

THANKS

“2024 was eventful for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and through the community’s overwhelming support we provided food for 165,623 meals through 969 separate distributions,” Hagen said. “This was a 10 percent increase from the previous year. Food pantries and meal programs across the county all report that the need is increasing and that ensuring healthy food is always accessible is a challenge. We saw our own challenges as donations have decreased while food purchases have needed to grow, over 21 percent in one year to meet the need.”

If you would like to donate to HCH, you can do so online at hchfoodbank.org. Their newly redesigned website has abundant information for those in need and for those who want to donate time and money.

If you are thinking of volunteering some time, we will even save you a few clicks. Visit tinyurl.com/HCHvolunteer to access the form so you can get involved.



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Anita Hagen was the recipient of awards, shared memories, so many hugs, and more than a few tears during her last annual meeting as Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank Executive Director. She is leaving the organization in very good hands with a mix of new and returning board members, and incoming HCH Executive Director Suzanna Hobson, who is already reaching out to strengthen relationships with community partners. (ABOVE RIGHT) The night’s event was catered by students from Carmel High Schools’ Culinary Arts program. See more photos online at ReadTheReporter.com.



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4-H

• Isaac Leonard, our president, gave a demonstration on motorcycle safety.

• Husky 4-H’er Abby Martin did a demonstration on how to make a lava lamp using ingredients found in your home.

We then voted to spend \$80 on ads for our annual 4-H tent that sells grilled cheese sandwiches, which you should totally buy – they are painted in butter and taste amazing. We also voted to donate \$300 to banners for winners at the 4-H fair. The winner of the

trivia contest was Zuri Ebigo, one of our song leaders, and the answer was a rabbit can eat poison ivy! We then wrapped up the meeting with a pizza party ... but wait, there’s more!

The Husky 4-H’ers met at Cicero Christian Church on Saturday, March 15 to do our service project. Our group packed over 15,000 meals for IDES, and our president, Isaac Leonard, summed up the day best: “It was a good turn out from the club, and everybody stuck to it.” Wise words.



COACH

I have looked through the statistics and accomplishments of an assortment of coaches and come down to five coaches who are in close contention for the best NFL coach of all time. In my opinion, those coaches are Bill Belichick, Don Shula, Andy Reid, Tom Landry, and Vince Lombardi. Each one of these coaches has a long list of impressive accomplishments, and I list them all to give a visual on the differences and similarities between them. I got these stats from pro-football-reference.com.

As you can see, these coaches are much more similar than they are different. I think it is immediately easy to pick two coaches to drop from being the best coach of all time, and that is Tom Landry and Don Shula, due to a lack of success in the Super Bowl. In my opinion, winning when it matters most is the most important attribute when determining the best coach in this sense, though it can be completely arbitrary.

That leaves us with Bill Belichick, Andy Reid, and Vince Lombardi.

Next off the board for me is Andy Reid, also due to the lack of Super Bowl success. Even though he has the second most postseason wins from any head coach, right behind Bill Belichick, shows me that his teams, oftentimes, seem to fold under the immense pressure of the Super Bowl.

Now between Belichick and Lombardi, I think it is extremely difficult, but I also think having the second most regular season wins of all time, most Super Bowl wins, and most postseason wins of all time is enough to cement him as the best NFL coach of all time, and

that is Bill Belichick. Lombardi puts up a good fight, though, with his 5-1 Super Bowl record. If Vince Lombardi didn’t have his coaching career cut short due to a colon cancer diagnosis, he could have won. Going to six Super Bowls in nine years and winning five of them is nothing short of impressive.

To sum everything up, I believe Bill Belichick is the best NFL head coach of all time. What do you think? I leave you with a quote from Bill Belichick: “Talent sets the floor, character sets the ceiling.”

	Career Record	Career Win %	Super Bowl Record	Playoff Wins	HOF players coached	Division Titles	AP Coach of the Year
Bill Belichick	333-178	65%	8-3	31	1 as of now	17	3
Andy Reid	301-163-1	65%	3-3	28	1 as of now	14	1
Vince Lombardi	96-34-6	74%	5-1	9	9	6	1
Tom Landry	250-162-6	61%	2-5	20	5	13	1
Don Shula	347-156-6	68%	2-5	19	15	14	4

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Celebrating value of human life on World Down Syndrome Day

In recognizing World Down Syndrome Day, I want to take a moment to celebrate the extraordinary contributions individuals with Down syndrome make to our community and to reaffirm our commitment to creating a more inclusive society where everyone can thrive.

March 21 (3/21) symbolizes the triplication of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome. This day reminds us to recognize the inherent



MARIO MASSILLAMANY

dignity, worth, and unique abilities of every person. In Hamilton County, we are fortunate to have organizations like Noble of Indiana, GiGi's Playhouse, and Best Buddies that provide vital support and opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Their work showcases what we can achieve when we focus on abilities rather than limitations. As Republicans, we believe in the value of every

human life and the importance of creating communities where all people can participate fully. Our party has long advocated for policies that expand educational opportunities, employment options, and community inclusion for people with disabilities. I encourage you to take time to learn more about Down syndrome, support local organizations serving this community, and consider how we can all work together to break down barriers. Simple acts like wearing mismatched socks (representing the uniqueness of chromosomes) can

help raise awareness. To the families in our community who have loved ones with Down syndrome: we see you, we value you, and we are committed to standing with you to ensure that all individuals have the chance to reach their full potential. Together, we can build a Hamilton County that truly works for everyone. Mario Massillamany is the Chairman of the Hamilton County Republican Party.

Final Knights of Columbus Lenten dinner set for March 28

The REPORTER
Knights of Columbus Council 11044 will hold its last Lenten dinner on Friday March 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 charitable causes of feeding and clothing the poor and elderly, assisting those with special needs, and supporting vocations and the needs of the parish. Credit cards will be accepted. You can also order ahead at fish.kofc11044.org.

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HARVEST

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If you're looking to start your own gardening journey or want to involve your children in a meaningful, hands-on experience, be sure to check out the HEPL event calendar for upcoming gardening workshops. You can also visit the Seed Library page at hamiltoneastpl.org/seed-library for more details. Let's celebrate the joy of growing together!

Join the conversation and share your gardening adventures with the community by tagging @HamiltonEastPL on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Don't forget to use the hashtags #HEPLSeedLibrary and #HEPLGrowers to showcase your progress and inspire others to dig into the joy of gardening and utilize their seed

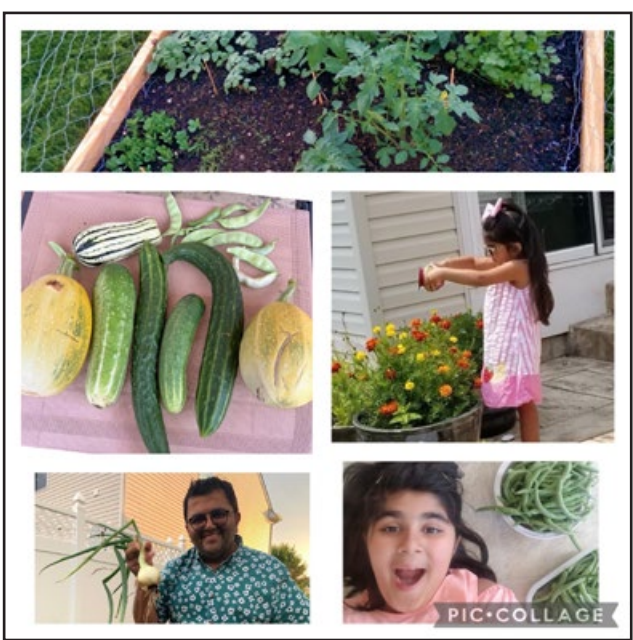


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library resources. Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.



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Our columnist encourages you to check out the Seed Library at the Hamilton East Public Library. Learn more at hamiltoneastpl.org/seed-library.

IMPACT

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and showing up for students, no matter where they are in life," Executive Director Brittany Delph said. "In these 25 years, we've been able to walk alongside thousands of students, helping them grow and succeed. Tonight, we celebrate that journey and look ahead to all the great things we will continue to accomplish together."

Student Impact's commitment to youth has positively impacted countless lives over the years, and the organization's reach has increased 18.5 percent over the last school year. With the continued support of its generous community of donors, volunteers, and partners, Student Impact is poised to continue making an even greater difference in the next 25 years.

A special thank you to these generous sponsors:

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"We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors for their unwavering support," Delph said. "Their generosity helps us continue empowering students, and we couldn't do this work without them."

For more information about Student Impact and its programs, please visit TheRockWestfield.org.

About Student Impact

Since 1999, Student Impact has been a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to providing a safe, supportive environment for fifth- through 12th-grade students. Through programs like Student Impact Basketball, the After School Program, Small Groups, and Summer Camp, the organization empowers youth to

grow personally, spiritually, and as leaders, while fostering a sense of belonging and community. At the heart of Student Impact's mission is the goal of leading students to Jesus and helping them navigate the challenges of adolescence.



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Sheridan Middle School
Academic Team displays
dedication & team spirit

Submitted by Sheridan
Community Schools

The Sheridan Middle School (SMS) Academic Team recently participated in its competition, finishing with 24 points.

Students demonstrated hard work, teamwork, and perseverance at the event. Sponsored by SMS English Teacher Amy Wilson, the event provided an opportunity for these young scholars to showcase their academic skills and support one another in a collaborative environment.

The eighth-grade participants – Emily Cramer, Joshua Dodson, Patrick Kelly, Ellen Phillips, and Grayson Stultz – along with the seventh-grade participants – Cade Bishop, Caroline Bolyard, Kason Cramer, Waylon Hoffman, and Audrey Weir – worked together to represent Sheridan with pride and determination.

“The students worked hard, supported their teammates and represented Sheridan really well!” Wilson



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
The SMS Academic Team's attitude, focus, and commitment proved they embody team spirit.

said.

While the team's placement was not as high as they had hoped, their positive attitude and commitment were clear throughout the event. Their focus on teamwork and support highlighted the true spirit of the competition, and the experience provided valuable lessons in resilience, academic

growth, and sportsmanship.

This event not only served as a learning opportunity for everyone involved but also set the stage for even greater achievements in future competitions. The students' hard work and teamwork both embody the values of excellence and perseverance that are central to the school community.

You can help keep Great
American Songbook
Foundation's mission alive

Submitted

The Great American Songbook Foundation in Carmel continues to celebrate Women's History Month, but your support is crucial to helping the foundation fulfill its mission of inspiring and educating the public by celebrating the music of the Great American Songbook.

One meaningful way to support that mission – including the many women and Hall of Fame members who have shaped its legacy – is through charitable giving.

Cash is not
always king

With tax season upon us, many Songbook Foundation donors are analyzing their financial situations and considering non-cash options for charitable giving, rather than drawing from disposable income. Those vehicles include Donor-Advised Funds (DAF), qualified charitable distributions



The Great American
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Michael Feinstein, Founder

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Interested in including the Songbook Foundation in your estate plans? This simple Letter of Intent allows you to leave a legacy so the programs you find important today are here for youth and adults in the future.

Shape the
Songbook's future

The community plays a key role in keeping the Great American Songbook alive, and they want to know:

- What stories or artifacts in the exhibits captivate you most?
- Which gems in the Songbook Library & Archives do you think deserve the spotlight?
- How do you love engaging with the Songbook, and what would make it even better?

Your voice helps craft new content, plan exciting programs, and even shape the future museum. Take this quick audience survey and be part of the next chapter in the Songbook Foundation's story.

Federal order risks loss of history

On March 14, an Executive Order was issued to reduce funding and essentially gut the Institute of Museum and Library Services, an independent federal agency that supports libraries, archives, and museums in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

These institutions rely on IMLS funding to preserve history, educate the public, and serve as community hubs, providing essential resources for students, seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. They also serve as economic engines, supporting over 726,000 jobs and generating \$50 billion in economic benefits.

Without IMLS, this vital work is at risk.

IMLS support is vital for organizations like mine, the Carmel-based Great Amer-



CHRIS LEWIS

ican Songbook Foundation, to carry out its mission. In our efforts to celebrate the foundational era of American popular music, we maintain the vast Songbook Library & Archives

and operate the Songbook Exhibit Gallery at the Payne & Mencias Palladium. We are in the planning for a stand-alone museum and visitor experience along the Monon Greenway that will be a national tourist attraction for Hamilton County.

Thanks to IMLS funding, the Songbook Foundation has achieved significant milestones, such as hiring a music librarian to process over 200,000 rare manuscripts and musical arrangements that would otherwise be lost to history, employing a processing archivist to address collections backlogs, and

implementing a digital asset management system to make our collections more accessible to students, educators, researchers and music lovers around the world.

Despite its tremendous impact, IMLS makes up just 0.0046 percent of the federal budget. Yet, its funding enjoys broad bipartisan support – 96 percent of Americans want to maintain or increase federal funding for museums. Congress has consistently recognized the value of IMLS, and it is critical that it remains an independent, congressionally authorized agency.

Please email or call your members of Congress today and let them know how important IMLS is to you, your favorite museums and the communities they serve. The future of our cultural institutions depends on it.

Christopher Lewis is the executive director of the Great American Songbook Foundation in Carmel.

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Hopebridge brings coin hunts, Hopefest & more

The REPORTER

Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers partnered with We Rock the Spectrum, 13644 N. Meridian St., Carmel, for a unique St. Patrick's Day event. The Reporter spoke with Kaitlynn Prichard from Hopebridge about that event, the work done at Hopebridge, and a few upcoming opportunities to learn more about the work being done right here in Hamilton County for kids on the autism spectrum.

"We have two centers in Hamilton County, our Carmel Center and our Fishers Center," Prichard said. "We were really just looking for ways to connect with our community. We've partnered with We Rock the Spectrum for a Valentine's Day event, and they're just great people. We wanted to partner again for St. Patrick's Day."

On March 17, Hopebridge set up a St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt at We Rock The Spectrum.

"We hid some little plastic gold coins around the gym," Prichard said. "The kiddos came in and they grabbed a little green little bucket, then collected



Photos provided

Hopebridge Autism Therapy Centers believes everyone has something to offer their community.

some of the coins and then brought them back to get some prizes out of a little treasure chest."

According to Prichard, there was also a giveaway.

"We included a basket that was put together by No Label at the Table," Prichard said. "They're an autistic-owned and employed bakery in downtown Carmel. We were really just trying to support the autism community as much as we can, partner with We Rock the Spectrum Kids Gym, and just bring some St. Patrick's Day fun to the community."

Hopebridge's Hamilton County locations include 801 Congressional Blvd.,

Suite 600, Carmel, and 9769 Crosspoint Blvd., located in Fishers.

"Our patients typically consist of a child who has an autism diagnosis," Prichard said. "But specifically in our Carmel and our Fishers centers, we also have other pediatric therapy services. We have occupational therapy (OT), speech therapy, and our Carmel Center also has physical therapy for children. Sometimes we take in patients that don't necessarily need ABA therapy for an autism diagnosis. Sometimes they just need OT or speech therapy."

You can learn more about Hopebridge online at hopebridge.com and you



can attend some upcoming community events.

Hopefest

"April is World Autism Month and 2025 is actually an exciting year for Hope Bridge because we're celebrating our 20th anniversary," Prichard told The Reporter. "We are bringing a special event to our Hamilton County Centers. It's going to be hosted at our Carmel center and it's an event called Hopefest."

Hopefest will be a carnival-style event with bounce houses, carnival games, flavored ice, and more.

"We're working to get some first responders out to

do a touch a truck event as well," Prichard said. "We're inviting the community to come into our center, meet our clinicians, kind of see around where their kiddos would be every day, and just celebrate World Autism Month with us and just educate the community and be advocates for the autism community in Hamilton County."

Hopefest will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 25 at Hopebridge Autism Therapy Center, 801 Congressional Blvd., Suite 600, Carmel.

Coffee Connections
Hopebridge Founder

Kim Strunk will be the speaker at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce's April Coffee Connection from 8 to 9 a.m. April 24 at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

Strunk will discuss her background, the importance of inclusion, and the positive impact of hiring employees with disabilities in the community.

Hopebridge has more than 100 centers in 12 states, and serves nearly 5,000 patients with autism.

You can register for the April Coffee Connections event online at tinyurl.com/WCCApril2025Coffee.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Mayor Sue Finkam will work with fellow leaders to advocate for the interests of municipalities.

Finkam appointed to steering committee of national community leaders group

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam has been appointed to the Community Leaders of America (CLA) Steering Committee for the Midwest region.

The appointment by CLA leadership earlier this month recognizes Mayor Finkam's dedication to effective governance, economic development, and community engagement and her position as a respected leader by mayors across the United States.

CLA is a national organization that brings together Republican mayors, city council members, and county leaders from across the country to promote innovative policies, share best practices and advocate for pro-growth, fiscally responsible governance.

CLA's core principles include:

1. Stimulating job growth by establishing a sustainable business environment that promotes opportunity and prosperity for everyone

2. Ensuring public safety and protecting civil liberties

3. Enhancing quality of life by promoting infrastructure improvements and providing necessary services in the most effective and efficient manner possible

4. Protecting taxpayer resources through implementation of common-sense fiscal management

As a member of the steering committee, Mayor Finkam will collaborate with fellow municipal leaders to shape policy discussions, advocate for local priorities, and support initiatives that drive sustainable growth and innovation in cities and towns across the region.

"It's a privilege to be part of this group, contributing to meaningful policy discussions that will benefit Carmel and other communities, as well," Mayor Finkam said.

Learn more about the organization at strongcommunityleaders.com.

Spot the signs, stop the crime

Attorney General Todd Rokita urges Hoosiers to watch for signs of human trafficking during spring break

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

As Hoosiers and visitors alike prepare for spring break travel and festivities, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on all Hoosiers to remain vigilant for signs of human trafficking.

Spring break, a time often associated with relaxation and celebration, unfortunately provides opportunities for traffickers to exploit vulnerable individuals, particularly in areas with large crowds and tourist activity.

"Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery that thrives in the shadows, and spring break destinations can become prime targets for this evil enterprise," AG Rokita said. "Whether you're traveling

to a beach, a big city, or staying close to home, we need every Hoosier to be the eyes and ears in our fight to prevent human trafficking and bring perpetrators to justice."

Large gatherings and travel hubs, such as those common during spring break, are known to create increased demand for trafficked individuals forced into manual labor, commercial sex acts, or other exploitative services. People in certain roles – such as hotel staff, restaurant workers, transportation providers, and medical professionals – are especially likely to encounter trafficking victims and should stay alert.



Rokita

Signs of human trafficking to watch for include

- Individuals who appear fearful, submissive, or unable to speak for themselves
- People living in cramped or poor conditions, or with their employer
- Signs of physical abuse, malnourishment, or lack of personal freedom
- Answers that seem scripted or rehearsed when questioned
- Minors engaging in commercial sex acts, with or without overt signs of coercion

"Spring break should be a time of enjoyment, not exploitation," AG Rokita said. "Traffickers prey on the vulnerable, and it's up to all of us to stop them. If you

see something suspicious, report to local law enforcement immediately."

If you suspect someone is being trafficked, contact local law enforcement right away or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

Hoosiers are also encouraged to visit the U.S. Department of State's [Safe Traveler's](#) and [Travel Advisory](#) webpages.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the [Address Confidentiality Program](#), which helps protect victims of certain crimes – including those who have been trafficked – by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers.

Learn more about the program at the Attorney General's [website](#).



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Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa
8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.
**Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-
F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
**Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-
W, F eat in or carry out**

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.
**Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 9-12,
Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5
Su**

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm
M-Th 11a-10p, 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
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till close**

VFW Posts
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12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm
Su-Sa 11a-11p.
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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
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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
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Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers
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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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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

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Fishers Health Department Social Worker

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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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Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops
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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Do not believe Satan’s lies! (Part 3)

We have been going through a series where we look at a few of Satan’s lies.

The first sin was a result of Eve doubting what God said on account of Satan’s lies (Genesis 3:1, 4-6). Believe me, he has not stopped lying. His whole mission is one of lies and deception (John 8:44; Revelation 20:7-9). And people have not stopped doubting God and believing Satan’s lies. Look around – we see the results of this deception everywhere in our culture (Romans 1:25).

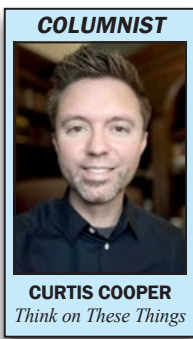
As I said before, we have all rejected the truth and believed the lie (Romans 3:23) and because of that we have all given ourselves over to the “futility of our minds,” had our “understanding darkened” and our lives bore the fruit of it (Ephesians 4:17-18). That is why God revealed truth through scripture and has given us all we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). Yet, there are many today who continue to believe these lies. Thankfully, God has not left us ignorant (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Let’s look at a few more today.

“Prioritize yourself first.”

We might say it this way, “Look out for number one.” Or we might call it self-seeking, self-serving, self-involved, self-centered, or selfish – with emphasis on self.

That is what Satan says,



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but what does God say about this?

Jesus said in Mark 10:44 “*And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*” It’s hard to sell Christianity with lines like this. You could tell them, “If you want to achieve greatness ... to be first ... to make it to heaven ... then be a slave.” They might say, “No! I am against slavery.” But Jesus says, “Volunteer for it!”

Paul says something challenging along this line in Philippians 2:3-5. This passage teaches that Jesus thought in His mind in every humble act (including being on the cross), “You are more important than I am!” I wrestle with that thought. How could He have thought that? He is God. He is the creator of the universe. Yet, that is what the Bible says here. That is the same mindset that this passage says we need to have.

This is what makes Christianity so different. It’s not about putting yourself first, but last. It is not about serving yourself. It is about denying yourself. It’s about serving and prioritizing others.

“Self-esteem is important.”

You may have heard someone say something like, “The most important thing is for you (especially young people) to believe in

yourself ... or esteem yourself highly.”

Do you know why this is considered so important in our culture? Because it stems from another lie, when people tell kids, “You are not created. You were an accident. You are a product of different processes and evolution. You are a highly evolved monkey adapted for survival over billions of years. You have no Creator. You certainly were not created in the image of any Creator. Your only value comes from the survival of the fittest.”

Do you know what they have to do with kids because of this lie? They have to go from biology to trying to convince them, “You matter!” If this lie is true, then what gives value is survival of the fittest, and only the smartest, strongest, most talented, popular, beautiful, or successful really matter.

That is what Satan wants you to believe, but what does God say?

Our value (proper self-worth) comes not from being the fittest, but from the fundamental truth that we were all made in God’s image (Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 5:1-2; Psalm 8:4-8; James 3:9; etc.). Male or female. Yellow, black, or

white. Rich or poor. Born or unborn. Successful or not. Popular or not. No matter your physical circumstances, God made you. God loves you. God (your Creator) wants to have a relationship with you (His creation). This makes you inherently valuable. This is where we have to find our true value.

God loves you so much, and despite your sin, He sacrificed his only begotten Son for you – to recreate you back into the image He made you (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21; etc.). God longs to have a deeper relationship with you and adopt you as His child (1 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 1:5; 1 John 3:1).

That’s what the Bible says about just a few of the many lies Satan continues to tell.

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

HOPE’s Bingo Challenge fundraiser set for May 8

The REPORTER

HOPE Family Care Center, a free health care provider in Cicero, will hold its second annual HOPE Bingo Challenge 2025 from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 8 at Purgatory Golf Course’s Clubhouse/The Lodge, 12160 E. 216th St., Noblesville.

HOPE has seen significant growth in both the need and the demand for its services. In 2024, HOPE saw major increases in total clinic visits (11 percent increase), dental visits (31 percent increase), and mammograms (27 percent increase). In addition, HOPE’s Counseling Program continues to provide vital assistance to community members needing behavioral health services.

All these services are provided at no charge. HOPE relies on dedicated grants, fundraising events, and the generosity of individual and corporate contributors. HOPE’s second annual Bingo Night will help generate needed funds to continue meeting the organization’s vital community mission.

More information about



these opportunities can be found at hopefamilycare.org. Please note you do not have to be in attendance to be an Event Sponsor, Table Sponsor, Game Sponsor, Auction Item Donor, or financial contributor.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at HOPE’s website or by contacting HOPE Clinic at (317) 984-3444 or hfccicero@gmail.com.

About HOPE Family Care Center

HOPE Family Care Center is a faith based 501(c)(3) non-profit clinic providing free medical, dental, mental health counseling, women’s health, mammograms, and diabetes education services to uninsured, under-insured, and medically under-served patients from Hamilton, Tipton, Madison, and Boone counties. For more information, or to inquire about an appointment, call (317) 984-3444 or email hfccicero@gmail.com.



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WHY THE BIBLE?




THE BIBLE AND ARCHAEOLOGY DISCOVERIES.


Consider just a few of many archaeological discoveries that prove the Bible’s accuracy in revealing historical people, events, and places (from “[Archaeological Finds.](#)”).




The **Tel Dan Stele** was discovered in Israel and is dated back to the ninth century BC. It mentions the “House of David,” shattering the long-held view of many skeptics that David was a mythical person.



The **Mesha Stele** describes Moab’s subjection under Omri, the king of Israel. It also references the personal name of the God of the Bible (Yahweh), and very likely contains a reference to the “House of David.”




The **Pilate stone** provides archaeological evidence for the existence of the man who sentenced Jesus to death on the Cross. Skeptics frequently denied his existence until the discovery of this stone, which identifies Pontius Pilate as the Prefect of Judea.




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Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti fourth graders gather at Statehouse



Photo provided by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez
A terrific group of fourth graders from Westfield’s St. Maria Goretti Catholic School visited the Statehouse on March 10 to learn more about their state government. State Reps. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel), Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) and State Senator J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) spent a few minutes with the students at the Indiana Supreme Court, answering questions and taking photos.

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Is Medicare safe from budget cuts?

No! Politicians love to say Medicare is untouchable, but anyone paying attention knows that's not true. Both parties claim they'll protect the program; the reality is that Medicare is one of the biggest expenses in the federal budget, so naturally, it is always a target of cuts.

During the Trump era and beyond, budget hawks have pushed for cuts to so-called "entitlements," which include Medicare, Social Security, and Medicaid. Despite the political rhetoric, experts agree that long-term cost reductions have to involve Medicare in some way. The real question isn't if Medicare will be cut, but how it will be done without gutting the program entirely.

So how could they cut Medicare without eliminating it?

The most likely changes would come in the form of higher out-of-pocket costs for beneficiaries, stricter means testing (which means higher-income retirees would pay more), and potential adjustments to eligibility ages. Some proposals have suggested shifting Medicare toward a voucher system, where seniors would receive a set amount to purchase private insurance, though that idea hasn't gained much traction recently.

The bottom line is that Medicare will survive. But it won't stay exactly as it is today. Tweaks and cost-saving measures are inevitable, whether through higher premiums, payment reductions to healthcare providers, or changes in how services are delivered.

While politicians may promise to "protect" Medi-



care, they'll also have to make tough decisions to keep it solvent. If politicians continue to steer clear of dreaded Medicare cuts, the trust fund will run dry on its own. Doing nothing is the worst option!

Don't hate on any political party that takes the bold steps to prolong the Medicare (and Social Security) trust funds. Benefits will likely be cut, and prices will likely increase. But the program will be here.

Everyone wants to know who is to blame for the situation we are in, but the answer is likely YOU. You are living much longer than expected when these programs were set up. You are having fewer children than families did in the 1930s when Social Security was written into law. Fewer kids mean fewer workers paying into the system. I have four kids of my own, so I like to joke that I'm part of the solution.

Changes are coming. How can you plan for the unknown? Improve your health in any way that you can and then stay informed and plan for potential cost increases. While dramatic cuts may not happen overnight, small changes can add up over time – impacting coverage, costs, and how Medicare operates in the future.

Sylvia A. Gordon, JD is known nationally as "Medicare Mama" to over one million followers on social media. She has 30 years' experience in Medicare insurance. Her family has helped tens of thousands of retirees across the nation. Find her book, "Medicare Mama's Guide to Medicare and Social Security Retirement" on Amazon, Kindle, and Audible.

Fishers awards \$422.5K in grants to 23 neighborhoods

The REPORTER

The City of Fishers awarded 23 local neighborhoods with \$422,582 in grants as part of its 2025 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program. Over the last 25 years, the program has awarded nearly \$2.2 million to enhance vibrancy, invest in neighborhood capital improvements, and build community.

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program provides funding for creative and innovative infrastructure projects that boost the vibrancy of Fishers' neighborhoods. This year, the City of Fishers awarded neighborhood grants to support environmental fostering, modernization, and more.

This round of grant recipients include:

- Archer Estates (\$17,329.04) to improve landscaping at neighborhood entrance
- Ashwood (\$14,750) to replace 21 dead trees that were removed last year
- Bridger Pines + Bridger Pines West (\$15,108.86) to install pollinator gardens and replace dead plants and trees
- Britton Falls (\$24,000) to replace two landscaping beds at neighborhood entrance and install monument sign
- Britton Ridge Pond Adjacent (\$25,000) to install an erosion control barrier along the pond
- Burberry Place (\$25,000) to install new courts for tennis and pickleball
- Delaware Pointe (\$25,000) to improve sidewalk along Delaware Parkway and upgrade to an ADA accessible playground
- Gray Eagle (\$3,791.52) to replace basketball hoops and backboards
- Hickory Woods (\$20,119) to install a new

retention pond and landscaping at neighborhood entrances

- New Britton Woods (\$12,676.26) to beautify neighborhood entrance and exit

- Pine Bluff Overlook (\$23,880) for pond improvements

- Prescott POA (\$11,465.60) to remove six trees at neighborhood entrance and improve landscaping with new metal mulch barrier

- Quaker Ridge (\$23,000) to replace fence surrounding neighborhood entrance

- River Glenn (\$11,011.71) to replace current plantings with vibrant ones

- Royalwood (\$22,506.84) to upgrade signage, lighting, and install native plants

- Sand Creek Woods (\$25,000) to improve and install pond fountains

- Saxony (\$19,724) to replace landscaping at neighborhood entrance and along medians

- Silverton (\$23,000) to install plants at both neighborhood entrances

- Stevenson Mill (\$13,286.69) to enhance landscape and remove dying plants

- Sumerlin Trails (\$7,849) to plant native seeds around ponds

- Sweet Briar (\$25,000) to create ADA accessible outdoor spaces, resurface basketball courts, and improve landscaping

- Timberstone Villas (\$15,271.15) to increase safety of median at entrance to neighborhood

- Windjammer Bay (\$18,830.74) to install new lighting and replace landscaping at neighborhood entrances

Learn more about the program at FishersIN.gov/Grants.

Pizza & Punchlines packed with people

CrossRoads Westfield sets attendance record in free community event

CrossRoads Church at Westfield’s Pizza and Punchlines Comedy Night was a great success. Nearly 800 people packed the auditorium at Westfield High School. It was the largest crowd ever in nine years of presenting this community event. The three comedians did a fantastic job. Many people traveled from a long way to see Derrick Tennant, who overcame being paralyzed, Brynn Cummings who is an “America’s Got Talent” semi-finalist, and Chad Thornsberry, who is well known across the country. CrossRoads Church’s next big event is Home Repair Week in June, during which more than 300 high schoolers from all over the United States will spend a week repairing homes in Westfield and northern Hamilton County. Learn more about CrossRoads Church and how it fulfills its “For Our Neighbor” mission at crchurch.org. (Photos provided by Lead Pastor Eric Lohe)



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Civil War lessons come to Noblesville



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Police Sergeant Jason Shonkwiler, dressed in Civil War era clothing, recently welcomed Noblesville High School students for a learning experience at Crownland Cemetery. The students are part of the high school’s AP research class and were able to hear from history buff Shonkwiler as part of their study on shared historical experiences.

Flanner Buchanan Funeral Centers names Hospice Caregivers of the Year & Volunteer of the Year

Submitted

Indianapolis-based Flanner Buchanan Funeral Centers has recognized Kelli Bennett and Kathy Molloy of Paradigm Health Hospice as the Flanner Buchanan 2024 Hospice Caregivers of the Year and Nan Allen of Luminary Hospice as the Flanner Buchanan 2024 Hospice Volunteer of the Year.

The awards were presented by Maureen Lindley, Flanner Buchanan’s vice president of marketing, at a recognition event on March 12 at Flanner Buchanan’s Prairie Waters Event Center.

Hospice care provides comfort, dignity, and specialized care to individuals in their final stages of life. Paradigm Health’s community-based hospice care team collaborates with physicians to create personalized care plans focused on enhancing quality of

life wherever patients call home. Luminary Hospice is dedicated to delivering compassionate, dignified end-of-life care throughout central Indiana.

Award recipients were selected based on nominations submitted by their colleagues, who praised their dedication, compassion and commitment to serving patients and families during life’s most vulnerable moments.

The Paradigm Health Hospice team described Bennett and Molloy as professionals who go above and beyond in providing compassionate care, offering support and demonstrating unwavering dedication to their patients and families.

The Luminary Hospice team commended Nan Allen, stating: “The superpower of being a volunteer is being present. Nan shows up for her patients, their



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(From left) Maureen Lindley, Flanner Buchanan’s Vice President of Marketing; Kelli Bennett of Paradigm Health, 2024 Hospice Caregiver of the Year; Nan Allen of Luminary Hospice, 2024 Volunteer of the Year; Bruce Buchanan, fourth-generation Owner/CEO of Flanner Buchanan Funeral Centers; and Kathy Molloy of Paradigm Health, 2024 Hospice Caregiver of the Year.

families, and this team. She offers support where needed and continues to make this team better.”

Lindley said, “The extraordinary care provided by Kelli, Kathy, and Nan is exactly why we take the time to recognize hospice volunteers and caregivers. We thank them for their compassionate work and congratulate them on this well-earned honor.”



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Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

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

Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
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State Rep. Lopez joins Carmel city officials for fire truck pull



Photo provided by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

On March 17, State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) joined members of the Carmel Fire Department and the Carmel Professional Firefighters Local 4444 for an afternoon of St. Patrick’s Day festivities at Brockway Pub, including joining Carmel City Councilmembers and Carmel Clerk Jacob Quinn for the fire truck pull.

Westfield gears up for road construction season

The REPORTER

Westfield resident will soon be dealing with several road, trail, and roundabout projects, as well as the resurfacing of various streets around the city.

“My administration is focused on improving our infrastructure and projects like these are vital to our community,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “The construction season has a limited window in Indiana, and there will be record investment in much needed improvement projects occurring this summer. Please be patient as we navigate through the city.”

Roadway projects

- 151st Street and Towne Road roundabout (80 days*): full closure; projected to start no later than April 7
- 2025 Concrete Patch-

ing (Bridlewood Subdivision): no closure; start date: by mid-April, completed by May 30



Willis

- 161st Street and Spring Mill Road roundabout (60 days*): full closure; projected to start May 1; project includes pedestrian bridge over John Edwards Drain
- 181st Street and Wheel-

er Road roundabout (45 days*): full closure; projected to start May 27

- Old 146th Street and Towne Road roundabout: two-phase closure; summer 2025

- 171st Street and Ditch Road roundabout: summer 2025

- Mule Barn Road widening: Fall 2025

**All dates are estimates. Weather, utilities and unforeseen circumstances may impact the schedule.*

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Trail projects

- Monon Tunnel: 161st Street will remain open to traffic; Monon Trail will have a detour; summer 2025
- 161st Street Trail (Oak Road to Carey Road): No closure; summer/fall 2025
- 151st Street Trail (Oak Road to Bridlewood Subdivision): fall 2025

Street resurfacing

The city will begin street resurfacing projects as soon as the first week of April and continue through mid-September. More definitive timelines will be announced as the summer and resurfacing efforts progress. [Click here](#) to see a full list of repaving projects.

Each resurfacing project begins with milling the top surface of asphalt and repaving it with a new layer roughly two to four inches thick. Most milling and paving projects take three

to five days to complete and require lane restrictions.

The city received a Community Crossings Matching Grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation in late 2024 for nearly \$1.5 million. The total for resurfacing projects, including grant dollars, is nearly \$3.2 million for 2025.

“With record investment in infrastructure projects this year, we are grateful for the Community Crossings Matching Grant dollars to put towards our projects,” Mayor Willis said. “We continue to prioritize updating our current infrastructure while planning for future improvements.”

More detailed information, including detour routes and project costs, can be found at [westfieldin.gov/construction](#). The city will also post frequent updates on [Facebook](#).



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

March 18, 2025 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

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

- Noblesville High Schools student journalists were recognized for state level awards from the Indiana High School Press Association.

- Student musicians from NHS, NWMS, and NEMS were recognized for state accomplishments.

- Noblesville West Middle Schools leaders presented on math instruction techniques.

- Executive Director of Student Services Julie Thacker presented on Compassionate Care and Support as part of a new series of monthly reports on the Noblesville Schools Strategic Plan.

- A hearing was held for a \$19.7 million bond that will fund several facility projects throughout the district including paving, painting, roofing, flooring, technology, bus replacements, furniture, and the completion of air handling units at NHS. The bond will not increase the tax rate.

Go to [noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board](#) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Register now for Westfield Young Professionals Leadership Summit

The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals Council (WYPC) for a one-of-a-kind professional and personal development experience from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 3 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield.

The conference is open to anyone aged 40 and under who lives or works in Westfield and is looking to sharpen their skills and network. The all-inclusive cost of \$60 per person includes leadership training, lunch, snacks, service project with Student Impact, and a ticket to the post-conference networking happy hour. Registration is available at [this link](#).

This year’s keynote speaker will be Jodee Curtis, owner of Purple Ink LLC. Breakout session speakers will be Chad Dilley, Danyele Easterhaus, Joe Mangas, and Julie Wright. Breakout session topics will include:

- Mentorship
- Being Present Where Your Feet Are
- Company Culture
- How to Give and Receive Feedback

Please share this event with your colleagues who

are eager to learn or early in their professional journey.

If you have questions, please send an email to [info@westfieldchamber-indy.com](#).

Attention business owners & supervisors

WYPC fully recognizes that key staff members taking a day off from the office

is a big ask. That’s why speakers and presenters have been carefully selected who will help those staff members grow and come back to your company re-energized and ready to meet the moment.

About Westfield Young Professionals

The new Westfield Young Professionals Council is a networking group for young professionals under 40 in Westfield, but it is more than that. WYPC offers a space for people to grow their careers, for those new to Hamilton County and Indianapolis to make lasting friendships, and for young professionals to grow themselves personally. Through this opportunity, young professionals will become invested members of the community, looking for ways to give back to Westfield and each other.



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Inspiration Session: Creative Panel

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- **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

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- Live music featuring **Fred Miller**
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Tipton family farm honored with Hoosier Homestead Award

The REPORTER

At the Indiana Statehouse on Friday, Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith and Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Don Lamb presented 56 farming families with a Hoosier Homestead Award in recognition of their commitment to Indiana agriculture.

Among them was the Guy Kriby Family of Tipton County, who received Sesquicentennial Award, having maintained the farm since 1875.

“Agriculture has always served as the foundation of Indiana’s economy and way of life,” said Lt. Gov. Beck-

with, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “It was a privilege to celebrate these longstanding farming families for their enduring legacies during today’s ceremony.”

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres. If less than 20 acres, the farm must produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. Indiana farms may qualify for three honors: Centennial Award for 100 years of ownership, Sesquicentennial Award for 150

years of ownership and the Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership.

Since the program’s inception in 1976, over 6,200 families have received the Hoosier Homestead Award. Often, a Hoosier Homestead farm is easily recognized because most recipients proudly display their awarded sign on their property.

“Each year I look forward to honoring these long-standing farming families during the Hoosier

Homestead ceremonies,” said Lamb. “I know firsthand the amount of hard work, and grit required to ensure a family remains in the same family for 100 years or more. I commend each of this year’s awardees and thank them for their dedication to Indiana and our agriculture industry.”

The 2025 Summer Hoosier Homestead Award Ceremony will take place on Aug. 13, 2025 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission’s Combined Residential and Commercial Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St. Arcadia.

The Carmel Fire Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

An open meeting will follow at 1:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Conference Room at the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
CO-S-1-25 HUMBURG

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Planning Commission, on the 3rd day of April, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 E. Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, 46072, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-S-1-25: Melissa & Jeffrey Humburg, owner; Melissa & Jeffrey Humburg petitioner; one lot subdivision located on the northwest corner of CR 225 W and CR 600 S.

The property is more completely described as follows:

Part of the west Half of the southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana, shown on the plat of an original boundary survey certified by Seth Johnson, PS # LS21300001 on December 20, 2024 as 40th Parallel Surveying’s Job Number 2024-147 (All references to monuments and courses herein are as shown on said plat of survey) described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Half marked by a railroad spike; thence N 89°34’03” E (Indiana East State Plane Coordinate System) 916.46 feet along the south line of said Half to the point of beginning; thence N 02°08’51” E 417.60 feet to a 5/8 inch diameter rebar with an orange plastic cap stamped “FIRM 0047”; thence N 89°34’03” E 417.60 feet to the east line of said Half; thence S 02°08’51” W 417.60 feet to the southeast corner of said Half; thence S 89°34’03” W 417.60 feet along the south line of said Half to the point of beginning, less containing 4.00 acres, more or less, subject to highway right-of-way.

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections may be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office at 101 E. Jefferson St., Tipton IN 46072 prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the hearing.

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

Tipton County Plan Commission
R5935

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

OTHER PRIESTLY GARMENTS

They made the robe of the ephod entirely of blue cloth—the work of a weaver—with an opening in the center of the robe like the opening of a collar, and a band around this opening, so that it would not tear. They made pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen around the hem of the robe. And they made bells of pure gold and attached them around the hem between the pomegranates. The bells and pomegranates alternated around the hem of the robe to be worn for ministering, as the Lord commanded Moses.

For Aaron and his sons, they made tunics of fine linen—the work of a weaver—and the turban of fine linen, the linen caps and the undergarments of finely twisted linen. The sash was made of finely twisted linen and blue, purple and scarlet yarn—the work of an embroiderer—as the Lord commanded Moses.

They made the plate, the sacred emblem, out of pure gold and engraved on it, like an inscription on a seal: HOLY TO THE LORD. Then they fastened a blue cord to it to attach it to the turban, as the Lord commanded Moses.

MOSES INSPECTS THE TABERNACLE

So all the work on the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, was completed. The Israelites did everything just as the Lord commanded Moses. Then they brought the tabernacle to Moses: the tent and all its furnishings, its clasps, frames, crossbars, posts and bases; the covering of ram skins dyed red and the covering of another durable leather and the shielding curtain; the ark of the covenant law with its poles and the atonement cover; the table with all its articles and the bread of the Presence; the pure gold lampstand with its row of lamps and all its accessories, and the olive oil for the light; the gold altar; the anointing oil, the fragrant incense, and the curtain for the entrance to the tent; the bronze altar with its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils; the basin with its stand; the curtains of the courtyard with its posts and bases, and the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard; the ropes and tent pegs for the courtyard; all the furnishings for the tabernacle, the tent of meeting; and the woven garments worn for ministering in the sanctuary, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when serving as priests.

The Israelites had done all the work just as the Lord had commanded Moses. Moses inspected the work and saw that they had done it just as the Lord had commanded. So Moses blessed them.

Exodus 39:22-43 (NIV)

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Boys Basketball

Semi-state preview, 4A at Elkhart: Fishers Tigers

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

No. 13 South Bend Riley Wildcats (22-4) vs. No. 1 Fishers Tigers (28-0)

It's extremely hard for basketball teams to get to this point of the season, but it must be even harder for them to be the Fishers Tigers.

Currently on a 41-game winning streak and having won 57 of their last 58 games, the Fishers boys are making it look easy. This is the Tigers' second straight appearance in the Elite 8 in Class 4A and being the defending state champs, they have a target on their back.

The Tigers will take to the hardwood today at one of the largest high school gyms in the country at North Side Gymnasium in Elkhart. The No. 13 South Bend Riley Wildcats (22-4) battle No. 1 Fishers (28-0) at 10 a.m. in the first semifinal. Homestead (22-5) and No. 4 Crown Point (22-2) square off in the second semifinal at noon. The championship game is scheduled for 8 p.m.

A cathedral of high school basketball, North Side Gym has a listed capacity of 7,373 but has seen much bigger crowds in the past, especially in the days of single-class basketball and hosted professional wrestling and numerous RV shows throughout the years, with Elkhart being the RV capital of the world. It's located at North Side Middle School and is the home court for the Elkhart Lions. Built in 1954, it was the home of both Elkhart Central and Elkhart Memorial when Elkhart split back into two schools in 1973. In 2020, they are once again one school as Elkhart High School again.

Fishers is led by a balanced attack, playing unselfish team basketball.

"We talk about strength in numbers. We don't care

who scores. It's all about winning," said Tigers head coach Garrett Winegar.

Sophomore Jason Gardner Jr. leads with 14.6 points and 5.3 assists. Senior Justin Kirby comes in at 12.6 and 4.0 rebounds. Sophomore Cooper Zachary scores 11.4, grabs 2.7 boards, dishes out 5.2 assists and steals 2.7 per game. Senior Jonathan Anthony Hall is the fourth double-figure scorer at 10.2 and 5.1 rebounds.

Seniors Millen McCartney averages 9.3 points and Nathan Baker 7.7 and four rebounds. Baker also led Fishers with 18 in the regional win over Harrison.

South Bend Riley is on a six-game winning streak heading into the semi-state semifinals. The Wildcats were co-champs in the Northern Indiana Conference with 3A No. 2 South Bend St. Joseph's and Penn. Head coach Alex Daniel is now in his fifth season with an 86-38 record.

Historically, South Bend Riley has 19 sectional and eight regional championships. Their lone semi-state title was in 1945. That season, the Wildcats lost in the state championship game to Evansville Bosse, 46-36.

The Wildcats and Tigers have played twice in the regular season. On Jan. 18, South Bend Riley paid a visit to Fishers. The Wildcats were without a few players from a post-game confrontation following the South Bend Adams game two nights prior and the Tigers routed Riley, 89-29. Riley won the first meeting between the two in a holiday tournament at Fort Wayne Carroll on Dec. 22, 2010, in a close game, 69-60.

The Wildcats had quality wins this season over Pike, Jimtown, South Bend Adams (twice), Mishawaka Marian, Northridge, South Bend Washington, Columbia City and Penn.

Last week's regional was quite a thriller.

Riley took Warsaw to double overtime and came out with a 77-71 win at South Bend Washington. Tyrese Jones paced the 'Cats with a 45-point output.

Riley has a trio of double-digit scorers. Marvin Schindler leads the 'Cats with 15.6 points and 2.7 assists. After South Bend Clay closed its doors in 2024, Tyrese Jones became a Riley Wildcat. He led Clay in scoring last season and is the second leading scorer with 15.0 points and 6.0 rebounds, along with 2.7 assists. Jaylen Barbara also scores 10.4 points, pulls down 4.1 rebounds and dishes out 2.2 assists.

Crown Point took out Portage in OT at Michigan City for its second straight regional crown, 68-62. The Bulldogs have four solid juniors that have led them back to the semi-state. Dikembe Shaw scores 16.1 per game with 6.6 rebounds and 3.6 assists. Mason Durrell is at 14.4 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.1 steals. Keeping the balance are both Kingston Rhodes (8.5, 2.9 rebounds) and Bryce Peters (8.9 and 4.1 assists).

Head coach Clint Swan is now 280-160 in his 19th season with the Bulldogs. In 28 years overall, Swan is 418-232 with previous stops at Frankfort and Andean. He led Andean to a 3A runner-up finish in 2000.



Joshua Herd / File photo

See **Tigers . . . Page 14** Fishers' Justin Kirby averages 12.6 points and 4.0 rebounds per game.

Westfield girls lacrosse ready for full day as they take on two teams



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

The Westfield girls lacrosse team will host a Play Day this afternoon. The Shamrocks take on Northridge at noon, then will play Fishers at 4 p.m. in an all-county game. Pictured for Westfield are Evelyn Stach (2) and Sophia Merryman (right) during the Shamrocks' game with Bishop Chatard on March 14.

Girls Lacrosse

Carmel off to 3-1 start

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls lacrosse team is off to another strong start this season.

The defending Class 2A state champion Greyhounds already have a 3-1 record, with victories against Hamilton Southeastern, Center Grove and Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville. Carmel dropped its first game of the season Friday night to Hinsdale (Ill.) Central 10-6 at Brian Murray Stadium.

"Good wins," said Greyhounds coach Josh Miller. "And I think we can still feel confident. That's a good humbling loss tonight, but I think we can still feel confident for the body of work we've put in and also the potential that's out there. These are good tests early in the season and you want to take them, because the opportunity to play really quality opponents like this, you don't take them for granted."

Carmel played Center Grove on Tuesday and won 16-2. The 'Hounds led 2-0 after the first quarter, then

blasted ahead 10-2 by half-time. Carmel added three goals each in the third and fourth periods.

Three different senior players scored three goals each: Sophie Mock, Breckin Hare and Riley Putnam. Freshman Annabell Gripe added two goals. Senior Elle Tomalia dished out four assists, while senior Megan Houser collected four ground balls and forced three turnovers. Senior Brookelyn Jenkins made seven saves.

Putnam led the way against Hinsdale Central, scoring two goals, followed by one each from Hare, Tomalia, senior Avery Goehl and junior Ellie Espey. Goehl dished out two assists, while Mock and Putnam both collected three ground balls.

Carmel travels to Detroit Day School next Saturday, March 29. That game will be followed by a re-match with Guerin Catholic on April 1. The two teams have played each other in the last three 2A state championship games.

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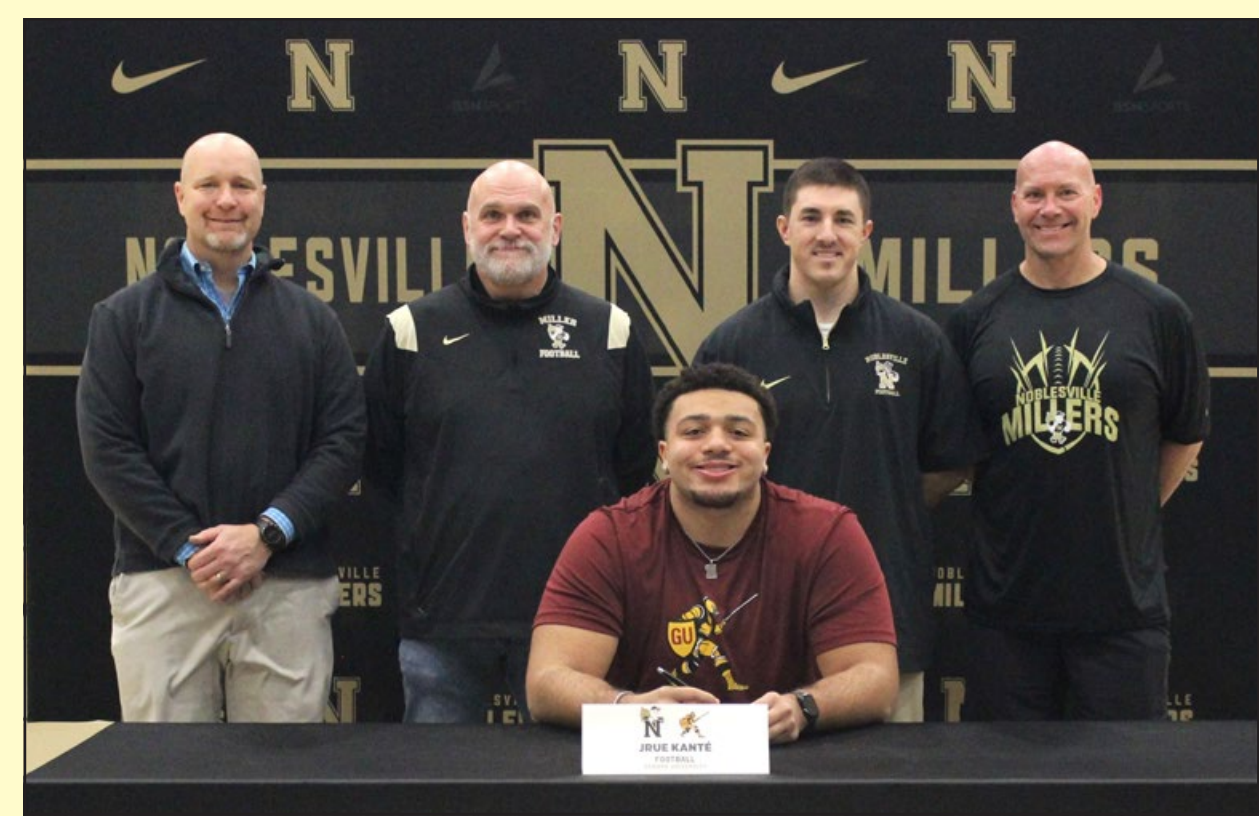
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Kanté commits to Gannon



Noblesville's Jrue Kanté has committed to the Gannon University football team. (Seated) Jrue Kanté. (Back row, from left) Ted Munson (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), Tim Blevins (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), Colin Jasper (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), and Mike Campbell (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach). Not pictured: Carrie Battle (mother) and Kornell Battle (stepfather).

Noussa Fotso commits to Dartmouth



Carmel senior Arielle Sorelle Noussa Fotso has committed to the Dartmouth University women's rugby team.

TIGERS

CP started the season off 13-0 with key wins over Penn, East Chicago Central, Fort Wayne Wayne, Gary 21st Century and Chesterton. Their only losses were in early February at South Bend Washington and Portage. Since then, the Bulldogs have won nine straight, including overcoming the regular season loss to Portage in the regional in OT over the Indians.

Ironically, the Bulldogs also won a regional last year in overtime and then lost in the semi-state to Fishers (48-37).

Homestead has 14 sectional and three regional championships. Their lone semi-state title propelled them to the 2015 state finals and the 4A championship over Evansville Reitz in OT, 91-90.

Head coach Chris Johnson is 449-186 in his 26th season at Homestead. Overall in 31 years, Johnson is 528-219, previously at Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger.

The Spartans began the season 6-4. After a loss to Zionsville on Dec. 28, they grabbed a win later that night that started a nine-

game winning streak. A loss to Fort Wayne Wayne on Feb. 11 is their last loss. Notching seven wins in a row, they avenged that loss in the sectional title game. Homestead won the regional last week at Logansport over Carroll, 42-39.

Sophomore Mack Welker leads Homestead with 16.7 points and 7.8 rebounds.

Many missing races

When I heard the NASCAR Xfinity Series was going to be moving from Fox/NBC to The CW, I was excited. They had a great broadcast team, including Adam Alexander and former drivers Jamie McMurray and Parker Kligerman, and I thought it was great that the entire Xfinity Series season would be on broadcast television.

My excitement turned to disappointment when I attempted to tune into the first CW broadcast last fall for the Bristol night race. I opened my YouTube TV app and couldn't find the race. In fact, I couldn't find The CW at all.

For the better part of 30 minutes, I searched YouTube TV for The CW. After a few internet searches, I discovered that my YouTube TV subscription did not include live broadcasts of The CW. How is that possible? Apparently, the rise of internet streaming has created complications with television broadcasting rights. YouTube TV and The CW do not have a streaming agreement in this area so YouTube TV cannot air live broadcasts of The CW.

I thought to myself that this would only be a temporary thing. Surely YouTube and The CW would be able to work out a deal. Six months later and there is no deal. To make things more complicated, The CW does offer YouTube subscribers access to its content but only after it is broadcasted. Thus, I can still watch the Xfinity races on my YouTube TV app, but not live.

The problem, however, is that if you watch the Cup Series race on Sunday, you'll be told who won the Xfinity race on Saturday.

Okay, maybe you could watch the Xfinity race on Sunday before the Cup Series race. No spoilers then. Well, The CW has not been consistent with when it releases the content. I've noticed on several occasions this year that the Xfinity race was not released by The CW until after the Cup Series race.

I am not the only race fan that has experienced this dilemma. Many NASCAR fans are complaining that they don't have access to The CW to watch the Xfinity Series.

If the purpose of The CW acquiring the broadcast rights of the Xfinity Series was to grow interest in the Xfinity Series and increase The CW's viewership, someone has dropped the ball. While I acknowledge that digital streaming rights and agreements are over my head, I am flabbergasted that YouTube, The CW, and perhaps NASCAR has not figured out a compromise. While not as popular as the Cup Series, the Xfinity Series still averages more than one million viewers for most races – a respectable number for a "minor league" racing series.

I am curious if anyone else shares my frustration.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

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Saturday, March 22
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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, March 23
BOYS LACROSSE
Libertyville (Ill.) at Westfield, 1 p.m.
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IMS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana to recruit 500 Bigs by Indy 500

Submitted by IMS

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBS-CI), in collaboration with Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS), announced March 19 a volunteer campaign to recruit “500 Bigs by the Indy 500.”

From March 19 through May 25, the day of the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, BBBS-CI and IMS will work together to share the need and urgency for more mentors in the Central Indiana community. With over 1,200 young people who are waiting for a mentor in Central Indiana, BBBS-CI and IMS are looking for 500 community members to step up and take the first step to become a mentor.

“IMS is excited to partner with BBBS-CI yet again to connect more kids with impactful mentors,” Penske Entertainment Senior Vice President Allison Melanton said. “We understand the importance of connection within our community, and we hope to bring more people together through both racing and mentorship this season.”

Darcey Palmer-Shultz, CEO of BBBS-CI, said,

“There is no city that rallies around their community like Indianapolis, and we are so grateful to IMS for collaborating with us again to give back to our community. Mentorship is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to change the trajectory of a kid’s life. With so many young people asking for another supportive person in their corner, we know that Central Indiana will show up to make sure that every child feels seen, appreciated and valued.”

BBBS has been a leader in mentorship for 120 years, and BBBS-CI has served this community for 50-plus years. BBBS-CI uses evidence-based mentoring experiences that show that mentorship is good for young people, good for the economy and good for society:

- Good for young people**
- In the long term, adults who’ve had a positive mentor experience greater health benefits, reduced isolation, and live longer lives. People who have experienced mentorship are:
- Two times more likely to be involved in and hold leadership positions
 - Forty-one percent less

likely to engage in substance abuse

- Two times more likely to enroll in post-secondary education

Good for the economy

Mentorship plays a crucial role in bridging capital and fostering upward economic mobility with evidence showing that creating economic connectedness in childhood leads to higher income in adulthood.

Good for society

Mentoring builds stronger social connections across diverse groups, leading to a more connected society across socioeconomic, racial and geographic lines.

Being a mentor, or “Big,” through BBBS-CI requires a one-year commitment to be matched with a mentee, or “Little.” Bigs and Littles meet four to six hours per month, and together they enjoy activities provided by BBBS-CI and their partners or find activities within their community. To learn more about becoming a Big, visit bebigforkids.org/volunteer.

To learn more about BBBS-CI and the 500 Bigs by the Indy 500 campaign, visit bebigforkids.org/500by500.

Commemorative milk pints, cartons give Indy 500 fans winning feeling

Submitted by IMS

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, American Dairy Association Indiana and Prairie Farms Dairy are collaborating to bring Indianapolis 500-branded milk pints and cartons to fans across the Midwest.

More than 13,000 retailers across Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin will be stocked with 16-ounce pints celebrating five winners of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

Each milk type will feature a different Indy 500 winner, allowing fans to collect them all:

- 2 percent reduced-fat milk features back-to-back winner and defending winner Josef Newgarden (2023, 2024)
- Whole vitamin D milk features two-time Indy 500 winner Takuma Sato (2017, 2020)
- Premium chocolate milk features 2018 Indy 500 winner Will Power
- 1 percent lowfat chocolate milk features four-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves (2001, 2002, 2009, 2021)
- Premium strawberry milk features 2022 Indy 500 winner Marcus Ericsson

Fans can expect to find these pint bottles in retail

locations for a six-week distribution window beginning this week.

In addition to the collectible pint bottles, approximately 80 million half-pint cartons decorated with a graphic in celebration of Winners Drink Milk will be distributed to schools throughout the same eight states.

“At IMS, we know winners drink milk,” INDY-CAR and IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “These milk pints and cartons are another way our fans can be part of the Race Day excitement and celebrate like an Indy 500 champion.”

An ice-cold bottle of milk after 500 miles of racing is one of the most iconic celebrations in all sports. The tradition of drinking milk after winning the Indianapolis 500 dates back to 1936, when Louis Meyer, an avid drinker of buttermilk, requested a bottle after winning his third Indy 500. As the story goes, a dairy industry executive saw the newsreel footage of the iconic moment and requested milk be made available to the winner of each Indianapolis 500 thereafter.

“Drinking the coveted bottle of ice-cold milk on Victory Podium isn’t just a celebration – it’s a tribute to dairy farmers and more

than a century of racing history,” American Dairy Association Indiana CEO Jenni Browning said. “At the Indy 500, milk is the ultimate symbol of hard work, endurance and victory. With these special-edition pints and cartons, fans can drink milk and celebrate the winning drivers and dairy farmers everywhere.”

These days, buttermilk is no longer offered as an option. All 33 drivers entered in the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge submit their milk preference to the Dairy Association in advance. They can choose between whole milk, 2 percent reduced fat milk or skim milk. Whole milk is the most popular choice, but there are some drivers that still request buttermilk in honor of Meyer.

The 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 25. Tickets are on sale at IMS.com or by calling or visiting the IMS Ticket Office.

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