athlete of the Year.

At the HCC meet, Wolf was the individual champion in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Emily also earned All HCC honors as a freshman.

At the IHSAA State Championship Meet at the IU Natatorium, Emily won the 500 free, finished second in the 100 butterfly and was a member of the third-place 400 free relay team and the seventh-place 200 medley relay team.

Coach Joe Keller says, "last year Emily laid a foundation of meeting high expectations in being State Runner-up in the 100 Fly behind an Olympian. This year, her preparation and training elevated her potential to the next level. Being State Runner-up in the 100 Fly and then earning a State Title in the 500 Free is a double with the event list that can only happen if preparation has occurred. She is developing an approach and mindset that will lead herself and others to being great....not just good. This is the type of leadership that will push other female athletes within the HCC to grow our conference to greater heights in the future!"

BOYS SWIMMING
Jonny Hines, Fishers

Senior Jonny Hines of Fishers has been selected as the Athlete of the Year by the HCC Swim/Dive coaches.

At the HCC Meet, Hines won the 200 free and the 500 free, setting a new HCC record in the latter (4:31.20). Jonny was also a part of the 200 free and 400 free championship relay teams. In his career, Hines earned All HCC honors twice.

At the IHSAA State meet, Hines finished second in the 200 free and third in the 500 free while anchoring both the 200 free relay (second) and the 400 free relay (seventh) teams.

Coach Joe Keller says, "this is a great honor for Jonny and representative of so many athletes that work hard to develop their craft. This sport, along with the support of the HCC and IHSAA, provided Jonny with a pathway to achieve more each year while he grew his potential through his efforts. He has developed as a student-athlete, as a person, and has a skill and mindset that will only create more opportunities as he finishes high school this year and moves on to Purdue this fall where he will continue his achievements as a collegiate student-athlete."

OTHER WINNERS
Boys basketball: Maguire Mitchell, Zionsville.
Boys wrestling: Jake Hockaday, Brownsburg.

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Beefing up their schedule this season, New Pal played 13 of its 23 regular season games against 4A competition, going 11-2 in those matchups. Among those were wins over Zionsville, Franklin Central, Castle, Whiteland twice in one week, Pendleton Heights, Franklin, Lawrence North, Perry Meridian, Southport and Warren Central.

The two losses were to Greenfield-Central and Mr. Basketball candidate and UConn signee Braylon Mullins, and Mount Vernon and Purdue commit junior Luke Ertel.

Going 9-1 against 3A foes, New Palestine has itself fueled for the tournament.

Head coach Trent Whitaker is 162-93 in his 10th season with four sectional titles.

The Dragons are led by senior Julius Gizzi's 26.1 points and 6.0 rebounds per game. Classmates Moses Haynes (12.2), Ben Slagley (9.3) and Austin McMahan (7.6) and junior Evan Darrah help provide a majority of their 69.7 points per game as a team. Other factors that keep New Pal going are Haynes' 7.2 rebounds, Slagley's 6.4 boards and 4.9 assists and

McMahan grabbing 4.1 rebounds.

Other regional matchups in 3A south that are potential semi-state opponents are: Crispus Attucks (19-6) vs. Northview (24-2) at Lebanon, Jennings County (12-14) against Princeton (23-2) at Southridge and Brownstown Central (23-2) faces Evansville Memorial (18-6) at Washington's Hatchet House.

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Gilhooly commits to Seton Hall



Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics
Carmel senior Will Gilhooly has committed to the Seton Hall men’s cross country and track & field team.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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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Duvall commits to Glenville State

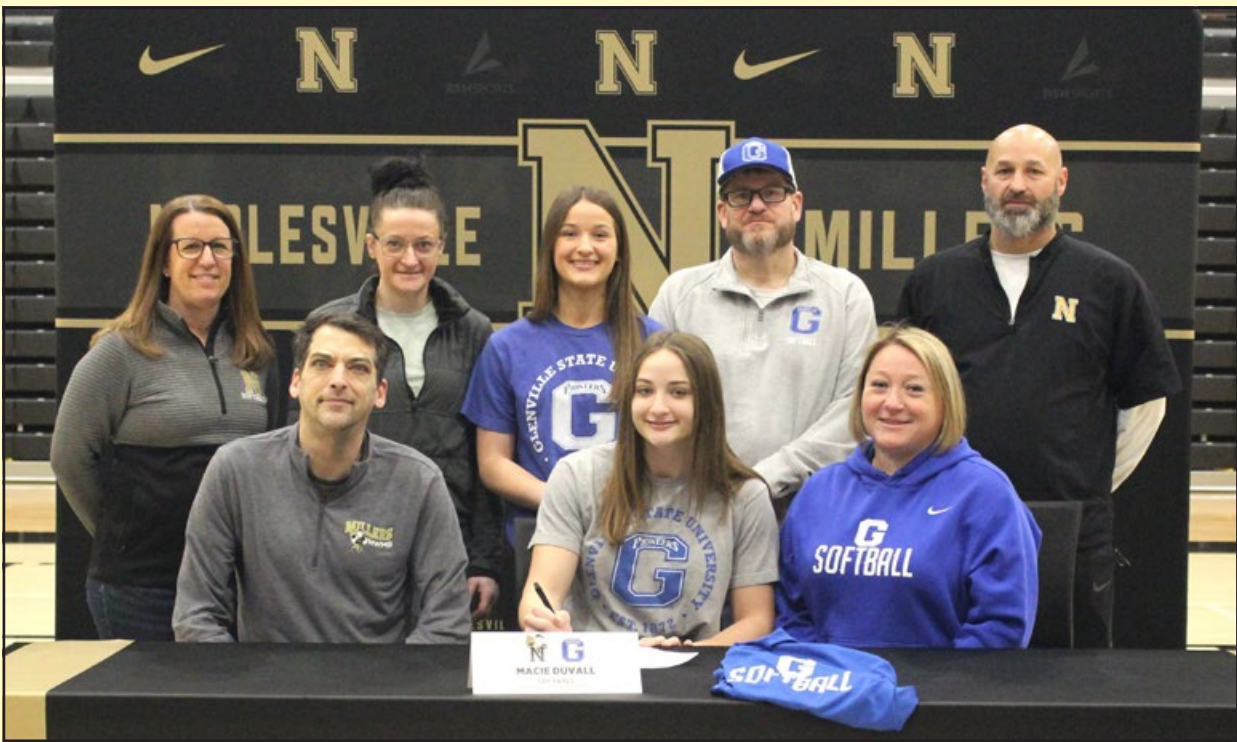


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Noblesville’s Macie Duvall has committed to the Glenville State University softball team. (Front row, from left) Andy Duvall (father), Macie Duvall, and Krystal Madison (mother). (Back row, from left) Jen Thompson (Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach), Elizabeth Fleenor (aunt), Carly Duvall (sister), Scott Madison (stepfather), and Deke Bullard (Noblesville Softball Head Coach).

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