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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers and storms in the morning. Partly sunny in the afternoon. Breezy!
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

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Ag Day celebrates 39 years of agricultural education

The REPORTER

Purdue Extension Hamilton County celebrated its 39th annual Ag Day program during National Agriculture Week, March 16-22.

Due to construction at the 4-H Fairgrounds, local Extension staff took the Ag Day experience on the road to each participating school.

Over the course of Ag Week, Purdue Extension staff visited 72 classrooms, delivered 42 presentations, and guided students through a hands-on seed planting activity. Teachers could also use a virtual "Ag Day Trail" created by local Extension staff and filled with educational videos and resources to reinforce the lessons shared. Nearly 2,000 students participated, deepening their understanding of agriculture's critical role in our daily lives.

With many Hamilton

Photos provided by Purdue Extension Hamilton County
(ABOVE LEFT) Purdue Extension Program Assistant Bernie Huber helps second grade students from Southeastern Elementary create a soybean seed necklace. Students became farmers as they cared for a corn kernel and a soybean seed. (ABOVE RIGHT) Darcy Herrington, 7, Noblesville, creates a seed necklace at Hinkle Creek Elementary.

County residents now several generations removed from farming, Ag Days have never been more crucial in helping children understand the importance of agriculture.

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Don't give up on those dreams

What's your dream? Are you living it now or still working for it? Or did you give up on your dream a long time ago?

Ever since I was eight, I've dreamed of becoming an author. More specifically, a full-time author. I've been a part-time author since 2013. I've had one self-published book. I've also had a book released through a hybrid publisher – a combination of self and traditional publishing – and two books released by a tiny, not-so-great traditional publisher.

I've been working on my latest book, *How to Thrive, Not Just Survive, Attending Church Solo*, for well over a year now. This very newspaper interviewed me about it last winter (thank you, Hamilton County Reporter!) I've been determined to get *How to Thrive* published by a reputable, traditional Christian publisher.

Rejection has to be the number one struggle for authors. I've been rejected dozens of times by literary agents and publishers. You must get used to it if you want to succeed as a writer. I even experience it through my grant consulting business. We tell our clients that you can have the perfect proposal that checks every box for a funder ... and they can still tell you "No."

See Dreams . . . Page 2

Westfield Washington Schools learns how to 'Stop the Bleed'

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) reinforced its commitment to safety by playing host to a Stop the Bleed training for school staff on March 17.

This vital training – led by Teresa Layton, Manager School Nurses from Riverview Health and James Ginder, Health Education Outreach Coordinator with the Hamilton County Health Department – equips staff with life-saving skills to respond to traumatic severe bleeding emergencies.

Stop the Bleed is a national initiative designed to empower individuals with the knowledge and confidence to act in a crisis. Uncontrolled bleeding is the leading cause of preventable death in trauma situations, and immediate action can be the difference between life

Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
School staff received valuable lifesaving training on how to stop uncontrolled bleeding.

and death. By learning proper bleeding control techniques – including the use of tourniquets, wound packing, and direct pressure – school staff are better prepared to protect students and colleagues in an emergency.

"Safety is an essential priority at Westfield Washington Schools," Layton said. "We are committed to ensuring that our staff have the training and resources to respond effectively. Knowledge is power, and programs like Stop the Bleed give our staff the confidence to act quickly and potentially save lives."

See Bleed . . . Page 2

Technology: your favorite invasive species!

Isn't today's wide world of tech exciting, amazing, and incredible? We all enjoy 100-percent secure cloud-stored data. We have computers, tablets, and phones all packed with easy-to-navigate features we desperately need AND enjoy ... features which never change unexpectedly! What's even better is that none of it ever malfunctions or suffers data breaches. It all simply works!

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See Invasive . . . Page 2

Sheridan High School inducts 31 outstanding students into National Honor Society

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School (SHS) held its annual National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony on Tuesday, March 25.

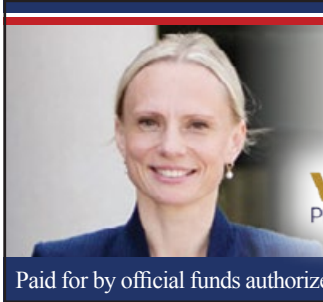
This event recognized students who have demonstrated excellence in community service, leadership, and positive character. In order to be eligible for NHS membership, SHS students must have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher. Eligible students are then reviewed and selected to be eligible to be inducted.

The induction ceremony shines a light on students who are making positive impacts in the classroom and outside of it. The event brought together students, faculty, and families to honor the accomplishments of these new inductees. Each

Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
Sheridan High School's 31 newest inductees into the National Honor Society prove once again that Sheridan Community Schools is educating fine young adults.

inductee was individually recognized and presented with a patch for their letter jacket that marks their membership. This patch symbolizes and recognizes their commitment and embodiment to the four pillars of the NHS. The pillars are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These pillars guide members in their academic and their personal lives.

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BLEED

WWS is grateful for the support of Riverview Health and the Hamilton County Health Department, whose partnership helps ensure students’ and staff’s safety and well-being. Their com-

mitment to training and preparedness strengthens the schools and the community. For more information about Stop the Bleed and its impact on school safety, visit stopthebleed.org.

DREAMS

One story that always gives me hope is about Madeleine L’Engle, author of *A Wrinkle in Time*. This book is a well-known classic that came out in 1962. It was also rejected 26 times before finally being accepted by a publisher. Even though I’m 54, I refuse to give up my dream of becoming a full-time author. When a Christian author by the name of Peggy Sue Wells directly connected me to three good possible publishers last summer, I was thrilled. I was blessed to meet her at the Taylor University Writers Conference. The first publisher told me “not yet” in September. They asked me to build up my platform and do some speaking on the topic. After I worked hard and did what they instructed, I tried them again in January. They didn’t even bother to reply this time. I tried the second one three weeks ago. When I saw their email reply last week, I was prepared for the usual rejection. Imagine

my surprise when I saw that they were offering me an agreement! I’m now an author with Elk Lake Publishing, with a target of summer 2026 for my book release. Elk Lake has impressed me so much, and I’m working to use every resource they’ve offered to make my book the best it can be. I know there’s still plenty of hard work ahead, but I’m determined to embrace it all and look forward to this adventure. I’ve been writing stories and books since I was eight years old. It’s taken me 46 years to get to this point. If you’re not living your dream yet, I hope you find the spark that keeps lighting your fire to help you continue to go after it. It may take decades, but that makes the eventual victory even more incredible and rewarding! *Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.*



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(ABOVE LEFT) Purdue Extension Program Assistant Lisa Hanni shares about National Agriculture Week with second grade students from Washington Woods Elementary. Students learned about how agriculture impacts them every day. (ABOVE RIGHT) Purdue Extension Educator Susan Peterson plays a “farm to table” matching game with second grade students from Fall Creek Elementary. Students learned about farmers work hard to provide their breakfast, dinner, and everything in between.

March 18 marked the 52nd National Ag Day, hosted by the Agriculture Council of America. National Ag Day serves as a reminder to Amer-

icans of the vital role agriculture plays in producing our food, fiber, and everyday essentials. It also highlights the importance of a strong

agricultural economy and the wealth of career opportunities within the agriculture, food, and fiber industries. To learn more about

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Hey, Luddites! It’s time to level up with Techfast®. (Disclaimer: Bowltech™ bowls are not guaranteed not to break from a non-regulation drop height, but the internal structural integrity scanner will still alert you not to eat from it.) **Share the cereal love** We’re also launching a new social media platform to share your breakfast experiences with those closest to you on the other side of the planet: the Supercrunchy Never Offline Breakfast® (SNOB) social media network. Join the breakfast community online at SNOBSocial.cereal. Techfast®: the most upgraded meal of the day. *The R-800 is not an actual cyborg and AI has not yet sufficiently evolved to have its own column in the page of The Reporter. Maybe in the future our editor and our publisher will rethink that position.*

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt annual report reveals continual growth

Submitted

Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc. (CCI) has released its 2024 annual report, highlighting an exceptional year of economic impact, community engagement, and growth.

Standout metrics from the 2024 report include:

- **\$24.3 million total economic impact in 2024:** The combined economic impact of the 2023 and 2024 Markets totals to \$47.4 mil-

lion Every \$1 of Market sales generated an extra \$1.53 in sales for other businesses in Hamilton County.

- **Nearly 10,000 average daily Market visitors:** A 3.8 percent increase in attendance from 2023. A total of 289 dedicated volunteers made the Market's magic possible by contributing 1,192 hours over 556 shifts.

[Click here](#) to read the full report the Carmel Christkindlmarkt.

HONOR

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The first pillar is scholarship. Scholarship represents the commitment to academic excellence. NHS members must maintain a high GPA and demonstrate a strong work ethic in the classroom. Their dedication to their learning serves as an inspiration for their peers.

The second pillar is leadership. Leadership in the National Honor Society goes beyond just winning awards or holding a position. Members are expected to lead by example, demonstrate integrity, responsibility, and a willingness to inspire and uplift others. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or in the community NHS members are positive role models.

The third pillar is service. Inductees made a commitment to give back to their school and community through a dedication to volunteer work, fundraising efforts, and acts of kindness. Inductees and members of the NHS are dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the world.

The fourth and final pillar of the NHS is character. Character is the foundation of the members' identities.

Thanks for reading!

Members of the NHS encompass the positive qualities of honesty, respect and perseverance. Members are expected to uphold these moral values and demonstrate them in all aspects of their lives.

On Tuesday, the Sheridan High Schools' National Honor Society inducted 31 new members because of their excellence in these pillars. They are listed below. Congratulations!

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- Makayla Southerland
- Madeline Sterling
- Sadie Timme
- Jada Trietsch
- Kailyn Weller
- Bailey Whitacre
- Rylee Wilson
- Chloe Wright

Noblesville Lions honored by 25D District Governor



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, March 26, Noblesville Lions Club President Jeff Kozicki introduced the 25D District Governor David "Rocky" Simpson. DG Rocky is a member of the Greentown Lions Club. He highlighted all the good things clubs in his district have been doing this Lions year. He noted that the Noblesville Club has been given an "Excellence Club" designation and presented the club's leadership with a couple items of memorabilia. He also highlighted the activities of Lions International and what great things Lions are doing around the world. (ABOVE) DG Rocky Simpson (left) was given a "thank you" certificate from Noblesville Lions VP Hayden Parsons.

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Westfield women rock panel discussion

The REPORTER

In honor of Women's History Month, an amazing panel of “Women Who Rock” joined the Westfield Chamber of Commerce’s March Luncheon. The event dove into topics from mentorship to leadership styles to overcoming barriers in the work place.

The Westfield community is lucky to have a bunch of talented, strong women who have great knowledge to share.

Thank you to Danielle Carey Tolan, Sydnee Cseresznyes, Adenike Makinde, Jamie Mills, Sheryl Sollars, and Mac Whitesell for taking the time out of your busy schedules to enlighten everyone.

Thank you to sponsors **Gaylor Electric, Inc., Face Foundrie, Skender, Capital One, Community Health Network, and Women of Westfield (WOW)** for supporting this event. Your support enabled attendees to tackle important conversations with these “Women Who Rock.”



Photos provided by Westfield Chamber of Commerce
The Westfield Chamber of Commerce celebrated Women's History Month with a successful “Women Who Rock” event.

Indiana American Water to start spring cleaning in Sheridan

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water will conduct its annual water main flushing in the Town of Sheridan beginning March 30 through April 10 from the hours of 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. during the weekdays.

The company conducts the annual maintenance program of its water distribution system to continue to provide customers with high-quality, reliable water service. In addition, it provides the opportunity for the company to make sure the company’s fire hydrants are operational.

Indiana American Water is responsible for nearly 32,000 fire hydrants in its communities across the state.

Flushing the water system helps to clean out any build-up of mineral deposits and sediment inside the pipes. These deposits can occur when there is a reduced water demand. Hydrants are also inspected and checked for flows in our system.

No interruptions in water service will occur as a result of the flushing. Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration while this program is underway. Customers should refrain from doing laundry during the time the flushing program is taking place in or near their neighborhood.

If tap water is discolored, Indiana American Water recommends allowing several cold-water faucets to run for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear more quickly. Customers who have questions regarding hydrant flushing may call our Customer Service Center at (800) 492-8373.

AG Todd Rokita to speak at Westfield GOP meeting

Submitted

The Westfield GOP Club will welcome Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita to its next meeting, which will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Please plan to attend to learn what has happened at the Statehouse during the 2025 Legislative Session as well as what the Office of the Indiana Attorney General has been doing for you.

RSVPs are requested at westfieldingop@gmail.com.

Looking ahead to May, the Westfield GOP Club will welcome Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger as she shares how the organization is helping victims of domestic violence.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the Westfield Washington Township Building, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Keep up with the Westfield GOP at [Face-book.com/WestfieldGOP-Club](https://book.com/WestfieldGOP-Club).



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Westfield High School’s young thespians bringing Narnia to life

The REPORTER

The Westfield High School Theatre Department is staging its production of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The student-led cast and crew have been working tirelessly since February to immerse the audience in the magical world of Narnia.

The crew tackled some unique design challenges this season, from building stone archways that span the entire stage, to creating functional costumes for creatures like lions and centaurs. Meanwhile, the cast has been hard at work embodying the mystical creatures from C.S. Lewis' imagination.

Step through the wardrobe and experience the magic for yourself. There are still three performances remaining:

- TONIGHT, March 28 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m.
- Click here to purchase tickets.



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy partners with Fishers Art Center to launch Music & Movement Class for seniors

The REPORTER

Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy has announced its new partnership with Fishers Art Center to offer a unique Music and Movement class specifically designed for seniors aged 55 and older.

This innovative program aims to enhance the physical, emotional, and social well-being of participants through the joy of music and movement. Classes will commence on Tuesday, May 6, providing a welcoming environment for seniors to engage in creative expression while fostering connections with their peers.

These free classes will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: May 6, 13, 20, 27, and June 3 and 10.

The Music and Movement class will incorporate a variety of musical styles and movement activities tailored to the abilities and interests of older adults. The class will be led by Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy voice instructor and theater direc-

tor Miss Abby-Rose. Participants will explore rhythm, melody, and movement in a fun and supportive setting. This program not only promotes physical activity but also encourages cognitive engagement and emotional expression, making it an ideal opportunity for seniors to stay active and connected within the community.

“We believe that music has the power to enrich lives at any age,” said Ji-Eun Lee, founder of Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy. “Our partnership with Fishers Art Center allows us to bring this enriching experience to seniors, helping them to discover new passions and build lasting friendships.”

Registration for the Music and Movement class is now open, and interested individuals can find more information and sign up at [this link](#).

About the Class Director

Abby-Rose is a vocalist, actress, and songwriter from Muncie. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Musi-



Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy

cal Theatre from Anderson University and has been singing and performing ever since she can remember. She has studied a wide range of music styles from musical theatre, to pop, to opera.

About Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy

Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy is a music and performing arts school serving Hamilton County since 1988. The academy offers classes for all ages, including private lessons, group classes, and performance opportunities in its 170-seat theater, The Switch Theatre. The academy also provides master-classes and workshops led by guest artists, allowing students to gain insights from industry professionals. Classes and programs

are taught and directed by a staff of more than 50 professionally trained teachers and directors. For more information visit [FishersMusic.com](#) or call (317) 576-5562.

Enjoy a spaghetti dinner, support Cicero library

The REPORTER

Spring is here, and that means it’s time for the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction at Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero.

Join the Friends of the Library from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 for a delicious dinner, including pasta, breadsticks, salad, and hand-crafted desserts, all for a free-will donation. You’ll also have the

opportunity to put in your last-minute bid on a wide variety of gift baskets in the silent auction. The Silent Auction begins Monday, April 21, in the main library, with bidding ending at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, April 27.

All proceeds benefit the library’s Summer Reading Program.



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Emagine Theatres will help you honor your mom on the big screen

The REPORTER

Emagine Entertainment is honoring moms this Mother’s Day. Emagine filmgoers are encouraged to submit heartfelt video messages that showcase how amazing their mother is. Emagine will choose several videos to display on the big screen before all movies, at all locations, throughout Mother’s Day weekend. Give your mom the shout-out she deserves and submit your video today.

Audience members are invited to submit a video message talking about what makes their mom special. By submitting a video, you grant Emagine Entertainment the rights to display your video on Emagine’s movies screens during Mother’s Day weekend.

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- Video submissions can be sent to submissions@emagine-entertainment.com
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Select messages will play before all showtimes on Friday, May 9 through Sunday, May 11.

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Over 4,900 items donated at Indiana’s Light the World Giving Machines

The REPORTER

The bright red Light the World Giving Machines in Indianapolis have once again demonstrated the generosity of Hoosiers during the 2024 holiday season. Since 2023, nearly 23,000 Hoosier adults, teens, and children have generously donated 13,000 items and services worth more than \$400,000 at Indy-based Giving Machines.

In 2024, generous Hoosiers purchased items through the Giving Machines to support five local and two global charities, making a significant impact on individuals and families throughout central Indiana and beyond.

“The annual Light the World Giving Machine initiative continues to show the warmth and kindness of Indiana residents,” Giving Machine Indy Co-Chair Bob Petersen said. “Each donation represents a moment when a Hoosier chose to reach out and lift someone they may never meet but to whom they will always be connected.”

2024 Giving Machine Indy highlights

The 2024 Giving Machine initiative in Indianapolis provided vital support across a range of humanitarian needs, including nearly 21,000 meals for hungry Hoosiers, over 900 winter clothing items and hygiene kits for those in need, 375 school supply packages for children, 86 overnight stays for families during medical crises, and more than 1,300 chickens providing sustainable food sources.

- **Nourishing bodies**

and souls: “We just had a graduation today – and next week, we’re welcoming 14 new students into our culinary job training program,” said Michelle Woodruff, Manager of Volunteer Services at Second Helpings. “These donations help us keep that promise: that when they walk through the door, we’ve got them covered.”

- **Warmth and dignity for Veterans:** “Since the fire last fall, we’ve moved 59 veterans into permanent housing,” Helping Veterans and Families CEO Emmy Hildebrand said. “Each donated move-in kit represents a fresh start for a veteran. That’s a big impact.”

- **Transformational opportunities for neighbors:** “These items go out the door daily,” Elizabeth Burke-Boskovich, Senior Director of Advancement at Horizon House said. “They’re more than supplies – they’re tools of dignity and hope. A clean shower, a fresh pair of socks, a ride to a job interview ... it’s the start of a transformation.”

- **Shelter during medical crises:** “Unlike a hotel, we never send a family away because their time is up,” said Jenna Slesinski, Marketing Manager at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana. “Thanks to generous Hoosiers and the Giving Machines, we’re able to say: stay as long as you need.”

- **Opening doors through education:** “Kids don’t just paint,” said Jackie Lai, Director of Marketing, Communications, & JEDI Initiatives at Big Brothers



Photo provided

The Giving Machine at Clay Terrace in Carmel last Christmas season was part of a network of machines enabling anyone to easily donate to any of several causes helping people all over the United States and across the planet.

Big Sisters of Central Indiana. “They connect, they open up, and they begin to see what they’re capable of. These classes are about more than art.”

- **Giving chickens turns into global impact:** “A woman who has 10 chickens laying 10 eggs a day is able to sell the eggs and send her daughter to school,” said Mary Conceptor Obiero, director of relief development and protection for Church World Service Africa. “You may not have realized when you are giving chicks that the chicken’s eggs can actually keep someone in school and they can be able to fin-

ish school.”

Community members like Laramie Meyer and her son Logan felt the joy of giving throughout the 2024 season.

“The power of giving not only makes you feel good inside,” Laramie said as they made their donation, “but the best part is knowing you were able to help others.”

The Light the World Giving Machine initiative, launched in 2017 by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, continues to grow globally. In 2024, Giving Machines operated in 107 cities across 13

Participating 2024 Charities

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana Care.org
- HVAF – Helping Veterans And Families of Indiana Inc.
- Horizon House
- Right To Play USA
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana
- Second Helpings

countries on five continents, generating over 490,000 donations of vital items and services.

A key feature of this initiative is that 100 percent of all donations go directly to the selected charities, as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints covers all operational expenses.

The Giving Machines will return to Indiana for the 2025 holiday season to help shine a light on more charities doing great work throughout the Hoosier state and beyond.

To learn more about how your donation makes a difference, visit [GivingMachine.org](https://givingmachine.org).

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 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.
**Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 9-12,
Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5
Su**

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su
12p-8p
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-
930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
**Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service
till close**

VFW Posts
Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm
Su-Sa 11a-11p.
**Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a,
Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su
12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p

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

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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers
317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
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?



Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities

- Enroll in VA healthcare
- File disability claims

HamCo CVSO Onsite
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
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 5th



ARMED SERVICES ARTS PARTNERSHIP

ASAP A creative community where Veterans thrive through the arts. Free arts, comedy classes, activities and events for our Military, Veterans, their families and Care Givers. <https://asapasap.org/>

Supported by the IDVA

Welding Workshop

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1-3 PM
Indianapolis Art Center 820 E 67th St

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

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



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- NO PRIOR GOLF EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY
- NO VA DISABILITY RATING REQUIRED
- VETERANS DO NOT NEED TO HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE OR DEPLOYMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO PGA HOPE ARE COVERED

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 10



PGA OF AMERICA
INDIANA

STONYCREEK GOLF CLUB

11800 E 166TH ST, NOBLESVILLE, IN. 46060

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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 [HTTP://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/](http://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/)

Activities & Events Veterans Sign Up For Free Golf Starts April 19



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MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 15



PGA OF AMERICA
INDIANA

BARLA GOLF ACADEMY

14660 HERRIMAN BLVD.
NOBLESVILLE, IN. 46060

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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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Veteran Public Speaking Workshop Through ASAP



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≪ All Programs

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



PARTNERS

Chapter
Indianapolis

Program Type
Workshop

APPLY

Veterans Apply here
<https://www.tfaforms.com/5027807?campid=701Up00000HAKOgIAP>

This interactive 3-hour workshop equips participants with the tools and confidence to share their stories, advocate for causes, and excel in professional and personal communication.

Designed specifically for individuals with military backgrounds, the workshop focuses on leveraging their unique experiences to captivate audiences, foster connections, and inspire action. Through hands-on exercises, personalized feedback, and proven techniques, participants will leave with practical skills to become effective and compelling speakers.

About the Instructor

Jeff McKinney, PhD, is an experienced coach, facilitator, teacher, and mentor who supports his clients as they navigate their journey of self-awareness and transformation by supporting and challenging them to grow personally and professionally. He strives to ensure that the people who experience his coaching or training leave those interactions with knowledge and tools to take the action necessary to change for the better.

APPLY Veterans Apply here
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Christmas In June Care Package Drive



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

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

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses.
Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, in 46060
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

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

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;
Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

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The Nickel Plate Express operates on 12.5 miles of the former Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Atlanta.
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Easter Express

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April 12, 13 and 19

Spring Field Trip Days

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

April 29 and May 13

Railbike Season

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

Opens April 4!

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Health Department now home to Feeding Team Pantry No. 77



Photo provided by FeedingTeam.org
The Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive, Noblesville, now has a Feeding Team food pantry at that location, helping continue the mission of feeding families in need across the county. This marks Pantry No. 77. Learn more at FeedingTeam.org.

Put the phone away or pay

Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership on lookout for speeding & distracted driving

The REPORTER

Officers with the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership are on high alert as they participate in an annual traffic safety campaign looking for people speeding or driving while distracted.

Distracted driving and speeding caused over 17,000 crashes across Indiana in 2024, resulting in 230 deaths.

To help save lives, the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is participating in a traffic safety campaign April 5 to 19. During the campaign, which is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), motorists should expect to see an increase in roving and high-visibility patrols.

“Distracted driving isn’t just risky, it’s deadly,” ICJI Traffic Safety Director James Bryan said. “Taking your eyes off the road for even just a few seconds can change a life forever. No text, call, or notification is worth the cost of a crash.”

Distracted driving, which involves cellphone use or any activity that takes attention away from the task of driving, is risky behavior that endangers everyone on the road, from the distracted driver and other drivers to passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Drivers can prioritize safe driving by keeping their hands on the wheel, their eyes on the road, and

their focus on driving.

In 2020, Indiana **passed a law** prohibiting holding or using a mobile device such

as a smartphone or tablet. Since then, law enforcement agencies have worked to educate motorists, issuing 7,684 hands-free citations and 11,203 warnings in 2024 alone. Violating the law is a Class

C infraction, which carries a fine of up to \$500 and results in points being added to an individual’s driver’s license.

“We all share the road, and all Hoosiers share the responsibility to drive safely,” ICJI Executive Director Douglas Huntsinger said. “Slowing down is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself and others.”

Speeding is an aggressive and deadly behavior. It reduces a driver’s ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object, or an unexpected curve. As speed increases, so does the likelihood of a crash and the degree of severity, leading to more severe injuries for the driver, passengers, pedestrians, and other road users.

“Speed limits and Indiana’s hands-free law aren’t just guidelines – they’re in place to save lives,” Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush said. “Our mission is to keep our community safe, and we will be actively enforcing these laws to ensure that every driver does their part.”

[Click here](#) to learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.



Quakenbush

Comptroller Nieshalla calls for investigation into EU Corporate Sustainability Directives

Submitted by Office of the Comptroller

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla joined 26 state financial officers nationwide asking President Donald Trump to investigate the European Union’s (EU) Corporate Sustainability Directives that subject American companies to comply with the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) disclosure rules in their domestic operations.

“These rules are overreaching and work against American companies’ interests in reliable, affordable and clean energy by eroding profits and undermining our ability to protect state pension and deferred compensation investments,” Comptroller Nieshalla said.

President Trump withdrew the United States from the Paris Agreement earlier this year and directed a review of international agreements and initiatives that unfairly regulate American companies. As part of this review, Comptroller Nieshalla and other state financial officers support the U.S. Trade Representative investigating the EU’s Corporate Sustainability Directives

and the European “Green Deal,” which impose comprehensive ESG reporting on American companies.

Furthermore, the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (“CS3D”) requires any company doing business in the EU to implement a Paris Agreement-compliant climate transition plan, regardless of their home country.

“As part of my duty to protect public employee investments, I am bringing attention to the EU directives that in effect regulate companies beyond the EU’s borders, potentially withholding capital from essential energy industries and distorting financial markets.”

Comptroller Nieshalla supports fiduciary-focused policies and has voted to remove investment funds, fund managers, and proxy advisors that promote environmental and social agendas over financial factors, both as a board member of the Indiana Public Employees Retirement System (INPRS) and as chair of the Indiana Deferred Compensation Committee.

[Click here](#) to view a copy of the letter.



Nieshalla

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After 50 years of very successful row crop farming, and known for his exceptional care and maintenance of his equipment, LARRY HARPER has decided to retire. We are honored Larry has decided to sell his like-new late model equipment with us in this on-line only auction. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to purchase like-new, late model, well maintained equipment.

BIDDING OPENS: Monday, March 17th @ Noon
SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Monday, March 31st @ 2pm

PREVIEW DATES: Tuesday, March 25th - Thursday, March 27th From 9am - 5pm
Or by appointment only

PICK-UP DAYS: Tuesday, April 1st - Friday, April 4th from 9am - 5pm
Or by appointment only

LARRY HARPER

2017 JD S680 Combine, 2022 JD C16F Corn Head, 2023 Kinze 3665 16/32 Bean Planter; 2021 Kinze 4905 16-Row Blue Drive Corn Planter; 2024 J&M LC290 Seed Tender, (2) 2023 Brent 757 Grain Train Gravity Wagons; Sunflower 1434-33 Disk, JD 2320 Tractor w/ 62” Mid-Mount Mower Deck; AcrEase 60” Pull-Type Finish Mower, Hiniker Big Ox HB10 Terracing Blade; JD 7000 4-Row 30” 3-pt Planter, Katolight 25KW Generator; 4” Woods 3-pt Rotary Cutter, Kinze 500-Gallon Liquid Tank

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ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

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Additional Equipment, Vehicles, & Trailers will be added to the On-Line Sale Bill As They Arrive

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Meeting Notice

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

Take these educational opportunities at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

A legacy of support

Heard the news? The largest venue at Allied Solutions Center has been named the Payne & Mencias Palladium after a generous pledge of support from Carmel residents Eric & Leah Payne and Ron & Suzanne Mencias. The gift will help continue elevating the quality, variety and accessibility of the Center's events and programs, including the educational opportunities discussed below.

[Click here](#) to read the announcement.

Come sing at World Voice Day

Spring has sprung, and with it comes the annual World Voice Day celebration April 10 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Anyone with a song to sing – and anyone who wants to listen – can join in this international observance, as the elegant concert hall stage is transformed into a cozy but lively cabaret for one evening. It's free, but show up early if you plan to perform.

[Click here](#) for all the details.

What's opera, Doc?

If you think opera is a stuffy, highbrow affair, the fun folks of Indianapolis Opera will prove you wrong at the next Peanut Butter & Jam concert for kids on April 5.

Figaro! The Bunny of Seville is a bite-sized version of Gioachino Rossini's best-known comedic opera, filled with silly antics and catchy tunes you may recognize from the acclaimed films of Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd.

At \$10 per kid, free for two accompanying grownups, it's the ideal Saturday outing for families.

Get your PB&J tickets [here](#).

Take a trip around Our Planet

Another engaging and enlightening opportunity for all ages is the Old Town Family Series event *The Making of Our Planet*, a multimedia presentation from the makers of Netflix's *Our Planet* series.

On April 29 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, Emmy-winning showrunner Dan Tapster will share amazing footage and stories of the natural world, with a



Photo provided

See a shortened adaptation of Gioachino Rossini's *Figaro! The Bunny of Seville* on Saturday, April 5 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel.

focus on the effects of climate change.

Get your tickets [here](#) at just \$15 for children and students.

Book club to meet April 14

The Palladium Bookies are a fun and casual crowd who meet every other month to discuss books about the performing arts. Their next session April 14 will explore *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James

McBride. On deck for the June 9 gathering is *Shy: The Alarming Outspoken Memoirs of Mary Rodgers* by composer and Broadway figure Mary Rodgers.

If either one sounds like your speed, grab a copy somewhere and RSVP to Outreach@TheCenter-Presents.org.

Arts camp needs volunteers

The Prism Project at the Center, now in its

third season, is a month-long performing arts day camp for children and young adults with a range of physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities. With thoughtful guidance from arts professionals, the campers develop and present an original stage production designed around each one's unique talents and abilities.

This year's camp, beginning May 28 and closing

with a public performance June 22, is at capacity, but more volunteer Buddies are needed to provide the one-to-one support that helps participants be successful. Volunteering is a great experience for college students and a rewarding service opportunity for anyone who can spare three mornings a week for a month. Interested parties can inquire at Outreach@TheCenter-Presents.org.

Indiana American Water president addresses new ASCE Report Card, urges more investment in critical water infrastructure

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water President Barry Suits issued the following statement in response to the grades of C- for water and D+ for wastewater respectively in the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) [2025 Report Card for America's Infrastructure](#).

"The ASCE 2025 Report Card reveals no change or improvement over the last four years – America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is stagnant," Suits said. "The Report Card highlights the urgent need for significant investment in water and wastewater infrastructure, not just across the

nation, but also here in the Hoosier State. Our state continues to face challenges when it comes to investing in critical infrastructure, particularly in these sectors."

With over a trillion dollars in infrastructure investments needed in water and wastewater across the country over the next two decades,

American Water continues to work with local, state, and federal leaders to provide expertise and investment in communities across Indiana that need to strengthen their water systems.

Over the next 10 years, American Water plans to invest between \$40 billion and \$42 billion in its systems across

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James (Jim) R. Hitzeman
July 25, 1944 – March 14, 2025

James (Jim) R. Hitzeman, Noblesville, passed away on March 14, 2025. He was born on July 25, 1944, to Norman and Caroline (Kuhl) Hitzeman in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Jim graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in Secondary Education. He began his career as a social studies teacher and an assistant football coach at South Adams High School in Berne, Ind. He also coached their eighth-grade basketball team, leading them to the county championship. A true people person, Jim's career expanded into sales and management where, over the years, he repped for Herff Jones, Lifetouch School Pictures, Howard Miller, and Framing Success. His career came full-circle when he returned to, and eventually retired from, Herff Jones.

Jim was a member of Cornerstone Lutheran Church where he served as a communion assistant and lector. He facilitated the church's GriefShare program and helped initiate and volunteered for their Cancer Companions program. Generous with his time and talents, Jim volunteered with Paw Pals, taking his beloved golden retriever, Maggie, to visit terminally ill and end-of-life patients. He also volunteered at the Hamilton East Public Library book store.

A gifted athlete and ever-competitive, Jim excelled in racquetball and could be readily found on the golf course. A former quarterback, he enjoyed watching college and professional football, as well as college basketball. In his quieter moments, Jim enjoyed reading police mystery novels and watching old episodes of *Law and Order*. Jim was gregarious and full of life. He loved to have fun and to joke and laugh, and he loved to make others laugh. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a cherished friend-to know him was to love him.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lynn (Wunderlich) Hitzeman; daughter, Janna (Eric) Hitzeman-Crampton; sister-in-law, Marcia (Walde) Hitzeman; nieces, Cheryl (Hitzeman) Sanders and Julie (Hitzeman) Ramey; nephew, Brad Hitzeman; and brother-in-law, John Wunderlich.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Karin Hitzeman, and his brother, Norman Hitzeman.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel. A private burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main St., Carmel, IN 46033.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Rocky Darrell Schoolcraft
August 1, 1958 – March 26, 2025

Rocky Darrell Schoolcraft, 66, Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at North Capitol Nursing and Rehab in Indianapolis. He was born on August 1, 1958, to Louis and Martha Leora (Haygood) Schoolcraft in Noblesville.

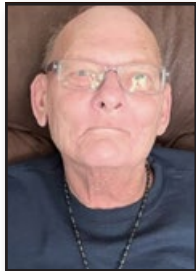
Rocky enjoyed playing pool and taking car rides. He was a member of Circle of Hope Church where he was an usher.

He is survived by his siblings, Rob-in Shaw, Marty Height, Norma Harber, Karen Schoolcraft, and David Schoolcraft; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Billy Schoolcraft and Louie "Edward" Schoolcraft.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Jerry Lee Matthews

October 21, 1946 – March 21, 2025

Jerry Lee Matthews, 78, McCordsville, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Traditions at Brookside in McCordsville. He was born on October 21, 1946, to Eugene and Mildred (Stewart) Matthews in North Little Rock, Ark.

Jerry had a career of over 20 years at Amax Coal Company serving in various managerial positions. In 1997, Jerry was hired to begin the Office of Industrial Experience for the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University. He was a longtime member of the Presbyterian Church and served as an elder in several churches. Jerry enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, dogs, reading, music, sports (especially baseball) and looking for rocks and gems.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Rhodes Matthews; daughters, Kacey Matthews and Kelly (Kenneth) McCain; sister-in-law, Debbie Goodman; and grandchildren, Nolan and Marin McCain.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

SETTING UP THE TABERNACLE

So the tabernacle was set up on the first day of the first month in the second year. When Moses set up the tabernacle, he put the bases in place, erected the frames, inserted the crossbars and set up the posts. Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering over the tent, as the LORD commanded him.

He took the tablets of the covenant law and placed them in the ark, attached the poles to the ark and put the atonement cover over it. Then he brought the ark into the tabernacle and hung the shielding curtain and shielded the ark of the covenant law, as the LORD commanded him.

Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle outside the curtain and set out the bread on it before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

He placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle and set up the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded him.

Moses placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the curtain and burned fragrant incense on it, as the LORD commanded him.

Exodus 40:17-27 (NIV)

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Boys Basketball State Championship Preview

Class 2A, University Trailblazers

University is making its first-ever boys basketball state finals appearance

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

It's always a unique scenario when both teams that are vying for a state championship have never been there before. This happens to be the case with the Class 2A boys basketball state championship with Manchester and University when they meet up Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis at 12:45 p.m.

On paper, these two teams have caught fire at the perfect time. It's just a matter of what happens on the big stage in front of all those fans to cap off their state tournament runs.

No. 3 Manchester Squires (25-2) vs. University Trailblazers (20-9)

Week-by-week, University keeps making history for its program. Winning its sixth sectional and their second regional title, the Blazers now have their first semi-state championship and are set to play for their first state championship. University claimed its first semi-state championship last Saturday with wins over Linton-Stockton and Parke Heritage.

Head coach Justin Blanding is 32-22 in his second season, and he already has the Blazers making their first state finals appearance. Blanding coached the University girls from 2015-23 and went 154-40, leading them to semi-state twice in 2019 and 2022.

University plays a tough schedule with eight opponents that are 3A and 4A enrollment. Going 3-5 in those games has made the Trailblazers a battle-tested team, preparing

them for a tournament run like this.

The regular season started out rough at 2-5, four of those first five losses were by five points or less. After that, the Blazers won nine of 10, including an eight-game winning streak, their longest of the season.

University went 3-3 before sectional started, with lopsided losses to Heritage Christian, Westfield and Guerin Catholic, but that just fueled the Trailblazers for this tournament run through Class 2A south for seven consecutive wins, 6-0 in state tournament play.

Senior Max McComb is the leading scorer with 15.1 points per game with 4.9 rebounds and 3.6 assists. Junior Blake Gray is the other double-figure scorer with 11.6 per contest. Gray pulls down 3.1 rebounds and dishes out 2.5 assists. Fellow junior Faisal Mohamud is at 9.8 points.

Sophomore Josh Henderson averages 7.1 points and four rebounds, along with junior Cooper Cammack (5.0, 5.5 boards), senior Zien Bland (4.5) and sophomore Peter Morales (4.5) all contribute to the Trailblazers' offensive attack.

University scores 58.2 points per game, but allows 54.0 per game. The Trailblazers grab 24.3 rebounds, dish out 14.8 assists and create 9.1 steals per outing. They also shoot 46 percent overall, 34 percent on three-pointers and 53 percent from inside the arc and match the Squires at 68 percent at the foul line.

Manchester has also reached the state finals for the first time in their program's history, dating back

to the 1930s. The Squires have won 13 sectional titles, but this was their first since 1995. They won just their second regional, 54-36 over Tipton and made their first semi-state appearance since 1994. In that previous semi-state appearance, Manchester lost to eventual state champion South Bend Clay and former Purdue standout Jaraan Cornell.

The Squires have just two losses on the season. In their second game, they lost to 4A Homestead (71-48) and then rattled off 17 straight wins. Their second loss came at Maconaquah (75-70 in overtime) just two weeks before sectional. They won their final two regular season games, along with five in a row in the tournament for a current seven-game winning streak heading into the state finals.

Head coach Eli Henson has Manchester on the right track in just his fifth season with an 83-35 record. Henson is 192-139 overall in 14 seasons. Previously, he was at Whitko (46-48) from 2016-20 and North White (63-56) from 2011-16, winning a sectional in 2014.

Manchester tied for first with Maconaquah in the newly formed Three Rivers Conference with an 8-1 league mark. They also had key regular season wins over Tippecanoe Valley, LaVille, Northwestern, Rochester, Adams Central and Bluffton.

A senior laden group, the Squires are led by Gavin Betten averaging a double-double at 25.6 points and 12 rebounds. He also dishes out 4.1 assists, grabs 3.3 steals and blocks 3.0



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

University sophomore Josh Henderson averages 7.1 points and 4.0 rebounds per game for the Trailblazers, who will take on Manchester Saturday in the IHSAA boys basketball Class 2A state championship game.

shots per game. Ethan Hendrix compliments well at 17.9 per contest, along with 3.8 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 3.1 steals. Hendrix also shoots 41 percent (53-130) from three-point range.

Tallon Torpy comes in at 9.4 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.8 steals.

Torpy also shoots great from outside at 34 percent (41-122). Kaleb Kline chips in 4.6 points and has made 36-for-80 (45 percent) from outside-the-arc. Junior Aaron Reid rounds out the starting five at 2.7.

As a team, Manchester scores 67.7 and gives up

just 44.3 per game. They average 29.5 rebounds, 15.3 assists, 11.5 steals and turn it over just 9.2 times per contest. The Squires shoot 50 percent overall, making 58 percent of 2's and 35 percent of their 3's and are 68 percent free throw shooters.

Softball

Westfield wins all-county game, Tigers cruise past Warren

The REPORTER

The Westfield softball team opened its season by winning an all-county game with Carmel 11-4 Wednesday at the Shamrocks' field.

Westfield got on the board first, putting up four runs in the second inning. Sofia Easterhaus singled in Sydney Jordan for the first run. Ava Kainrath drew a bases-loaded walk to score Alyssa Ayres, then Chloe Tanner's left field hit brought home Easterhaus and Makayla Watson.

The Greyhounds scored their first run in the top of the third inning. Jayden Kleiner led off with a double, then got home on Mia Fleming's center field hit.

The 'Rocks then scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth, starting with a Kainrath double that brought

Mackenzie Delph home. Tanner then cracked a double to right field to score Dylan Todd and Annika Lawrence. Reese Mahannah came up next and sent a home run over the center field fence, also bringing in Tanner. Westfield now led 9-1.

Carmel added three runs in the top of the fifth. Kleiner scored again on a Fleming single, then Ellie Goddard scored on another error. Fleming advanced to third base and was sent home when Emily Smith hit a sacrifice fly.

Westfield scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth. Mahannah singled home Easterhaus, then Todd scored on a wild pitch.

Tanner totaled four RBIs for the game, with Mahannah batting in three runs on three hits. Tanner pitched

four innings for the win, striking out four. Shea Vohs pitched the other three innings, tossing six strikeouts.

Fleming totaled three hits, with Kleiner hitting two doubles. Keira Libel and Carly Wright also hit doubles.

The 'Rocks play Saturday at Center Grove. Carmel is 0-2 and plays Tuesday at Plainfield.

Fishers improved to 2-0 by beating Warren Central 12-1 in a Thursday away game.

Cate Summerfield got the Tigers on the board in the second inning with a two-run triple, then scored on Azstryd Alexander's RBI bunt to give Fishers a 3-0 lead. In the third inning, Frankie Jackson doubled home Hailey Kinder, and

Summerfield followed that with a right field hit to bring in Kaylee Sickles.

The Tigers kept rolling in the fourth inning with three more runs. Abby Shannon's left field double sent Alexander home, then Jackson sent a line drive into left field to score Shannon and Kinder. That gave Fishers an 8-0 lead.

The Warriors scored their run in the bottom of the sixth inning, but the Tigers sprinted to the finish with four runs in the top of the seventh. Shannon singled in Rylee Bast, the Kinder cracked a double to score Sickles and Shannon. Jackson completed the scoring with an RBI fielder's choice that brought Kinder home.

Alexander and Bast both hit doubles as well. Kinder and Summerfield both fin-

ished the game with three hits. Jackson also pitched a complete game, striking out 12 while allowing just two hits and two walks.

The Tigers are back in action Tuesday at Center Grove.

Hamilton Heights dropped its season-opener Wednesday, falling to Frankton 8-3 in a home game.

The Eagles jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning, then scored another run in the second. The Huskies scored all three of their runs in the fourth inning. Isabel Morrow bunted Melanee Forrester home for the first run, McKenzie Jackson scored on Kenley Scott's RBI groundout, then Morrow got home on Ava Snelson's RBI groundout.

Lily Cash and Kamryn Rhoton both hit a double, while Rhoton and Heather Crays both had two hits. Cash pitched a complete game, striking out three.

Heights will host Lapel tonight in a 5:30 p.m. game.

Guerin Catholic fell in its first two games of the season this week.

The Golden Eagles lost to Lebanon 18-6 in five innings Wednesday on

the road. Guerin Catholic scored all six of its runs in top of the first inning.

Lucy Kemp batted in the first two runs; her center field hit brought Kate Brady and Madi Cain home. Anna Mauch doubled Kemp in, then Mauch scored on Lauren Brady's right field hit. Brooklyn Fritsche singled Lauren Brady home, and Ava Augustinovicz followed that with a center field hit to score Fritsche.

With that, the Golden Eagles led 6-0. But the Tigers came back to score eight runs in the bottom of the first. Lebanon added two runs each in the second and third innings, then put up six more in the fourth inning.

Cain and Augustinovicz both had two hits.

On Thursday, Guerin Catholic fell to Lapel 2-1 in another away game. The Bulldogs scored both of their runs in the first inning. The Golden Eagles got their run in the sixth inning: Fritsche hit a one-out triple and Augustinovicz batted her home.

Augustinovicz pitched a complete game, striking out seven.

Guerin Catholic plays its first home game of the season Saturday morning, welcoming Living Water Homeschool.

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Reporter announces all-county girls swim teams

Alexandra Shackell again named Hamilton County Reporter's Girls Swimmer of the Year

The REPORTER

For the second year in a row, the Hamilton County Reporter is naming Carmel senior Alexandra Shackell as its 2024-25 Girls Swimmer of the Year.

Shackell once again was a four-time winner at the state meet. She won the butterfly event, becoming a rare four-time champion in that event, placing first every year from freshman to senior. Shackell also was a part of all three Carmel state champion relays. The Olympic gold medalist finished her high school career with 15 state titles.



Carmel's Alexandra Shackell is once again this year's Hamilton County Reporter Girls Swimmer of the Year. The Olympic gold medalist won four events at the state meet, also becoming a rare four-time champion in the butterfly.

Julie Brown / File photo

Hamilton County Reporter's All-County Girls Swim Teams					
FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM		
Name	School	Year	Name	School	Year
Lynsey Bowen	Carmel	Senior	Alexandria Clark	Carmel	Freshman
Ellie Clarke	Carmel	Freshman	Addyson Czarnecki	Carmel	Senior
Kendall Dieckman	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman	Leah DeBosch	Carmel	Freshman
Faith Gorey	Carmel	Sophomore	Lucy Enoch	Carmel	Junior
Emma Schumacher	Fishers	Senior	Avery Hannon	Fishers	Junior
Alexandra Shackell	Carmel	Senior	Ellason Miller	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Molly Sweeney	Carmel	Junior	Alexandra Ward	Carmel	Junior
Emily Wolf	Fishers	Sophomore	Kiley Zoeller	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
HONORABLE MENTION: Helena Gibson, Carmel; Eryn McMahon, Noblesville.					

Volleyball — Westfield sweeps LN

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys volleyball team swept Lawrence North Thursday, 25-11, 25-10, 25-8.

Senior Carlo Huisden led the Shamrocks' offense with eight kills and three aces. Nick Gerow and Max Hammond both

put down four kills, while Graham France had three solo blocks and three kills. Graham Weddige dished out 16 assists and served two aces.

Westfield is now 4-2 on the season and plays Saturday at the Carmel North/South Classic.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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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Monke commits to Hanover



Carmel senior Ayden Monke has committed to the Hanover College women's soccer team.

Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics



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Men’s Basketball

Mad Ants clinch playoff berth with Thursday night victory

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants hit the road Thursday night for the first of two games with the Grand Rapids Gold (Nuggets affiliate). Indiana entered tonight’s game with a chance to clinch a playoff berth as long as they defeated the Gold. Despite trailing for most of the game, Indiana outscored Grand Rapids 30-22 in the fourth quarter on their way to a 112-110 victory. RayJ Dennis finished two assists shy of a triple-double in the win.

Enrique Freeman scored the first points of the night. The two-way forward found an open lane and finished with an emphatic one-handed dunk. Along with Freeman, two-way guard RayJ Dennis was also active for the Mad Ants on Thursday.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Mad Ants trailed Grand Rapids 18-16. Following a missed shot, Jahlil Okafor grabbed the rebound and scored with a layup. Okafor missed Monday’s game with an illness.

Indiana trailed 28-20 coming up on two minutes left in the quarter. Cameron McGriff cut into the deficit with a corner three. Okafor showed off his range with a three-pointer on the next possession.

With 18 seconds left in the quarter, McGriff drew a shooting foul. He tied the game with a one-for-two free throw. As the quarter was coming to an end, a shooting foul was called on Indiana. Joey Baker made a free throw worth three points. After one quarter of play, the Mad Ants trailed 31-28. Okafor led the club with seven points.

Dennis scored the first points of the second quarter for Indiana. The Illinois native drove the lane and scored with a floater. The field goal gave him seven points on the night.

With seven minutes left in the first half, Indiana trailed 42-39. Following a media timeout, De’Vion Harmon drew a foul and made a free throw worth two points. Two possessions later, Okafor added to his point total with a close-range jumper. Okafor



Photo provided

RayJ Dennis reached double-double status with 30 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists in the Mad Ants’ playoff-clinching win Thursday.

started off the night 5-for-5 from the field.

The Mad Ants trailed the Gold 55-50 with two minutes left in the first half. After being held scoreless for over a minute, a technical foul was called on Gold head coach Andre Miller. Mathias made the free throw. At the end of the first half, Grand Rapids had a 57-51 lead. Okafor led Indiana with 13 first-half points.

Obadiah Noel scored the first points of the second half for Indiana. The UMass-Lowell alum knocked down a mid-range jumper. Next time down the floor, Dennis drained a three-pointer.

With 6:30 left in the third quarter, Indiana trailed 70-63. Coming out of a timeout, Dennis scored with a close-range floater. Next time down the floor, Dennis scored again, this time with a turnaround jumper.

The Mad Ants stormed back and took the lead with 3:22 left in the third quarter. Dennis attacked the paint and scored with a running layup. It was Indiana’s first lead since they led 16-15 in the first quarter.

Grand Rapids pulled back in front late in the quarter. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Mad Ants trailed 88-82. Dennis led the club with 26 points through three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Okafor scored the first points for the Mad Ants. Off a pass from Mathias, the big man scored with a layup. On the next possession, Okafor scored again at the rim.

With six minutes left in regulation, the Mad Ants trailed 101-95. Mathias cut the deficit to three points after making a three-pointer. He was fouled on the play, but missed a chance at a four-point play after missing the free throw. On the next possession, Okafor scored with a close-range field goal. Mad Ants trailed by three points with five minutes to go.

Dennis continued to find ways to score late in the quarter. The two-way guard absorbed contact while making an off-balance shot. He would miss the and-one free throw. His field goal made it a three-point game. Okafor made it a one-point game on the next possession. Freeman put the Mad Ants back in front with a putback layup. Indiana had a 106-105 lead with 2:34 left in regulation.

Grand Rapids regained the lead and had a one-point advantage with 1:30 to go. The Gold scored on their following possession making it a three-point game. On the next possession for Indiana, Josiah-Jordan James tied it with a three-pointer.

Under 30 seconds to go,

Okafor drew a foul and put Indiana back on top. The 29-year-old went 1-for-2 at the free throw line giving the Mad Ants a 110-109 lead with 21.9 seconds left. Grand Rapids called a timeout to advance the ball to midcourt.

After the timeout, Indiana forced a turnover leading to Mathias being fouled in the backcourt. The veteran guard knocked down both free throws giving Indiana a 112-109 lead with four seconds remaining. Grand Rapids used their final timeout of the night.

Tevian Jones was fouled coming out of the timeout. He made the first free throw while missing the second free throw. Grand Rapids secured the offensive rebound but came up short on their last-second shot.

With the victory, the Mad Ants secured a playoff berth for the third consecutive season. Since its inaugural season in 2007-08, this marks the eighth time the club has made the postseason.

The Indiana Mad Ants close out the regular season on Saturday against the Grand Rapids Gold. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. The G League Postseason begins on Tuesday, April 1st with action between the No. 3, 4, 5 and 6 seeds. The No. 3 seed would host the No. 6 seed and No. 4 would host the No. 5 seed.



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Grammy-nominated country group Midland to headline Firestone Legends Day Concert May 24

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Grammy-nominated country group Midland will headline the Firestone Legends Day Concert on Saturday, May 24 at the Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park in Indianapolis.

The celebration of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” expands into downtown Indianapolis with the concert the night before the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

“On the final day before the Indy 500, the countdown to the green flag is full of unmatched energy and excitement,” INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said. “While fans enjoy the honky-tonk sounds of Midland at the Firestone Legends Day Concert at a fantastic venue in downtown Indianapolis, IMS will be ready to welcome more than 350,000 fans at 6 a.m. the following morning.”

Concert tickets will be available for purchase starting at 10 a.m. Friday, March 28, at [LiveNation.com](#).

Fans can celebrate Legends Day presented by Firestone at both IMS and throughout downtown Indianapolis. Legends Day kicks off with the 109th Indianapolis 500 Public Drivers’ Meeting and driver autograph sessions at IMS. Fans then can make their way downtown for the AES 500 Festival Parade and the Firestone Legends Day Concert.

Double Grammy nominees Midland came together at a friend’s wedding over common influences and the need for a return to post-Urban Cowboy Country.

For lead singer/guitarist Mark Wystrach, bassist/vocalist Cameron Duddy and lead guitarist/vocalist

Jess Carson, the now five-time platinum hit “Drinkin’ Problem” set the stage for their critically acclaimed “On The Rocks” and No. 1 *Billboard* Top Country Albums debut “Let It Roll” to unite classic country fans, hipsters and media alike.

Based in Dripping Springs, Texas, the trio of songwriters, who developed their sound at Tornillo, Texas’ storied Sonic Ranch, have been building a following that’s sold out the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show, packed a multiple-night stand at Fort Worth’s iconic Billy Bob’s and reopened North Hollywood’s legendary Palomino Club for one night only.

Bringing listeners a resurgence of their thick harmonies, sad melodies, tart lyrics and steel guitar with their album “The Last Resort: Greetings From,” the retro-Nuevo trio has grown from bar band to an in-demand headliner. Midland’s fourth studio album, “Barely Blue,” was released in September 2024 to critical acclaim.

Firestone has served as the presenting sponsor of Legends Day since it debuted in 2014. The partnership brings together two platforms – racing and country music – that have played significant roles in the rich history of the time-tested Firestone brand.

The 109th Indianapolis 500 by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 25. Race Day tickets are on sale at [IMS.com](#) or by calling or visiting the IMS Ticket Office. General admission tickets for Legends Day presented by Firestone start at \$20. This ticket does not include concert admission. IMS gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 3 p.m.



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