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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy morning, with rain and snow showers. Partly cloudy afternoon. Wind gusts to 30 mph.
 Tonight: Clearing and colder again.



HIGH: 41 LOW: 27

Four Heights Robotics teams advance to state competition

In the know

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) is electrified with excitement as four of its robotics teams – 214A, 214B, 214E, and 214F – gear up for the 2025 Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship this Saturday.

After securing their spots through impressive performances earlier this season, these talented students are taking their best to the state stage. This marks an incredible milestone as HHMS teams head to the state competition for the eighth consecutive year.

The powerhouse teams are guided by Head Coach Lacy Bowyer and Assistant Coach Chad Jung, whose leadership and passion fuel their success.

Known as the largest state robotics competition in the nation, the Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship will bring together the best teams from elementary, middle, and high schools across Indiana. Teams qualify by earning state-qualifying awards at local events, and HHMS has once again risen to the challenge with exceptional performances throughout the season.

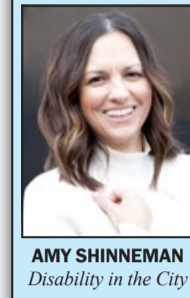
“Our students are outstanding,” HHMS Robotics Teacher and Coach Lacy Bowyer. “They dedicate themselves daily and possess exceptional skills in what they do. They research effective strategies and continuously adjust to maintain their edge in competition. VEX Robotics is an incredible program that equips students with a wide range of skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom.”



(TOP LEFT) Kase Powell, Rylee Mellinger, JD Crask, Mikko Kikta, and Tommy Girolamo (Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics Team 214B) won the Design Award and Celebrate a first-place finish in Teamwork at the Shelbyville Winter Classic. (TOP RIGHT) Grayson Pickering, Linley Bryan, Royce Bowyer and Grayson Pickering (Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics Team 214F) took home a first-place finish at the Heritage Christian Event. (ABOVE LEFT) Maddy Higgins, Wyndham Jung, Levi VanAlstine, Lilly Higgins, and Reagan VanKirk (Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics Team 214A) won the Innovate Award at the Caston Cobweb Classic. (ABOVE RIGHT) Sammy Heuer and Levi Heuer, Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics Team 214E, took second place in Teamwork at the Heritage Christian Event.

The Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship is set for this Saturday, March 22 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. The event is free (entry donations accepted) and open to the public. The public is invited to show its support by helping cheer on the Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics teams.

COLUMNIST



Over the last year, I worked as a freelance writer for Hamilton County Tourism. They reached out to me after reading some of my blog posts and columns and asked if I would be interested in writing a series called “Know Before You Go.” Together, we mapped out different public spaces around Hamilton County where I would visit throughout the year to explore accessibility. After each experience, I write a blog post for their website for people that value “know before you go” knowledge.

Most people go about their day and make plans without giving any thought to many things that those of us with disabilities have to think about. There is so much we need to know before we go to a place that is outside of our home, where we know just how things are.

Of course, I am only doing these write-ups from my perspective based on my disability, so it is not a one-size-fits-all, but it does give a good overview of what many with physical disabilities may need to know about before they go to a place.

Some of the things I am looking for when I visit are accessible parking, access into the building, accessible buttons to open doors, elevator access if there are stairs, accessible restrooms, and wheelchair accessibility – to name a few things.

More times than I would like to admit, I have opted out of experiences that I would have liked to enjoy with family and friends because of the anxiety I feel when visiting a new place, where there are many unknowns. It is a very uneasy and anxiety producing feeling when I am visiting a new place not knowing if my basic needs will be met.

When my kids were younger, it was heartbreaking to head out on a family adventure only to realize that I would have to sit out because a place was not accessible. That was difficult not only for me, but for my kids as well. It was hard for them to understand. My husband and I had an agreement that we would keep those experiences as seamless as possible for our boys, and they would continue without me without it being too much of an interruption for them. That didn’t mean it was any less disappointing to us though. Those times sitting alone, waiting for them to finish their activity, were heartbreaking and frustrating for me.

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Centier Bank makes generous donation to Carmel Fire Department

The REPORTER

Centier Bank Carmel, 650 E. Carmel Drive, Unit 100, has generously donated \$2,500 to the Carmel Fire Department’s (CFD) initiatives: Firefighter For A Day Camp (FF4DC) and Firefighter For An Adaptive Afternoon. These programs are pivotal community engagements that cater to children, offering them a glimpse into the life and responsibilities of a firefighter.

Since its inception in 2013, the FF4DC has hosted approximately 650 campers each year over the course of a week. The camp is offered free of charge, ensuring accessibility for all interested children. The camp provides children with a unique, hands-on experience, fostering both education and appreciation for the vital ser-

vices firefighters provide.

“We couldn’t continue to host this amazing camp if it wasn’t for the support of our local community,” CFD Public Education Officer Renee Butts. “We are grateful that businesses like Centier Bank can see the value in what we are doing and gladly jump in to support our mission.”

This donation marks another step forward in their collaborative efforts to create meaningful experiences for children in Carmel.

“Centier Bank is thrilled to partner with the Carmel Fire Department for their Firefighter for a Day Camp!” said Linda Bricker, Assistant Vice President, Community Relations Officer at Centier Bank. “Supporting community events that uplift local families aligns perfectly with our



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department
 (From left) CFD Public Information Officer Tim Griffin; Fire Chief Joel Thacker; CFD Public Education Officer Renee Butts; and Linda Bricker, Assistant Vice President, Community Relations Officer at Centier Bank.

mission of enriching the lives of those we serve. We deeply appreciate this collaboration with the Fire Department and we are looking forward to volunteering at the camp!”

Hamilton County releases Child Care Action Plan

Research shows more than 9,000 seats needed over next decade

The REPORTER

Throughout 2024, with support from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and MIBOR, Invest Hamilton County engaged hundreds of local residents, businesses, and stakeholders in the development of a Child Care Action and Investment Plan.

The goals of the project were to help identify gaps, quantify the impact of child care on residents, and build a plan to guide solutions.

Research, conducted by TPMA, showed that in 2024 Hamilton County was 4,644 seats behind demand across the community and needs to establish 9,405 seats by 2034 to meet community demand. This demand will only be met by developing and attracting

approximately 1,500 additional child care workers.

The lack of quality and accessible child care has led to 2,339 “work-willing” parents in Hamilton County who would return to the workforce if their need could be addressed. These parents returning to the workforce has the potential to generate \$242 million to \$316 million in annual economic impact.

“Seeing in this research how often parents were willing to relocate to find child care and how often they left jobs or reduced hours because of access showcases the impact this challenge has on our residents,” Invest Hamilton County President and CEO Mike Thibideau



Thibideau



said. “It also presents a tremendous opportunity for talent and corporate attraction if we can develop solutions. Sixty-seven percent of businesses surveyed said that when considering new hires, reliable child care or pre-K is raised as a concern by the candidate.”

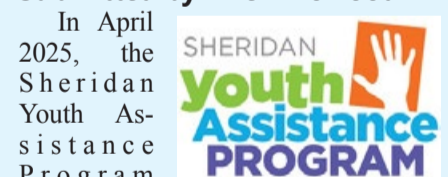
In 2025, guided by this planning process, Invest Hamilton County and other key community partners will be establishing a child care-focused coalition and within the next few months will identify a staff-

ing solution to build boots on the ground capacity. Other key action items over the next few years include the development of career pathways, establishing a county-wide joint services hub for childcare providers, identifying creative methods for subsidizing costs and supporting a “no-wrong-door” approach that increases the capacity of home-based, faith-based, and center-based care across the county.

The full action and investment plan can be found at [this link](#).

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program: empowering youth & families for 10 years

Submitted by Ellie Arrowood



In April 2025, the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) will celebrate an incredible milestone – 10 years of service to the Sheridan community.

The program is dedicated to supporting youth and families who need a little extra help and has been positively impacting the lives of many individuals over the years. To honor this incredible milestone, the SYAP Board of Directors invites you to attend an open house celebration from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24 at Greek’s Pizza, 417 S. Main St., Sheridan.

SYAP, like other Youth Assistance Programs throughout Hamilton County, is grounded in community collaboration. Volunteers work to develop and provide access to programs and services that promote positive growth experiences and foster stronger home and community relationships. SYAP works closely with Sheridan Community Schools to offer services to local youth and their families. SYAP ensures that families and students in Sheridan Community Schools receive the help they need to thrive. Best of all, these services are completely voluntary, confidential, and offered at no cost to families.

SYAP provides a variety of services aimed at promoting the well-being of youth and families. Some of the key services offered include: family education programming; mentoring program; food and financial assistance;

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For more information on hours of operation, prices, and booking visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

IN THE KNOW

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There are still many places that exist that are not accommodating or accessible for people with disabilities. It is hard to describe how it feels to show up to a place and find out, in real time, that place cannot accommodate your needs. Being excluded in that sense is tough. Feeling ostracized is painful. Feeling rejected is isolating. A lifetime of these types of scenarios takes a toll on one's mental health.

If you hear others talking about the importance of inclusion and making changes to make an experience more inclusive for someone with a disability, I urge you to stop and really listen. Think about if it was you or your loved one who needed these accommodations and finding out you can't participate in normal activities and are forced to turn around and go home or miss out because of those societal limitations. After a prolonged period of these experiences, you start to lose your zest for wanting to experience new things.

When HCT reached out to me about this position, needless to say, I was overjoyed at the idea. Last year, I visited a few downtown areas, Colts Training Camp, The Palladium, Ruoff Music Center, Symphony on the Prairie, and a few more



Photo provided

Our columnist has been working with Hamilton County Tourism to keep visitors and residents alike in the know, particularly regarding accessibility around the county.

places. I am excited to say that my adventures around Hamilton County will continue this year.

It has been encouraging to visit these different places. In speaking with others, I have realized that often they are unaware of some of the small changes they could make to promote inclusivity. Most are willing to make necessary changes. It is a step in the right direction. One small voice can bring about change. Never underestimate the

power of one. For more information, or to read about my "Know Before You Go" experiences so far, you can visit their website at visithamilton-county.com.

Until next time ...
Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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mental health and counseling services; camps and recreational opportunities; educational tutoring; and truancy support and behavioral plans.

SYAP is always looking for passionate volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of youth and families in our community. There are many ways

to get involved such as joining the fundraiser committee, packing summer lunches, assisting with the back to school bash event, providing holiday assistance, or becoming a tutor or mentor.

As SYAP celebrates 10 years, they are reflecting on how far they've come and the positive impact they've made on the youth and families in the Sheridan Community. It's also a time to look ahead to how they can continue to grow and provide essential services for years to come. With a fundraising goal of \$10,000 for 10 years, they need your support to keep the program running strong. Every contribution counts. You

can donate online at sheri-danyap.org/get-involved/donate.

The celebration is incredibly meaningful to longtime SYAP leader, Lisa Samuels, who will retire at the end of this school year. She says she is deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the incredible community of Sheridan, and she personally thanks each and every person for their continued support.

"It has been an honor to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers, families, and community members," Samuels said.

So, come out and celebrate 10 years of hard work on April 24!

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Hamilton County Parks & Recreation receives Amos Butler Audubon Society Birdathon Grant

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) has been awarded \$1,500 through the Amos Butler Audubon Society Birdathon Grant to fund the restoration of a three-acre area at Cool Creek Park.

This grant will enable HCPR to purchase native seeds and plugs to restore habitats in areas of the park where invasive plants have been removed. The restoration project will support the health of native bird populations at Cool Creek Park, particularly those that rely on native plants for food sources.

Cool Creek Park, a 90-acre park known for its extensive trails and nature center, is one of Hamilton County's most popular recreational spaces and a

renowned birding hotspot. The habitat restoration will improve the park's ecosystem by replanting native species that support insect populations vital to local birds, including several species of neo-tropical insectivores and winter residents that rely on insects for survival.

"Cool Creek Park has always been an important natural resource for Hamilton County, and this grant will help us ensure its future as a vital space for wildlife including birds and insects," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "The restoration of native habitats will help the park thrive and continue to serve as an ecological gem for all to enjoy."

The project will focus on planting native species, such as oaks, willows, hick-

ories, and goldenrod, in the areas where invasive Amur honeysuckle was recently removed. These native plants will provide essential habitat for insects, which are a primary food source for nesting birds, and will also support wintering bird species that rely on insects to survive the colder months.

"By removing invasive species and planting native species, we're restoring ecological balance to Cool Creek Park," HCPR Superintendent of Natural Amanda Smith said. "This project will provide crucial resources for local bird populations, especially those that rely on the park's habitat for food and nesting."

This restoration effort will benefit a variety of bird species, including wood thrush, indigo buntings,



Photo by Jackie Curts

This indigo bunting is one example of the wildlife you can find at Cool Creek Park.

ovenbirds, golden-crowned kinglets, winter wren, and more. The project aligns

with HCPR's commitment to enhancing the natural landscape of Cool Creek Park, ensuring it remains a sustainable environment for local wildlife.

Lawmakers advance hospital fee cap despite misgivings

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A member of a State Senate panel called a hospital fee cap bill inadequate even as it cleared the committee on a bipartisan vote, Wednesday.

The bill would impose an excise tax on any non-profit hospital that charges facility fees of more than 265 percent of the Medicare reimbursement rate. The tax would begin at 33 percent next year, rising to 100 percent beginning in 2028. If a hospital's total fees exceed 300 percent, it would lose nonprofit status.

The measure has already passed the House and is a priority for Republicans in that chamber.

The legislation is part of an effort by lawmakers this session to bring down hospital costs in Indiana. Bill author Rep. Martin Carbaugh, R-Fort Wayne, said in all the hearings lawmakers have held on the matter, hospital fees have consistently stood out as a major

cost driver. He said in some cases, nonprofit hospitals charge fees of 400 percent or more of the Medicare reimbursement rate. Indiana's largest hospital systems, including IU Health, Community, Franciscan, and Ascension St. Vincent, are nonprofit.

Matt Bell, of Hoosiers for Affordable Health Care, said Carbaugh's bill will lower prices without being overly coercive because hospitals can still charge beyond the limits in the bill if they're willing to pay a penalty.

"It doesn't force a behavior, it presents a choice," Bell said. "We think hospitals will make the choice under this law to lower prices for your constituents and we think that can be accommodated through great management decisions without sacrificing quality."

Several members of the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee said they had serious concerns about the bill.

Sens. Jean Leising and Mike Bohacek, both Republicans, said they believe Carbaugh's bill, and pricing conversations more broadly, focus too heavily on hospitals without looking at the role insurers play. Fellow Republican Sen. Tyler Johnson, who is an ER physician, said the bill amounts to price controls that could cut into health systems' ability to offer competitive pay.

"You're helping out other companies but you're also going to cut the pay of nurses across the state of Indiana," Johnson said. "Physicians are paid heavily through health systems and nurses are dependent on health systems for pay."

Democrats on the committee said they have concerns as well. Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, said she fears the bill could force nonprofit hospitals to adopt for-profit business models and drive rural hospitals out of business.

Some of the heaviest

questioning was directed at Mike Schroyer, the president of Baptist Health Floyd in southeast Indiana. He said his hospital loses about \$20 million a year. Those costs prompted the hospital, formerly Flody County Memorial Hospital, to join Louisville-based Baptist Health a few years ago. When committee members asked him how the bill would affect his bottom line, Schroyer said he could lose as much as \$50 million per year.

The bill ultimately passed the committee by a 10-1 vote, with only Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, voting against it. Leising and Yoder, along with several other members of the committee, said they voted for it to advance the bill but are willing to vote against it on the Senate floor if they believe their concerns are not addressed.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-hospital-fee-cap-bill.

Join Fishers Rotarians for Wacky Trivia Night

The REPORTER

Get ready for a night of laughter, trivia, and fun on April 24 at Daniel's Vineyard.

The Rotary Club of Fishers invites you to join for an unforgettable Wacky Trivia Night from 6 to 9 p.m. at Daniel's Vineyard, 9061 N. County Road 700 West, McCordsville, where laughter meets competition. Gather your friends and family for an evening of brain-teasing fun, outrageous trivia questions, and prizes.

Bringing his signature humor and energy, Craig Tornquist—a family-friendly comedian with over 3,000 performances—will keep you entertained all night long. Expect wacky questions, hilarious competition, and non-stop fun.

Proceeds from Wacky Trivia Night benefit the Fishers Rotary Club General Fund, helping to support vital community projects from scholarships to local students to building ramps for those in need.



Whether you're a trivia master or just in it for the laughs, this is one event you won't want to miss.

Spots are limited, so [click here](#) to register now.

FAQs

1. How do I purchase tickets?

Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or at the door (if available). You should buy them in advance, as space is limited.

2. What's included in the ticket price?

Your \$30 ticket includes entry to the event, participation in trivia, plus delicious pizza and breadsticks. A cash bar will also be available.

3. Can I bring my own food or drinks?

Outside food and beverages are not allowed. But don't worry—there will be plenty of pizza, breadsticks, and drinks available for purchase at the cash bar.

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State Rep. Garcia Wilburn celebrates harm reduction bill passing key hurdle

The REPORTER

House Bill 1167, which would reduce opioid overdoses by decriminalizing fentanyl test strips, passed a key hurdle Tuesday in passing out of the Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

During the 2024 legislative session, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers), HB 1167's co-author, advanced **HB 1053 (2024)** out of the Indiana House of Representatives. HB 1053 would have accomplished the same policy objective as HB 1167 (2025), but the bill did not receive a Senate committee hearing, thus killing it.

As HB 1167's co-author, Garcia Wilburn celebrated this year's harm reduction effort clearing the hurdle that kept last year's bill from becoming law:

"Make no mistake, House Bill 1167 will save lives," Garcia Wilburn said. "While Indiana has reduced our overdose death rates in the past few years, we are still losing beloved Hoosier lives to fatal overdoses, and we can do better."

"Many in the district have shared their heartbreaking stories of losing



Garcia Wilburn

their loved ones. I am proud to champion this legislation and am thrilled we are one step closer than last year to making this policy change become law. I urge the Indiana State Senate to finish the job so we can support the behavioral health and public safety professionals working to keep Hoosiers safe from the tragedy of overdoses."

Now that HB 1167 has passed out of Senate committee, it is eligible for amendments and final passage before the full state Senate.

Meet student innovators at Westfield Chamber luncheon

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the April Luncheon, which will feature several Westfield High School (WHS) Student Innovation Groups.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd.,



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Student groups from WHS will be on hand with their inventions and innovations. Attendees will get the opportunity to visit each student group and then vote on their favorite during lunch. Three groups will be

selected to present in front of everyone where a winner will be selected.

Discounted Partner tickets and Non-Partner tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available. [Click here](#) to register.

Four Grammy winners to unite for 'The Queens! 4 Legends. 1 Stage.' in Indy

By **GREGG MONTGOMERY**
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Singers Chaka Khan, Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight and Stephanie Mills are joining forces for a tour that will stop at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on June 1.

A news release issued Tuesday from TreMedia says "The Queens! 4 Legends. 1 Stage." will be a Sunday night of unmatched vocal mastery and show-stopping performances from the four Grammy-winning and nominated icons.

The Gainbridge Fieldhouse website says the show



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will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Sunday show go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, the release said. The Gainbridge Fieldhouse website on Wednesday showed presale tickets al-

ready on sale starting at \$69.50.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/entertainment-news/chaka-khan-patti-labell-tour.

Easterseals Crossroads receives \$25,010 from Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation

The REPORTER

Easterseals Crossroads has announced that on Jan. 13, it was awarded \$25,010 as part of the **Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation National Paralysis Resource Center** 2024 Priority Impact Cycle Quality of Life grants.

In 2024, 22 grants totaling \$824,289 were funded to support nonprofits empowering individuals living with paralysis. Since its inception, the program has awarded over 3,990 grants totaling \$46 million, made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Community Living.

Easterseals Crossroads' Home Modification Program provides on-site demonstrations of assistive devices like ramps, lifts,

and grab bars, ensuring they fit the individual's needs and home layout. Customizing equipment improves accessibility, mobility, and independence, allowing individuals to live more comfortably and safely. The funds will be used to purchase supplies and equipment essential to the program's success, ensuring high-quality, personalized home modifications.

"Easterseals Crossroads is honored to receive this grant from the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation," said Brian Norton, VP of Adult Services - Administration. "The Home Modification Evaluation Toolkit will help us bring essential assistive technology and home modification solutions directly to individuals with paralysis, ensuring safer,

more accessible homes. This initiative empowers greater independence and improves quality of life and we are excited for the impact it will have in our community."

Dan McNeal, Director of the Quality of Life Grants Program at the Reeve Foundation, said, "These awards are about restoring independence to our constituents. Our work and number one goal are to enhance the quality of life of people living with paralysis. It is our honor to continue to collaborate with so many dedicated organizations, which have selflessly given their time and efforts to ensure that accessibility and inclusivity remain embedded in the fabric of their programs."

Learn more about Easterseals Crossroads at eastersealscrossroads.org.

TRIVIA

4. How does the trivia competition work?
Craig Tornquist will lead teams through a series of wacky, fun, and challenging trivia questions. Your table will compete for prizes, but the real goal is to have a great time.
5. Do I need to come with a team?
Nope! Register as an individual and pick the table you'd like to join the eve-

- ning of the event.
6. What kind of questions will be asked?
Expect a mix of general knowledge, pop culture, and offbeat, wacky questions designed to entertain and challenge you.
7. Where do the proceeds go?
All proceeds benefit the Fishers Rotary Club General Fund, supporting local

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community projects across the Fishers community, including scholarships for local students and building ADA compliant ramps for homes throughout the community.

8. What time should I arrive?
Doors open at 6 p.m. It is recommended to arrive early to grab a good spot, enjoy some food, and get ready for the fun.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Northern GOP invites you to next dinner meeting

The REPORTER

The Northern Hamilton County GOP Club will hold its next dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Red Bridge Park in Cicero.

The cost to attend is \$10 for non-members and free for members and sponsors.

Please click the links below to access the membership and sponsorship forms for 2025:

- [2025 Membership form](#)
- [2025 Sponsorship form](#)

The cost of membership is \$40 for the year, which will include free entry to all five dinner meetings. The cost of sponsorship is \$150 and will

include free membership and entry for two people to the five meetings in 2025.

Come meet your elected officials and local Republicans running for office while enjoying dinner. This month's speakers will be Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Councilor Mark Hall, and Cicero Street & Utilities Director Terry Cooper. You can find out Hamilton County updates and what Director Cooper and his staff do for the Town of Cicero.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to emily.pearson317@gmail.com by Saturday, March 22.

Time to pick up STEAM at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Sheridan Public Library (SPL) was recently awarded a grant from [Science Kits for Public Libraries](#) – a Project of IEEE Region 4 (SKPL) to purchase high-quality, hands-on STEAM learning kits.

A mission of SKPL is to provide libraries with these kits for all children – regardless of race, gender, financial condition, or home environment.

This exceptional grant has allowed SPL to create over 30 educational Grab & Go STEAM Kits for children ages 1 to 12. This collection includes a variety of tools to learn STEAM concepts with hands-on activities. It includes different types of robots, marble runs, building sets, pockets microscopes, a model human body, and much more. New kits will be introduced throughout the year.

"I am so excited to begin circulating the Grab and Go STEAM Kit collection," Children's Librarian Elissa

Dee said. "Not only are the kits fun, but they also encourage the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are so important for our rapidly changing world."

SPL will play host to a STEAM Kit Celebration at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22 unveil this wonderful collection. To help kick off the event, Professor Steve will present his science show "Unseen Forces," a fun show filled with action, comedy and great visuals.

The Grab & Go kits will be available for check-out with SPL library cards. Reciprocal borrowers may also take advantage of these educational kits by selecting pick up and return at the Sheridan Public Library. The goal is to allow kids the opportunity to be introduced to valuable and educational tools for creative learning.

The people at SPL say they are thrilled to be able to provide the access to this resource for the Sheridan community.

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. Beach Bliss – Joanne Demaio
2. Beach Breeze – Joanne Demaio
3. Blood Moon – Sandra Brown
4. Broken Country – Clare Leslie Hall
5. Count My Lies – Sophie Stava
6. Fight or Flight – Fern Michaels
7. Jackals Mistress – Chris Bohjalian
8. Lethal Pray – John Sandford
9. Love Song for Ricki Wilde – Tia Williams
10. Summer Breeze – Shail Rajan
11. Writer – James Patterson

Non-Fiction

1. Inside the Regan White House – S. Castrovilla
 2. Lucky Loser – Michael Costa
 3. Woman of First – Kimberly Heckler
- Inspirational Fiction
1. Amish Witness to Murder – Dana R. Lynn
 2. Kidnapped in Montana – Sharon Dunn
 3. Pharisees Wife – Ja-

nette Oke

4. Searching for Evidence – Carol J. Post

Children's

1. Attack of the Cheese Fund Breath – L. Peirce
2. Bad Guys: Look Who's Talking – Aaron Blabey
3. Cinda Yella – Becky Cummings
4. Mallory & the Trouble with Twins (graphic novel)
5. That's Not Funny David – David Shannon
6. Trouble with Children (according to cat) – Katie Weaver
7. Trouble with Children (according to dog) – Katie Weaver
8. Uh-Oh! My Dragon's Hungry – Katie Weaver
9. Wings of Fire: Brightest Night (Graphic novel)
10. Wings of Fire: Dark Secret (Graphic novel)

Young Adults

1. Sunrise on the Reaping – Suzanne Collins

Video Games

1. Kingdom Hearts III (PS4)
2. Kingdom Hearts: The Story So Far (PS4)

Movies

1. Reagan
2. Ruby Herring Mysteries
3. Veggie Tales: Larry Boy Ultimate Super Hero

Republican gather to hear from Fishers City Councilmembers



Reporter photos by Devin Norrick
The Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman's Breakfast was held Wednesday morning at Peterson's, 7690 E. 96th St., Fishers. Members of the Fishers City Council joined, providing a sneak peek at upcoming events and initiatives in the city. Many Hamilton County elected officials and business leaders were present.

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Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

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852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa
8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.

Restaurant -Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.

Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F eat in or carry out

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.

Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 9-12, Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5 Su

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060

317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p

Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007

**M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close**

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm
Su-Sa 11a-11p.

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

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours - 9am-4pm Weekdays
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Apr 2, VA Claims & Veterans Career Day 3-7pm
Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 W Main St

VA Claims and Career Day
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- VA Vocational Services
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April 2, 2025 from 3-7pm

Questions - kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountyphhc.org

Carmel American Legion Post 155
852 West Main St Carmel, In.

Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions about Federal and State benefits.
Career professionals will be onsite to assist our Military Veteran Community to advance their career and find employment.

March 26 Suicide Prevention Training in Fishers Talk Saves Lives

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING
TALK SAVES LIVES

Please join us
Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention is a community-based presentation that covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what people can do to help save lives.

Taught by: Brittany Cheviron Smith LCSW, LSSW
Fishers Health Department Social Worker

When: Wednesday March 26th 5:30-7:00

Where: Delaware Township Government Center
9090 E. 131 St. Fishers IN 46038

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Fishers Health Department & Delaware Township Trustee

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National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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

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

Highlights include a luncheon, Huey Helicopter Flights provided by Columbus Indiana Huey, a special viewing of The Journey Home documentary. All attendees will receive a copy of A Time To Honor—Stories of Service, Duty and Sacrifice book/DVD. Our Honored Guest is Indiana's own Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy L. Davis. Invited special guests include former Vice President Mike Pence, Governor Braun, The Adjunct General of Indiana Larry Muennich, Senator Aaron Freeman, Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Indiana State Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elaine 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, IMMHG, and others. It is free and open to the public.

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

Christmas In June Care Package Drive



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

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

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

Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian St, Carmel, In 46032
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, in 46060
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men's and Women's (Sizes 5 - 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you've been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

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

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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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21 choirs to perform at NHS competition

Submitted

The Noblesville High School (NHS) Choral Department is excited to play host for NHS's second Indiana Show Choir Championships on Saturday, March 22, at the high school, 18111 Cumberland Road.

The community can join these choirs for an exciting day celebrating the excellence of high school show choir in the state that started it all.

NHS choir directors John Neubauer and Julianne Fowler are excited to bring this Championship to the high school where 18 choirs from nine schools will compete all day long with awards in the evening. Plus, three NHS show choirs will perform exhibition shows at various times throughout the day, which runs from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Awards will be at 2:10 p.m. and 10:40 p.m.

"It is wonderful for the choir community in Noblesville to host this event gathering great choirs from all over the state," Neubauer said. "We share our hospitality and show them the community and class that encompasses the musical community in Noblesville."

NHS expects more than 800 high school students, plus an additional more than 1,500 adults from around Indiana and the Indianapolis area to attend. A lot of show choir singers who still live in the area and folks in the community who are interested in watching these show choirs

are expected to attend. The show choir event is open to the public.

There will be a pancakes and sausage breakfast made by Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers and served up by NHS choir volunteers. Food will be available all day for guests to the event.

Descending upon NHS will be small univoice, large univoice, small mixed, and large mixed show choirs that hail from Anderson Prep High School, Ben Davis High School, Bishop Luers High School, Brownsburg High School, Carroll High School, Franklin Community, New Castle High School, Northridge High School, and Warren Central High School.

Noblesville High School show choirs – NHS Singers, New Dimension, and Sensation – will perform exhibition shows during the Indiana Show Choir Championships at NHS. The NHS Singers, the school's oldest show choir, has been a key component of the NHS Choral Music community since the 1970s.

Gaylor Electric stepped up again for the second year as Indiana Show Choir Championships' Presenting Sponsor. Noblesville's George Kristo is again a Gold Sponsor, as well as many other sponsors and supporters for this event.

Tickets are \$20 for the day at the door. Full-color souvenir programs are \$5.

For more information visit noblesvillechoirs.org.



Photos courtesy Matthew Doudt Photography
 Noblesville High School's NHS Singers (top) will perform their "NHS Singers Sink the Love Boat"; Noblesville High School's New Dimension (center), a large univoice show choir; and Noblesville High School's Sensation (above), a large univoice show choir, will all perform their themed competition sets as exhibitions during Saturday's Indiana Show Choir Championships, in its second year at NHS.



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Trendy & Timeless

A must-see Women's History Month fashion exhibit

The REPORTER

There's still time to celebrate Women's History Month with the Great American Songbook Foundation as it presents a special pop-up exhibit showcasing iconic costumes worn by legendary performers and Songbook Hall of Famers featured in the documentary *Showstoppers! Great Women of TV Variety*.

Get an up-close look at the stunning fashion of The Lennon Sisters, Mitzi Gaynor, and Peggy Lee at the Songbook Exhibit Gallery inside the Palladium at Al-

lied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Admission is free and guests are invited to view the stunning display of captivating costumes anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, throughout the month of March. Visitors can enter via the west entrance of the Palladium on 3rd Ave (Fifth Third Bank Box Office) for access.

Don't miss this rare chance to step into entertainment history and admire the timeless elegance of these legendary performers.

New exhibits at Newfields feature floral arrangements & art

By COLIN BAILLIE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Newfields is springing into the new season with two new exhibits: **Art in Bloom** and **Spring Blooms**. They feature floral arrangements and art, both indoors and outdoors.

Both spring exhibits will begin on March 20.

Art in Bloom is springing into its fifth year, running until March 23.

"We have a huge variety of floral materials you'll see. Anything from local daffodils, to orchids that get imported from Hawaii," Newfields Seasonal and Festival Manager Erin Kilhefner said.

This year, 55 different flower arrangements by designers locally and across the country are showcased at Newfields. Each flower arrangement



WISH-TV photo by Colin Baillie

is inspired by work in the Indianapolis Museum of Art galleries.

"We work with amazing designers, we have a

set of guidelines for them, they have time with their artwork to get inspired and you have to come see them live," Kilhefner said.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/newfields-art-bloom-spring.

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How far would you go to land a leading role?

The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players will soon stage *Ruthless!* at The Switch Theatre at the Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy, 10029 E. 126th St., Suite D, Fishers.

- Director: Kathleen Clarke Horrigan
- Asst. Director: Ervin Gainer
- Musical Director: Bernie Hirsch
- Choreographer: Chloe Vann

Synopsis

Eight-year-old Tina Denmark knows she was born to play Pippi Longstocking, and she will do anything to win the part in her school musical. "Anything" includes murdering the leading lady!

Ruthless! tells the story of a sociopathic child-star, her ambitious agent, naïve housewife mother, and con-niving grandmother. With music by Marvin Laird and book and lyrics by Joel Paley, this murderous musical spoofs Broadway musicals, like *Gypsy* and *Mame*, and



movies such as *The Bad Seed* and *All About Eve*. This musical is a darkly hilarious romp through the world of Broadway, and homage to overly-ambitious child actors, sleazy agents, poison pen critics, and jealous understudies ... no one is safe!

This play is rated PG-13 for dark humor and situations, along with mild language.

Show Dates

- April 4 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 6 at 2:30 p.m.
- April 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) to get tickets.

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INSPIRATION SESSION

CreateWhatYouCrave.org




Inspiration Session: Creative Panel

Wednesday, March 26 | 6 - 8 p.m.
Brown Hound Studios, Carmel

We're bringing together local creatives and visionaries for an intimate, facilitated conversation with live music, local artists, interactive activities, and meaningful connections in a vibrant, creative space.

Featuring a discussion panel of local creatives:

- **Scott Osborne**, Artist + Owner of Brown Hound Studios + Co-host of No Title Needed Podcast
- **Tori Witter**, Creative Director at TriAD CTV + Executive Director of Indy Design Week
- **Patrick Armstrong**, Host of Conversation Piece Podcast
- **Moderated by Anne O'Brien**, Founder of Create What You Crave

Guests will enjoy activities to reset and fuel their creativity, including:

- Live music featuring **Fred Miller**
- Light bites + drinks

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Luke's Leaders Program provides youth with leadership skills

Submitted

The Luke's Leaders Program of St. Luke's United Methodist Church (UMC), 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, is honoring its middle school students of Washington Township (Marion County) with a recognition ceremony and celebration luncheon on Sunday, March 23.

The students' accomplishments will be recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service at the North Indy Campus, followed by a free celebration luncheon at noon. Each student will receive a certificate and gift from the Luke's Leaders Program. The students and their families are all invited to participate in the event.

The current school year has been an exciting one for the Luke's Leader Program. Over 80 students have participated in the program that includes community service projects, learning about leadership and developing leadership and communication skills.

The Youth in Government group, comprised of eighth graders, continues to amaze and impress all who know these students. One student, Jeremiah Simms, received the Social Justice award presented by the Washington Township School Board for his work in writing legislation in the Luke's Leaders Youth in Government Program. The

entire group was also recognized by the Washington Township School Board.

"The well-established and well-respected organizations in our community provide curricula specifically designed for helping middle school students develop leadership skills," Luke's Leaders Program President Thomas Lange said. "Developing leadership skills is not linear, and the pace is not the same for any two students. It is truly a beautiful thing to hear our students discuss current topics of interest with passion and understanding. Every week, we see the middle school students developing confidence, self-esteem and communication skills (even listening!). They are a joy to be with, and we are blessed to be on this leadership journey with them."

Luke's Leaders is a weekly, after-school leadership development initiative developed by the Outreach and Justice Ministry of St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis. Middle school is a very stressful time for students ages 10 to 14, and Luke's Leaders was created to step into this gap to help positively impact the lives of the students, fuel their personal growth and positively develop their character.

Since 2018, the Luke's Leaders Program has developed a strong relationship with Washington Township



Photo provided

Schools in Marion County to provide every young person the opportunity to become a leader and make a positive impact in their community. The program is dedicated to nurturing and empowering youth to become the next generation of changemakers. Luke's Leaders contracts with a variety of community partners, such as the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, Peace Learning Center, and the Center for Leadership Development to bring this leadership development programming to the students of Washington Township. Through the collaboration with its partners, can bring a validated, professionally delivered program to these students.

St. Luke's UMC is an open, affirming, inclusive, anti-racist Methodist church. St. Luke's embraces diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and life experience.

The church has many opportunities for its members to volunteer in local, national and global outreach projects. St. Luke's has also hosted CDF Freedom School at the church for 80 Washington Township students, grades K-8, during the summers. The church encourages its members to be difference-makers in the world by using their unique gifts to impact others in the community. The Luke's Leaders Program is an extension of this principle to make an impact in the lives of people in the local community.

Learn more about St. Lukes and all of the programs offered at stluke-sumc.com. To learn more about Luke's Leaders specifically, visit lukesleaders.com. You can see just what Luke's Leaders is all about by watching [this video](#).

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Sen. Young introduces bill to protect American energy from eco-terrorism

Submitted by Office of Sen. Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) have reintroduced the Safe and Secure Transportation of American Energy Act to protect American energy from eco-terrorists.

Current federal law applies criminal penalties for "knowingly and willfully damaging or destroying" pipelines, but eco-terrorists and other radical environmental activists exploit the law's lack of specificity. The Safe and Secure Transportation of American Energy Act would close the legal loophole for eco-terrorists to hold them accountable.

"About 90 percent of America's transportation sector is reliant on oil, and pipeline disruptions pose a major threat to America's energy security," Sen. Young said. "Our legislation takes much-needed steps to better protect our critical infrastructure and deter attacks on America's pipelines."

In addition to Senators Young and Sheehy, U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), and Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) also introduced the legislation.

Senator Young was an original cosponsor of the Safe and Secure Transportation of American Energy Act in the 118th Congress.

Background

In 2016, climate activists turned emergency shut-off valves on pipelines in Minnesota, forcing the operators to turn off the pipelines to prevent damage. The activists admitted to their attack, **but a judge ruled that the prosecution failed to prove damage from valve-turning.** Eco-terrorist attacks like this are increasing as radical environmental activists and extremist climate change propaganda rise in influence and become more expansive in tactics and messaging.



Young

The bill would clarify criminal penalties for "damaging and destroying" pipelines by covering "vandalizing, tampering with, disrupting the operation or construction of, or preventing the operation or construction of" pipelines.

This simple clarification would hold eco-terrorists accountable. It would also provide an important deterrent by sending a strong signal that brazen assaults on critical American energy infrastructure will not be tolerated.

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

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Conference Room 1 at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

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They mounted the onyx stones in gold filigree settings and engraved them like a seal with the names of the sons of Israel. Then they fastened them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Exodus 39:2-7 (NIV)

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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.



John Richie Osler

April 1, 1951 – March 17, 2025

John Richie Osler, 73, Carmel, passed away peacefully in his home on March 17, 2025. He was born April 1, 1951, in Coldwater, Mich., son of the late Paul W. and Elнора L. (Brunson) Osler.

John was a 1974 graduate of Butler University where he received both a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Art degree. He worked in Indianapolis radio at WIBC and WNAP, focusing on sports broadcasts with Jerry Baker and Bob Lamey. He also worked with Lamey on Indianapolis Colts radio broadcasts from 1984 to 2011.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Cathie Reamer.

He is survived by his nephew, Jim Reamer. John's wishes were there not be a formal funeral service; however, there may be something informal at a later date.

In memory of John, memorial contributions may be made to Butler University, Eugene S. Pullman School of Journalism and Creative Media.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Dale Lee Artman

January 23, 1950 – March 18, 2025

Dale Lee Artman, 75, Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at his home. He was born on January 23, 1950, to the late Roy and Opal (Isenhower) Artman in Noblesville.

Dale was a hard-working auto mechanic and transmission specialist who was passionate about cars and loved working on them. He enjoyed watching races at Winchester, Mt. Lawn, and Anderson. Dale married Linda Glover on April 11, 1981. Dale took pride in his yard and enjoyed working on his house. His spare time involved watching westerns and coaching kids in baseball and softball. Most of all, Dale loved all his family, kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Artman; daughters, Melissa Moorehead, Kimberlee, and Lindsey (Don) Line; sons, Steven (Krystle) Artman and Josh (Amanda) Artman; brothers, Mike Artman and Tom Artman; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

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Patricia Ungerer White

July 27, 1941 – March 15, 2025

Patricia Elizabeth Ungerer White, born July 27, 1941, in Wooster, Ohio, passed away from natural causes on March 15, 2025, in Tempe, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy Allen White on February 4, 2025, and her parents Hazel Elizabeth Kaufman and Dale Franklin Ungerer.

She is survived by her daughter Jennifer White, 55, of Arizona; her son Andrew White, 53, and his wife Elizabeth Bridges White, 52, of Illinois. She has four grandchildren: Tatiania Narasimhan Rasic, 27, Kat White, 23, Elliot White, 14, and Oliver White, 11.

After marrying Leroy Allen White on December 3, 1966, Patricia worked as an English teacher in Ohio and supported the family while Lee completed his degree. When the family moved to Iraq in 1983-1984, she became the middle school principal at Baghdad International School. As a journalist in Ohio and Indiana she worked her way up from a line stringer doing freelance to work to editor. Patricia worked at various newspapers including the *Rittman Press*, *Orrville Courier Crescent*, and *Wooster Daily Record* in Ohio and the *Noblesville Daily Ledger* and *Topics Newspapers* in Indiana. She won awards for photography, editorials, and writing.

Highly respected and quick-witted, Pat was a master of the English language and a freethinker ahead of her time. She carried her camera and a sketchbook everywhere, preserving memories with photos, drawings, and words. In one sketchbook, Patricia wrote "One of my wishes in 2010 was that people be more willing and committed to listen to those on the other side of hot-button issues."

Patricia's greatest superpower was living in the present and encouraging those around her to see beauty in the world. She was an adventurer who loved great literature, the Sunday funnies, crosswords, fascinating and beautiful objects. Inspired by artists such as Diego Rivera, Georgia O'Keeffe, Marc Chagall, and expressionist/post-impressionist art movements such as Fauvism, Patricia embraced mixed-media art after her retirement. Her work was selected for art shows around Ohio, including at the WAGE Exhibition 2016 at Wayne Center for the Arts.

Patricia's family fondly remembers her handmade cards, the newspaper clippings she would save for each of us, her diverse musical interests (from classical to Metallica), and the merciless beatings she would administer at Scrabble. Pat would gather whoever was around to watch *Billy Elliot* whenever it was on, always with a cat in tow. She would break into song or dance with little to no warning. As a mother and grandmother, she loved exploring nature, playing board games, and creating art. She fostered curiosity and a love of reading and encouraged all her children and grandchildren to explore their interests and passions.

Arrangements for a celebration of life will be made in the future. In lieu of flowers, please consider a charitable donation to The Nature Conservancy (gofund.me/f7bd7f0f) or The Alzheimer's Association (gofund.me/3d5ce00e), two causes that were important to Pat.

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HSE's Makalusky wins Miss Basketball

By **RICHIE HALL**
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On Wednesday morning, Hamilton Southeastern athletic director Drew Tower escorted Royals senior Maya Makalusky into the HSE gym.

Makalusky was told that they were going into the gym to see her Gatorade Player of the Year banner, one of several awards that the senior basketball player had just won. But as they entered the gym, Tower told Makalusky the real reason.

"By the way," he said, "you're Indiana Miss Basketball."

Makalusky then walked into the gym to cheers from her family, teammates, friends and her coach, Brian Satterfield, who presented her with the #1 jersey given to the Miss Basketball winner.

"It meant so much," Makalusky said to the Reporter. "I couldn't help but get emotional just seeing everybody who played a little part in my basketball journey."

Satterfield estimated there were "70 to 100 people" at the ceremony.

"I was holding up the #1 jersey," said Satterfield. Makalusky walked up to her coach, he "gave her a hug and I put the jersey on her."

Satterfield praised Makalusky and "what she did this year and her willingness to sacrifice for the good of the team. She was trying to get everybody involved, which helped her in the long run."

Makalusky, an Indiana University recruit, earned



Photos provided

(ABOVE) The Hamilton Southeastern media department put together this graphic featuring Makalusky that was shown in the gym. "Those kids are great at what they do," said Makalusky. "One of the many talents at our school." (RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern senior Maya Makalusky happily wears the Indiana #1 jersey reserved for the Miss Basketball winner. Makalusky received the award Wednesday morning at the Royals' gym.



the girls' top honor after being named on 131 ballots submitted in voting that ran from Feb. 17 to March 4. Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central was runner-up with 80 votes. Meredith Tipner of Noblesville placed third with 41 votes, and Addison Baxter of Columbia City was fourth with 30 votes. Sixteen other players received at least one vote for Miss Basketball. There were 384 votes cast overall.

Makalusky is the second Miss Basketball winner in HSE history, joining Sydney Parrish in 2020. Parrish, who is finishing up her college career at Indiana University, recorded a video message for Makalusky Wednesday morning.

"So proud of you," said Parrish. "I loved watching you be able to grow since you were a little girl. We are

just so excited for you to be a Hoosier this summer and for the next four seasons. Please take it all in, it's an amazing accomplishment."

Current IU assistant coach Ali Patberg is another former Miss Basketball, winning the award in 2015 as a Columbus North player. She also made a video message for Makalusky, saying in part: "We're so, so proud of you, not just being Miss Basketball, but the young woman you are off the floor."

"That was super-duper cool, seeing two girls that I looked up to," said Makalusky, who remembers growing up and watching Parrish play for Southeastern. "It really meant a lot that they would do that."

Makalusky also is the fourth HSE player to wear No. 1 with the Royals'

Gary Harris and Zak Irvin claiming Mr. Basketball accolades in 2012 and 2013, respectively. Satterfield coached both Harris and Irvin during his tenure as the Royals' boys coach.

Makalusky averaged 22.1 points, 6.8 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.8 steals as a senior in leading Hamilton Southeastern to a 27-1 season that included Hall of Fame Classic, Hoosier Crossroads Conference, sectional and regional championships.

"We should be proud," Makalusky said of the Royals' season. "We won in so many different ways this season. We won on the court. We won team-wise. We won in the community."

During Makalusky's junior season, she tallied 26.1 points, 5.6 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 1.6 steals

in keying the Royals to a 21-4 campaign. For her career, Makalusky totaled a school-record 1,933 points plus 487 rebounds, 139 assists, 138 steals and 64 blocked shots while HSE amassed an aggregate record of 83-16 over her four seasons (14-8, 21-3, 21-4 and 27-1). She also has a school record with 652 points in a season, which she achieved in her junior year.

Makalusky and Satterfield will get to play a few more games together, as she will wear the #1 jersey during the Indiana-Kentucky All-Star games which take place in early June. Satterfield will be an assistant

coach for the Indiana team.

"That was a super cool opportunity for him and for me, seeing everything that went into that moment," said Makalusky. "It's something that we both never will forget."

After that, Makalusky will head to Bloomington to join the Hoosiers. She knows being on the team is "going to be a lot of work," but she is ready for it and has "lots of gratitude" for getting to play on the IU team, calling it a "huge honor" to get to wear the Hoosiers jersey.

"I'm so excited," said Makalusky. "I'm ready to step into that role. I'm ready to earn my spot."

Boys Lacrosse

Carmel wins all-county boys lacrosse game

The REPORTER

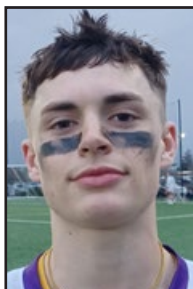
The Carmel boys soccer team won an all-county game 23-4 Wednesday at Guerin Catholic.

The Greyhounds out-scored the Golden Eagles in each period, leading 6-1 after one quarter and 14-3 at halftime. Carmel junior Ike Stittle dominated the game, scoring nine goals.

Junior Evan Coulter dished out four assists and scored three goals, with senior Cain Shelburne also putting in three goals. Sophomore Lincoln O'Leary, junior Maxwell McCord and junior Elijah Warren all added two goals.

"We felt like we were pretty strong," said Greyhounds coach Keith Allen, whose team is now 3-0 for the season. "That's a well-

coached team in Guerin. Coach (Charlie) Barry always has them ready to go. We have a lot of differ-



Elliott

ent guys that can play defense. We got a very senior-heavy team and a goalie that sees the ball really well. Offensively, we have several guys who can dodge and move the ball to the open spot."

Vincent Elliott scored two goals for the Golden Eagles, with J.B. Ford and Luke Shrift also scoring one goal.

Carmel travels to Grand Rapids, Mich. this weekend to play two games. The Greyhounds take on Forest Hills Central Friday, then plays at East Grand Rapids on Saturday. Guerin Catholic's next game is Tuesday at Hamilton Southeastern.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Ike Stittle scored nine goals for the Greyhounds during their win at Guerin Catholic on Wednesday.

Carmel-Fishers track postponed

The REPORTER

The Carmel-Fishers track and field meets that were scheduled for this afternoon have been postponed.

The girls meet was to

take place at Carmel Stadium, with the boys meet to be run at the Tigers' stadium. A make-up date will be communicated if the meet is re-scheduled.

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Six county football players to compete in All-Star game

The REPORTER

Six Hamilton County senior football players will compete in the 59th Annual Murat Shrine North/South Football All Star Classic, which takes place July 11 at Decatur Central High School.

Five players will compete on the South team:

Hamilton Southeastern tight end Callen Okerson, Westfield offensive lineman Tristan Cooke-Dennis, Westfield linebacker Lennox Williams, Fishers linebacker Nathan Ash and Carmel defensive back Jimmie Winbush Jr. Hamilton Heights defensive back Ty-

ler Champion will play on the North team.

Westfield head coach Josh Miracle and assistant coach Ross Springman are among the assistant coaches for the South team, with the Shamrocks' Drew O'Hara serving as one of the managers.

Racing

Sting Ray Robb & Juncos Hollinger Racing welcome Freedom Service Dogs as a Season-Long Partner

The REPORTER

Juncos Hollinger Racing (JHR) announced today that Freedom Service Dogs of America has joined the team as a season-long partner for Sting Ray Robb's No. 77 entry in the 2025 NTT INDYCAR Series season. This campaign, presented by Goodheart Animal Health Centers, aims to raise national awareness for Freedom Service Dogs' life-changing work spanning the entire NTT IndyCar season.

Throughout 2025 season, the rear wing of the No. 77 will feature a Freedom Service Dogs "puppy-in-training." The Freedom Service Dogs logo is also displayed on the tire ramps and near the aeroscreen.

In addition, the team's transporter will spotlight Freedom Service Dogs' mission as it travels to each event. One side of the transporter, labeled "Class of 2025: Now in Training," symbolizes their early steps toward becoming life-changing service dogs. The opposite side, titled "Heroes Helping Heroes," will highlight the, now graduated, service dogs and the profound difference they make for their partners including veterans, first re-

sponders, and individuals with disabilities.

"Racing is all about pushing limits, but the greatest impact often happens off the track," said Sting Ray Robb. "By carrying the Freedom Service Dogs brand on our car and transporter all season, we're not just driving for results - we're driving awareness for an incredible cause. Who doesn't love fast cars and puppies!?"

This partnership was made possible with the support of Goodheart Animal Health Centers, whose dedication to animal welfare and veterinary excellence aligns with Freedom Service Dogs' mission.

"At Freedom Service Dogs, we believe dogs make a life-changing difference for people with disabilities, and we are incredibly grateful for the impact of this campaign," said Chris Nelson, President and CEO of Freedom Service Dogs. "As a nonprofit, having the opportunity to share our mission with the dedicated IndyCar fanbase is invaluable and will help fuel our mission, allowing



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us to provide more service dogs to the people who need them most."

Freedom Service Dogs of America provides purpose-bred, custom-trained service dogs to veterans, young adults with autism, and individuals with mobility challenges, enabling them to lead more independent and fulfilling lives. Fans can support the cause by attending Freedom Service Dogs' upcoming gala, *Diamonds in the Rough: Fast & Furriest*, on April 24, or by learning more at freedom servicedogs.org.

Juncos Hollinger Racing and Sting Ray Robb invite fans to follow Freedom Service Dogs and their journey throughout the 2025 NTT INDYCAR season.

Men's Basketball

Clutch shooting & strong defense carry Mad Ants past Go-Go

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants continued their road trip Wednesday afternoon in a matchup with the Capital City Go-Go. With the play-offs looming, the Mad Ants secured a crucial victory on Thursday. After holding the Go-Go to six points on 1-16 shooting in the third quarter, Indiana held on for a 107-98 victory. Dakota Mathias scored 27 points while Jahliil Okafor added 25.

Obadiah Noel scored the first points of the game for the Mad Ants. With the shot clock dwindling, the Maryland native banked in a mid-range jumper. Jahliil Okafor drew a foul on the

next possession and scored two points with a free throw.

With 6:45 left in the first quarter, the game was tied at 14. Noel put Indiana ahead with a transition layup. Early on, the Mad Ants capitalized by causing turnovers and converting those turnovers into points.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Ishmael Lane scored for the Mad Ants with a putback shot. The big man scored after grabbing an offensive rebound. Keisei Tominaga scored 30 seconds later. After missing a three-pointer, he grabbed the rebound and scored from mid-range. The Go-Go shot 75 percent from the

field in the first quarter and had a 34-27 lead. Okafor, Noel and De'Vion Harmon each had six points for Indiana in the quarter.

Okafor scored the first points for Indiana in the second quarter. Off a pass from Josiah-Jordan James, the 29-year-old used a spin move to score at the basket. Next time down the floor, Dakota Mathias drained a three-pointer.

Halfway through the second quarter, the Mad Ants regained the lead after going on an 18-8 run. After a steal from James, Cameron McGriff rocked the rim

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Pollard commits to Marian



Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics

Carmel senior Ozzy Pollard has committed to the Marian University football team.

Baker commits to U of Evansville

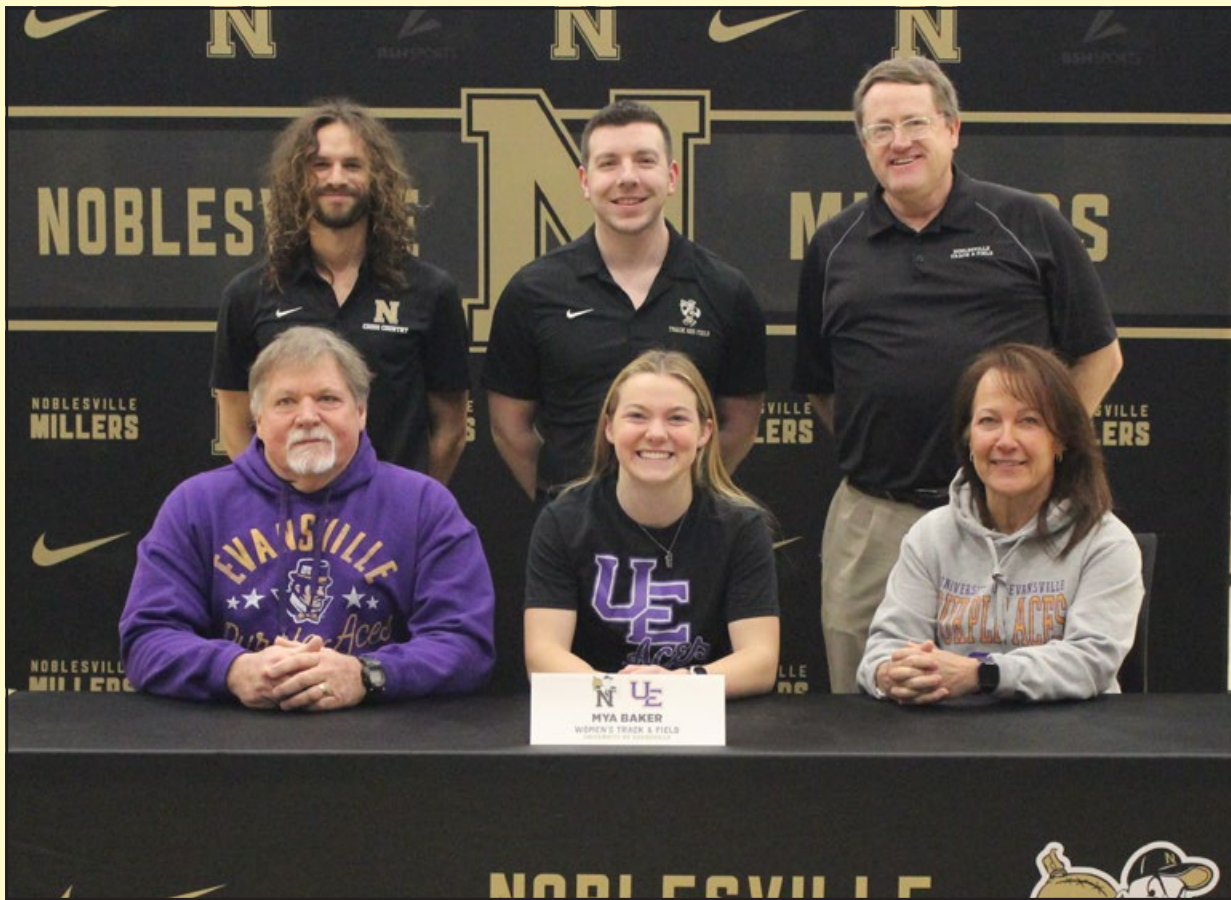


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Noblesville's Mya Baker has committed to the University of Evansville women's track and field team. (Front row, from left) Brian Baker (father), Mya Baker, and Rachel Baker (mother). (Back row, from left) Aaron Becker (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Assistant Coach), Quentin Swaim (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Assistant Coach), and Jim Pearce (Noblesville Girls Track & Field Head Coach).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 20

BOYS LACROSSE

Avon at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

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

Friday, March 21

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Forest Hills Central (Grand Rapids, Mich.), 7 p.m.
Center Grove at Fishers, 8 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at East Grand Rapids, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Upper Arlington (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.
Hinsdale Central (Ill.) at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
Avon at Noblesville, TBA

Saturday, March 22

BOYS BASKETBALL SEMI-STATES

Class 4A at Elkhart

South Bend Riley vs. Fishers, 10 a.m.
Homestead vs. Crown Point, noon
Championship, 8 p.m.

Class 2A at Washington

Parke Heritage vs. Forest Park, 10 a.m.
University vs. Linton-Stockton, noon
Championship, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Carmel at East Grand Rapids, noon
Hamilton Southeastern at Forrest Hills Central (Grand Rapids, Mich.), 12:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Cathedral Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hinsdale Central (Ill.) at Hamilton Southeastern, 11 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Worthington Kilbourne (Columbus, Ohio), 1 p.m.
Northridge at Westfield, noon
Fishers at Westfield, 4 p.m.
Noblesville at Homestead, TBD

TRACK AND FIELD

Carmel at Indiana State HSR Qualifier, 9:45 a.m.
Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, University, Westfield at Pike Red Devil HSR Qualifier, 10 a.m. at University of Indianapolis

Sunday, May 23

BOYS LACROSSE

Libertyville (Ill.) at Westfield, 1 p.m.

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with a two-handed dunk on the other hand. This prompted a timeout from Capital City. Indiana had a 45-42 lead with 6:48 to go in the half.

Down to 2:13 left in the quarter, Indiana had a 55-48 advantage. With 30 seconds to go, Lane was fouled under the basket, and he converted the one-for-two free throw. Capital City trimmed the deficit, and the Mad Ants lead was 57-55 going into halftime. Okafor led all scorers with 15 first-half points.

Okafor scored the first points of the third quarter. The Illinois native grabbed

an offensive rebound and finished at the rim with a layup. On the next possession, Noel scored with a running layup.

Halfway through the quarter, Harmon flew down the court and finished with a left-handed layup. Two possessions later, Mathias knocked down a three in transition. The Purdue alum increased the Mad Ants lead to 68-57.

The Mad Ants held the Go-Go to just six points in the quarter. The record for fewest points allowed in a quarter in Mad Ants history is five. Indiana out-scored Capital City 22-6 in

the quarter and had a 79-61 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Go-Go shot 1-for-16 from the floor in the quarter. Okafor led all scorers with 19 points through three quarters.

Okafor scored the first points for Indiana in the fourth quarter. The veteran center rocked the rim with a one-handed dunk. On the next possession, Mathias scored with a turnaround jumper. Ellis made it three consecutive positive possessions with a three-pointer.

Capital City cut into the deficit with a 13-0 run in the fourth quarter. Mathias

put an end to the scoring drought with an off-balance three-pointer. With 6:30 left in regulation, the Mad Ants had a 91-77 lead.

The Go-Go fought back and brought the deficit to single digits with three minutes remaining. Mathias added to Indiana's lead with a mid-range jumper. The Mad Ants had a 96-89 lead with 1:35 left in the quarter.

On their next possession, James added to the lead with a corner three. The Mad Ants called a timeout with 41 seconds left on the game clock while leading 99-91. Mathias

was battling for control of a loose ball, prompting the timeout.

Out of the timeout, Harmon was fouled and made both of his free throws. Capital City knocked down a three-pointer 10 seconds later. After inbounding the ball, the Go-Go again fouled Harmon. The Texas Tech alum went 1-for-2 from the charity stripe. Capital City called a timeout with 25 seconds to go.

The defense stopped Capital City on their inbound play following the timeout. After a rebound, McGriff was fouled. With a chance to ice the game, he

sank both free throws. At a point in the season where every game is crucial, Indiana pulled out a massive victory.

The Indiana Mad Ants remain on the road for their next two games. The Mad Ants play again today in Delaware against the Blue Coats. Tip-off is scheduled for 11 a.m. The road trip concludes on Saturday with the Mad Ants returning to Windy City to face the Bulls. The final Mad Ants home game of the regular season comes on Monday against the Windy City Bulls. Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

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