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TODAY'S WEATHER

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# Commissioners declare April 8 "Ivy Tech Day"

\$30,000 fundraising goal will go toward workforce development & student success

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Commissioners have officially proclaimed April 8, 2025, as Ivy Tech Day in Hamilton County, demonstrating their strong support for Ivy Tech Hamilton County's role in workforce development, economic growth, and student success throughout the county.

The proclamation highlights Ivy Tech's impact in providing affordable, accessible, and high-quality education to students of all backgrounds, strengthening the local workforce, and contributing to the prosperity of the community.

In honor of Ivy Tech Day, the Hamilton County Courthouse and the Bridge of Flowers will be illuminated in green, Ivy Tech's school color, symbolizing the county's commitment to education and workforce development. This special lighting serves as a visible reminder of the impact Ivy Tech has on students, families, and the broader community.

"Hamilton County has always been committed to expanding access to quality education and workforce development," said Steve Dillinger, President of the Board of Commissioners. "The Commissioners were proud to play a key role in making Ivy Tech Hamilton County a reality when the campus officially opened in 2021, and we remain dedicated to supporting its continued growth and success. This proclamation reflects our ongoing investment in the future of our students, our workforce, and our community as a whole."

Ivy Tech Hamilton County will join campuses across the state in celebrating Ivy Tech Day, a day of giving and community impact dedicated to supporting student success. This year, the Hamilton County campus has set an ambitious goal of raising \$30,000 to fund programs, building upgrades, and student resources – building on the \$25,000 raised last year.

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Photo provided  
The Courthouse and the Bridge of Flowers in Downtown Noblesville will be lit in Ivy Tech green on Tuesday, April 8.

# Combating vaccine distrust with solid data

Immunization rates are falling. Vaccine disinformation, uncertainty, and skepticism seem to be at historic highs, extending from the COVID-19 vaccine to questioning the value and safety of other routine vaccinations.

Vaccine distrust will surely worsen with new Secretary of Health and Human Services, anti-vaxxer Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., instilling doubts about immunizations. He failed his first test as a public health official with the current Texas measles outbreak stating false, inaccurate, and misleading information. Kennedy minimized the largest U.S. measles outbreak since 2019 (the largest in Texas in 30 years) causing the first measles death in a decade. The cases were almost exclusively among the unvaccinated.

Astonishingly, Kennedy didn't immediately urge measles vaccination. Later, after rising criticism, he offered only a qualified immunization recommendation with mixed messages.

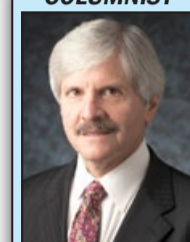
Mounting vaccine complacency is also a danger. With the elimination of vaccine-preventable diseases, so too were the memory of them. It's difficult to appreciate the absence of what one does not see.

Most Americans have never seen a tragic case of smallpox, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, or measles. Young healthy people no longer die of vaccine-preventable diseases as a fact of everyday life.

According to a 2024 Gallup Poll, only 69 percent of parents now believe that it's extremely or very important for children to be vaccinated (94 percent in 2001). Twenty percent believe that vaccines are more dangerous than the diseases they were designed to prevent. Thirteen percent believe that certain vaccines cause autism and 51 percent are unsure.

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COLUMNIST



RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.  
State of Our Health

# '32 Connects' construction begins next month in Westfield

**The REPORTER**

On or after Monday, April 7, INDOT contractor Rieth-Riley Construction will close a portion of State Road 32 in Westfield for reconstruction as part of the 32 Connects project.

Construction will take place in multiple phases, with all of SR 32 west of Union Street and the eastbound lanes of SR 32 east of Union Street being reconstructed in 2025, followed by the westbound lanes east of Union Street and completion of the roundabout at East Street and SR 32 in 2026.

**On/after Monday, April 7**

- S.R. 32 closed through early October between Poplar Street and Union Street for reconstruction

- Official detour: U.S. 31 and SR 38

- SR32/Poplar Street/Shamrock Boulevard roundabout remains open

- Union Street closed from south of Penn Street to north of Jersey Street through late June (includes intersection of SR 32/ Union Street)

- Official detour: 181st Street/Hoover Street, Sun Park

## Meeting for all businesses on State Road 32

If you are a business located on State Road 32, please join us for a 32Connects update at 4 p.m. Monday, March 31 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 West-

field Blvd. Representatives from the city and INDOT will provide important updates regarding construction.

RSVP at [this link](#) by Thursday, March 27.

Drive, SR 32, Wheeler Road/Westfield Park Drive, and 169th Street

– SR 32 remains open east

of Elm Alley; traffic shifted north and reduced to one lane

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# Railbike season returns to Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad on April 4

Popular outdoor attraction gears up for 2025

**The REPORTER**

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad will launch its 2025 railbike season on Friday, April 4, following a highly successful inaugural year in 2024 and that welcomed more than 7,000 passengers and saw most tours sell out well in advance.

The season kicks off with the re-venture of the Forest Park Adventure, a 6.5-mile roundtrip railbike excursion departing from Hobbs Station in Noblesville. This two-hour guided ride travels through scenic wooded areas and farmland, with about 75 percent of the route shaded, making it a com-

fortable springtime experience. Riders stop and rest at the Davin Wye, a historic rail junction once used to serve a coal plant.

Passengers can enjoy the view, snack at picnic tables, and relax while staff turn the bikes around for the return trip.

"We're thrilled to bring back one of our most beloved experiences," Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Executive Director Emily Reynolds said. "Last year's response was incredible, and we're looking forward to welcoming even more riders in 2025. Railbikes are such a unique way to explore Indiana's rail history and natural beauty."



Photo provided by Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad  
You and three friends or loved ones can pedal your way down the tracks, thanks to Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad.

Starting the first weekend in May, the White River Cruise will return as a family-friendly option running on Saturdays during the Noblesville Farmers Market. These shorter rides

are perfect for pairing with a morning downtown and offer an engaging, scenic option for all ages.

See *Railbike* . . . Page 2

# Did someone say brunch?

By **KELLY McVey**

President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Happy first days of Spring, peony gang! We're so close to seeing vibrant blooms, ample amounts of sunshine, and of course . . . peony festival weekend!



Seeing as we've finally entered the long-awaited spring season, we would like to officially announce our sister event to the peony festival: "Brunch & Blooms."

Our Brunch & Blooms event is a brunch and retail crawl running in conjunction with our festival, taking place during the same time as the festival. Once you've secured your precious peony blooms and shopped the wide selection of festival vendors, head to the historic Noblesville square and surrounding streets. This area includes more than 50 participating locations of more peony fun!

The best part? It's walking distance from the festival! Join us just a few blocks out in experiencing all the wonderful shops, restaurants, cafes, and small businesses our downtown has to offer.

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**NEW LOCATION**

**Join Our Quarterly Town Halls**

**Hamilton County:**  
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18880 N. East St, Westfield, IN 46074  
**Friday, March 28 | 6pm-8pm**

**Delaware County:**  
**Muncie City Hall**  
300 N High St, Muncie, IN 47305  
**Saturday, March 29 | 11am-1pm**

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## DATA

I offer again an updated calculation of how immunizations have eliminated diseases that once ravaged our country – a much-needed reminder given the current dreadful circumstances.

I took historical statistics from multiple reliable sources on the number of various infectious disease cases before the development of their respective vaccines. I then extrapolated these numbers to account for population growth to give a rough estimate of the number of cases that are now prevented. The number of present cases is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Without immunizations, each year in the U.S. there

would be:

- 4,200 tetanus cases. Now there are about 30.
- 378,000 mumps cases. About 330 appeared in 2024.
- 401,000 hepatitis B cases. In 2021, 2,045 occurred.
- 661,000 diphtheria cases. Diphtheria is virtually eliminated in the U.S.
- 467,000 reported pertussis (whooping cough) cases. About 30,000 reported in 2024.
- 35,000 cases of paralytic polio. Polio is virtually nonexistent in the Western Hemisphere. Since 1979 there have been no cases of polio originating in the U.S.
- 82,000 rubella cases. Endemic rubella was elim-

inated in the U.S. by 2004. Infants with congenital rubella syndrome resulted in severe handicaps.

- 4 million chickenpox cases and 12,000 hospitalizations. Since the development of the vaccine in 1995, chickenpox cases have decreased by 97 percent.
- 1 million measles cases. Although once eradicated in the U.S., 285 cases were reported in 2024 (expect more in 2025 with outbreak).
- 22,000 life-threatening invasive Hemophilus influenzae bacterial infections in children less than five years of age, mostly meningitis. These diseases have decreased by 99 percent.
- 96,000 smallpox cas-

es. Because of vaccination, smallpox was completely eradicated from the world in 1977.

A World Health Organization study reveals that global immunization efforts have saved an estimated 154 million lives over the past 50 years.

Extremely high immunization rates are necessary to maintain our “herd immunity” to these diseases and others. We’re at a dangerous tipping point.

*Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O’Bannon.*

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## Spartz moves town hall for greater capacity

### The REPORTER

Due to capacity concerns, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) has announced a venue change for her in-person town hall in Westfield from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 28.

Friday’s town hall will now take place at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield. Rep. Spartz will hold a



Spartz

second town hall the following day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 29 at the Muncie City Hall, 300 N. High St.

Please join the Congresswoman as she answers constituents’ questions about improving health-care, balancing the federal budget, and fixing the national debt.

Please call (317) 848-0201 if you have any questions.

## IVY TECH

Since opening as a full-fledged campus in summer 2021, Ivy Tech Hamilton County has experienced remarkable growth, expanding from serving just over 500 students to now supporting more than 8,500 students. In addition to its growing student population, the campus has helped Hamilton County families save over \$4.4 million in college tuition costs through its dual credit programming, which allows high school students to earn college credits at no cost.

To help reach its Ivy Tech Day fundraising goal, the campus is hosting several ticketed events, including:

• **Breakfast with Chancellor Kartz**, where guests can hear campus updates, the challenges ahead, and how you can play a vital role in shaping the campus’s future.

• **Ivy Tech Day Bash**,

bringing together students, staff, faculty, alumni, board members, partners, and community members for a fun and engaging celebration.

• **Community Conversation Panel**, featuring industry leaders discussing how Ivy Tech is addressing workforce needs in Hamilton County and beyond.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships for these events, visit [giveday.ivytech.edu/hamco](http://giveday.ivytech.edu/hamco).

**Thanks to the generosity of Ivy Tech Day sponsors** – Community First Bank (Matching Gift Sponsor), OneAmerica Financial (Matching Gift Sponsor), Serve Noblesville (Spirit Sponsor), Ascension St. Vincent Fishers (Breakfast Sponsor), Noblesville Rotary Club (Breakfast Sponsor), Hamilton County Community Foundation (Photobooth Sponsor), and Quality Ingredients Cook-

ing (Snack Sponsor) – the college will be able to create an exciting and impactful celebration. If you or your organization are interested in making a difference, sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Anyone interested in raising funds on behalf of the campus and spreading the word about Ivy Tech Day can sign up as a social ambassador at [link.ivytech.edu/HamCoITD](http://link.ivytech.edu/HamCoITD). Social ambassadors will receive a personalized fundraising link to share with their networks, making it easy for friends, family, and colleagues to contribute. Social ambassadors who meet or exceed their fundraising goals for our campus will be invited to a special reception with Chancellor Kartz in June 2025.

Additionally, volunteers are needed for various Ivy Tech Day activities, and

community members are encouraged to sign up to help. Volunteers can register at [link.ivytech.edu/ITD-2025Volunteers](http://link.ivytech.edu/ITD-2025Volunteers).

“At Ivy Tech Hamilton County, we are committed to providing high-quality, affordable education that leads to in-demand careers,” said Dr. Rachel Kartz, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Hamilton County. “Ivy Tech Day is an opportunity for our community to rally behind our students and ensure they have the resources they need to thrive.”

Community members can show their support by attending an event, becoming a social ambassador, volunteering, or making a direct gift. Supporters can contribute on April 8 at [giveday.ivytech.edu/hamco](http://giveday.ivytech.edu/hamco) or make a gift any time of year at [ivytech.edu/give-now](http://ivytech.edu/give-now). Help spread the word on social media using #IvyTechDay.

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## RAILBIKE

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All excursions depart from Hobbs Station, a renovated historic depot located within Forest Park in Noblesville. Renovated by the city of Noblesville in 2022, the station includes restrooms, a gift shop offering snacks and sunscreen, and access to nearby walking trails and playgrounds.

The track and route are fully operated by Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad,

ensuring safe and exclusive experiences for all passengers. Each quad-style railbike accommodates four riders and is equipped with baskets and cup holders.

The 2025 season will run from April 4 through the first week of November, with expanded ride offerings throughout the warmer months.

Tickets, dates, and more information can be found at [NickelPlateExpress.com](http://NickelPlateExpress.com).

## BRUNCH

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Each participating location will have different peony promotions, drinks, products, specials, and more. But it doesn’t stop there! The alleyways, adjacent to the courthouse square, are activated with live music, tables, resting chairs, food and drinks, and show-stopping floral installations, making this a must-see stop within your day.

*A special thanks to this year’s merchant*

*sponsors for making this sister event possible:*

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The rallying around our state flower in our downtown is truly a hallmark sight to see. A full list of participating Brunch & Blooms locations is coming soon.

Please make sure to include Brunch & Blooms in your festival weekend activities, and stay tuned for more details, directory of participants, and list of select promotions.

Find more information at [IndianaPeonyFestival.com](http://IndianaPeonyFestival.com).

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### 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

create what you crave.

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# Hamilton County Coroner's Office joins 'My Heart Your Heart' pacemaker donation program

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office is now participating in the My Heart Your Heart pacemaker donation program, an initiative dedicated to providing life-saving cardiac devices to underserved populations worldwide.

The My Heart Your Heart

program, spearheaded by the University of Michigan in collaboration with medical institutions and humanitarian organizations, collects, sterilizes, and reuses pacemakers to help patients in need across the globe. Through this partnership, the Hamilton County Coroner's Office will facilitate the recovery

and donation of pacemakers from deceased individuals, with the consent of their families, to give others a second chance at life.

"Our office is committed to not only serving the residents of Hamilton County but also making a meaningful impact beyond our borders," Coroner Jeff Jellison

said. "By participating in the My Heart Your Heart program, we are ensuring that pacemakers, which would otherwise be discarded, are repurposed to save lives."

This initiative aligns with the Coroner's Office's commitment to public service and medical advancements. Families who choose to do-

nate their loved one's pacemaker can take comfort in knowing that their generosity contributes to a life-saving effort.

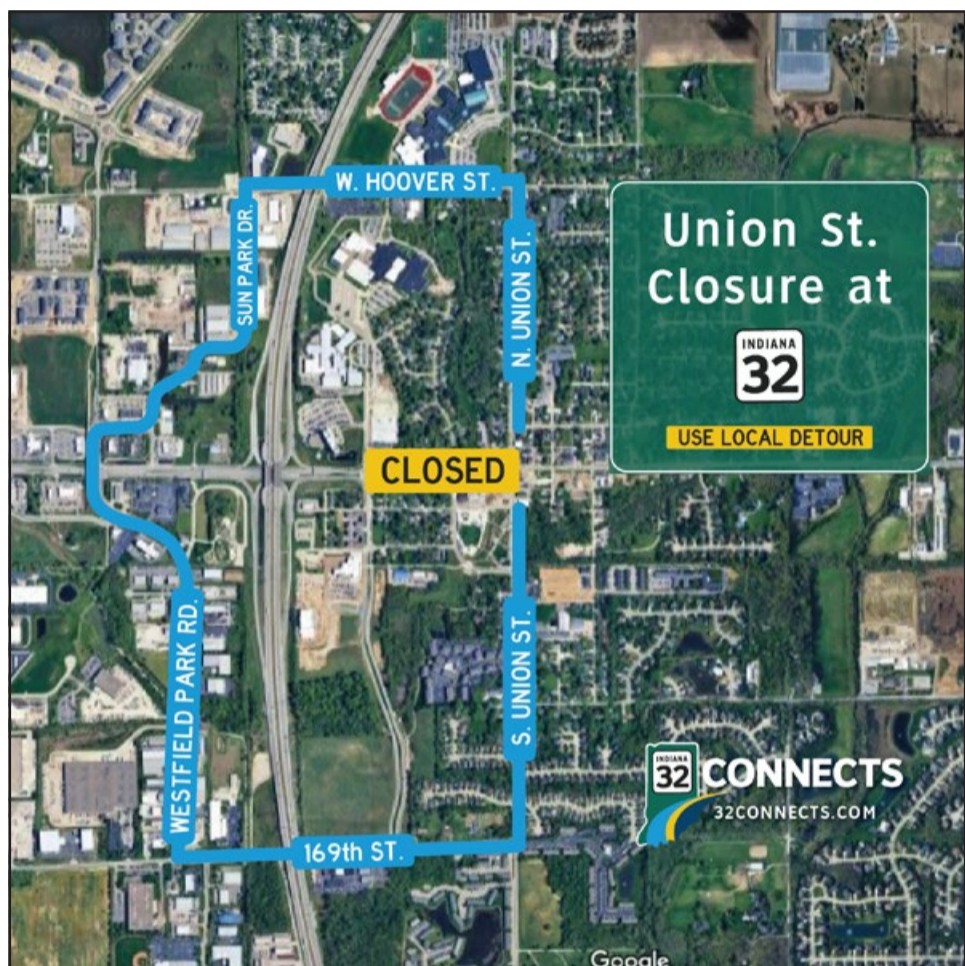
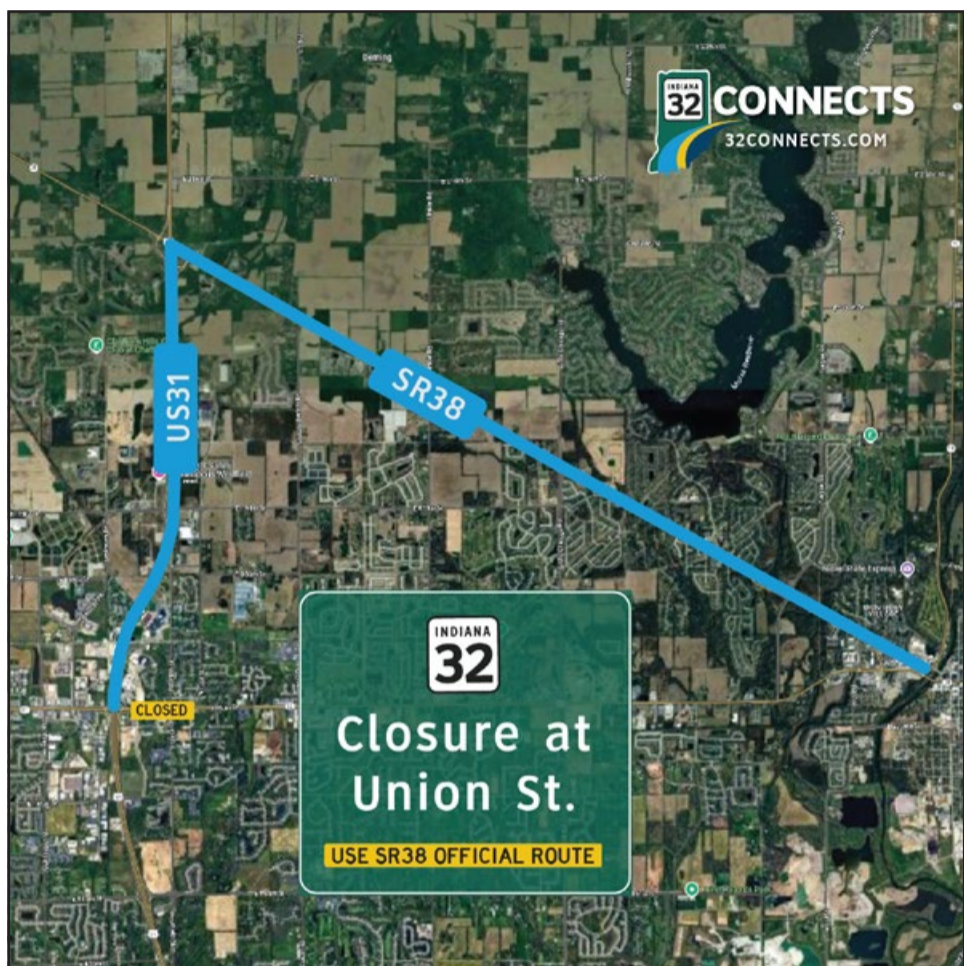
For more information about the My Heart Your Heart program or how to participate, please call the Hamilton County Coroner's Office at (317) 770-4415.



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each direction between east of Union Street to east of East Street for reconstruction of southern half of SR 32

### Starting in late June or early July

• SR 32 closed through early October between Poplar Street and west of

Union Street for reconstruction

– Official detour: U.S. 31 and SR 38

– SR 32/Poplar Street/Shamrock Boulevard roundabout remains open

– Union Street open to traffic

• SR 32 traffic shifted

north and reduced to one lane each direction between east of Union Street and east of East Street

Additional reconstruction work will occur later in 2025 and throughout 2026. Information about future phases is available at [32Connects.com](http://32Connects.com). Work

up to this point has included demolition and utility relocation activities.

In addition to reconstruction of SR 32 between Poplar Street and Timberbrook Run, the 32 Connects project also includes a roundabout at the intersection of SR 32 and East

Street, as well as improved pedestrian facilities, crosswalks, signage, and landscaping throughout the corridor. The project aims to improve safety and mobility on SR 32 and prepare for future growth.

32 Connects is being completed in partnership

with the City of Westfield.

During construction, motorists should slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

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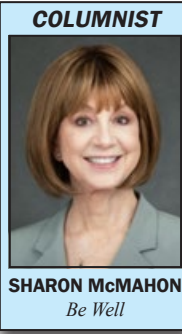
# Reflections on Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day

"Sometimes when people go to Vietnam, they go home to their mommas without legs. Sometimes they don't go home at all. That's a bad thing. That's all I have to say about that." – Forrest Gump

Unlike Forrest Gump, that's not all I have to say about that.

March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Appreciation Day. The date was selected because that date in 1973 was the day the last United States combat troops left Vietnam. (April 30 was the date in 1975 when Saigon fell to the Communists.) I remember those dates, as many of you, Dear Readers, will remember as well. I also, as many of you, lived through my teenage years watching the horror on television screens nightly of battlefield assaults. And I, like many, saw classmates both drafted and voluntarily leaving for Vietnam – some of whom did not return.

This column will not address my political views on that era or the U.S. government's involvement. Suffice it to say, I have them. I will remind you, however, of just some of the many maladies which have plagued Vietnam veterans over the decades since their service there. Among those are: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)



**SHARON McMAHON**  
Be Well

and from effects of Agent Orange – bladder cancer, chronic B cell leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, and respiratory cancers, to name just a few.<sup>1</sup>

An issue somewhat unique to Vietnam veterans is the treatment they received when they returned home. I was inspired several years ago to write a poem about an encounter with a Vietnam veteran while living briefly in North Carolina. I never knew his name, and he owned the dry cleaning establishment I patronized.

## "The Dry Cleaning Man"

1998

*He was the owner; a tall,  
Black, 50ish, slender man  
with a toothy smile.*

*Good morning, ma'am, it is a fine day  
Yes, sir; it certainly is, she said,  
as she hurried on her way.*

*Months passed, maybe a year; always  
same greetings, same smiles*

*Seated behind the counter today;  
the same smile, the same greeting,  
And he was wearing his full dress*

*Army uniform  
Memorial weekend*

*Isn't it just a fine day, ma'am he said  
Thank you for your service,  
sir, she replied.*

*No one has ever said that to me, said*

## A.J. Croce is back in April with new songs & timeless favorites

### The REPORTER

Piano prodigy, multi-instrumentalist, and songwriter A.J. Croce returns to the Payne & Menzies Palladium in Carmel at 8 p.m. Friday, April 4 for a special night of music celebrating his brand-new album, *Heart of the Eternal*, as well as the timeless songs and stories of his father, Jim Croce.

He began playing professionally at 15 and soon was touring with B.B. King and Ray Charles. He has released 11 studio albums as a bandleader, performed with artists including Willie Nelson



Photo provided

and the Neville Brothers, and co-written songs with Leon Russell, Dan Penn, and other esteemed songsmiths.

*Heart of the Eternal*, produced by Shooter Jennings (Brandi Carlile, Tanaya Tucker), features styles ranging from psychedelia

to Philadelphia soul to Latin-infused jazz-pop.

Tickets start at \$35, which you can buy at [this link](#).

## White River Chamber Orchestra concert to feature symphony by local composer & conductor

### Submitted

The White River Chamber Orchestra (WRCO) announces the world premiere of a symphony by a local composer and conductor as part of the spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

Dr. Keith Kunda of Fishers will conduct a program titled *Concerto and Symphony: Baroque and Modern*.

The concert will open with William Boyce's *Symphony No. 5 in D*. The symphony is in three-movements, consisting first of a brilliant fanfare-like fast section, followed by a brisk fugue. The second and third movements are standard Baroque dances, a gavotte, and a minuet.

Next on the program will be Antonio Vivaldi's *Flute Concerto in D*, Op. 10, No. 3. The flute was a favorite instrument of Vivaldi, proven by the fact that he wrote 14 concertos for the instrument. Featured soloist will be Julia Mattern, principal flute of the WRCO.

Turning to modern works, concertmaster Shoshana Kay will be featured on Bela Bartok's *Romanian Folk Dances for Violin and Orchestra*. Six dances appear in rapid succession: Dance with Sticks, Waistband Dance, On the Spot, Hornpipe Dance, Romanian Polka, and Fast Dance. Composed during the first quarter of the 20th century, they combine challenge for the soloist with fun for the audience.

The concluding piece on the program will be Dr. Kunda's *Symphony No. 1 in G*, a four-movement neo-Classical symphony.

The opening movement begins slowly with just one trumpet playing a motif that is ultimately passed to the entire orchestra. A transition to a fast sonata-form movement then grabs the attention of listeners. A slow ternary-form second movement, featuring beautiful lyrical melodies and equally beautiful counterpoint, provides a time of repose in the symphony. The third movement, the most harmonically adventurous, is a scherzo and trio, similar to that of Beethoven and the Romantic composers who followed him. The final movement opens with a slow version of one of the fast themes from the first movement, which leads to a playful seven-part Rondo. A thrilling coda concludes both the movement and the symphony.

Dr. Kunda is the founding conductor of the WRCO. He holds a doctorate in orchestral conducting, with a cognate in music theory and composition. He has been composing and arranging music his entire life. He noted that he is very excited to bring his first symphony to the stage.

### About the WRCO

The White River Chamber Orchestra is the professional orchestra of Fishers. Now in its eighth season, the orchestra consists of 30 to 40 players, depending on repertoire. Tickets for the concert are available at [FishersMusicWorks.org](#). Students under the age of 18 may attend for free, with free tickets available at the same website. The concert will be at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers.







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# Westfield Lions ready to welcome you to their brand new clubhouse

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27 for the new Westfield Lions Club Clubhouse, 1101 E. 169th St., west of U.S. 31.

The Westfield Lions are ready to rent their new clubhouse for business meetings, parties, and more.

Following the ribbon-cutting, the Lions will hold an open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for the public to tour the clubhouse. Meet a few Lions as well as some of the local businesses that helped in the development of the site. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and mini-desserts prepared by the Westfield High School Foodies culinary students and mocktails or coffee from Brandy Dravet of Model Bartenders. Most of all, you'll learn who the Lions are and how "We Serve."



**WESTFIELD**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Through their fundraising efforts, the Westfield Lions have been able to donate approximately \$50,000 each year to a variety of causes, including Open Doors, Heart & Soul Free Clinic, and the Westfield Education Foundation, among many others. Westfield Lions give over \$16,000 in high school scholarships each year, including two vocational and trade scholarships. At the club's poker tournaments, donations have been made to a variety of Veterans programs, such as Hoosier Veterans and Families Foundation (HVAF), Indy Honor Flights, and Pets for Vets.

Motorists are reminded to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

Visit [westfieldlions.org](http://westfieldlions.org) for more information about who they are and who they serve.

This event is open to all the Chamber's Partners and Members. Advanced registration is not required.

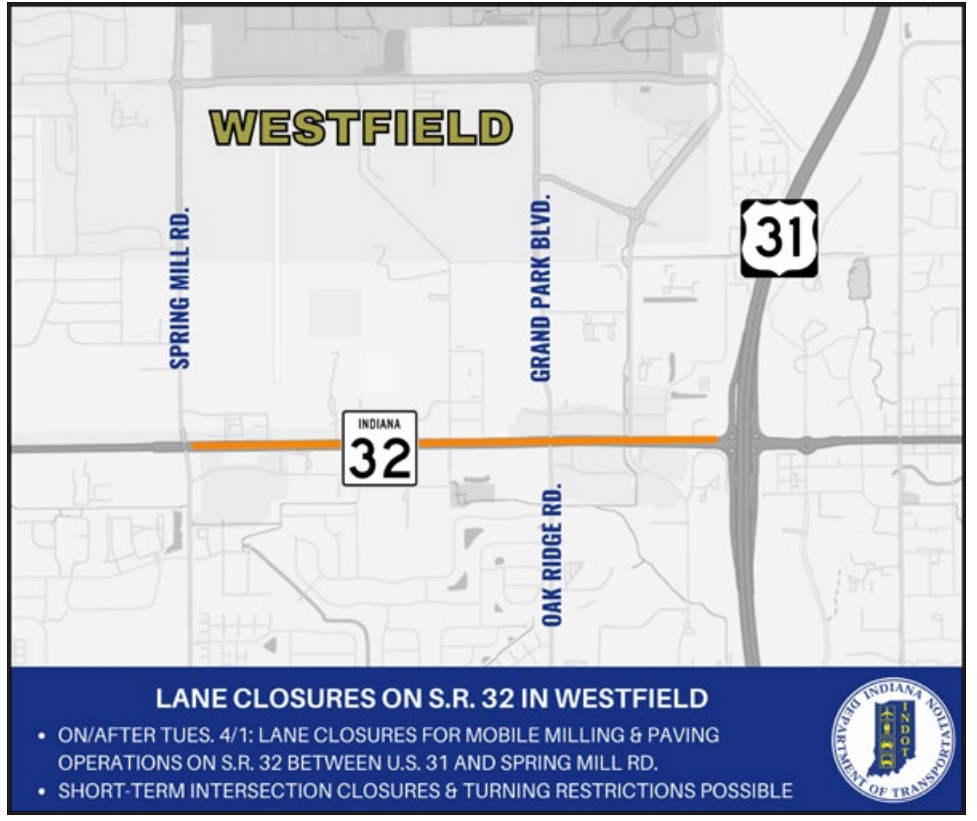
# SR 32 repaving begins next week in Westfield

## The REPORTER

On or after Tuesday, April 1, contract crews will begin milling and paving operations on State Road 32 between U.S. 31 and Spring Mill Road in Westfield. In addition to paving, crews will also complete refurbishment of curb and ADA ramps, as well as signal work.

Drivers can expect mobile daytime operations along this stretch of SR 32, with lane closures and restrictions. Short-term intersection closures will be possible at driveways and intersections as paving progresses, and turning movements may be restricted. Construction is anticipated to continue through July, weather permitting.

Motorists are reminded to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.



Graphic provided by Indiana Department of Transportation

# The art of the album opener

I've always been fascinated by how an artist or band chooses to begin an album. It can set the entire tone, especially if it's a concept album – even a loose one.

"Voyager," the first track on The Alan Parsons Project's *Pyramid*, released in 1978, serves as a fine example of what an opener can do. It's instrumental, but like just about all of APP's stuff, the musicality is deep with high-orchestration, high-intelligence, and high-production – all around high-quality. I think you could even call it haunting.

It's meant to be played right into the second track, "What Goes Up," a song featuring this great lyric:

*If all things must fall  
Why build a miracle at all?  
If all things must pass  
Even a pyramid won't last*

The name "Voyager" could be a nod to the Voyager 1 and 2 probes launched in 1977 by NASA to explore interstellar space ... all that universe beyond our solar system. The track has a spacey sound, and I can only imagine what it



Photo provided

The full-width cover for *Pyramid*, yet another classic by the English design house Hipgnosis. It's rife with pyramids and pyramid shapes ... even the Arista Records logo! I'm pretty sure that's Alan Parsons on the bed. To me, he's thinking to himself, "Please God, not another day of this crap."

would feel like to break into the darkness and endless emptiness of deep space. Shouting into nothingness with no echoes in return.

It's an interesting choice for an opener, though, since *Pyramid* isn't really about space; there are other themes such as inevitability,



**COLUMNIST**  
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death, afterlife, and isolation. However, one B-side track pokes fun at the short-lived but intense pseudoscientific phenomenon of pyramidology, particularly "pyramid power" that had re-risen in the mid- to late-1970s. (Yes, you should search what "pyramid power" is if you enjoy chuckling.)

There are so many great album openers across so many genres. "Voyager" is but one instance of the start of a prog rock expedition. If you have a good stereo system, turn it on and turn it up. Heck, you may as well listen to the whole album while you're at it.

You can catch these occasional columns discussing bits and pieces of Isaac Taylor's favorite music in the pages of *The Reporter*.

## Franciscan HEALTH

### Franciscan WorkingWell to hold Employer Healthcare Solutions Symposium

#### The REPORTER

Franciscan WorkingWell will hold a free, day-long symposium at the Golf Club of Indiana, 6905 S. County Road 525 East, Lebanon, on Tuesday, April 29. That's just outside Whitestown, west of Interstate 65.

The symposium is aimed at helping employers find healthcare solutions. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Titled "Today's Healthcare Solutions for Employers," the symposium will highlight expert speakers from WorkingWell addressing a variety of diverse topics in the workplace.

Expert panels featuring employers, broker, and industry leaders will discuss trends and strategies in employer-sponsored clinics, detail the benefits of corporate wellness programs, and share local success stories.

Onsite/near-site clinic discussions will offer insights from Larry Boress, executive director of National Worksite Health Centers.

A panel focusing on workers compensation with insurance professionals and

medical experts, will feature Dr. Charles Mok, Jr. from Franciscan Physician Network.

A discussion on wellness initiatives for the modern-day workforce with mental health experts, will be led by Linda Passmore, CEO of Complete Wellness Solutions.

Tim Ross, director of Employer Solutions at Franciscan Health, will be part of the symposium, offering his expert insight on a variety of topics.

The event is free, but registration is required by April 14. [Register online here.](#)

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the symposium. All sponsorship dollars will be donated to the Franciscan Health Community Health & Wellness Fund and Food Insecurity Fund.

Current symposium sponsors include: Northwind, Brown & Brown Insurance, BD+A Health Informatics and Generate.

For sponsorship details, email [WWClientRelations@FranciscanAlliance.org](mailto:WWClientRelations@FranciscanAlliance.org) or call (219) 877-2143.

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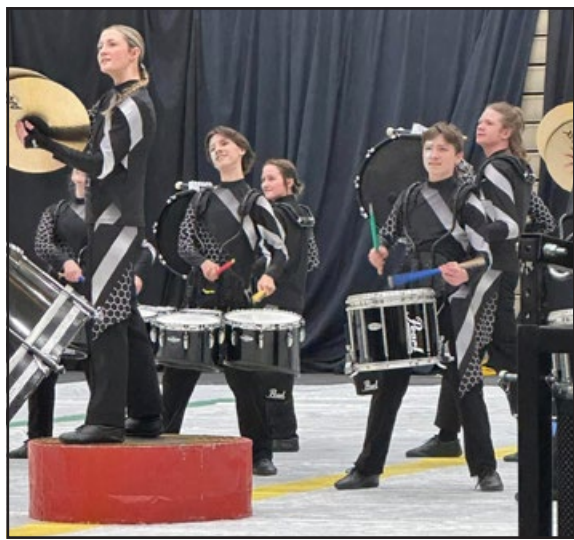
# Hamilton Heights' bands hit all the right notes with outstanding performances

**The REPORTER**

There's been something truly magical happening for the Hamilton Heights Band this month, and the accomplishments are nothing short of spectacular.

All Heights Band members who participated at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble all earned Gold.

The Jazz Band dazzled at the ISSMA Jazz Contest in Kokomo, earning a prestigious Gold rating. A special round of applause goes to Cole Martin, Maddy Lustig, Nicole Eberhard, Micah White, and Luke Lively, who brought home multiple outstanding soloist awards. The Hamilton Heights Middle School Jazz Band also performed well at the ISSMA Jazz Contest earning a Silver rating. Luke Aldwardt received an outstanding solo award. What an incredible



Photos provided

Members of Hamilton Heights High School and Middle School Bands have been hitting high note at solo, ensemble, jazz, and indoor percussion contests around the state.

showcase of Husky talent at the Kokomo event!

The Heights Indoor Percussion (HIP) group has also been hitting high notes, claiming first place overall in Class A "Movement" at the IPA Invitational in Westfield and securing third place at the IPA Noblesville Invitational. HIP placed 12th overall at the Indiana Percussion Association State Prelims Competition last Saturday earning a trip to the State

Finals Competition at Indiana State University on Saturday. Adding to the excitement, the HHMS Concert Bands shone brightly at the ISSMA Organization Contest. The Eighth-

and Sixth-Grade bands achieved a remarkable Gold rating, while the Seventh-Grade Band earned a well-deserved Silver rating. Each performance exemplified hard work, dedication, and musical

excellence. Congratulations to all the outstanding musicians, directors, and supporters who make up the Hamilton Heights Band family. Your passion and talent continue to inspire.

## In the beginning there was Euchre & the funds raised were good

**Submitted by Tina Vawter**

Sheridan's Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Psi sorority had a very successful Euchre night on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The community came together to support our cancer research and scholarship efforts. There were 48 players with four players at each table. Pam Drury, one of our own sorority members, was the top scorer for the evening. Our gross was \$1,252, and \$100 was given to our hostess to help cover her costs. Fun was had by all and the community looks forward to our Euchre night each February.

Vice President Jeanna



Photos provided

(From left) Community members filled the tables to play euchre. Pam Drury had the highest euchre score; Jeff King had the lowest. The Founders poster display was created by Vice President Jeanna Pearson.

Pearson created and shared a beautiful poster of our founders of Phi Beta Psi that included photos and stories.

Next up for our chapter we will be co-hosting the annual Pork Loin Dinner with the Sheridan Lions

Club from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26 in the Sheridan Elementary School Cafeteria. Tickets will be \$12 for

adults, \$7 for kids age 12 and under, and kids under age 3 eat free. The menu will consist of pork loin,

hashbrown casserole, green beans, slaw, applesauce, cornbread and butter, and homemade desserts.

# Stony Creek church of Christ



We are a group of Christians doing our best to follow the Bible and nothing more. No outside organization(s). No man-made traditions. No additions or subtractions. Just hearts fully set on Jesus, His church, His word, and living His ways. We would LOVE for you to come join us! Please let us know if you are interested in having a personal Bible study.

## 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



# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

**Carmel Post 155** Kim Kilburn  
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 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.

**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10<sup>th</sup> St Noblesville

### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours - 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO - Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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[robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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Admin Assistant - Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

## 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**

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

- Enroll in VA healthcare
- File disability claims

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Indiana Wesleyan  
Indiana Tech  
Military One Source  
WorkOne Central  
VA Vocational Services

- Career Specialists





JOIN US!

April 2, 2025 from 3-7pm

Questions - [kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountyphhc.org](mailto: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.

### Veteran Welding Workshop Through ASAP April 5<sup>th</sup>

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## Welding Workshop

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1-3 PM  
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**Spark your creativity, literally.**

Learn the basics of welding with hands-on instruction, by the end of this workshop you will have at least one metal work of art to take home.

SIGN UP → [https://asapasap.org/event/sparks-fly-welding-workshop?mc\\_cid=264b342a31&mc\\_eid=710e89d7e2](https://asapasap.org/event/sparks-fly-welding-workshop?mc_cid=264b342a31&mc_eid=710e89d7e2)

For safety, participants must have full vision capabilities, gripping strength with both hands, and adequate hand-eye coordination. Welders must wear a cotton shirt, pants, and closed toe shoes. No sandals, shorts, or synthetics.

### Veterans Sign Up For Free Golf Starts April 16

PGA HOPE

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- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 10



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DATES

April 16	2:00pm - 3:00pm
April 23	2:00pm - 3:00pm
April 30	2:00pm - 3:00pm
May 7	2:00pm - 3:00pm
May 14	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 21	2:00pm - 3:30pm

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT INDIANA GOLF DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, ANDREW JENT  
317.739.3012 [A.JENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG](mailto:A.JENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG) [HTTP://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/](http://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/)

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DATES

April 19	2:00pm - 3:30pm
April 26	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 3	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 10	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 17	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 31	2:00pm - 3:30pm

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April 13 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm District Theater 627 Massachusetts Ave, Indianapolis, In.

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Program Type

Workshop

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### Christmas In June Care Package Drive




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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In  
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, in 46060  
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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April 12, 13 and 19

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April 29 and May 13

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## Consumer Alert: Hoosiers should consider deleting 23andMe accounts to protect personal data

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

With the genetic testing company 23andMe filing for bankruptcy, Hoosiers should consider deleting their accounts to protect their personal information, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warned on Monday.

"This is a company that holds very sensitive information pertaining to the individuals who use its services," AG

Rokita said. "This data could be considered an asset to be sold or transferred as part of any potential bankruptcy proceeding. The best way for Hoosiers to protect their information is to delete their accounts now."



Rokita

Currently, consumers wishing to delete their accounts can file a request at [this link](#).

For more information on 23andMe's decision to file for bankruptcy, [click here](#).

## Thanks for reading The Reporter!



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# 39 Steps out of a blind spot

By DANIEL SHOCK  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

Until last Thursday night, *The 39 Steps* was a blind spot for me. I've never seen Hitchcock's original film, nor had I experienced Patrick Barlow's comedic stage adaptation. I have seen the big Hitchcock classics – *Vertigo*, *Psycho*, *Rear Window*, *North By Northwest* – all movies I admire. I'm always a little surprised at how they still feel ahead of their time.

The only Hitchcock-inspired comedy I'd previously seen was Mel Brooks' *High Anxiety*, which was okay – but not Brooks at his best. So, honestly, I was skeptical. Could Hitchcock truly be funny? Could it work? Turns out, not only does it work, but it worked so spectacularly well that I left convinced I'd never dare audition for this play

– there's no way I'd be able to match the comedic brilliance of this cast. They were thrilling – in a funny way!

The madness kicks of improbably enough at a vaudevillian-style performance in London where our hero, Richard Hannay, is watching "Mr. Memory," a nemonist (someone who has developed amazing memory skills) famed for recalling obscure trivia. When gunshots interrupt the performance, panic ensues, and Hannay finds himself clutching a mysterious and frightened woman named Annabella Smith. Before he knows it, he's taking her back to his flat, where she reveals she's actually a spy – and confesses that she fired the gunshots herself to distract assassins hunting her. Annabella cryptically warns Hannay about a sinister plot to steal crucial British military secrets, masterminded by a shadowy figure missing part of a finger, and whispers something about *The 39 Steps*.

Soon after, she's dead, Hannay's on the run, and he must flee across the English countryside. He jumps onto speeding trains, dodges swooping airplanes, and unwillingly gets dragged into car rides he never signed up for, encountering hilarious, eccentric characters at every turn. This bonkers adaptation blends witty humor, mystery, and adventure into a delightfully chaotic journey as Hannay tries to clear his name and decode the enigma behind "The 39 Steps."

Under Evangeline Bouw's sharp direction, the small cast of four pulled off a comedic feat that left me genuinely impressed. Josh Elicker brought just the right amount of stiff-upper-lip charm and constant befuddlement to Richard Hannay. He was convincingly dashing yet hilariously perplexed by the absurd situations he kept stumbling into. Sarah Eberhardt managed to juggle three separate characters – Annabella, Pamela, and Margaret – each clearly defined, funny, and full of clever touches.

But Ryan Moskalick and Becca Bartley, simply billed as "Clown 1" and "Clown 2," are the com-



Photo by Rob Slaven / [IndyGhostLight.com](http://IndyGhostLight.com)  
Sarah Eberhardt and Josh Elicker in a scene from *The 39 Steps*.

edy engine powering the whole show. They portray what seems like dozens of eccentric and quirky characters, often switching costumes, accents, and even genders at lightning speed. Opening nights, especially Thursdays, often mean a smaller and quieter crowd, but despite that, Moskalick and Bartley filled the room with infectious energy. I can only imagine how fantastic this show would feel with a packed audience roaring with laughter.

My only real nitpick would be with anyone who missed out on seeing these two comedic geniuses in action. They combined slapstick humor, sharp wit, and physical precision to create genuine comedic chaos.

The production itself was cleverly minimalistic, with a charming set designed by Beth Fike. Rather than relying on elaborate scenery or props, the show leaned heavily into creativity and imagination. Ordinary items like ladders, chairs, or hats became airplanes, cars, and entire landscapes. One of the best parts of the show was its playful acknowledgment of being a theatrical production. If you've ever laughed at *The Play That Goes Wrong*, you'll have a sense of the style here. Watching actors gracefully handle props malfunctioning or transform simple objects into elaborate set pieces was pure entertainment. At times, the precision and choreography of the set changes were so amusing and clever they deserved their own applause.

The costumes by Emily Hauer and the quick-change artistry coordinated by dresser Karyn Dekker were phenomenal. The wigs, designed by hair and makeup artist Hannah Janowicz, were convincing and impeccably executed. I've seen professional quick-change artists perform before, but honestly, this cast might give them a serious challenge. Many costume changes happened right before our eyes without us noticing until the reveal – pure magic.

Sound design by Zach Catlin and lighting design (the program didn't list a lighting designer – or if it did, I missed it) added significantly to the comedic impact, perfectly timed to enhance jokes and punctuate hilarious moments.

This was the first Hyperion Players production I've seen, and I can guarantee it won't be the last. From actors and designers to the backstage crew, everyone involved brought incredible talent and passion to the show. Evangeline Bouw and her team have created something genuinely special – funny, inventive, and incredibly enjoyable. Whether you're a Hitchcock fan, love a good laugh, or just appreciate fantastic theatre, do yourself a favor and go see *The 39 Steps*. Seriously, don't miss it!

*The 39 Steps* runs through March 29 at Switch Theatre in Fishers. For tickets and more information, visit [hyperionplayers.com](http://hyperionplayers.com).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

## Westfield Chamber celebrates 'Women Who Rock' in March

### The REPORTER

In honor of Women's History Month, the Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the March Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 27 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield. That's near the intersection of Tomlinson Road and East 203rd Street, west of U.S. 31.

Come hear from a dynamic panel of movers and shakers in Westfield. The Chamber is pleased to bring together an amazing group of women who come from all walks of life and varying levels of experience. There are many incredible women in the city, and the Chamber wanted to highlight this spe-

cific group of women based on their recent achievements. Please plan to attend for what should be an insightful and inspiring afternoon.

Discounted Partner tickets and non-partner tickets are available. Corporate reserved tables (seating for eight) are also available. [Click here](#) to register.

## Career Scholarship Account applications now open

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

Applications for the Indiana Career Scholarship Account (CSA) program are now open for Hoosier students in grades 10 through 12 interested in internships, apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities.

CSAs provide \$5,000 annually in scholarship funding to students enrolled in an approved program provider for the upcoming school year. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1, 2025.

Established through a 2023 law authored by former Noblesville State Rep. Chuck Goodrich, CSAs help students learn more

about potential careers and get practical training with local employers. The program increases opportunities for them to earn valuable certifications, participate in meaningful, work-based learning experiences and build a network of professional connections.

More than 2,000 students have utilized CSAs since enrollment first opened for the 2023-2024 school year. Through this program, they can explore potential careers while participating employers have a chance to shape the next generation.

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# Hamilton Heights FFA wins State Meats competition, advances to nationals

**The REPORTER**

Fourteen Hamilton Heights FFA members were among the 29 Senior Teams and 107 individuals who competed at the State Meats Evaluation Contest last month. The contest was held at Purdue University in the Land O'Lakes Pavilion.

The students did well, with the majority placing themselves among the Top 25 individually or as a team. Hamilton Heights Gold Team, consisting of Madison McLendon, Quentin Derrer, Lauren Happel, and Maddie Shively, brought home a first-place finish, advancing to the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo.

Meats Evaluation Career Development Event (CDE) is designed for members to dive into meat science. During this event, students evaluate beef carcasses for quality and yield grade; place classes of wholesale (primal) and retail cuts; and identify wholesale and/or retail cuts of beef, pork, and lamb.

The results are as follows:

• **HH FFA Gold (State Champions):** Madison McLendon (1st Individual Overall), Quentin Derrer (3rd Individual Overall), Lauren Happel (4th Individual Overall), and Maddie Shively (29th Individual)

• **HH FFA Blue (5th place team):** Joani Swinford (17th Individual), Lily Schuler (18th Individual), Ellie Miller (23rd Individual), and Tanner Penwell

• **HH FFA Orange (22nd place team):** Tyler Drummond, Nathan Vann, Jackson McLendon, and Autumn Roberts



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(ABOVE LEFT) Meats Career Development Events State Champions (from left) Quentin Derrer, Madison McLendon, Maddie Shively, and Lauren Happel. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Heights FFA members who participated at this year's State Meats Evaluation Contest at Purdue University include (from left) Tanner Penwell, Autumn Roberts, Lily Schuler, Joani Swinford, Jackson McLendon, Bentley Michael, Nathan Vann, Tyler Drummond, Colton Hoane, Quentin Derrer, Madison McLendon, Maddie Shively, Lauren Happel, and Ellie Miller.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Heights FFA Blue Team members (from left) Lily Schuler, Ellie Miler, Joani Swinford, and Tanner Penwell placed fifth at the State Meats Evaluation Contest at Purdue University. (ABOVE CENTER) Hamilton Heights FFA Junior Team members Colton Hoane and Bentley Michael are pictured at the State Meats Evaluation Contest. (ABOVE RIGHT) Members of Hamilton Heights FFA Orange Team (from left) Autumn Roberts, Jackson McLendon, Tyler Drummond, and Nathan Vann placed 22nd at the State Meats Evaluation Contest at Purdue University.

• **HH FFA Juniors:** FFA," Hamilton Heights Livestock Skillathon, took practice. These members of their accomplishments. Colton Hoane (16th individually) and Bentley Michael Agriculture Educator and FFA Advisor Emilie Carson said after the contest. "We advanced to National Livestock Judging, and in the midst of all that, we had to work in meats evaluation stuck through the madness with me and put in the time outside of practice. It shows. I am so proud The madness continues as we await another trip to Denver and continue to practice meats!"



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# State leaders come to HamCo GOP Town Hall



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The Hamilton County Republican Party held a town hall Tuesday evening at Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road, Noblesville. Three state officials were present: Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, and State Comptroller Elisa Nieshalla, as well as a proxy speaker for Secretary of State Diego Morales. They discussed their responsibilities, highlighted key initiatives of their offices, and explained how improvements in their agencies can benefit Hoosier families. The panel was moderated by Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman Mario Massillamany.

## BOI updates: new interim final rule means BOI reporting goes away

By **SETH WILSON**  
Adler Attorneys

Over the weekend, the Financial Crimes Reporting Network (FinCEN) posted a press release indicating that Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirements under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) have been removed

for U.S. Companies and U.S. Persons under this proposed interim final rule.

This is welcome news for those waiting to see if they would need to report BOI information.

From the release: *Consistent with the U.S. Department of the Treasury's March 2, 2025 announcement, the Financial Crimes*

*Enforcement Network (FinCEN) is issuing an interim final rule that removes the requirement for U.S. companies and U.S. persons to report beneficial ownership information (BOI) to FinCEN under the Corporate Transparency Act.*

*The interim final rule provides that "all entities created in the United States*

*– including those previously known as "domestic reporting companies" – and their beneficial owners will be exempt from the requirement to report BOI to FinCEN."*

**Click here** to read more. *As always, feel free to reach out to Adler Attorneys with any questions at [noblesville-attorney.com](http://noblesville-attorney.com) or by calling (317) 773-1974.*



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Carmel City Councilman Adam Aasen joined the *No Title Needed* podcast.

## Sleep on it

*Carmel City Councilman Adam Aasen shares his accomplishments & steps he takes to be most effective*

### Submitted

*No Title Needed* is a podcast celebrating the passions that enrich people's lives. This week, *No Title Needed* welcomed Carmel City Councilman Adam Aasen. Now in his second term and a councilman since 2019, he is a Communications Specialist, a community volunteer, a former restaurant owner and journalist.

Watch the show to learn about Aasen's history of getting to know people through work in his former family restaurant and how his writing background helped him learn about the goings on in the city of Carmel.

Learn about his dad's history in the restaurant business – from dishwasher to chef to owner – and how that influenced Aasen himself and brought him to Carmel.

His plans started out in journalism. Little did he know how his path would change. Looking back now, Aasen shares how glad he is

to have taken that path – the one that led him to where he is now. Enjoy his crazy campaign stories – ones he compares to *Parks and Rec* on TV. Aasen shares the differences and blessings of being part of smaller city politics.

Hosts Cindy Collins and Scott Osborne wrap up the show asking Aasen to reflect on his biggest accomplishments and childhood memories. This is a reflective and encouraging show you won't want to miss.

Tune in next week as *No Title Needed* welcomes visual artist and painter Alexis Nunnally of Indianapolis.

You can listen to *No Title Needed* every week as Osborne and Collins welcome a new guest and explore what fuels people and passions beyond the 9-to-5 grind.

Each week, the podcast will be recorded inside Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael and air at 8 a.m. on Mondays. Follow the podcast on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

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Karen Tallian, the new chair of the Indiana Democratic Party, said the party needs to unify its base and improve voter turnout.

**New Indiana Democratic Party chair says opportunities for expansion exist**

By **GARRETT BERGQUIST**  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

The new chair of the Indiana Democratic Party said it's possible to unify the party's base while still appealing to new voters.

Former state Sen. Karen Tallian was elected party chair on March 15. In an interview with News 8 for *All Indiana Politics*, she said the party's base has splintered and it's time to bring everyone back together. Moreover, she said Democrats need to prioritize voter turnout, particularly among their own base. Even as this happens, she said she sees an opportunity to peel off voters exasperated with the direction the Republican Party has taken.

"I really believe that a lot of what's going on right now has become so disruptive, so awful on so many different levels, that we will get to bring people back," she said. "This is our opportunity to say, look, we are the party of working people and rational programs."

Democrats have not won any statewide election since 2012 and have not won the governor's race since 2000. To reverse that, Tallian said the party needs to bring people back to the table.

She said political attitudes ebb and flow over time and she expects voters will tire of Trump-style conservatism, particularly if it leads to gutting programs and services ranging from Social Security to national parks.

Tallian said the party should work to peel off disaffected Trump voters, such as some of those within organized labor. Some within

the labor community have told Tallian they're willing to come back to the Democratic camp.

"I think we can do this. I wouldn't be sitting here if I didn't believe the Democratic party could not do this," she said.

The Indiana Democratic Party has been rocked in recent months by sexual harassment scandals involving two Indianapolis Democrats.

In July and August, **three former staffers accused Thomas Cook**, former chief of staff and chief deputy mayor under Mayor Joe Hogsett, of making unwanted sexual advances. Then, in November, a total of **six former staffers accused then-Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor** of sexual harassment. Senate Democrats initially reelected Taylor to his post but later ousted him from leadership.

Tallian said the party as an organization can censure accused harassers if necessary but can do little otherwise because elected officials are responsible to voters and their caucuses, not the party organization itself. She said it's up to the General Assembly to discipline any member accused of misconduct. As for party staff, Tallian said the Indiana Democratic Party recently updated its sexual harassment prevention policy and has a robust system in place.

*All Indiana Politics* airs at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WISH-TV.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/politics/indiana-democrats-unite-voter-turnout](http://wistv.com/news/politics/indiana-democrats-unite-voter-turnout).*

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# New communication board installed at Cool Creek Park

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR), with the generous support of the Channing's Joy Foundation, has installed a communication board at Cool Creek Park, 2000 E. 151st St.

This innovative addition is specifically designed to assist individuals who are nonverbal or have speech impairments, offering them a valuable tool for communication using pictures and words.

The communication board, strategically placed by the playground area, allows individuals to express their needs, feelings, and ideas by pointing to the words or symbols on the board. This simple yet powerful tool empowers those who might otherwise face communication barriers, offering people an opportunity to engage with their peers and communicate in a meaningful way.

"Playgrounds should be spaces where everyone feels welcome and included," HCPR Director Chris



Photo provided by HCPR

**This communication board is part of a broader effort to make county parks more accessible for everyone.**

Stice. "The communication board is a resource that helps break down communication barriers and ensures that everyone can fully participate and connect with others. We are proud to provide this new addition, which will un-

doubtedly make a positive impact for many people in our community."

This installation is an important part of HCPR's continuous efforts to improve accessibility and promote inclusion across its parks and public spaces.

It underscores the department's commitment to making sure that playgrounds and other community areas are welcoming and accessible to people of all abilities, enabling everyone to fully participate and enjoy these spaces.

# Kylee Booher of Noblesville listed among Ball State's Top 10 students

**The REPORTER**

The Ball State University Foundation recently revealed the University's Top 10 students from its 2024-25 "Top 100 Student Awards" program.

One of those students is Noblesville's own Kylee Booher, a dance major.

Now in its fourth year, the Top 100 Student Awards recognize 100 outstanding Ball State juniors and seniors who represent *Benevolence* both in and out of the classroom. The program honors students for excellence in academics, campus leadership, and community engagement.

To see the entire 2024-25 Top 100 Students list, visit the [Foundation's website](#). Established in the 2021-

22 academic year, the "Top 100 Student Awards" program has become a cornerstone of student recognition at the University. Students each year apply directly for the honor, submitting a letter of recommendation from a Ball State faculty or staff member, professional employee, or graduate student. A panel of alumni judges evaluates applications based on specific criteria.

To learn how to fund your favorite Ball State programs, contact the Ball State Foundation or visit [bsu.edu/foundation](http://bsu.edu/foundation).

**Thanks for reading!**

# Mud Creek Players brings real tension & fear to stage in *Wait Until Dark*

By DANIEL SHOCK  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

The dark. My 14-year-old son still sleeps with the closet light on. As a kid, I had a nightlight. Fear of the dark is one of those universal childhood experiences – a fear not of the dark itself, but of what might be hiding in it. Our imaginations fill the shadows with menace.

These days, I'm rarely unsettled by darkness. But I still wrestle with a related fear: blindness. I suspect when Frederick Knott wrote *Wait Until Dark* in the 1960s, blindness was widely equated with total darkness – an unending absence of light and independence. That understanding has evolved. I've seen YouTube videos of blind people riding bikes, using echolocation to navigate their world with impressive confidence. But the idea of losing one's sight still unnerves many of us, especially when placed in a world filled with deception and danger.

*Wait Until Dark* takes those fears and ratchets up the tension. It asks: what if the person who can't see is the one who sees most clearly? And what if the darkness isn't empty, but filled with someone waiting to strike?

Mud Creek Players' production of *Wait Until Dark* leans into that suspense and delivers a solid, well-crafted thriller. The setting – a basement apartment in 1963 Greenwich Village – is impressively realized. The set is warm, worn, and perfectly evocative of the time and place. It feels lived-in, which makes the invasion of that space feel all the more violating.

As Susy Hendrix, a recently blind woman adjusting to her new reality, Lexi Odle-Stollings delivers a sympathetic and grounded performance. Through no fault of her own, Susy becomes the unsuspecting target of three con men search-

ing for a missing doll that has been used to smuggle drugs. When the doll ends up in her apartment, Susy finds herself at the center of an increasingly elaborate and sinister scheme. Whether it's empathy or sympathy we feel, she earns it honestly. We believe her vulnerability – and her strength.

JB Scoble gives a particularly menacing performance as Mike Taltman. His presence shifts from charming to chilling with alarming ease. Kelly Keller's Harry Roat is appropriately disturbing, walking that fine line between control and madness. Trevor Brown brings a fittingly brutish energy to Carlino, the third member of the con. Every criminal trio needs a guy who's a bit of a liability, and Brown fills that role well.

As Gloria, the young upstairs neighbor, Evelyn Odom has perfected the "annoying kid" role so well that you can't help but suspect it's acting (and pretty good acting at that). Zachary Thompson's Sam Hendrix, Susy's husband, is affable and caring – a presence we miss when he's off-stage and feel safer when he returns. Sidney Blake and Thomas Burek round out the cast as two policemen, both looking the part and landing their key moment when it counts.

Director Andrea Odle and her team have shaped a tight, suspenseful production. Jay Ganz's set design is both functional and familiar, creating a believable Greenwich Village basement apartment that feels lived-in and increasingly claustrophobic as the tension builds. Lighting by Clay Howard and sound by Stephen DiCarlo work in tandem to immerse us in Susy's world – one where the ring of the phone or the flick of a light switch can shift the entire balance of power. Their contributions



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

**Susy Hendrix (Lexi Odle-Stollings) is antagonized by Harry Roat (Kelly Keller).**

are crucial in helping the audience experience what it might feel like to navigate a world without sight.

While there's no language or explicit content to speak of, *Wait Until Dark* does involve moments of real tension and fear – especially when the stage is plunged into darkness. It's appropriate for older children, but I'd suggest around age 9 or 10 as a minimum, depending on your child's sensitivity. As always, know your kid.

In a world of brightly lit screens and fast-moving entertainment, *Wait Until Dark* reminds us of the power of stillness, silence, and yes – darkness.

Recommended. Don't miss your chance to catch this chilling and suspenseful thriller before it disappears into the dark.

Remaining Performances of *Wait Until Dark* presented by Mud Creek Players: Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 28 at 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [mudcreek-players.org](http://mudcreek-players.org) or at the door, if available.

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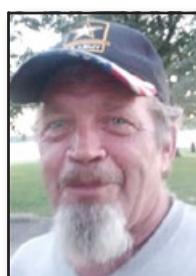
*Then the Lord said to Moses: "Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month. Place the ark of the covenant law in it and shield the ark with the curtain. Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the covenant law and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.*

*Exodus 40:1-5 (NIV)*

**Kenneth R. Wright**

**August 9, 1958 – March 20, 2025**

Kenneth R. Wright, 66, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at River-view Health in Noblesville. He was born on August 9, 1958, in Noblesville.



Kenneth proudly served his country in the Army National Guard. He worked construction and enjoyed fishing and working on cars. Most of all, Kenneth loved his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Krystle Wright; girlfriend, Dawn Peters; sister, Lisa Reece; brother, Stephen Wright; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



Kenneth was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Morton Wright; and his mother, Karen (Everson) Blue.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Gary D. Gordon**

**August 17, 1937 – March 21, 2025**



Gary D. Gordon, 87, Atlanta, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2025, at home after a long, well-lived life. He was born Aug. 17, 1937 in rural Madison County, the son of Harold E. Lola A. (Cole) Gordon.

Gary attended Boxley grade school in Hamilton County in addition to grade schools in Tipton before graduating in the class of 1955 from Tipton High School. When called upon, Gary proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He attended Wilmington College in Ohio on a work-study program and then graduated from Indiana University in 1962.

Gary married his soulmate, Barbara Ann Hussey on Dec. 17, 1965, and they shared over 59 years of marriage together.

Gary worked as a banker for 35 years and truly enjoyed his work. He started with Indiana National Bank in downtown Indianapolis in 1972 and retired from its successor, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank in 2005. He was a member of the Indiana Bankers Association. Gary was a longtime member and former Deacon of the Atlanta Christian Church and a 50-year member of Indiana Freemasons. He was past Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Atlanta Lodge before combining with Austin Lodge #128 in Tipton. Gary was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a 50-year member of the Tipton Elks Lodge #1012.

Gary and his family enjoyed operating a concession business he called "The Stand" for 28 years. His family remembers working alongside Gary at local fairs and festivals where they enjoyed interacting with the public and preparing delicious food together. He will be lovingly remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who truly cared about others and his community.

Gary's family includes his wife, Barbara, of Atlanta; two daughters, Ann (Shane) Waymire of Tipton and Debra Hall of Fishers; seven grandchildren, Brittany (Ryan) Downham, Drew Anderson, Tiare (Robert) Brown, Trenda Nash, Courtney (Conner) Campbell, Ashley (Zach) Cash, Emily Hall, and their father, Mike Hall; six great-grandchildren, Corbin Hunsaker, Chloe Downham, Averie Downham, Jack Brown, Walker Brown, and Cecelia Brown; brother-in-law, John (Judy) Hussey of Windfall; sister-in-law, Jo Lynn Hussey of rural Tipton; and several nieces and nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; two siblings, Barbara Arlene Gordon and Dorcel Dwain Gordon; and brother-in-law, Michael Hussey.

A funeral service celebrating Gary's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2025, at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home in Elwood with Pastor Jody Brown presiding. The service will begin with a Masonic ritual by members of Austin Masonic Lodge. Burial will follow the funeral at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton. Visitation for family and friends will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the funeral at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Atlanta Christian Church.

Online condolences and memories may be made at [copherfeslermay.com](http://copherfeslermay.com).

**Tony Williams Crane**

**July 23, 2004 – March 23, 2025**

Tony Williams Crane, 20, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025, in Wilmington, Ohio. He was born on July 23, 2004 in Carmel.



Tony was an active child who played many sports in his youth. He graduated from Fishers High School in 2023 where he played football and lacrosse. Tony was a 10-year 4-H member with entries in beef, horses, sheep, pigs, beef barbeque, and 1/16 model tractor pull. He was a member of the FFA, where he was a judge for horses and livestock and vice president. He was an active member with Fishers United Methodist Church and Harvest Church youth groups.

Tony was attending Wilmington College in Ohio where he was a member of DTS Fraternity, very involved in their Agriculture Program, and the center for the football team. He had a huge heart, frequently mentored younger children, and a "champion of the underdog" by always protecting others. Tony was funny and loved being on tractors and driving his blue Ford pickup truck.

He is survived by his parents, David II and Dawn Crane; siblings, Kayleigh Crane, David Crane, III, and Travis Crane; grandmothers, Helen Crane and Mary Ann Duncan; uncles and aunts, John (Michele Wood) Duncan, Nancy Crane, Matthew (Debbie) Crane, and Michele (Mark) Bates; as well as several great aunts and uncles, cousins, and other loving family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dave Crane. Services will be held at noon on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Extension, c/o Hamilton County 4-H, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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**Meeting Notices**

The Jackson Township Board has rescheduled the meeting to discuss general township business to 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2025, has been canceled.

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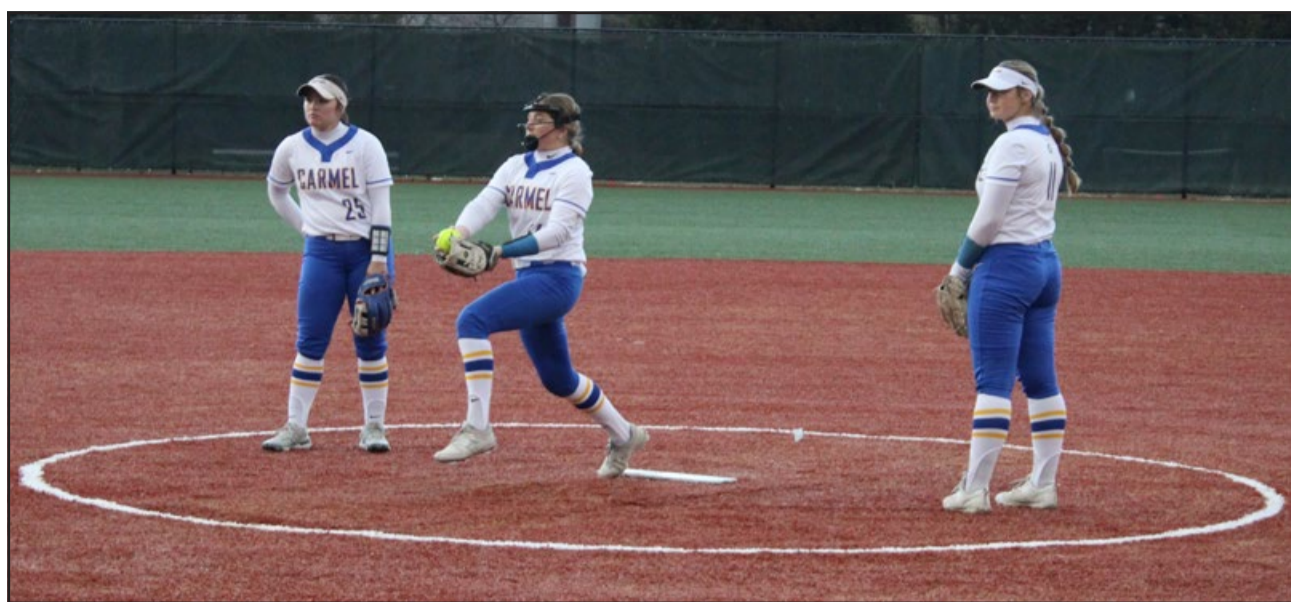


# REPORTER SPORTS WEDNESDAY

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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

## Softball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel junior Emily Smith (14) takes a warm-up pitch as senior Mia Fleming (25) and sophomore Avery Klein (11) watch during the Greyhounds' softball game with Zionsville Tuesday at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

## Carmel starts season with loss to tough Eagles

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

**CARMEL** – Carmel softball coach Stephanie Kleiner said that her team does not have “any game off this entire season” – all of the Greyhounds’ opponents are good.

That includes the season-opener, where Carmel hosted a very good Zionsville team. The Eagles are ranked No. 9 in the first Class 4A season poll and they played like a top 10 team, beating the ‘Hounds

16-2 in five innings at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

Zionsville has quite a bit of experience. There are eight seniors on the Eagles’ roster and their junior pitcher Leah Helton is committed to Indiana University. Meanwhile, Carmel is playing with a lineup of two seniors, five juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen.

“Definitely a lot of things to learn from,” said Kleiner. “We just got to let our youth know that it’s fine to make mistakes and our veterans really got to

show their age and show their experience and can’t put too much pressure on themselves.”

Both teams scored one run in the first inning; junior Jayden Kleiner, a Michigan commit, got home for the Greyhounds on a fielder’s choice. But Zionsville took over after that, with four runs in the second inning, including a two-run home run.

The Eagles added four runs in the fourth inning and another seven in the top of the fifth. Carmel did get a run back in the bottom of the

fifth when Kleiner batted in freshman Lolah Pence with a single. Pence and sophomore Grace Sharp both hit singles in the second inning, giving the ‘Hounds a total of three hits for the game.

Junior Emily Smith pitched four innings for the ‘Hounds, striking out four. Sharp made a big center field catch in the fourth inning.

Carmel continues its opening week tonight with a 6 p.m. game at Westfield, then hosts defending 4A state champion Hamilton Southeastern Friday.

## HSE community pays tribute to former football star Mason Alexander

By **DAKARAI TURNER**  
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A community gathered to honor the life of Mason Alexander, the former Hamilton Southeastern football standout whose life was **tragically cut short** earlier this month in a car crash.

Alexander, who had a promising future ahead of him as a football player at the University of Pittsburgh after graduating and enrolling in January, was remembered by family, friends, and teammates during a somber and emotional celebration of life.

Held at the Fishers Event Center, the service was filled with grief, heartfelt tributes, and memories of the young man who had touched so many lives.

Mason Alexander’s life was abruptly taken when the car he was riding in veered off the road in Fishers, crashing into a tree and igniting in flames. He had been visiting home from college.

The talented athlete, who had been a highly-touted four-star recruit, had enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh in January, eager to continue his football career at the Division I level.

One by one, Mason’s loved ones spoke about the impact he had on their lives. His friends and family struggled to hold back tears, some too overcome with emotion to finish their thoughts.

“I barely can talk, I’m shaking,” a friend said. Another friend added, “It’s gonna hurt for a minute.”

His sister, who read a heartfelt letter from Ma-

son’s young nephew, spoke of the profound loss. The letter from the boy, Royce, expressed love and gratitude for Mason, sharing how much everyone loved watching him play football and thanking him for watching over them.

“I love you more than words can express,” Mason’s sister said, choked with emotion. “The mistake I made was thinking we had more time left.”

During the service, Jim Self, Hamilton Southeastern Athletic Director, addressed the crowd and spoke directly to Kelly, Mason’s mother. He shared that Mason’s number 15 jersey, which he had chosen to wear in honor of the day he discovered his father’s death on June 15, 2015, would no longer be worn by just anyone. Going forward, he said, only athletes who embody Mason’s passion and drive would wear that number.

“We have talked a lot about leaving a legacy,” Self said. “My challenge is simple: I want you to live your legacy.”

Dr. Kenneth Sullivan Jr., from New Direction Church, also spoke about Mason’s legacy, reminding those in attendance of the young man’s lasting impact. “You raised a son who has a legacy that will live on. He brought all of us together,” he said.

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office continues to investigate the accident that claimed Mason’s life.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/community-memorial-mason-alexander.

## Girls Lacrosse

## GC girls take care of Zionsville

The **REPORTER**

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team stayed perfect for the season Tuesday, beating Zionsville 13-6 in a home game.

The Golden Eagles led 9-2 at halftime. Gabby Deer was a force on offense, scoring five goals and getting three draw controls. Caroline Ford added three goals, with Claire Flannagan and Jane Cline both scoring two. Lila Jones scored one goal, while Flannagan made one assist.

Ford also made three draw controls, while Flannagan collected four ground balls. Grayson Navarro forced three turnovers. Audrey Papay made 10 saves.

Guerin Catholic won two close games in Ohio over the weekend, beating Upper Arlington 10-9 last Friday and Worthington 10-7 last Saturday. The Golden Eagles are



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic’s Caroline Ford scored three goals for the Golden Eagles during their 13-6 win over Zionsville Wednesday.

now 10-0 for the season and play Tuesday at Car-

mel. The two teams have met for the Class 2A state

championship every year since 2022.

## Softball

## Murray homers twice in Fishers win

The **REPORTER**

The Fishers softball team won its season opener on Tuesday, beating last year’s Class 3A state runner-up Tri-West 3-0 at the Tigers field.

Senior Kate Murray had a dominant game for Fishers. She got the Tigers on the board in the fourth inning with a solo home run, then smacked a two-run homer in the sixth inning. Azstryd Alexander also scored in the sixth inning.

Fishers collected six hits during the game. Brooke Clayton hit a double, while Frankie Jackson, Anna McGrath and Alexander all hit one single.

Murray was just as tough inside the pitcher’s circle. She threw a complete game, striking out 10 while allowing only four hits.

The Tigers are back in action Thursday, playing their first away game of the season at Warren Central.

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*Volleyball*

**Westfield boys start season**

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield boys volleyball team began its season last Saturday at the Cathedral Invitational.

The Shamrocks were 1-3 at the tournament. Westfield's win came against North Putnam in a two-set sweep, 25-13, 25-15.

The 'Rocks fell to Hamilton Southeastern in two sets, 25-22, 25-17. CJ Fox hit six kills, while Carlo Huisden put down five kills. Westfield then dropped a close three-set match to Fishers, 25-22, 16-25, 16-14. Huisden had 12 kills, nine digs and two blocks. Max Hammond put down eight kills, while Graham France had three kills and three blocks.

In their final match of the day, the Shamrocks lost to the No. 2-ranked host Cathedral 25-22, 25-18. Fox hit eight kills, while Hammond and Huisden both put down four kills.

Westfield traveled to Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday and won in four sets, 23-25, 25-8, 25-14, 25-13.

Huisden, a Purdue Fort Wayne commit, dominated the match with 23 kills, 14 digs and two aces. Fox hit 11 kills. Graham Weddige dished out 29 assists and served four aces, while Fletcher Farrar made four solo blocks.

Westfield is 2-3 for the season and hosts Lawrence North on Thursday for its first home match of the season.

*Boys Basketball*

**Fishers' Justin Kirby named District 2 co-Player of the Week**

**The REPORTER**

Fishers senior Justin Kirby was named one of the IBCA/Franciscan Health Players of the Week after helping the Tigers return to the state championship game.

Kirby posted norms of 18.5 points and 6.5 rebounds in keying Class 4A No. 1 Fishers to the Elkhart semi-state crown. The 6-4 guard scored 21 points with seven rebounds, one assist and one steal in an 82-46 decision over 4A No. 13 South Bend Riley. The Miami of Ohio recruit also totaled 16 points, six rebounds, two assists, one steal and one blocked shot as the Tigers won their second consecutive semi-state, improved to 30-0 for the season and extended their winning streak to 43 games. Kirby combined to hit 16-of-24 from the floor, 1-of-5 from distance and 4-of-6 from the line in the two contests.

Kirby shares District 2 honors this week with Crispus Attucks senior Dezmon Briscoe, who led his team to the Class 3A state championship game with a win at the New Castle semi-state. The Attucks Tigers play South Bend St. Joseph at 6 p.m. Saturday for the 3A state title, with Fishers taking on Jeffersonville at 8:15 p.m. in the 4A championship game.



Fishers senior Justin Kirby, shown here during an earlier game, was one of the IBCA/Franciscan Health District 2 Players of the Week. Kirby helped the Tigers win the Elkhart semi-state and send them back to the Class 4A state finals.

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**Risinger steps down as Carmel girls basketball coach**

**The REPORTER**

Rick Risinger has stepped down as Carmel girls basketball coach.

Risinger coached the Greyhounds for two seasons, with a record of 21-25. Risinger is best known

as a longtime coach for Heritage Christian, where he led the Eagles to seven state championships during

a 15-year stint. Risinger's overall record is 351-100.

A search for a new Carmel coach is under way.

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# Kelley commits to Wabash



Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics

Carmel senior Nick Kelley has committed to the Wabash College football team.

# McMichael commits to Wabash



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Zachary McMichael has committed to the Wabash College lacrosse team. (Front row, from left) Matthew McMichael (father), Zachary McMichael, and Sandy McMichael (mother). (Back row, from left) Mark Milam (Noblesville Boys Lacrosse Head Coach) and Richard Atkins (Noblesville Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach).

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, March 26

### BOYS LACROSSE

Carmel at Westfield, 8 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Frankton at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at Lebanon, 5:30 p.m.

Carmel at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at North Central, 6 p.m.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Hamilton Southeastern boys at North Central, 6 p.m.

Warren Central at Hamilton Southeastern girls, 6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Zionsville at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Carmel at Franklin Community, 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, March 27

### BOYS LACROSSE

Fishers at Park Tudor, 6 p.m.

Barrington (Ill.) at Westfield, 7 p.m.

Noblesville at North Central, 8 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.

Fishers at Warren Central, 6 p.m.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Brownburg at Westfield boys, 5 p.m.

Westfield girls at Brownburg, 5:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Cathedral at Carmel, 7 p.m.

Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Lawrence North at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, March 28

### BOYS LACROSSE

Barrington (Ill.) at Carmel, 6 p.m.

Guerin Catholic at South Oldham, 6:30 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Westfield at Penn, 7:30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 6 p.m.

## Saturday, March 29

### BOYS BASKETBALL STATE FINALS

At Gainbridge Fieldhouse

#### Class 2A

University vs. Manchester, 12:45 p.m.

#### Class 4A

Fishers vs. Jeffersonville, 8:15 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Missouri Country Day School at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at South Bend St. Joseph/Penn play day, noon

Carmel at Detroit Country Day School, 12:30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Indy Marlins at Guerin Catholic, 11 a.m.

Westfield at Center Grove, noon

### TRACK AND FIELD

#### Hoosier State Relays

Class 4A, 5A, 6A meet, 9 a.m.

Class 1A, 2A, 3A meet, 3:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Westfield at Carmel North/South Classic, 10 a.m.

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at

Fishers March Madness, 11 a.m.

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