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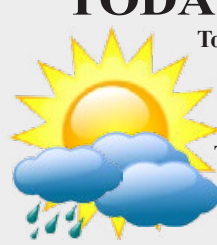
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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy  
Isolated afternoon shower possible. Better chance in the late afternoon  
Tonight: Scattered showers and storms.

HIGH: 71 LOW: 60



## Westfield Lions finally found a home at their new clubhouse



Photo by Westfield Lion Carl Wurtz

The Westfield Lions Club opened its new clubhouse on Thursday evening. Following a ribbon cutting with the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, the Lions welcomed the public for an open house. The Westfield High School Foodies provided hors d'oeuvres and mini-desserts, and Brandy Dravet of Model Bartenders crafted mocktails and coffee. In addition to club activities, the Westfield Lions plan to rent their clubhouse for business meeting, parties, and more. See more photos on Page 4 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

## The power of shared meals

*A taste of community at Still Waters Day Center*

Still Waters Adult Day Center is more than a place of care – it is a sanctuary of connection, dignity, and purpose for older adults.

With a person-centered approach, the center recognizes that each guest carries a lifetime of stories, traditions, and evolving needs. Rooted in faith, Still Waters integrates spiritual practices into daily routines, offering moments of reflection through devotions and meal-time blessings.

Beyond faith, the center cultivates a vibrant atmosphere through a diverse array of activities, engaging guests physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally. Whether through art, music, movement, or interactive discussions, every moment is an opportunity for joy, learning, and companionship.

This past month, I had the privilege of bringing Taste of Community to Still Waters – a gathering where food became more than just sustenance; it became a bridge to laughter, stories, and human connection. We played a unique version of bingo, designed not only for entertainment but as a way to spark organic engagement. Each square led to heartfelt conversations – memories of childhood kitchens, family gatherings, favorite comfort foods, and cherished traditions passed down through generations.

With every number called, stories unfolded. Some were lighthearted, like the nostalgia of a mother's homemade soup. Others carried the quiet weight of longing – of empty chairs at the dinner table, missed birthdays, and the ache of time apart. One moment, in particular, stood out: An elderly gentleman shared that it was his birthday.

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COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR  
Taste of Community

## All Things Carmel cost taxpayers \$1.2 million. It never will again.

**The REPORTER**

Findings from a detailed financial and legal review initiated to ensure appropriate use of Carmel taxpayer dollars were discussed at Thursday night's Affiliate Review Committee meeting.

While the full fiscal and legal review prompted in partnership with Mayor Finkam and the Carmel City Council includes four supporting organizations, Thursday's meeting focused on the operation of the All Things Carmel retail store and its supporting organization, Promote Carmel, Inc.

The Promote Carmel, Inc. board of directors voted to close All Things Carmel in August 2024, with the city taking steps to wind down and dissolve the legal entity.

The store, which sold Carmel-branded items and products from local vendors, operated at a loss since its inception and would have required an

additional subsidy of \$100,000 to remain open, prompting Mayor Finkam to call for the need to prioritize important expenditures such as police and fire staffing, as well as road maintenance.

"Running a gift store was not an essential City service and subsidizing it did not serve our taxpayers," Finkam said. "That's why we took steps to close the store and redirect those taxpayer dollars to public safety and other essential services. I appreciated the City Council's support on the immediate and decisive actions we pursued to be a better steward of taxpayer resources."

At Thursday's meeting, committee members heard



Finkam



Locke

findings from the review, including a summary of annual subsidies to the store that exceeded \$1.2 million over five years. In addition, the review noted that some use of taxpayer funds and donor-directed funds conflicted with city policies and with laws governing the non-profit status of the supporting organization.

City Councillor Ryan Locke, who leads the Affiliate Review Committee, said he was pleased with the detailed review of the affiliate's operations, noting that council and the mayor continue to be unified in the efforts to put appropriate controls in place to ensure taxpayer

dollars can only be spent on critical, known, and approved city services, initiatives, and partners.

"We came into office with the intent to protect taxpayers by increasing transparency, oversight and accountability in government operations," Locke said. "The findings from this review highlight some of the issues that can arise with unchecked executive authority. The work of this committee will help us build the right framework of checks and balances to ensure our government and any of its affiliates will operate in the best interest of our city and our citizens – which is, and should always be, the most important mission."

As part of the store's closing, all vendors have been paid and all products returned. The Indiana Secretary of State's Office approved dissolution of the nonprofit March 27.

## Behold the Lamb Passion play returns April 9

**Submitted by Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc.**

Come experience the 35th annual Hamilton County Passion Play *Behold the Lamb*, a spectacular live theatrical experience and an Indiana tradition since 1991.

Under the direction of Lisa Jennings for 35 years and featuring over 200 costumed actors and musicians, the 2025 production will be presented in five performances at the Noblesville High School Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, April 9 through Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. each evening, and two Saturday Matinees on April 12 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

What began as a small Easter cantata in 1991 with a cast,

choir, and crew of 30 has grown into a large-scale musical production that annually draws guests from across America and many foreign nations.

Produced by Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc., an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit ministry, this stirring musical drama takes you through the Old Testament with the Children of Israel, to Passover Week, and ends with a spectacular Heaven finale!

The cast, choir, crews, and support staff of 400 represent communities from across Indiana: Noblesville, Westfield, Sheridan, Cicero, Carmel, Lapel, Tipton, Kempton, Kirkland, Kokomo, Arcadia, Atlanta,



Photo provided by Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc.

Carolina Hanson, Holland Jennings, and Belinda Burke welcome Jesus in the market scene.

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## Section 504 lawsuit would affect some Sheridan students

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

According to Fox 59 News, the Indiana state government, as well as the states of Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia are filing a lawsuit against the United States government deeming Section 504, which protects students with disabilities, unconstitutional. This has led to unrest in many of these states, including ours, which has, in turn, led to protesting.

I intend to show what will happen to certain students of Sheridan High School and throughout Indiana if their lawsuits are upheld. I know this is a politically-based subject, so I will start with only the facts and provable truths.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states: "No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States, as defined in Section 705 of this title, shall, solely because of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by any Executive agency or by the United States Postal Service."



COLUMNIST

ATTICUS CLAYTON  
Sheridan High School Student

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## SECTION 504

The controversy comes from former president Joseph R. Biden's addition to the 504 plan to include "gender dysphoria," which is the sense of unease one might feel about one's biological sex assigned at birth and/or gender identity.

According to WFYI, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita says he is in "full support" of Section 504. However, he is against the additions made in May of 2024. He goes on to thank President Donald Trump for his intention to restore the 504 plan to its "original intent." The controversy comes from the lawsuit not only deeming former President Joe Biden's addition to the plan unconstitutional but the entire section itself with the way it is drawn. This would mean states could be able to more freely discriminate against those with disabilities, such as ADHD, asthma, diabetes, autism, etc.

While Todd Rokita says he believes these disabilities should be protected, the bill he is backing undercuts some of the basic rights given.

According to Fox 16 in Arkansas, Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin echoed the beliefs of Todd Rokita, stating, "We haven't challenged it; we're not trying to challenge that law itself. What we're challenging is the fact that the Biden administration said, 'Hey! We're going to add to what a disability is: the gender identity disorders and gender dysphoria.'"

Texas is leading the lawsuit despite having north of 400,000 students on 504 plans. According to Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana has around 12,000 total students on 504 plans. Sheridan, as well as all other schools in Indiana, would be crucially affected. School districts could deny assistance to those with disabilities and to those who desperately need help. Public schools in Indiana would have more freedom to deny any classroom assistance to said students.

The arguments supporting the new additions to the 504 plans being deemed unconstitutional are largely politically charged. Todd Rokita, Tim Griffin, the other attorneys general involved in the lawsuit, and Ken Paxton (the Attorney General of Texas) see "gender dysmorphia" as either a fake illness/handicap or one not severe enough to be protected under Section 504 acts.

The fact is, if the attorneys general of their respective states want to exclude gender dysmorphia from Section 504, then they should do it separately rather than deeming the entire section unconstitutional. The Attorney General said he believes President Donald Trump will restore the 504 plan to its original purpose, but specifics of said purpose have not been provided.

This next section is opinion-based.

The purpose of the Unit-

ed States of America's government, as well as the respective state governments themselves, should be to protect the rights and the needs of their people. Abraham Lincoln once famously spoke about a "government of the people, by the people, for the people." We cannot and should not exclude certain people from their basic protections because they are different from us or because they have what could be classified as mental or physical disabilities. The United States government needs to keep the intent of why it was formed: for freedom against oppression.

If we take away the protections for mentally, physically, or otherwise disabled children, does that not allow oppression to creep through the door we've kept shut with Section 504 for the past 50 years?

I ask the people in power in Indiana, the federal government, and throughout the United States of America: is protecting your political interests worth endangering the rights of children? Todd Rokita, Ken Paxton, and the 15 other respective Attorney Generals need to rethink their arguments. If they truly believe the initial Section 504 is constitutional and only the new additions are unconstitutional, then they need to rewrite the proposal or cut it altogether.

There is no halfway in people's welfare; there never should be halfway in politics, and we should not start now.

## SHARED

He had a plate of dumplings in front of him, but no calls from family, no visitors, no celebration. He wasn't bitter – just wistful, longing for a simple "Happy Birthday" from those he once held close.

It was a poignant reminder that food, no matter how delicious, tastes different when eaten alone.

Yet, in that room, something beautiful happened. We laughed over Girl Scout cookies, shared stories of holiday feasts, and filled the silence with warmth. In that moment, no one was forgotten.

At Taste of Community, we believe meals are more than just nourishment – they are moments of belonging. Whether it's a birthday, an anniversary, a festival, or just an ordinary day, the act of sitting together and truly listening turns an ordinary meal into something deeply



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

meaningful.

Still Waters embodies this philosophy every day, ensuring that their guests are not just cared for but truly seen. The center fosters an environment where stories matter, where traditions are honored, and where no one has to eat alone.

To all the fathers, mothers, grandparents, and elders

whose stories deserve to be heard: You are valued. Your memories, your traditions, your presence matter.

Let's pull up a chair, serve a plate, and share a story – before it's too late.

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

## BEHOLD

Frankton, Frankfort, Summitville, Elwood, Anderson, Fishers, Indianapolis, Speedway, Middletown, Muncie, Marion, Alexandria, Zionsville, New Palestine, Greenfield, Delphi, New Castle, etc.

*Behold the Lamb 2025* featured soloists include: Marsha Allison (Noblesville), Leslie Barker (Pendleton), Curt Edmondson (Fishers), Emily Edmondson (Fishers), Nora Edmondson (Fishers), Greg Hanson (Cicero), Mark Hanson (Anderson), Katie Martin, (Speedway), Cindy Nordman (Noblesville), Deann Ousley (Noblesville), Britney Scott (Tipton), Rosalie Smith (Noblesville), Debora Urban (Westfield), Betty VanAlstyne (Anderson), Brittany VanAlstyne (New Castle), and Yolanda West (Indianapolis).

Principal characters are Michael Donahue (Middletown) as Jesus, Rick Worland Jr. (Cicero) as Simon of Cyrene, Logan Ward (Arcadia) as Rufus, and



Photo provided by Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc.

**Blake Whiteley as Jesus with the Disciples in the Lord's Supper.**

Neilen Edmondson (Fishers) as Alexander.

Scenes include individuals from the Old Testament (Children of Israel, Moses, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Ruth, Boaz, Rahab, Solomon, King David, Bathsheba, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Elijah, etc.), and events from the New Testament (birth of Jesus, miracles, interactive marketplace, the Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ).

Admission is free but tickets are required for admission. Tickets are available online at [itickets.com/](http://itickets.com/)

events/482636 or by phone at 1-800-965-9324 (iTicket processing fees applicable). Tickets are limited to eight per order.

School doors open one hour before each performance and auditorium doors open 35 minutes before performance start time. Due to the length of the production, intensity of some scenes, and special effects, children ages birth through 4 are not permitted in the performing arts center. Childcare is not available.

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FFA serves as a great learning experience for many Sheridan High School students.

# Sheridan FFA banquet honors student achievements

## Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School's FFA Chapter held its annual banquet on Wednesday, March 26. This banquet brings together students, families, and the community for an evening of celebration and recognition. This event highlighted the hard work, leadership, and dedication of the FFA members throughout the school year.

The banquet puts a spotlight on the FFA members, allowing them to showcase their skills, thus demonstrating and reflecting their commitment to the organization and the industries that FFA encompasses. The ceremony honored members who excelled in various FFA activities, including leadership contests, district events, community service projects,

and the education initiatives the club sponsors.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of students who participated in the District FFA Leadership Contest at Hamilton Heights High School in February. Sheridan FFA members received recognition in categories such as Agricultural Sales Presentation and Animal Science Demonstration. These accolades further demonstrate their knowledge and dedication to the industries.

This banquet serves as an opportunity to reflect on the chapter's accomplishments and the impact that FFA has on these young leaders. Mementos were shared from sponsors and other leading members on how this club has shaped the young leaders.



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

This event emphasizes the importance of education and the lifelong skills that these students are gaining through FFA as well as demonstrating the values of leadership, service, and excellence in the agricultural industry.

## Sheridan Public Library has full April calendar

### Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us) for more information. Support your local library!

### Babies & Toddlers

April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.: Discovery Time (up to 3 years)

### Preschool

April 1 at 3 p.m.: Interactive Movie Adventure (ages 3 and up)

April 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.: Little Learners Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

April 22 at 6 p.m.: PJ Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

### Grades K-5

April 1 at 3 p.m.: Interactive Movie Adventure

April 17 at 3:30 p.m.: After School Club: STEAM Kit Showcase

April 29 at 3:30 p.m.: After School Club: Creating on Canvas

### Grades 6-12

April 15 at 3:30 p.m.: Teen Cafternoon: DIY Macrame Craft

April 19 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Magic the Gathering; led by David King

### Adults

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

April 2, 16 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)

April 2 at 6 p.m.: Pinners (Pinterest Group)

April 3 at 6 p.m. & April 4 at 10 a.m.: Upcycled Craft: Paper Birds

April 11, 15 at 11 a.m.: Senior Social Hour

April 16 at 5:30 p.m. Sheridan Readers Book Club: *A Good Man in Africa*

April 19 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Magic the Gathering, led by David King

April 24 at 6 p.m.: Plant Propagation Presentation with House Plant Exchange

### All Ages

April 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Family Game Day (drop-in)

April 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Visit; free indoor event ages 10 and under-hunts begin every 15 minutes

April 7-12 during library hours: Spring Book Sale

April 10 at 6 p.m.: Family Bingo Night

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For more information on programming and services, please visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us).

## Community News

### Meet the Easter Bunny at Sheridan Public Library

The annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Visit will return to the Sheridan Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5. Hunts will begin every 15 minutes.

This event is for children aged 10 and under. Kids are encouraged to bring baskets or bags to carry eggs.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us).

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# New Lions clubhouse is aces, baby



(ABOVE LEFT) The Westfield Chamber of Commerce joined the Westfield Lions Club to cut the ribbon on the new clubhouse before the open house began. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Westfield High School Foodies: (from left) Veebee Durso, Emma Wells, Emmy Watson, Chef Nikki Heflin, Aurora Ajiboye Taylor, Kennedy Imel, and Tilly Fricker. (BELOW) As you can see in these pictures taken by The Reporter, this event was packed with familiar faces.

Photos by Westfield Lion Carl Wurtz




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# Noblesville's Embrace Downtown project aims to improve pedestrian safety

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY  
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Noblesville officials are launching the Embrace Downtown Noblesville project to enhance infrastructure, and improve the functionality and safety of its downtown area.

"It can't get going fast enough," said Tim Ingle, a resident of downtown Noblesville. "There's going to be a little pain before the end result."

The project aims to update infrastructure such as water and sewer lines, while also focusing on pedestrian safety and aesthetics.

"If we're going to do updating and replacing of that infrastructure, let's look at pedestrian safety," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "Let's look at the aesthetics of our downtown. We really have a downtown square that was built for traffic and parking, and quite frankly, we really have a lot more pedestrians living and working and playing and staying in downtown. So, it's really a chance to accomplish all of these goals in one project."

This will be a years-long



Rendering courtesy American Structurepoint

This aerial view looks north along 9th Street on the east side of the Courthouse.

project. The city plans to wrap up phase one by the holidays in 2026.

"Being able to have all those things you need to make sure it's safe, that's long overdue and that's gonna really set Noblesville apart," Ingle said.

"Pedestrian safety is priority number one for us in any community, making sure the community can traverse our downtown safely," Jensen said. "So, this is a worthwhile investment for us. Also, we want to invest in this infrastructure before

### More information & updates

Initial design concepts are available online at [Embrace-DowntownNoblesville.com](http://Embrace-DowntownNoblesville.com). Members of the public can also use the website to request a meeting with a member of the project team, and Noblesville Community Relations Manager Aaron Head has standing office hours from 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Noble Coffee & Tea, 933 Logan St.

it becomes an emergency. If a pipe were to burst in our downtown, that could become a huge issue for our downtown merchants."

The city plans to secure funding for this project in 2025 before breaking

ground in 2026.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/noblesvilles-embrace-downtown-project-to-improve-infrastructure-and-pedestrian-safety](http://wishtv.com/news/local-news/noblesvilles-embrace-downtown-project-to-improve-infrastructure-and-pedestrian-safety).

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## Cabela's offers free family Easter Bunny photos

### The REPORTER

Cabela's invites families to celebrate spring by offering free photos with the Easter Bunny at all retail locations, including Noblesville location at 13725 Cabela Pkwy. Near Hamilton Town Center.

Families are encouraged to make a [free booking online](#) to join the Easter Express line and receive a free, studio-quality 4-by-6-inch color photo. Photo package upgrades will also be available. After visiting the Easter Bunny, families will receive a free Bass Easter Egg with prize, while supplies last.

### Photo hours

• Saturday, April 5: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Photo provided by Cabela's

- Sunday, April 6: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Saturday, April 12: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Sunday, April 13: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17: 5 to 8 p.m.
  - Friday, April 18: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Saturday, April 19: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Sunday, April 20: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Visit [cabelas.com/easter](http://cabelas.com/easter) for more information and click on your local store for more details.

## Find the best ways to pay down debt

Are you concerned about debt? It's important to recognize this, but, at the same time, you may have more ways of gaining control of your debt situation than you had realized.



COREY SYLVESTER  
Cicero Edward Jones

To begin with, not all debts are bad – after all, your mortgage provides you with a place to live, a car loan provides transportation, and student loans may have helped you get the career you wanted. In fact, the wise use of debt can be a key part of your overall financial strategy.

Nonetheless, if you're worried about what you owe, you've certainly got company. Nearly 60 percent of Americans say they are struggling with debt, according to a recent study by WalletHub, an online personal finance site.

How can you ease these struggles? It may help to follow these steps:

### Know your debt

Create a list that includes your mortgage, auto loans, student loans, medical debt, credit card debt, and any installment purchases you've made. Then, add up the total amount you owe and calculate your debt-to-income ratio by dividing your total monthly debt payments by your gross monthly income. (For revolving debt, such as credit cards, use the minimum payments in this calculation.)

Ideally, you'd like to have a debt-to-income ratio below 35 percent if you have a mortgage, or 20 percent if you don't.

### Look for restructuring opportunities

By restructuring debt, you may be able to pay it down more quickly. You can do this by refinancing debts, perhaps by transferring credit card debt to a new card with a low introductory rate or by replacing your mortgage or auto loan with one that carries a lower rate.

You might also consider swapping debts, possibly by using secured debt, such as a home equity loan or securities-based lending, to pay off higher-rate unsecured loans. Or you could consolidate debt by using secured debt to pay off several high-interest debts or transferring multiple credit card debts into one new card with a lower rate and minimal transfer fees.

### Determine how much money will go to debt payments

You do have some latitude as to how much money you'll devote to paying debts each month. To avoid incurring late fees or other penalties, you'll need to make the minimum payments, which means a flat amount for some loans, such as your mortgage, and a percentage of the outstanding balance on other debts, especially your credit cards.

After you've paid the minimum, though, you can choose to pay more, which can shorten the life of the debt and reduce total interest charges, or you can use the money for other goals, such as saving for your retirement or your children's

education.

### Prioritize your debts

If you can make extra payments on your debts, it's helpful to prioritize them. You could choose the "avalanche" method by paying the debt with the highest interest rate first, or you could instead follow the "snowball" method by first tackling the debt with the lowest balance. The avalanche technique can help you minimize interest payments, while the snowball approach can give you a psychological boost by reducing the overall number of debts you're carrying, although it could result in your paying more interest over time.

Debt may be a fact of life – but if you manage it wisely, life can be a lot less stressful.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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**SPRING BREAK CAMPS**  
TWO AFFORDABLE OPTIONS

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**CLUB DAYBREAK**  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NOBLESVILLE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
\$20/DAY OR \$100/WEEK  
AFTER CARE OFFERED  
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - \$25/WEEK  
AGES 6-12

MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
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4:00PM - 6:00 PM - \$25/WEEK  
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# 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](mailto: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)  
Assistant CVSO - Robin Wilson  
[robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO - Caroline Franz  
[caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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
- 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](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>

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 67<sup>th</sup> 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](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**

PGA HOPE IS THE FLAGSHIP MILITARY PROGRAM OF THE PGA OF AMERICA, DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE GOLF TO VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ENHANCE THEIR SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. THIS INCLUSIVE PROGRAM WELCOMES INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES, BRANCHES, SERVICE ERAS, GENDERS, AND ABILITIES. FOSTERING CAMARADERIE AND ENJOYMENT ON THE GOLF COURSE. NO GOLF EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED, BUT IF PARTICIPANTS HAVE THEIR OWN CLUBS OR SPECIALIZED GEAR, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEM.

- 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

STONycREEK GOLF CLUB

11800 E 166TH ST, NOBLESVILLE, IN, 46060



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



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/)

## Activities & Events

### Veterans Sign Up For Free Golf Starts April 19

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BARLA GOLF ACADEMY

14660 HERRIMAN BLVD, NOBLESVILLE, IN, 46060



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



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

ASAP is a creative community where Veterans thrive through the arts. Free arts, comedy, speaking, classes/workshops, activities and events for our Military, Veterans, their Families and Caregivers. <https://asapasap.org>

#### Public Speaking Workshop

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



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.

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

### 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 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](mailto:treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Tracy at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com)

NOBLESVILLE, IN

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Sit back and enjoy the sights, sounds and experience of a ride in our 1950s Santa Fe equipment.

The Nickel Plate Express operates on 12.5 miles of the former Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Atlanta.  
Excursions board in Noblesville at 825 Forest Park Drive.

### Easter Express

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

April 12, 13 and 19

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### 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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# Get ready to rock!

Two former lead singers to share the stage at Payne & Mencias Palladium

**The REPORTER**

Jason Scheff, longtime but now former lead singer of the band Chicago, and Tommy DeCarlo, former second lead singer of the band Boston, will team up for a night of unforgettable classic rock music spanning the 70s, 80s and 90s at 7 p.m. July 31 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

This musical tribute features two great sets of classic hits with the timeless ballads of Chicago and the guitar-driven rock music of Boston. Over 15 million fans have attended a live Chicago or a live Boston concert over a 32-year span featuring either Scheff's or DeCarlo's signature high-tenor lead vocals.

Scheff joined Chicago in 1985 as lead singer/songwriter/bass player and went on to perform thousands of



See Jason Scheff (left) and Tommy DeCarlo (right) on July 31 in Carmel.

live concerts spanning four decades during a non-stop touring and recording career with the band. Jason contributed vocals, bass, keyboards and songwriting, spanning 18 Chicago albums and 98 songs, including lead vocals on the 1986 No. 3 *Billboard* Hot 100 chart hit single "Will You Still Love Me?"

DeCarlo joined Boston in 2008 after the passing of

Brad Delp in 2007 and has been the lead singer on every Boston tour thereafter, including 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, and the latest in 2017. In 2013, he sang four songs on Boston's sixth and latest studio album, *Life, Love & Hope*, including the title track.

Don't miss these two great lead singers along with a top band of touring

professionals, which includes Steve Ferlazzo (Avril Lavigne) keyboards/vocals/music director, August Zadra (Dennis DeYoung) lead guitar/vocals, Steve Fekete (America) lead guitar/vocals, Mike Morales (Dennis DeYoung) drums, Tommy DeCarlo Jr. lead guitar/vocals, and JJo Oberle (Sarah McLachlan) bass/vocals.

Click here for tickets.

## Centier Bank named best Retail Bank for Customer Satisfaction

**The REPORTER**

Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private, six generations family-owned and operated bank, has announced its No. 1 ranking in customer satisfaction in the recently released **J.D. Power 2025 U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study**. This marks Centier Bank's first-ever J.D. Power award for retail banking in the North Central region, which includes Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

"This recognition is an honor and privilege we owe to our outstanding Associates, who intentionally and consistently enrich our customers' financial journeys," said Michael E. Schrage, Centier Bank's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "The customer-focused nature of the study speaks directly to the heart of Centier's mission over our 130-year history as a community bank."

This year's study is based on responses from more than 100,000 retail customers in the United States regarding their experiences with their retail banking institutions. Responses were fielded from January 2024 through January 2025.

Centier Bank ranked No. 1 in six of the seven dimensions of the study:

- Level of Trust
- Helping to save time or money
- Allowing customers to bank how and when they want



- Account offerings meeting needs
- Resolving problems of complaints
- People

"Our customers are guests, friends, and valued members of the communities in which we operate, and we are proud to know they are receiving meaningful service, guidance, and connection across the Centier footprint," Schrage said.

Centier has been named a Best Place to Work for 19 consecutive years by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. In 2024 Forbes ranked Centier as Indiana's top-rated bank in its Best-in-State Banks list. It was the bank's seventh consecutive year on the list, which is also based on customer satisfaction data. Centier was also named the best bank to work for in Indiana, and No. 2 across banks with assets between \$3-\$10 billion in American Banker's 2024 Best Banks to Work For list.

More information on the J.D. Power 2025 U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study can be found [here](https://www.centier.com). To learn more about Centier Bank, visit [centier.com](https://www.centier.com).

## Don't scan QR codes on unexpected packages

**The REPORTER**

A package you didn't order could be a fun surprise, but be careful – especially if it comes with a QR code. It might be the setup for a scam.

In a "brushing" scam, you receive a package you didn't order, often without a return address. This is often a setup by unscrupulous companies who found your address online. After the company ships the product to you, they can post a fake, positive review on your behalf to improve their store's ratings and get more sales.

Reports to BBB Scam Tracker over the last few months show a twist on brushing scams where the package contains a QR code. The code comes with instructions to scan it to find out who sent the package or how to start a return. Scanning the QR code can lead to a phishing website or download malware onto your device.

In one BBB Scam Tracker report, a consumer received a package of pasta via Amazon in her name. Thinking it was a gift from

a friend, she scanned the QR code that came with the package. The QR code took her to a website that appeared to be Amazon. The consumer said she has received a higher-than-normal amount of scam emails since scanning the QR code.

In another BBB Scam Tracker report, a consumer received a ring in the mail that he did not order. The ring came with a QR code. The consumer checked BBB Scam Tracker before scanning the code, and after reading other reports about

brushing scams, he decided not to scan it.

It might seem like there are no downsides to a free package, but it could be a sign that someone is using your personal information for their own gain. If this happens to you, BBB recommends checking the security of your accounts and notifying the retailer who sent you the package.

Here's what to do if you receive a package you didn't order:

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**ReadTheReporter.com**

# 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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✉ speakingtruthinlove4.15@gmail.com

**Our Assembly times:**  
Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM



## Deputy Mayor Selina delivers report at City Council meeting



Photo provided by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam

Deputy Mayor Selina, a student at Forest Dale Elementary in Carmel, was super helpful in swearing in new officers for the Carmel Police Department, delivering Mayor Sue Finkam's report to the City Council, and learning about the city's broadcasting system. Great job and thank you!

### Letter to the Editor

## Shaffer shares top 10 high school ranking

Dear Editor:

The latest *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of high schools should give the shakes to many Hamilton County educators.

Here is the top 10 ranking for Indiana's 433 high schools:

1. Signature School, Evansville
2. The Indiana Academy, Muncie
3. West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School
4. Zionsville Community High School
5. Herron High School
6. **Carmel High School**
7. Speedway Senior High School
8. **Westfield High School**
9. Munster High School
10. **Fishers High School**

The rankings were based on a range of objective measures.

Parents of high schoolers might wish to discuss these findings with their kids' mentors.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

### Letter to the Editor

## Cannaley calls on state legislators to support "cleanest and cheapest" new energy sources

Dear Editor:

While some members of the Indiana General Assembly are working on important issues such as health-care and public safety, others are continuing with their "culture war" issues.

For example, everyone knows that dirty fossil fuels, such as coal, oil, propane and fossil gas, are the main cause of global warming. That is uncontested. But some of our legislators recently passed a bill to call these dirty fossil fuels "clean energy resources."

Why is it important to call dirty fossil fuels "clean," you might ask? Because if you call something by a different name, it is more palatable to low-information voters who might then allow their legislators to pass bills canceling the closing of old, outdated, and inefficient coal-burning power plants, or converting these dirty plants to very slightly less-dirty fossil gas plants.

Renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, along with battery storage, are already the cleanest and cheapest sources of new energy.

Apparently, our legislators are OK with continuing to pollute the environment for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

**Monica Cannaley**  
Westfield

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## QR

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### • Don't scan QR codes.

They might take you to a phishing site that steals your personal information or download malware onto your device.

### • Protect your identity.

If you did scan the QR code and enter personal information, change your passwords for any accounts that may have been compromised, and enable two-factor authentication. Keep a close eye on your credit reports and credit card bills after you receive the package.

### • Notify the retailer.

If you can tell where the package is from, go directly to the retailer's website to get their contact information and report the package as a scam. **Retailers like Amazon have policies banning brushing and fake reviews**, and they will investigate your report.

### • Check for fake reviews.

If you can identify the company that sent you the packages, look for false reviews in your name and report them to the retailer.

### • Pause deliveries.

One package is no big deal, but some targets of brushing scams are overwhelmed

with a floor of unordered packages, creating a serious problem. If this happens, you may want to consider temporarily refusing package delivery at your home address and directing your real orders to a package acceptance service.

### • Keep the package.

The one silver lining of brushing scams is that you get to keep the gift – the **Federal Trade Commission** says you have a legal right to keep unordered merchandise. Don't try to return it, especially if there are instructions to scan a QR code or enter information. It could needlessly compromise more of your personal information.

### For more information

• Visit **BBB's online shopping HQ** for more tips on shopping safely online.

• Read **BBB's article on brushing scams**.

• Stay alert to shipping fraud by visiting **FedEx's website**, **U.S. Postal Service** and **UPS's online resource center**.

• If you spot a delivery scam, report it. Visit **BBB.org/ScamTracker** to report your experience and help others learn the signs of a scam.

# ON-LINE ONLY SPRING EQUIPMENT AUCTION

## INCLUDING LARRY HARPER, JACK COOPER ESTATE & ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

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**

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# Dixon elected Northern GOP Club vice president



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Dustin Dixon (left) has been elected the Vice President of the Northern Hamilton County GOP Club. He joins President Emily Pearson (right), Treasurer Adrienne Rogers, and Secretary Heather Souder.

# Social Security's new (old) overpayment rule



Last spring, *60 Minutes* did a report on the Social Security Administration (SSA) that caused the SSA to change the way it recoups money when people are overpaid. That rule was just changed back to the traditional repayment schedule. Starting April 1, 2025, if you are overpaid, the SSA will stop all future payments to you until your debt is repaid.

For people who are put into dire financial crisis when their monthly Social Security checks stop, it is possible to file Form SSA-634-BK and plead your hardship. For those who can afford to pay the government back, but need a less stiff repayment plan, they can file Form SSA-634 to ask for an exception.

So how do people end up in an overpayment situation? First and foremost, by not taking the time to learn the rules surrounding the type of Social Security benefit you are receiving. It's work. No one is here to spoon-feed you the information. The most common mistake happens when people file to draw Social Security earlier than their Full Retirement Age (a sliding scale based on the

year you were born, but not later than age 67).

If you want to draw your Social Security this year, and you are 62 to 66 years old, you can only make \$23,400 in gross, annual wages. This is called your earned income limit. It only includes wages from a job or net income if you are self-employed. Your Social Security benefit, pension, interest, dividends, capital gains, lottery winnings, rental income, and all other sources of Passive Income are excluded. Only your Active Income is limited. The income limits go away at your Full Retirement Age.

Avoid problems by NOT applying for Social Security when you are under your Full Retirement Age and plan to work full-time. Immediately report a change in income to the SSA to avoid getting into an overpayment situation. Yes, even those on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are allowed to work a little. Exceeding their income limit will cause their SSDI benefits to stop!

The problems at the SSA are well known. They expect to cut 7,000 workers and they have been at

their lowest staffing in the past decade. They stopped walk-in appointments unless it is an emergency. It can take months to get a scheduled appointment. They often give out incorrect or incomplete information requiring you to go back several times. The biggest complaint is that wait times when calling the national number can be up to several hours!

Do your research. Take responsibility for learning about your benefit qualifications and rules. Yes, the government could do a better job, but let's each of us do a better job of managing our benefits, too.

People say that clawing back 100 percent of an overpayment is cruel. But do you want the government to be in the business of giving out interest-free loans when people were overpaid by the SSA? Maybe it's time for *60 Minutes* to do another special.

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

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# Braun announces three new appointments

**Submitted by Office of the Governor**

On Friday, Governor Mike Braun announced the appointments of Lyndsay Quist as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Warren Lenard as Director of the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT), and Jennifer Ruby as Indiana's Public Access Counselor, a role dedicated to ensuring transparency in government.

The INDOT and IOT appointments are effective Monday, March 31.

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The INDOT Commissioner oversees the planning, building, and maintenance of safe and innovative transportation infrastructure that enhances quality of life, drives economic growth, and accommodates new modes of transport.

"As the crossroads of America, our roads and transportation are criti-

cal for driving economic growth in our state," Gov. Braun said. "Lyndsay Quist's experience of over a decade with INDOT as well as her experience as an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has prepared her well to step into this role and serve Hoosiers."

Quist was appointed Deputy Commissioner Capital Program Management in May 2022. As Deputy Commissioner of Capital Program Management, she led the Capital Program, Local Program, Major Projects, Special Projects, Environmental, Engineering, Asset Management, Right-of-Way Services, Multimodal, and Innovation. She has served in multiple roles with INDOT since 2013.

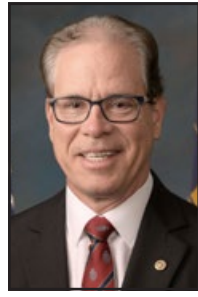
Before joining INDOT, Quist began her career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the New Orleans District in Louisiana. She has a Bachelor of Science degree

in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

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The IOT Director oversees efforts to consolidate IT organizations across Indiana state government with the goal of providing great service at a low cost.

"IOT works behind the scenes to keep state government afloat and operational," Gov. Braun said. "I am excited to announce that Warren Lenard will serve as the next Director of the Indiana Office of Technology. His private sector experience brings the type of entrepreneurial mindset that our state government so desperately needs."

Lenard has most recently served as the Chief Operations and Information Officer for Byrider Auto Sales in Carmel and as the VP of Technology and Operations



**Braun**

for JD Sports Finish Line in Indianapolis.

Lenard is a highly experienced Information Technology leader and executive officer that has successfully rebuilt and elevated organizations through people development and mentorship, brand and reputation rebuilding, and the establishment of key business partnerships across multiple industries including retail, entertainment & media, legal and financial services.

Lenard received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics from Stony Brook University.

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Indiana's Public Access Counselor is responsible for ensuring transparency in government by responding to public inquiries, educat-

ing citizens about public access laws, issuing advisory opinions, assisting state officials in complying with public access law, and making recommendations to the General Assembly on how to improve our citizens' access to our state and local government.

"Transparency for Hoosiers is important for a healthy state government, and Jennifer Ruby brings decades of legal expertise to serve Hoosiers as Public Access Counselor," Gov. Braun said. "She will do a great job promoting public trust through transparency and accountability."

In addition to her extensive legal experience as an attorney and mediator, Ruby is also an entrepreneur who built her legal practice in Indianapolis over 20 years. She has almost 15 years of experience in state and local government, serving the State of Indiana, the State of New Mexico, and the Con-

solidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County.

Ruby holds Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Indiana University (IU) McKinney School of Law, a Master of Planning from the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from Purdue University. She admitted to practice law in Indiana and New Mexico and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

"I'm honored to be selected by Governor Braun to serve as Hoosiers' Public Access Counselor and uphold the values of government transparency and accountability," Jennifer Ruby, AICP, JD, said. "Public access is essential for effective governance, and I look forward to serving our state in this role."

Ruby and her husband Michael have two children and reside in Indianapolis.

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## \$39.1M settlement with Apotex moves forward Indiana joins 50 states & territories in generic drug price-fixing case

**The REPORTER**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on all Hoosiers to check their eligibility for compensation for certain generic drug purchases as Indiana joins 50 states and territories in seeking preliminary approval for a \$39.1 million settlement with Apotex over conspiracy to inflate prices and limit competition.

AG Rokita and the multistate coalition previously announced the settlement in principle with Apotex last fall along with a \$10 million settlement with Heritage Pharmaceuticals. At the time of that announcement, the settlement with Apotex was conditioned on the signatures of all necessary states and territories. With those signatures now obtained, the coalition has filed the settlement in U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut in Hartford.

"Hoosiers deserve fair pricing for their medications, and we will not tolerate illegal schemes that drive up costs and harm

consumers," AG Rokita said. "This settlement is a step toward making things right, and I encourage anyone who purchased these generic drugs to see if they're eligible for compensation."

The settlement agreements resolve allegations that both Apotex and Heritage engaged in widespread, long-running conspiracies to artificially inflate and manipulate prices, reduce competition, and unreasonably restrain trade with regard to numerous generic prescription drugs. As part of the settlement agreements, both Apotex and Heritage have agreed to cooperate in the ongoing multistate litigations against 30 corporate defendants and 25 individual executives. Both companies have further agreed to a series of internal reforms to ensure fair competition and compliance with antitrust laws.

Indiana is among a



**Rokita**

coalition of nearly all states and territories filing three anti-trust complaints, starting first in 2016.

The cases all stem from a series of investigations built on evidence from several cooperating witnesses at the core of the different conspiracies, a massive document database of over 20 million documents, and a phone records database containing millions of call detail records and contact information for over 600 sales and pricing individuals in the generic industry.

For any consumer who purchased a generic prescription drug listed here between 2010 and 2018, they may be eligible for compensation. To determine their eligibility, they can call 1-866-290-0182 (Toll-Free), email [info@AGGenericDrugs.com](mailto:info@AGGenericDrugs.com), or visit [AGGenericDrugs.com](http://AGGenericDrugs.com).

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# Join Emagine Entertainment for April specialty screenings

## The REPORTER

Join Emagine Entertainment in April for a variety of specialty screenings. Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton Town Center.

### Open Caption film screenings

Emagine will hold Open Caption showings of some of the newest film releases on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons all month long. Guests who are deaf or hard of hearing will be able to enjoy the

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All open caption movies are shown in 2D. There are no modifications made to the film.

- **Death of a Unicorn** – Wednesday, April 4
- **Minecraft** – Sunday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 9
- **Drop** – Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 16
- **Sinners** – Easter Sunday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 23
- **The Accountant 2** – Sunday, April 27 and Wednesday, April 30

### Sensory Friendly film screenings

Emagine will hold a unique, sensory friendly screening twice a month, with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. Their sensory friendly programing makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

All sensory friendly films will be shown in 2D. Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

### What does Sensory Friendly mean?

First, it means sensory

friendly experience (lights up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing ... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

- **Minecraft** – Saturday, April 5
- **King of Kings** – Saturday, April 19

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Tickets are available at the box office, online at [Emagine-Entertainment.com](http://Emagine-Entertainment.com) or through the Emagine App. On-sale dates vary. All films, locations, dates, and times are subject to change.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### SETTING UP THE TABERNACLE

Then he put up the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle. He set the altar of burnt offering near the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered on it burnt offerings and grain offerings, as the LORD commanded him.

He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to wash their hands and feet. They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the LORD commanded Moses.

Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work.

### THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

Exodus 40:28-38 (NIV)

# Kroger unveils “Elite Ate” snack bracket

## Submitted

The Kroger Co. celebrates tournament season with the launch of its “Elite Ate” Snack Bracket, featuring a delicious lineup of customers’ favorite snacks from Kroger’s Our Brands. From savory chips to sweet treats, it is a snack-off with exclusive deals on the ultimate game day eats. The retailer is also giving the inside scoop on which snacks are MVPs among Kroger associates.

“Kroger’s Our Brands products are fan favorites across the board and make for a perfect snack line up that is tasty and affordable when watching college hoops,” said Mike Murphy, Kroger group vice president. “Make your watch party a slam dunk with our ‘Elite Ate’ bracket challenge

and see what snack comes out on top.”

Kroger’s Our Brands “Elite Ate” Snacks are:

- Kroger Brand Stuffed Jalapeno Peppers with Cream Cheese vs. Kroger Brand Breaded Dill Pickle Chips
  - Bakery Fresh Basketball Themed Cupcakes vs. Bakery Fresh Chocolate Chip Cookie Cake
  - Simple Truth Sea Salt Baked Pretzel Thin Crisps vs. Simple Truth Organic Blue Corn Tortilla Chips
  - Private Selection Gruyere and Caramelized Onion Dip vs. Private Selection Traditional Hummus
- Customers can also count on an easy layup for their snack spreads with an assist from Kroger associates who dished on their favorite Our Brands’ dips and



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dippers, including:

- Kroger Brand French Onion Sour Cream Dip with Kroger Brand Lightly Salted Wavy Potato Chips
  - Private Selection Mediterranean Herb Hummus with Simple Truth Organic Baby Carrots
  - Simple Truth Organic Restaurant Style Salsa with Simple Truth Organic White Corn Tortilla Chips
- Run up the score at

watch parties with inspiration from Kroger’s Fresh Lane with all-star recipes such as a chicken wing snack board, hot Italian sliders, waffle fry chicken nachos, and more.

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## Boys Basketball State Championship Preview

# Class 4A, Fishers Tigers

*Tigers are aiming to win back-to-back state championships*

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

One of the hardest things to do in any sport is to repeat as a champion. They were there last year and won Class 4A and now have a chance to go back-to-back.

"To me, I think this program has arrived regardless of the outcome on Saturday. You win a state championship and get back. I think we've arrived and it's just personal pride to accomplish what we set out to do. We have a very unique team that has bought into a centralized mission and vision which was to get back here and they've done everything we've asked to make that happen," said Fishers head coach Garrett Winegar.

Fishers has won 43 games in a row, the fifth longest streak in state history and 59 of their last 60 and they don't seem to be stopping at any point. It hasn't been too long since a team has repeated. Technically, Carmel (4A) and Silver Creek (3A) both accomplished that feat in 2019 and 2021. The Covid-19 outbreak canceled the remainder of the 2020 state tournament just before the regional round or it would have been possible for a three-peat by both squads.

"At the end of the day this is our goal," Winegar said. "If you're going to play, the goal is to win it all. Your goal is to win a state championship. Obviously, it starts with Sectional 8, and it's very competitive, but our goal is to win. Our goal is to win a state championship."

### No. 1 Fishers Tigers (30-0) vs. No. 7 Jeffersonville Red Devils (23-5)

Ben Davis was the last to go undefeated in 2023 at 33-0 and Warren Central went 32-0 in 2018.



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' JonAnthony Hall (right) is averaging 10.1 points per game for the Tigers. At left is senior Millen McCartney, who adds 9.2 points per contest. (ABOVE RIGHT) Nathan Baker is scoring 7.8 points per game for Fishers.

"Everyone thinks we have a lot more pressure because we're the defending champs, but there's not much to say other than being prepared. We know if we come out with the same energy, mentality and focus every single game, that outcome is going to be the same," Fishers senior Justin Kirby said. "Definitely having our five seniors is a big key to this success. Having a lot of us playing together for so long and growing up together is a big part of our chemistry and how we've played so well."

Their chemistry is a

big reason they have gotten back to the state finals. There might not be a more confident team around. But, when you've won 43 in a row and lost once in 60 games, confidence must be through the roof.

"It's going to be no different preparing for this game than preparing for any other game. Everything is going to be the same leading up to the game. It doesn't matter the environment. It doesn't matter where in the world. Every game is the same. We're going to be the most prepared team in this gym and be the

most locked in team for this game," Kirby continued.

Fishers ran the table in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference with ease (7-0). That has made them battle-tested to make another run through the state tournament.

"Our conference is one of the best up there, and I think this solidifies it as well. For our city, our county and everybody. I've seen a lot of people on social media almost doubting our ability to handle business, so we're doing everything we can to win," said Fishers senior JonAnthony Hall.

A balanced offense of

sophomore Jason Gardner, Jr. (14.4), Kirby (13.0), super soph Cooper Zachary (11.3), Hall (10.1), along with seniors Millen McCartney (9.2), Nathan Baker (7.8) and Logan Sigler (4.8) makes Fishers go, but Jeffersonville also presents a big challenge for the Tigers.

"They all have the attributes and the variables that all programs look for. They have tough-nosed, high-character, disciplined kids that are well-coached. The one thing we noticed that probably doesn't get mentioned a lot is how close-knit they are," Jeff-

ersonville head coach Sherron Wilkerson said. "That in itself is what allowed them to have the success that they've had thus far."

The Red Devils have 41 sectional, 20 regional and seven semi-state titles. They made the Final Four in the single-class era in 1992, 1993 and 1995, winning the 1993 state title over Ben Davis.

Wilkerson is in his third year at 56-22. The Red Devils lost in the semi-state championship to Ben Davis last season (52-51).

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## Softball

# Royals win all-county game, Huskies fall to Lapel

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern softball team won an all-county game over Carmel 10-3 Friday at the Greyhounds' Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The Class 4A No. 1 Royals scored a run in the top of the first inning when an RBI fielder's choice from Makena Burlingame brought Lilly Palmer home. That would be the only run until the fourth inning, when Carmel tied the game after Jayden Kleiner scored on a passed ball; she led off the inning with a triple.

Southeastern jumped ahead 4-1 by scoring three runs in the top of the fifth. Burlingame singled in Addison Richmond, then Maya Valenta's left field hit brought Palmer home. Kaleigh McCarter got home on a wild pitch.

The Royals added five

more runs in the sixth inning. McCarter singled Chloe Smith home, Burlingame's center field hit brought in Tori Bricker, then Richmond and McCarter both scored on a wild pitch. Burlingame then scored on an error to give HSE a 9-1 lead.

Carmel's Ellie Goddard smacked a left field double in the bottom of the sixth to bring in Mia Fleming and Kleiner. The Royals got one more run in the top of the seventh after Smith led off with a triple, then scored on an error.

Burlingame and Valenta both had two hits, with Burlingame hitting a double. Grace Swedarsky pitched a complete game, striking out 15 against three hits and two walks.

Kleiner had two hits, while Fleming hit a double. Southeastern is 2-0 and



Photo by Dwight Casler

Hamilton Heights sophomore Heather Crays pitched for the Huskies during their game with Lapel on Friday. Also pictured are junior Ava Snelson (left) and freshman Audrey Cain (background).

plays at Greenfield-Central on Tuesday. Carmel is 0-3 and plays Tuesday at Plainfield.

\*\*\* Hamilton Heights dropped a 5-2 home game Friday to Lapel, the No.

1-ranked team in Class 2A.

The Bulldogs scored two runs in the first inning. The 3A No. 10 Huskies got a run back in the second inning when Isabel Morrow scored on a passed ball. The score stayed 2-1 until the top of the sixth, when Lapel added two more runs.

The Bulldogs scored again in the top of the seventh for a 5-1 lead. Hailey Hall hit a two-out single for the Huskies to bring Ava Snelson home, but Lapel would let the Huskies get no closer.

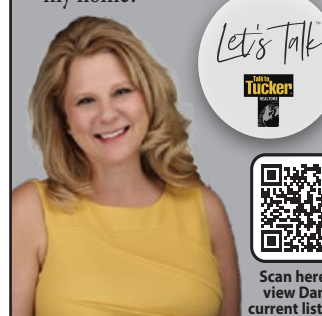
Hall finished the game with two hits. Heather Crays went five and two-thirds innings, striking out four.

"This year is definitely going to be a rebuilding year," said first-year Heights coach Shelby Wills. She said with the new coaching staff and new young players coming on to the varsity roster, "working together and finding a way to jell is what we're working at right now."

The Huskies are 0-2 and are off until April 10 when they host Anderson.

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### Boys Basketball

## Noblesville's Curry, Walker among boys Junior All-Stars

#### The REPORTER

Noblesville's Justin Curry and Baron Walker are among the 18 players that have been selected to the *IndyStar* Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars for 2025. All-Stars games director Mike Broughton announced Friday.

Curry was selected to the six-player Core Group, along with Luke Ertel of Mt. Vernon, Kai McGrew of Lawrence North, Steven Reynolds III of South Bend Washington, Dikembe Shaw of Crown Point and Noah Smith of Plainfield.

In addition to the core group, six players each were chosen for squads labeled Red Group and Blue Group. Walker was selected to the Blue Group, joining Keriaawn Berry of Avon, Terrence Hayes Jr. of Gary 21st Century, Tyrese Jones of South Bend Riley, Brennan Miller of Lawrence North and Nick Shrewsbury of South Bend Saint Joseph.

The Red Group players are Kasen Daeger of Silver Creek, Anthony Fresh of Charlestown, Edwin Holmes of Princeton, JaShawn Ladd of Ben Davis, Blake Neill of Bloomfield and Treigh Schelsky of Parke Heritage.

Todd Woelfle of Terre Haute North will be the head coach and Eli Henson of Class 2A state State Finalist Manchester will be the assistant coach.

Woelfle directed Terre Haute North to a 21-6 record this past season with championships in Conference Indiana, the Bloomington South Sectional and the Washington Regional. In 17 seasons with the Patriots, he has a 254-173 mark with previous sectional titles in 2011, 2012 and 2022.

Henson has guided Man-



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Noblesville's Baron Walker (left) and Justin Curry (right) are among the 18 players selected to the *IndyStar* Indiana boys' Junior All-Stars for 2025. Curry is in the six-player Core Group, while Walker is part of the Blue Group.

chester to a 25-2 campaign and his team will play Saturday in the Class 2A State Finals. He currently is 83-35 in five seasons with the Squires and has a career record of 192-139 in 14 seasons. Henson's overall ledger includes a 63-56 mark with one sectional title at North White and a 46-48 slate in four seasons at Whitko. This season, Manchester also was co-champion of the Three Rivers Conference and claimed trophies in the Wabash Sectional, Logansport Regional and Michigan City Semi-State.

The Junior All-Stars will play one game against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars on Sunday, June 1 at Charlestown High School. The Junior All-Stars also will play one game against the Indiana All-Star senior

girls on Wednesday, June 4 at Greenfield-Central High School. Both games will be doubleheaders with the 2025 Indiana girls' Junior All-Stars, whose roster was announced on March 9.

The players listed as Core Group players each will play in two games. The players listed in the Red and Blue groups each will play in one game, the Red Group on June 1 against the Kentucky Juniors and the Blue Group on June 4 against the Indiana Seniors.

The Indiana senior All-Stars will play the Kentucky senior All-Stars on June 6 at a site to be announced. The Indiana senior All-Stars will play Kentucky's seniors again on June 7 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

The third annual *Indy-*

*Star* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be played on June 2 at Fishers High School. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The Futures Games rosters will be announced later.

The 2025 Indiana boys' Junior All-Star team was selected through a process that allows all IBCA-member head coaches to nominate players through the IBCA all-state process. The IBCA 22-member Indiana Basketball Coaches Association all-state committee reviewed and voted on players for the 2025 IBCA/Franciscan Health boys' All-State teams that were released on March 26.

The 22 all-state com-

mittee members also provided input to a five-person IBCA committee appointed by IBCA executive director Marty Johnson and chaired by IBCA assistant director Brandon Ramsey. That committee finalized the selections for the 2025 boys' Junior All-Stars.

The Indiana Junior All-Star program was founded in 1996 by former Indiana All-Star games director Patrick Aikman. In most years, 18 players have been chosen to the Junior All-Stars. In five years (2005, 2006, 2007, 2018 and 2019), 24 players were chosen to the Junior All-Stars. In 2021, just 12 players were chosen to the Junior All-Stars.

In games from 1996 through 2024 (with no games in 2020 because of COVID-19), the Indiana

Senior girls lead the Indiana Junior girls 41-12 and the Indiana Senior boys lead the Indiana Junior boys 42-11. In seven years of games against the Kentucky Juniors, the Indiana Junior girls lead 12-1 and the Indiana Junior boys lead 8-5. Games against the Kentucky Juniors previously have been played in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The *Indianapolis Star*, with its *IndyStar* brand, is the title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academic is a presenting partner for All-Star Week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner of the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.



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Overall, he's 95-98 with stints at Logansport, Madison, Shawe Memorial and Indianapolis Herron.

This will be the first-ever meeting between Fishers and Jeffersonville to cap off the 2024-25 basketball season.

"We're not really intimidated. 30-0 is impressive, but at the end of the day, we put on our shoes how they put on their shoes, so we're going to come in with a good mindset and be positive. Let the best man win," said Jeffersonville senior and Wright State commit Michael Cooper.

Jeffersonville touts three seniors in double figures. Cooper leads the way with 19.1 per game, followed by Northwestern commit Tre Singleton at 17.9 and 6.9 rebounds. Senior PJ Douglas scores 12.7 and grabs 5.2 rebounds, along with

juniors Terrance Nord (5.2) and Elijah Cheeks. Seniors Shawn Boyd (4.1) and Gilly Polk (3.3) chip in.

"It's a huge challenge, but it's a great feeling to play them. We're going to go out there to prove a point, so it's exciting," said Red Devils senior Tre Singleton.

"We have a big challenge ahead of us. A couple of our guys play AAU with their three best players, so we're excited for the opportunity to compete," Winegar said.

"We just have kids that know I love them, and we have that mutual bond, so they're willing to be coached," Winegar said. "For me, win or lose, it's going to be a bittersweet night because it will be the last time coaching these guys."

*Editor's note: Rich Torres provided quotes for this article.*

# Reporter announces all-county boys swim teams

## Andrew Shackell named Hamilton County Reporter's Boys Swimmer of the Year

**The REPORTER**

For the second year in a row, the Hamilton County Reporter has named Carmel senior Andrew Shackell as its 2024-25 Boys Swimmer of the Year.

Shackell emulated his twin sister Alexandra Shackell by going 4-for-4 in state championships at this year's IHSAA boys state swim meet, winning the same events. Shackell claimed the butterfly race and was also a part of all three of the Greyhounds' state champion relays, helping Carmel to an 11th consecutive state title.



Julie Brown / File photo

Carmel's Andrew Shackell is this year's Hamilton County Reporter Boys Swimmer of the Year. Shackell won four events at the IHSAA state meet, helping the Greyhounds to a 11th consecutive team championship.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

**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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**Hamilton County Reporter's All-County Boys Swim Teams**

FIRST TEAM			SECOND TEAM		
Name	School	Year	Name	School	Year
William Allen	Carmel	Sophomore	Anthony Adams Jr.	Fishers	Senior
Michael Gorey	Carmel	Senior	Cory Han	Carmel	Junior
Carter Hadley	Carmel	Junior	Collin Huston	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Jonathan Hines	Fishers	Senior	Jihoon Jung	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Alex Koo	Fishers	Sophomore	Mason Lawson	Fishers	Junior
Anderson Kopp	Carmel	Senior	Hudson Lee	Fishers	Senior
Andrew Shackell	Carmel	Senior	Ethan Zhang	Carmel	Senior
Yi Zheng	Carmel	Sophomore	Lewis Zhang	Carmel	Junior

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## Veluri commits to Army West Point

Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics  
 Carmel senior Sankeerth Veluri has committed to the Army West Point football team.

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