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# HCEM & Duke Energy boosting preparedness & responder safety

# Love the one you're with

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) is actively working to increase community preparedness by introducing innovative tools and resources to engage and safeguard residents.

A key component of this initiative is a newly launched outreach trailer, which functions as both a mobile community engagement hub during regular times and a vital resource in disaster response scenarios.

The trailer is designed to draw families into interactive discussions about emergency preparedness, making the topic accessible and engaging for families of all ages. Its family-friendly approach not only educates residents but also ensures that preparedness is a topic that resonates across all age groups. In times of crisis, the trailer is designed to transition

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Photo provided by Hamilton County Emergency Management

(From left) HCEM Director of Operations Ryan Tennesen, HCEM Executive Director Chad Knecht, Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr, and HCEM Logistic Section Chief Michael Franklin.

I heard an old man say recently that the most important decision you can ever make in your entire life is who you marry. He was an elderly gentleman who had achieved great success in life, but he said that if he did not choose the right person to marry it would not have been worth it.

Out of everything in my life, my marriage is what makes me the proudest. Many would think that I would say my children should hold that place, and of course they make me proud, and I love them, but nothing compares to my marriage. Your children will grow up and have lives of their own. If you've raised them right, they, too, will find someone to spend their life with that maintains the same place in their life.

How many couples don't put the time into their marriage when they're raising their children and end up splitting up when they drop the last kid off at college? How many husbands stopped dating their wives because they didn't feel like they needed to any longer?

If you're asked what makes you the proudest in your life and you're married, if your marriage isn't the top answer; you need to re-evaluate, especially if your answer involves your career.

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**COLUMNIST**



**MEGAN RATHZ**  
*When Nature Speaks*

# Hamilton County robotics teams secure five spots at VEX IQ Worlds

**Submitted**

Hamilton County middle school robotics teams have once again showcased their talent on the big stage, securing five of the coveted 14 world-qualifying spots at the Indiana VEX IQ State Championship.

With over 400 middle school teams in the state – making Indiana the most competitive in the country – this achievement highlights the exceptional skill and dedication of these young engineers.

Indiana has been able to cultivate such a strong robotics presence thanks to TechPoint for Youth and their unwavering dedication to Indiana Robotics. Their support has played a crucial role in expanding STEM opportunities for students across the state, allowing Indiana to lead the nation in VEX IQ participation.

Creekside Middle School's

teams made a strong showing, with 46032E Minion Mechanics taking first place in the Teamwork Challenge and 46032E FrogBotz securing third place in Skills. Meanwhile, Clay Middle School also earned two world-qualifying spots, with 2529A Smiley winning the prestigious Design Award and 2529G Men In Black claiming the Build Award. Additionally, Hamilton Heights Middle School's 214F Flamingos clinched third place in Teamwork, securing their invitation to Worlds.

These five teams will now advance to the VEX Robotics World Championship, set to take place May 12 to 14 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas, Texas. Competing at Worlds is an extraordinary opportunity, as Indiana teams are frequently featured on the global stage due



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(Front row) Drake Bauer, Parker Bevilaqua, Aryan Deulkar, Vihaan Iyer, and Henry Correll; (back row) Ronon Gitman, Nathan Marshall, and Xander Straw on their way to win the Build Award at the State Competition hosted at Indiana State Fairgrounds.

to the state's highly competitive nature in VEX IQ robotics. As the teams prepare for this prestigious event, they are actively seeking sponsorships to help fund their journey.

**See Robots . . . Page 2**

# Health Department & Parks and Rec partner to promote health & wellness

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Health Department (HCHD) will use state grant funding to support a series of community-focused health and wellness programs through Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) aimed at encouraging physical activity, improving mental health, and promoting overall well-being.

These initiatives will support residents and visitors with a variety of outdoor and fitness activities designed to combat obesity and support mental health.

One of the components of this funding is the introduction of a Bike Share Program at Strawtown Koteewi Park and the White River Campground. This program offers readily available bikes for park-goers and campers who are unable to bring their own to the park. By providing convenient access to bicycles, individuals will be encouraged to explore the park and incorporate physical activity into their visit.

HCHD will also fund additional exercise equipment at HCPR parks. The creation of additional fitness stations in various parks is aimed at

**See Wellness . . . Page 3**



# Jared Keever speaks to Sheridan Rotary

**By STEVE MARTIN**  
*For The Reporter*

Sheridan Rotary recently welcomed Jared Keever as a guest speaker.

Keever talked about the recent opening of the Monon Trail in Sheridan and shared his adventures as an avid bicyclist, both on the Monon as well as bike trails across America. He and other Sheridan biking enthusiasts are working to develop the newest portion of the Monon Trail into a tourist attraction in the communi-

ty as it transits the town. The trail meanders across about five miles of Sheridan, coming north from the Grand Park area, passing through Sheridan, and eventually exiting Hamilton County at the Boone County line.

Sheridan Rotary meets the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at the Sheridan Public Library for a meal and program at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend a meeting, please email the Club [sheridanrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:sheridanrotaryclub@gmail.com) for further information.



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(From left) Rotary Vice President VJ Stover, President Jon Raines, Jared Keever, and Rotary Secretary Missy Fisher.



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into a pivotal tool for emergency operations, reinforcing its importance in protecting the community.

In addition, HCEM has provided several responders with voltage detectors, which are essential for ensuring safety after storms. These devices help teams identify potential dangers, such as fallen power lines, making them a critical tool for safeguarding responders during recovery operations. When storms cause trees and power lines to fall, these voltage detectors will be instrumental in protecting those working on the front lines.

These comprehensive initiatives have been made

possible through the generous support of the Duke Energy Foundation, whose unwavering commitment to community safety and resilience has enabled the realization of these innovative efforts.

HCEM’s fusion of technology, education, and practical disaster response underscores its dedication to building a more prepared and resilient community. Whether through the dual-purpose outreach trailer or life-saving voltage detectors, the agency is working tirelessly to protect Hamilton County families and ensure they are equipped to face unexpected challenges.

ROBOTS

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Community members and businesses interested in supporting these talented students can reach out to the respective coaches:

- Creekside Middle School – Coach Barbara Glesesk ([bglesesk@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:bglesesk@ccs.k12.in.us))
- Clay Middle School – Coach Brandon Crawford ([bcrawfor@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:bcrawfor@ccs.k12.in.us))
- Hamilton Heights Middle School – Coach Lacy Bowyer ([lbowyer@hhschuskyies.org](mailto:lbowyer@hhschuskyies.org))

These young innovators represent the best of Hamilton County, and their achievements are a testament to their hard work, creativity, and passion for STEM. Congratulations to all the teams, and best of luck at Worlds.



Photos provided  
(ABOVE) 214F Flaming Flamingos with their third-place Alliance Partner, securing both of their spots for the World's Championship in May. (BELOW LEFT) Xander Straw, Vihaan Iyer, Drake Bauer, Nathan Marshall of team 2529G Men In Black and Hrishabh Bhowmik, Kevin Chen, Cameron Wilson, Aaron Rozmaryn, Simon Brickel, Chris Cheng, Luke Baily, and Samir Myers of team 2529A Smiley pose with their awards after winning Design (2529A) and Build (2529G). (Not pictured: Parker Bevilaqua, Henry Correll, Aryan Deulkar, and Ronon Gitman). (BELOW RIGHT) Nathan Lu, Urav Mohapatra, Carson Bunch, Dalton Bunch, Ansh Shah, Barbara Glesesk, Omkirt Bisht, and Evan Xie show off their State Teamwork Challenge Champion banner at the State Competition at the State Fairgrounds.



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(RIGHT) Yeshua Zosimo, Wenxi Zhong, Ian Roy, Rithvik Divakar, and Jack Jiang earned their ticket to Worlds by placing third in Robot Skills at the State Competition out of 110 teams.

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LOVE

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Many people don't believe in love. They are jaded or believe that true love doesn't exist; that it is merely something in movies. Many people grew up in a broken home and saw abuse. Many people saw their father use money as a way to control and manipulate their mother. Some might look at marriage as a legal way to control someone. Perhaps some people have a bad view of marriage simply because of their experiences. I have heard people mention

the staggering divorce rate in our country as an example as to why marriage doesn't work. What's the point anyway if half of all marriages end in divorce?

There are days your partner is not at their best – choose them anyway. There are times when your partner might upset you – love them anyway. Never step outside of your marriage physically or emotionally. No matter how upset you are at your partner – there is something to be said for not airing your dirty laundry and maintaining a level of respect for your partner and marriage.

It's easy for me to have a romanticized view of marriage because of my upbringing. It wasn't a stretch to believe in true love because I saw it with my own parents. I knew what a good and healthy marriage looked like. I know the sense of security you have when you're raised in a home where you see an unbreakable bond between two parents who love each other.

If you're like me and in the trenches with little ones and being pulled in many different directions with work, social life, and family, do not ever let any of that take priority over your marriage. Choose your partner again and again. Do not

ever allow any outside influence to ever penetrate the bond that you share. Raise your children to grow up believing that true love exists.

Husbands, keep dating your wives. Don't stop buying flowers for her just because you don't have to any longer. The wedding is when it all starts, not when it ends. To the young couples getting married – remember that. Remember why you got married in the first place. Always keep God at the center of your marriage. Find a faith that you can use as your compass and guide your family, always choose to love and honor each other, and everything else will fall in line.

I thank God every single day that I chose the right man to marry. God put him in my life and I would choose him all over again and will until I die.

"One day, you'll understand how important it is to choose wisely who to share your laughter, sunsets, and Sundays with, because those are the moments when the heart and soul truly breathe."

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Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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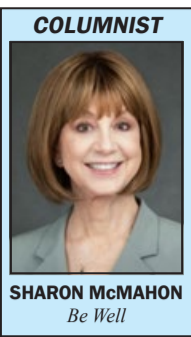
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# Where have all the young men gone?

Where have all the young men gone?  
Long time passing  
Where have all the young men gone?  
Long time ago  
Where have all the young men gone?  
They're all in uniform  
Oh, when will we ever learn?  
Oh, when will we ever learn?  
— Pete Seeger of *Peter, Paul and Mary*, 1962



Again, Dear Readers, this week I digress somewhat from my usual on the topic for this column ... you might consider it “Part II” of last week’s column sharing my reflections on the “Dry Cleaning Man” and subsequent musings on the importance of recognizing National Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day on March 29 of each year.

And this year we recognize the 50-year anniversary of the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. Do you recall that day? I do, and I will also recall for you a special train ride I will never forget.

While I understand that not all Vietnam veterans have experienced the same physical or psychological battles as many have, all returned to a country which was torn, confused, and fearful of acknowledging the cost that was paid. I will add that can be true as well for veterans of other wars and conflicts. During the Vietnam era, protests, campus demonstrations, and often violence was perpetrated against students and pro-

testers as the country seemed to erupt in violence, an underscore of the youth being annihilated in Vietnam. Protests were aimed, not at the soldiers serving there, but *at the government that sent them there*. The return of our fighting forces was not heralded, but often scorned.

The American public wanted someone to blame for the carnage and the chaos; why not the soldiers? Thrown into the dense jungles of Vietnam to fight an often-unseen enemy and satisfy the demands of far off decision makers – our nightly network news programs permeated my passage from youth to adulthood.

I recall the lists of names here in Hamilton County of the wounded and fallen – our classmates, neighbors, and friends.

I encourage all to visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C. I was mesmerized by the beauty and simplicity of the structure. Of course, there are thousands of names there, as we lost nearly 60,000 in that terrible conflict, and some are familiar to me from long ago. You will see family members – although not many parents of the soldiers – but children and grandchildren reaching out to touch the name of their loved one and shed silent tears. However, among us are many Vietnam veterans; those who returned often with stories they do not

wish to share – as happens with many veterans of conflicts. Physical problems have often followed them from their time spent in Vietnam, exposed to dangerous chemicals and diseases.

Those who did not serve directly in the country of Vietnam but in support capacities throughout the world also deserve our appreciation as well as all veterans who leave their homes, families, and careers to serve our country. If you would like to know more about the military nurses who served and their experiences there, I recommend *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

The Vietnam veterans I have known do not ask for much as they face their senior years: decent health care, the recognition and help they deserve from our government, and an occasional “thank you for your service.”

### The Soldier Train, 1965

She turned 15 in the summer of ‘65  
Looking forward to a family vacation,  
off to D.C. to see the sites  
Leaving Union Station with family that  
bright summer morning  
No thoughts of war, Asia,  
or young men dying  
She did not know that 3,500 U.S. Marines  
arrived in Da Nang on March 8, 1965<sup>1</sup>  
How could she? She was 15; not yet  
riveted to the nightly news  
That would soon change  
A stop in Harrisburg, PA; more passengers

boarding a train already at capacity  
Who were they? What was the rush?  
Uniformed soon-to-be soldiers; young,  
adventurous, apprehensive perhaps  
Little room for them on the train, they were  
forced to sit on suitcases and duffel bags

She was surrounded, what fun!  
This young girl was starry eyed; cute boys,  
chatty, excited as they smiled and laughed

Where are they going?

Of course we now know ...  
The years passed and she often wondered  
how many of those young soldiers  
returned, or

How many were returned in boxes to their  
families, or

How many might still be there, forever, in  
those dense jungles, or

How many returned with wounds  
seen and unseen...

Where have all the soldiers gone?  
Many live among us as the decades pass;  
rarely thanked for their service, they say  
When you see the shirts, jackets and hats,  
say “thank you for your service”  
It's never too late to say “Welcome Home.”  
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And thank you for your readership of my column. As one whose ancestor fought in the Revolutionary War as well as many other veterans along the way, this topic is very dear to me. Back to health and fitness next time!

<sup>1</sup> [army.mil/vietnam](http://army.mil/vietnam)

## WELLNESS

offering free, accessible exercise opportunities to people of all ages and fitness levels. The goal is to eventually offer instructor-led classes using the equipment at these parks.

Through a collaboration with the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program (HCYAP), HCPR will provide outdoor recreational activities at the Strawtown Koteewi Park Adventure Area to at-risk youth with HCHD funding. These programs, which have already proven successful, offer young people free access to unique therapeutic and educational experiences, such as equestrian programs and archery, while also promot-

ing mental health through outdoor engagement. HCPR’s goal is to expand this collaboration and provide even more opportunities for youth to develop positive habits and connect with nature.

A new partnership with Camptown will introduce the “Wilderness to Wellness” program, an adventure-based initiative that focuses on building resilience and teaching coping skills to at-risk youth through activities like hiking, rock climbing, and wilderness travel. This program will combine physical activity with mental health education, empowering participants to devel-

op both physical and emotional strength. The program will provide a much-needed diversion for at-risk youth, introducing them to activities they may not have experienced before while also fostering positive mental health outcomes.

Yoga continues to be a popular offering within the county’s park programs. The Health Department will help support the ongoing success of the free Sunset Yoga Program at the Osprey Pointe Pavilion, where participants can unwind and



Stice

relax with guided yoga sessions while enjoying the scenic view over the water. In addition, the free Y12SR Recovery Yoga program, which supports individuals recovering from substance use disorders, will continue, offering a crucial therapeutic outlet for those affected by addiction. Both programs have seen tremendous success, with participants praising the calming and rejuvenating effects of yoga in a peaceful, natural setting.

Finally, HCPR’s numerous walking programs, in-

cluding the Senior Walking Club, Moms’ Walking Club, and Forest Bathing Hikes, will be supported through this funding. The Health Department will enhance these programs by providing health services such as blood pressure checks, BMI measurements, and educational materials on the benefits of walking, injury prevention, and hydration. These walking programs already serve hundreds of participants annually and will now be able to expand and offer even greater health benefits.

“We are grateful for the Hamilton County Health Department’s support with funding these initiatives

to enhance the health and well-being of our community,” HCPR Director Chris Stice said. “These programs are ideal for helping our community reduce obesity, improve mental health, and provide individuals with the tools they need to lead healthier, more active lives.”

The funding from HCHD will help ensure these programs are accessible to as many people as possible, fostering a healthier, more active community.

For more information on these initiatives and how to get involved, residents are encouraged to visit [MyHamiltonCountyParks.com](http://MyHamiltonCountyParks.com).

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# Hundreds clash with Congresswoman Spartz through two-hour town hall

By **TIM SPEARS**  
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It was supposed to be a town hall, but it turned into a shouting match between Indiana Congresswoman Victoria Spartz and hundreds of voters in Hamilton County.

The Republican representative had to move last Friday's town hall to the **IMMI Conference Center** in Westfield over capacity concerns, which were confirmed when some people had to be removed and others kept out of the event altogether.

Rep. Spartz struggled to speak over the chorus of critics through much of the two-hour town hall. About 500 people were inside the venue, while protesters staged outside the entrance.

Discussion of **DOGE** drew boos, mentions of President Donald Trump drew boos, and even calls to stop the boos drew boos. It mirrored other high-profile Republican town halls amid a controversial start to the second Trump term.

"She's a politician. She had her agenda. She didn't want to hear our agenda," attendee Kay Murphy Collins said after the event.

Facing an adversarial crowd, and intermittent chants of "do your job," Spartz defended DOGE by saying the debt and deficit situation is becoming dire.

Spartz also said she supported President Trump's sweeping executive orders, saying the filibuster stops congress from passing his agenda, which she called a "broken system."

"Unfortunately, to pass any law right now, you would need 60 votes [in the Senate]," Spartz told the audience. "Congress cannot come to an agreement."

"She gave no direct answers, she just gave the talking points she wanted people to hear," attendee Joyce Kleinman told News 8 afterwards. "And she kept saying she wanted to have a conversation. And that's not a conversation."

As the night went on, some in the audience asked the crowd to stop shouting during Spartz' answers. The congresswoman even earned applause with a half-hour left, when a man thanked her for holding the town hall.

But many were disappointed with what they heard.

"I hope that people are resolved and are going out to say 'What can we do?'" Barbara Kramarc said after the town hall ended. "We need to save our nation."

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/hundreds-clash-with-congresswoman-spartz-through-two-hour-town-hall](http://wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/hundreds-clash-with-congresswoman-spartz-through-two-hour-town-hall).*



Photo provided by Office of Rep. Spartz

A sizeable portion of last Friday's town hall in Westfield was marked by certain people shouting their concerns at Rep. Spartz. You can watch the entire livestream on X at [this link](#).

## Spartz: 'radical left' at fault for hostile town halls

Submitted by  
**Office of Rep. Spartz**

Last weekend, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz held two in-person town hall meetings in Hamilton and Delaware counties, engaging directly with hundreds of constituents to discuss the key issues impacting Hoosiers.

Rep. Spartz held a town hall meeting on Friday night in Westfield. Due to overwhelming interest, the event was moved to a larger venue to accommodate as many

constituents as possible. The event took place at the IMMI Conference Center where more than 500 Hoosiers were able to engage with Congresswoman Spartz.

*Click here to watch the Westfield town hall, which was streamed on the Congresswoman's X account.*

On Saturday, Rep. Spartz held a meeting at Muncie City Hall and



Spartz

welcomed over 150 constituents from Delaware County.

"In today's political climate, these town halls are not always easy, but they are an essential part of the democratic process," Rep. Spartz said. "I appreciate all the 5th District constituents who took the time to attend, ask questions, and engage in meaningful discussions."

Rep. Spartz says that

"despite organized attempts by the political opposition to ambush, create chaos and disrupt the events," she remained committed to an open and respectful dialogue.

"The radical left still hasn't learned that shouting and screaming won't work – no one is going to be intimidated and silenced," Rep. Spartz said. "I hope at least some attendees were able to hear the common-sense policies I am working to implement to benefit all Americans."

# Noblesville-based SMC Corporation responds to cybersecurity incident

Submitted

SMC Corporation of America (SMC) has identified and responded to a cybersecurity incident that may have exposed the personal information of its employees, including those who live in the state of California.

On Dec. 3, 2024, SMC discovered unauthorized access to its technology infrastructure by a foreign cyber threat actor. The in-

cident appears to have been an attempt to disrupt SMC's IT systems and deploy ransomware.

Upon detection, SMC immediately engaged cybersecurity experts and legal counsel to assess and contain the breach. The company has since been working closely with federal authorities and cybersecurity professionals to assess employee exposure, reinforce security measures,

and focus on preventing future incidents.

Examples of the type of personal information that may have been exposed includes names, addresses, Social Security numbers, date of birth, driver's licenses, and limited medical benefits-related information.

While the full extent of the breach is still under review, SMC is committed to supporting those individuals in accordance with both

its internal regulations as well as international, federal, state, and local data breach laws.

According to SMC President and CEO Kelley Stacey, "We take this matter seriously and are implementing enhanced security protocols to further protect our systems and our team members. Their peace of mind during this time is important to us as is the confidence they have in SMC to do all we can to support them."

One way the company is helping employees is by providing 24 months of complimentary credit and dark web monitoring services through Experian. In addition, the company's

internal teams are working with third-party experts to follow best practices as well as federal and state regulations intended to protect those individuals who are exposed in these types of incidents.

Those employees who were affected should have received written notifications as they were sent beginning Feb. 3, 2025. This communication details the steps they can take to safeguard their information, including instructions for credit monitoring and placing security freezes. SMC has also established a dedicated call center to address concerns and provide additional support.

For further information,

individuals may contact SMC's dedicated toll-free help line at 1-833-918-9829.

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**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

Get your team signed up for the IDVA Golf Outing  
May 9<sup>th</sup> or sign up to be a sponsor

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

**2025 SALUTE TO VETERANS:**

**12TH ANNUAL CHARITY-GOLF-OUTING**  
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Carmel, IN 46033

**12 PM Tee-Off Raffle & 50/50**  
**Food & Drinks Awards Reception**  
**Boxed Lunch**

All proceeds benefit the 2025 IDVA  
non-profit partner At Ease Orchard

### Get to Know Armed Services Arts Partnership

ARMED SERVICES ARTS PARTNERSHIP

**A creative community where veterans thrive through the arts**

We provide free art and comedy classes to veterans, service members, military spouses, family members, and caregivers.

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We offer classes and workshops in acting, comedy, improv, storytelling, writing, speaking, visual arts and more. We are based in Indianapolis but can bring the show to your location.... Please reach out to ASAP at [hello@asapasap.org](mailto:hello@asapasap.org) or check us out on our website at <https://asapasap.org>

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

**PGA HOPE**  
HELPING OUR HONORABLE VETERANS

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 [AJENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG](mailto:AJENT@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

**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

ARMED SERVICES ARTS PARTNERSHIP

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>

» All Programs

### Public Speaking Workshop

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

**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

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS**

**HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS CORP**

**“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)

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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

### 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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## Westfield Collective groundbreaking set for Friday morning

**Submitted by Westfield Chamber**

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a groundbreaking ceremony for Westfield Collective at 11 a.m. this Friday. The new location is at 750 E. 181st St.

Celebrating eight successful years in the vibrant Westfield community, iBeach31 has announced its collaboration with Westfield Collective, a cutting-edge venue blending indoor and outdoor spaces for food, beverages, and entertainment. iBeach31's established legacy as the go-to destination for beach volleyball in Westfield continues, now with an exciting new chapter at the innovative Westfield Collective.

Westfield Collective is a premier, all-in-one facility that will offer a dynamic mix of dining, drinking, and recreational options. With an array of diverse restaurant concepts, coffee shops, ice cream parlors, and bars featuring beer, wine, and

spirits, guests will have endless options to indulge. The venue also boasts seven outdoor with the addition of four indoor beach volleyball courts, catering to both casual and competitive players, juniors and adults.

Westfield Collective is committed to providing an unforgettable experience every day of the week, with regular hours from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and special extended summer and weekend hours from 8 a.m. to noon. Whether you're looking for an exciting day of beach volleyball, a leisurely meal with friends, or a refreshing drink by the courts, Westfield Collective is your new go-to destination.

Westfield Collective will continue to build on iBeach31's strong foundation, offering the perfect mix of sports, socializing, and entertainment in the heart of the city.

Visit [ibeach31.com](http://ibeach31.com) for information about their leagues, tournaments, and more.

## Economist Stephen Moore will headline Lincoln Day Dinner

**The REPORTER**

Economist Stephen Moore, who currently serves as senior economic advisor to President Donald Trump, will be the featured speaker for this year's Hamilton County Lincoln Day Dinner.

This year's dinner will be held from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at the Em-

bassy Suites and Conference Center, 13700 Conference Center Drive South, Noblesville.

Moore's distinguished career includes:

- Co-founding and serving as president of the



Moore

Growth

- Writing for the *Wall Street Journal* editorial board

- Providing economic analysis for Fox News and other networks

- Shaping economic policy as a Se-

nior Fellow at The Heritage Foundation

- Advising President Trump on economic matters

[Click here](#) to register for the dinner.

For questions or sponsorship opportunities, please call (317) 849-9600, or email [hcrp@hamilton-countygop.org](mailto:hcrp@hamilton-countygop.org).

## OneZone announces first Leadership Institute event with Ball State Fishers

**Submitted**

OneZone has announced the OneZone Leadership Institute in partnership with Ball State Fishers. This event is the first in the series, focused on giving leaders the tools to facilitate company and personal growth for themselves and those around them.

The event will provide a fast-paced, practical overview of customer experience fundamentals and actionable strategies to enhance customer interactions at every level of an organization. Attendees will gain valuable insights

from world-class leadership experts and local business leaders, equipping them with the tools to create an exceptional customer experience that fuels growth and loyalty.

"OneZone is thrilled to launch our OneZone Leadership Institute in partnership with Ball State Fishers!" OneZone President & CEO Jack Russell said. "Investing in leadership development is essential for fostering personal and professional growth. This event will equip leaders with practical strategies to create exceptional customer expe-



**ONEZONE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

periences, driving loyalty and organizational success. Attendees will gain insights from world-class experts and local business leaders, empowering them to make a lasting impact."

The April OneZone Leadership Institute will



Russell

be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 16 at Ball State Fishers, located in Northeast Commerce Park at 12175 Visionary Way.

This is a members-only event. Register at [OneZoneChamber.com](http://OneZoneChamber.com).

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TRAVEL Westfield

Graphic provided by City of Westfield

The 151st Street and Towne Road roundabout in Westfield will be under construction no later than Monday, April 7, and the project will approximately 80 days. This will involve a full closure of the intersection. Neighborhoods in this area will still have full access. All dates are estimates. Weather, utilities, and unforeseen circumstances may impact the schedule.

## Governor signs executive orders to modernize BMV, streamline permitting in transportation

**The REPORTER**

Governor Mike Braun signed two executive orders on Tuesday to improve customer service for Hoosiers: one modernizing technology at the BMV to better serve Hoosiers, and another to streamline the

permitting process in Indiana's transportation network.

**Executive Order 25-41 Maintaining Best-in-Class Customer Service and Ensuring Prudent Use of Taxpayer Funds by Establishing a 5-Year Strategy for Digital and Technological Advancement of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

The BMV's System Tracking and Record Support (STARS) software system was first implemented in 2004 for a total implementation cost of around \$50 million. STARS is now 20 years old and nearing the end of

its expected lifespan, costing around \$10 million to operate and maintain annually.

Digital technology has come a long way since 2004. It's time for the BMV to take advantage of these advances to better serve Hoosiers.

This executive order authorizes the Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a comprehensive strategy for digital and technological enhancement and advancement of the BMV, specifically to modernize the BMV's digital and technological systems such as STARS.

"Customer service was always my top priority when I was building my business, and it's my top priority for Hoosiers as well," Gov. Braun said. "Governor Mitch Daniels revolutionized the BMV 20 years ago, and the time has now come to build on that progress with a new modernization effort. The BMV is the one place where nearly everyone interacts with their state government, and these modernization solutions will allow the BMV to deliver the best-in-class customer service Hoosiers deserve."

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## Brooke's Place receives BESTOW grant for new Indy south side location

**The REPORTER**

Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People has received a \$40,000 grant from BESTOW Corp., a charitable organization of men dedicated to supporting innovative nonprofit initiatives that create lasting change in central Indiana.

The grant will fuel Brooke's Place's critical expansion of ongoing grief support services to the southside of Indianapolis, with the new location projected to open in 2026.

"This grant represents more than funding – it's the opportunity for young people and their caregivers to grieve in a supportive, understanding, and nurturing environment," Brooke's Place Executive Director Theresa Brun and. "We are excited to extend our reach and ensure that no child in Central Indiana has to navigate grief alone."

The need is urgent. Approximately one in 10 Indi-

Brun

**About Brooke's Place**  
Established in 1999, Brooke's Place provides ongoing grief support groups, therapy services, and community education to empower children,

teens, young adults, and their families to thrive in the midst of grief. Since the inception of grief support groups at Brooke's Place, more than 34,000 children and their families have been supported. To learn more, please visit [brookesplace.org](http://brookesplace.org).

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book & lyrics by Joel Paley, music by Marvin Laird

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# Hamilton East Public Library to hold 9<sup>th</sup> annual Local Author Fair

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) will soon hold its 2025 Local Author Fair, a free, open house-style event for all ages. The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers.

Nearly 70 local authors and literary organizations from Fishers, Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield, Cicero, Indianapolis, Greenwood, Anderson, Crawfordsville, and beyond will have exhibit space for the public to meet them, along with opportunities to purchase their books. Authors will be available for book signings. Those who attend will have chances to win book bundles and other prizes.

Returning to the fair for a second year are story times and short readings featuring participating authors throughout the afternoon, in a room adjacent to the exhibit space.

“Hamilton East Public Library is excited for the return of this annual event showcasing the talent of local authors,” HEPL Adult Program Coordinator Danielle Acton said. “Our service area within Hamilton County, and Indiana at large, has many gifted writers, some of whom have self-published and others who have launched their works



through traditional publishing houses. The Local Author Fair provides a unique opportunity to engage directly with nearly 70 authors and literary organizations as you support local storytelling. During the event, you can purchase books for yourself or as gifts, network with other authors, ask them about their writing inspiration or process, and learn more about their journey to publishing.”

Four free writing workshops to hone your writing skills will take place at the Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive, from 9:30 to

11 a.m. the morning of the HEPL Local Author Fair. While free, registration is required for each workshop as space is limited. Workshops include:

- **Writing Great Dialogue** with Michelle McGill-Vargas
- **Get Published, Not Scammed** with Myra Levine
- **Reasons to Write** with Dr. Leah “Riwo” Leach
- **Creative Writing and Illustrating for Kids** with Professor Watermelon and Mister Smart

Click the links above to sign up for these free writing workshops. Don’t miss this one-of-a-kind opportunity to connect with the literary community. Visit [hamiltoneastpl.org](http://hamiltoneastpl.org) for more information.

# Earned Income Tax Credit celebrates 50 years of helping working families

**Submitted**

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has played a crucial role in helping millions of low-to-moderate income workers out of poverty. Saturday, March 29 marked the **50th anniversary** of this important credit.

A component of the Tax Reduction Act, EITC was signed into law by President Gerald Ford on March 29, 1975. What began as a modest means to provide financial help to working families has evolved through a series of legislative changes into one of the federal government’s largest anti-poverty programs.

Over the past 50 years, the EITC has had a significant impact in the lives of eligible taxpayers claiming

the credit. As of December 2024, approximately 23 million workers and families received about **\$64 billion** from EITC.

In 1975, the maximum credit amount for EITC was \$400. For tax year 2024, the EITC can be up to \$7,830. Today, the EITC continues to provide financial assistance to low-to-moderate income working families and individuals, with or without children, by helping them cover essentials, save for the future, and build financial stability.

Taxpayers can use the **EITC Assistant** to determine their eligibility. Those who are eligible can learn [how to claim the credit on IRS.gov](http://howtoclaimthecreditonirs.gov).

# Dig into MINECRAFT with Emagine Noblesville

**The REPORTER**

This April Emagine Theatre in Noblesville will play host to an in-theatre activation and invites some special friends to join in on the fun.

**MINECRAFT Photo Backdrops**

From Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 6, guests are encouraged to come dressed in their Minecraft apparel and take photos in front of the *MINECRAFT* photo back-

drop. Build some amazing memories and snap a photo to with your friends before heading in to see the movie. Activity sheets will also be available at these following locations.

**About the film**

Welcome to the world of Minecraft, where creativity doesn’t just help you craft, it’s essential to one’s survival. Four misfits – Garrett “The Garbage Man” Garrison (Momoa), Henry (Hansen), Natalie (Myers),

and Dawn (Brooks) – find themselves struggling with ordinary problems when they are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they’ll have to master this world (and protect it from evil things like Piglins and Zombies, too) while embarking on a magical quest with an unexpected, expert crafter, Steve (Black). To-

gether, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative ... the very skills they need to thrive back in the real world. Rated PG.

Tickets for all movies are available at [Emagine-Entertainment.com](http://Emagine-Entertainment.com) or through the Emagine App.

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

# ORDERS

**Executive Order 25-42 Maintaining Best-in-Class Customer Service and Ensuring Prudent Use of Taxpayer Funds by Reforming Permitting Along Indiana’s Transportation Network**

While INDOT has earned national acclaim for maintaining one of the most efficient and resilient infrastructure networks in

the country, currently the right-of-way and permitting operations system lacks consistent standards and efficiency across various offices, which can result in delays, confusion, and frustration for applicants.

This executive order authorizes the Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure to oversee a comprehensive review of

INDOT’s permitting processes, establish uniform statewide standards, modernize the Electronic Permit System, and make all regulatory requirements necessary to obtain a permit clearly visible on the INDOT website.

“The Crossroads of America has to be the gold standard for transportation permitting, and that means

clarity, predictability, and best-in-class customer service,” Gov. Braun said. “This new permitting modernization effort led by the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure will streamline the process with uniform statewide standards, an improved Electronic Permit System, and clear regulatory requirements available to all applicants.”

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# Duke Energy making Westfield substation upgrades

**The REPORTER**

In April, Duke Energy will begin making system upgrades along power line circuits near the Westfield substation at the intersection of East 169th Street and Oak Ridge Road.

This work will help strengthen the local electric grid, making it more resistant to severe weather and more resilient to help restore power outages faster. This project is not associated with the transmission



line route that has been discussed previously.

Residents near the project have been notified by mail.

Those traveling through the area may notice flagging and line trucks while this work is underway. If residents have questions, they can call (800) 927-4649 or email [indianainfra-structureengagement@duke-energy.com](mailto:indianainfra-structureengagement@duke-energy.com).

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# Westfield seeks artists to redesign decommissioned IndyGo bus exterior

## The REPORTER

The City of Westfield is seeking artists to digitally design original artwork for the exterior of a refurbished, decommissioned IndyGo bus that will serve as a pop-up retail space. The “Rolling Canvas” bus is a partnership between the city’s Economic Development team and PATTERN, Inc.

The “Rolling Canvas” bus will be placed on the south side of Jersey Street in Grand Junction Plaza. The city is seeking eye-popping digital artwork designed with the city’s essence, heritage, and character in mind.

Applicant artists are welcome to use Westfield’s history, signature events, and physical environment as inspiration, if they choose.

### Deadline for submission

Wednesday, April 16 at 11:59 p.m.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to submit proposals for this project opportunity, applicant artists must:

- Be able to meet all of the Project requirements (see below);
- Be age 18 or over;
- Be willing to meet all contractual obligations and adhere to a strict budget and timeline;
- Be willing to allow PATTERN Inc. and/or the city to use the final design for other purposes and/or at other locations; and
- Provide the signed affidavit for acknowledgement of originality and intellectual property.

**This project will require:**

- Providing a digital concept design with proposal submission;
- Coordinating with the city to develop an approved design; and
- Coordinating with the city for installation dates.

**Project budget**

This project will carry a commission fee of \$1,000 to be paid to the artist or team selected to complete the project pursuant to this

RFP. This fee encompasses and includes all the selected artist’s (or team’s) compensation and anticipated expenses, including (but not limited to) design fees, licensing fees, and production of a digital art piece for submission in response to this RFP.

Additional commission compensation in relation to this project will not be provided.

Payment will be made in two installments: half will be paid to the selected artist at the beginning of the project (\$500), with the remaining half to be paid upon completion of the project (\$500). Completion of the project is considered when the Rolling Canvas bus is in the final location. Please note that, due to the city’s statutory claims process, these payments may take up to 30 days to arrive.

### Resources

The Rolling Canvas bus dimensions: 40 feet long by 9 feet wide by 10 feet high with the intention of being a full wrap of the exterior.

The city will provide digital photos of the current bus, upon request.

**Selection process**

Artists must submit their proposals (see below: “How to apply”) to Claire Gelinas ([cgelinas@westfield.in.gov](mailto:cgelinas@westfield.in.gov)) at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16. Representatives from the city and PATTERN, Inc. will review submitted proposal and select a final artist to design the “Rolling Canvas” bus.

Teams of artists are welcome to submit proposals as a team. The selected artist will be provided a contract for services that must be executed and returned before work on the project may begin. Each contract will contain provisions required by Indiana law, including but not limited to Ind. Code § 22-5-1.7-11 and Ind. Code § 22-9-1-10.

**Note:** While this is the intended selection process,

in the event of an insufficient number of qualified applicants, the city reserves the right to invite an artist to propose to perform the project, or to directly select an artist, and reserves the right to cancel this RFP and the associated opportunity entirely at any point and for any reason.

**Selection criteria**

Finalists will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- **Technical Ability:** Artist’s submission indicates professionalism, skill with materials and techniques, and indicates the capacity to meet the requirements of this project; and
- **Artistic Quality:** Artist’s past work is appropriate to its context, innovative, creative and stylistically distinctive.

**Project timeline**

This timeline represents the project as of the date of issuance of this RFP. Changes may be necessary as the Project progresses.

- **Deadline for proposal submissions:** April 16
- **Selection Committee Review:** April 17 and 18
- **Selection of finalist artist(s) and provision of contract(s) for signatures:** No later than April 21

- **Fabrication & Installation:** April 23 to May 6

**How to apply**

Artists must submit the following information to Economic Development Strategist Claire Gelinas at [cgelinas@westfield.in.gov](mailto:cgelinas@westfield.in.gov). (Please note: submission materials will not be returned to applicants.)

- **Resume:** Please include a copy of your artistic resume.
- **Cover letter:** Please include a statement about your interest in this Project, as well as any personal or professional connection you have to Westfield and how that connection influences your interest in this Project. Please also include a statement about how your previous work experience qualifies you for this opportunity.
- **Concept design:** Please include a digital concept design of your proposed artwork for the “Rolling Canvas” bus. Applicants will be required to incorporate the City of Westfield’s Economic Development logo and PATTERN, Inc. logo in the final design.
- **Examples of previous artwork:** Submit two to five digital images in .JPG or .PDF format of past work. Please limit the file

size of each image to 5MB or less. If possible, include images of at least one previous project that is appropriate to the conditions of this Project.

- **Image information sheet:** Submit a sheet with the following information about each submitted project: title, date completed, client/neighborhood/site name, total artwork budget, and a brief (one to two sentences) description of the project or piece it relates to this Project. Include a directory of which image titles you have submitted are associated with each project (ex: for an artist named Smith: PROJECT x: Images Smith 1, Smith 2, Smith 3; PROJECT Y: Smith 4, Smith 5). Submit this sheet in .DOX, .DOCX or .PDF format.
- **Artist affidavit of originality & IP:** Submit a completed and signed acknowledgement of this statement (Exhibit 1 of this RFP). Applicants that do not include the Artist Affidavit of Originality and Intellectual Property Ownership will not be deemed an incomplete submission and will not be considered. Submit this sheet in .DOC, .DOCX, or .PDF format.

**Delivery of submissions**

Submissions may be emailed to [cgelinas@westfield.in.gov](mailto:cgelinas@westfield.in.gov), shared via Dropbox, or hand-delivered to Claire Gelinas at the City of Westfield located at the below address.

Mailed or delivered submissions must be loaded on a single USB drive. CDs, DVDs, or printed items will not be accepted. USB drives must arrive at City of Westfield City Services building (address below) no later than 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, April 16. A Dropbox share request must be time-stamped by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 – all items must be included in the shared folder by that time. Any item that is time-stamped as being uploaded after 11:59 p.m. will be disqualified from consideration.

The delivery address is:  
*ATTN: Claire Gelinas  
City of Westfield  
2728 E. 171st Street  
Westfield, IN 46074*

**Questions**

If you have questions, contact Claire Gelinas, Economic Development Strategist, at [cgelinas@westfield.in.gov](mailto:cgelinas@westfield.in.gov) or call (317) 914-7789.

## Don’t miss these great events at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

### The REPORTER

Tickets are available now for these upcoming events at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or call (317) 843-3800.

**World Voice Day**  
*Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.*  
**Payne & Mencias Palladium**  
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**Yes, there is such a thing as the Ukulele Orchestra (of Great Britain), and yes, you can see them on April 12 in Carmel.**

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**Bachelors of Broadway: Gentlemen of the Theatre**  
*Sunday, April 13 at 7 p.m.*  
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*Hoosier Village and The Barrington of Carmel are the sponsors for this Songbook Series event.*

Meeting Notices	
The Carmel Fire Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. An open meeting will follow at 1:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Conference Room of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.	The Westfield Building Corporation will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.
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Barbara Ann Gadberry

March 14, 1931 – March 30, 2025

Barbara Ann Gadberry, 94, Carmel, passed away on March 30, 2025. She was born March 14, 1931, to the late Charles and Pauline Scott in Sullivan, Ind.

Barbara was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert; daughter, Deborah; sister, Jan; and brother, Danny.

Survivors include her daughter, Susan (Lowell); granddaughters, Karen (Moises Corona) and Kristen; three great-grandchildren; two step-granddaughters, Jennifer (Chico) and Kelly (Quincy); and four step-great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2025, at Church at the Crossing, 9111 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis, where the Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m.

Please visit [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com) to read Barbara's complete obituary.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Gail McKinley

December 5, 1939 – March 27, 2025

Gail McKinley, 85, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at her home. She was born on December 5, 1939, to Edward and June (Smithback) Szekely in Beloit, Wis.

Gail grew up in South Bend, Ind. She attended Indiana Academy and met her husband Kurt McKinley there. They were married for 66 years. Gail was a homemaker, and a 63-year member of the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was a volunteer for many organizations over the years and served on several boards. She served in many departments and capacities at her church and especially enjoyed her most recent role there as floral coordinator. Gail enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and enjoyed gardening and sports, especially tennis, bowling, and golf.

She is survived by her husband, Kurt McKinley; daughters, Renee Copeland, Tamara (Bruce) Smith, and Michelle (Mark) Fogg; grandchildren, Brandon (Stacy), Patrick, Thomas, Zachary, Jacob, Seth (April), Luke (Andrea), and Joel; great-grandchildren, Cate and Ben; and sisters, Eve Parkhurst, Merri Mulkey, and Cheryl (Edward) Fuller.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A private family burial will take place at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at Glendale Seventy-day Adventist Church, 2900 E. 62nd St., Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 ([alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana)).

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

Linda Marie Hart

February 26, 1947 – March 31, 2025

Linda Marie Hart, 78, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2025, at her home. She was born on February 26, 1947, to Charles and Norma (Smith) Mosley in Barberton, Ohio.

Linda was an assistant manager at CVS. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, and grooming dogs. Linda loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie (Jerald) Waterman; son, Randy Hart; grandchildren, Jeremy (Anna) Waterman, Jake (Jing) Waterman, Josh (Chelsea) Waterman, Jerica (Matt) Davis, Josiah Waterman, Jenna Waterman, and Jayni Waterman; great-grandchildren, Oscar, Beckett, Vera, Thiago, Melody, Charlotte, and Jett; brother, Mike (Maxine) Mosley; and sister, Judy (Al) Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville.

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Anita C. Selzer

March 30, 1932 – March 31, 2025

Anita C. Selzer, 93, Indianapolis, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2025, at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on March 30, 1932, to Carl and Violet (Heuser) Pangerl in Muskegon, Mich.

Anita was a homemaker and a member of Colonial Hills Baptist Church. She loved going to church, painting anything, and making doll houses. Anita liked doing yard work and shoveling snow in the winter. She enjoyed hiking the Michigan sand dunes.

She is survived by her children, Arlana (Lee) Clark, Alard (Robin) Carney, Alane (Craig) Allbee, Roxane Shriver/Hal Harlan, and Floyd (Cheryl) Selzer; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Selzer; brother, Carl Pangerl; and sister, Felice Lohss.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Colonial Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, with Pastor Tom Coffman officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Burial will be at Union Chapel Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Colonial Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, IN 46240 or [coloniallindy.org](http://coloniallindy.org).

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**Fund Name:**  
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Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.  
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J. Lynn Mundell

February 7, 1972 – March 28, 2025

J. Lynn Mundell, 53, Elwood, and formerly of Tipton, passed from this life of endless health problems to seeing the face of her Savior in heaven on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Mercy Hospital in Elwood. She was born on February 7, 1972, in Tipton to Larry & Judy (Matherly) Mundell.

Lynn had most recently worked as a Spa Manager for her very special friend Shonn Piersol until her health forced her to retire. She had battled several rounds of cancer since she was 20 years old, always fighting back no matter what came her way, but you could not tell of her internal struggles as she always had a smile on her face and was pleasant to everyone. Lynn was a very loving person and very forgiving. She was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off her back if she thought you needed it!

Lynn was a graduate of Tipton High School in the Class of 1991. She loved animals and traveling and was able to go on a Caribbean cruise just last month. In her free time, she loved to crochet and was always into fashion.

Survivors include her parents Larry & Judy; one son, Connor Young and his girlfriend Brittney of Greenfield; two brothers, Allen Mundell and wife Kathy, and John Mundell, all of Tipton; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Lynn was surrounded by a large, loving family.

A funeral service celebrating Lynn’s life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home with Steve Brown presiding. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Mundell family at this time. Online condolences for Lynn’s family may be left on her obituary page at [young-nichols.com](http://young-nichols.com).

Memorial donations in Lynn’s honor may be made to the Tipton County Humane Society, P.O. Box 237, Tipton, IN 46072.

“She was loved by any who met her as her happiness was contagious. She was the kindest human. What’s her favorite food? It’s whatever you like. What’s her favorite music? It was whatever you liked. Her favorite show to watch? It’s what you want to watch. That’s the Lynn Mundell that we all lost on March 28, 2025.”

The Reporter’s policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to submit obituaries at [ReadTheReporter.com/obitform](http://ReadTheReporter.com/obitform).

Larry James Mullins Sr.

July 21, 1946 – March 29, 2025

Larry James Mullins Sr., 78, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at his home. He was born on July 21, 1946, to James and Carrie (Richardson) Mullins in Norton, Va.

For many years Larry was a foreman for a lawn care business, and in his healthy years, he enjoyed working in his yard and planting a big garden every year. When he became ill, Larry enjoyed listening to Moody Radio and watching western movies.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Patricia Mullins; children, Rebecca (Bradley) Stewart, Robert (Dora) Mullins, Amy Mullins, Larry Mullins, Jr., and Joshua Mullins; five grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; three sisters; and one brother.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother.

Services will be held at noon on Friday, April 4, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

Marjorie L. Seibert

September 28, 1923 – March 31, 2025

Marjorie L. Seibert, 101, Fishers, passed away on Monday, March 31, 2025, at Hamilton Trace of Fishers. She was born on September 28, 1923, in Marion, Ind.

Marjorie was a graduate of Marion High School and worked as an administrative assistant at Purdue University. She was a member of Cicero Christian Church where she enjoyed Bible study. Marjorie loved growing flowers and strawberries, and loved watching birds. She loved animals, especially her cat, Annabelle.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Marsha Bradley; granddaughters, Amy (Steve) Pollak and Alisa (Mat) Hawthorth; great-grandchildren, Konnar, Donovan, Drew, Hunter, Carter, and Elsie; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Vey; mother, Alene Vey (Perry) Westenbarger; husband, William L. Seibert; and her sister, Virginia Smalley.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Carmel Cemetery in Carmel.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([hamiltonhumane.com](http://hamiltonhumane.com)).

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE BURNT OFFERING

The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting. He said, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When anyone among you brings an offering to the LORD, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock. “If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect. You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to the LORD.

Leviticus 1:1-3 (NIV)

Marie Ann Illges

February 17, 1942 – March 29, 2025

Marie Ann Illges, 83, rural Atlanta, passed away at 2:41 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2025, at IU Health Tipton Hospital, a place where she dedicated a large part of her life to serving others. She was born on February 17, 1942, in Noblesville to Lester D. & Berniece (Spurgeon) Illges.

Marie was a graduate of Tipton High School in the Class of 1960. She then graduated from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1963 as a Registered Nurse. Her class was the last one to graduate from the Methodist School before it closed its doors. Marie spent her nursing career at what was then known as Tipton County Memorial Hospital, finishing her distinguished career as the Shift Nursing Supervisor.

She was a member of the Arcadia Christian Church where she was the leader of the Women’s Fellowship Group. Marie was also grateful for all of the support from friends at East Union Christian Church. In her free time, and after retiring, she enjoyed quilting, knitting, and crocheting, and she loved to work outside in the yard. She loved watching both IU and Purdue sporting events. Marie loved to travel and spend time with her dog Heidi.

Marie is survived by her sister, Mary Illges, and a large circle of family and friends who have helped them both throughout the years.

The funeral for Marie will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 2 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home with Pastors JR Moffatt and Mark Knapp presiding. The Nursing Honor Guard Serving North Central Indiana will have a memorial service honoring Marie at the beginning of the funeral. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Hamilton County. Visitation was held Tuesday at the funeral home.

Online condolences for Marie’s family may be made on her obituary page at [young-nichols.com](http://young-nichols.com).

Donations in memory of Marie should be directed to Arcadia Christian Church, P.O. Box 544, Arcadia, IN, 46030; or the East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th St., Atlanta, IN, 46031.



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## Girls Lacrosse

# Mock's 200<sup>th</sup> goal sends Hounds past GC

By RICHIE HALL  
sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – The 200th goal of Sophie Mock's stellar lacrosse career will always mean something to the Carmel girls lacrosse team.

Mock put in her historic goal with 8:20 left in the fourth quarter of the Greyhounds' game with Guerin Catholic Tuesday at Brian Murray Stadium. That goal also broke a tie between Carmel and the Golden Eagles, pushing the 'Hounds ahead 7-6.

That would be the final score of a highly-anticipated and intense game between the two teams that have played for the Indiana Girls Lacrosse Association Class 2A state championship the past three years. Carmel won in 2024, with Guerin Catholic winning the previous two.

"As a team today, we just really wanted to win," said Mock. "And while individual accomplishments can be great, ultimately, the goal was to win as a team. So, to have that being the winning goal is just amazing."

"That was exciting for her," said Carmel coach Josh Miller. "That's a heck of a feat. That's a lot of goals in four years. She's got a lot more in her, that's for sure. She's a heck of a player."

Mock's goal gave the Greyhounds the lead for the first time in the game. The Golden Eagles scored first, with Jane Cline putting in a goal early in the opening quarter. Mock tied the game later in that period, but Gabby Deer scored with 37 seconds left in the quarter, and Guerin Catholic led 2-1.

The second period was the most active one, with the teams combining for five goals. Elle Tomalia tied the game a minute and a half into the period, then Cline struck again: her second goal of the game put GC ahead 3-2 with 8:57 left.



(ABOVE) Carmel's Sophie Mock scored her 200th goal of the season Tuesday, and it was also the game-winning goal for the Greyhounds as they beat Guerin Catholic 7-6. (RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Claire Flannagan scored two goals for the Golden Eagles.

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Neither team scored again until the last minute of the half. Jackie Mabry tied the game with 47 seconds to go, then Deer made a free shot at the 15-second mark, pushing Guerin ahead 4-3. But Mock scored a goal at the last second, and that made it 4-4 at halftime.

Clarie Flannagan took over for the Golden Eagles in the third quarter. She scored at the 7:11 mark to move Guerin Catholic ahead 5-4. Breckin Hare tied the game with a goal less than a minute later, but Flannagan scored again late, and the Golden Eagles went

into the fourth quarter with a 6-5 lead.

But Tomalia put in a goal with 9:45 left, then Mock scored her game-winner. That gave Mock three goals for the game, while Tomalia finished with two. Cline and Flannagan both scored twice for Guerin Catholic.

Miller was pleased that his team bounced back from an early loss to Hinsdale (Ill.) Central. The win against the Golden Eagles is Carmel's second in a row; they won an 18-11 game at Detroit Country Day School last Saturday.

"Those losses, you never want them," said Miller. But

the coach also said "this early in the season, it wasn't the worst thing and I think we bounced back pretty well."

Carmel is 5-1 for the season and is taking several days off for Spring Break. The Greyhounds' next games are April 12 when they travel to the Columbus, Ohio area to play two games at Thomas Worthington. Carmel takes on Worthington first, then Strongsville later that day.

The Golden Eagles dropped their first game of the season and are now 10-1. They also will be off for Spring Break and are back in action April 16 at Bishop Chatard.



## Boys Basketball

# Three county players on Boys Futures Game roster

### The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County players – two from Fishers and one from Guerin Catholic – are among the 24 that have been named to the rosters for the 2025 *IndyStar* boys' All-Star Futures Game, games director Mike Broughton announced Tuesday.

The Futures Games, one each for boys and girls, are a third-year part of the Indiana All-Star basketball program. The Futures Games will pair teams of current Indiana freshmen and sophomores in a North-South format. The third annual Futures Games doubleheader will be Monday, June 2 at Fishers High School. The girls' game is set for 6 p.m., and the boys' game will follow about 8 p.m.

Fishers sophomores Jason Gardner Jr. and Cooper Zachary are teammates on the South Team for the 2025 boys' Futures Game. They will be joined by another sophomore, Guerin Catholic's Jake Grissom.

Other players on the South roster include Plainfield sophomore Harper Baker-Lands, Cardinal Ritter sophomore Devin Bolden, Warren Central sophomore J.J. Craig,

Bloomington North sophomore Derrick Cross Jr., Silver Creek sophomore Brandon Hunter, Liberty Christian sophomore Kendrick Martin and Evansville Reitz sophomore Jaylan Mitchell.

Completing the South roster are Cloverdale freshman Ishmael Kiteka and New Albany freshman Noah Washington.

Sophomores Isaiah Hill and Jahari Miller of Pike are among the 12 players selected to the North Team for the 2025 boys' Futures Game.

They will be joined by McCutcheon sophomore Brody Baker, Bremen sophomore Chase Devine, Fort Wayne Snider sophomore Trell Hogue, South Bend Saint Joseph sophomore Elijah King, LaPorte sophomore Griffin Ott-Large, Oak Hill sophomore Jace Tona-gel and Homestead sophomore Mack Welker.

Completing the North lineup are Penn freshman Caleb Coolman, Merrillville freshman Charles Hardiman and Blackford freshman Amarian Leggett.

Mitchell, Gardner, Zachary, King and Craig all played in the 2024 boys' Futures Game. Mitchell totaled 22 points, six re-

bounds, four assists and was chosen MVP in the 2024 boys' game in leading the South to a 116-113 victory. Gardner scored 16 points, while Zachary tallied 11 points and three assists and King had seven points plus four rebounds for the North. Gardner and Zachary are on the South roster in 2025.

Matt Roth of Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian is head coach of the North Team. He will be assisted by Chad Peckinpugh of Clinton Prairie. Seve Beach of South Ripley is head coach of the South Team. He will be assisted by Perry Nash of Columbus East.

Roth -- a former Indiana University player -- is 73-14 three seasons as the head coach at Blackhawk Christian, the 2023 Class 2A state champion. Peckinpugh is 110-34 in six seasons as coach at Clinton Prairie, the 2025 Class A state runner-up.

Beach is 47-25 in three

seasons at South Ripley, which won a 2025 Class 2A sectional. He has an overall record of 90-97 in eight seasons, including five seasons at Centerville. Nash is 22-27 in two seasons at Columbus East, including 15-10 this past season. He has an 86-106 overall mark in eight seasons, including two seasons at Jac-Cen-Del with a 2015 sectional title) and four seasons at Triton Central.

The rosters for the 2025 girls' All-Star Futures Game were announced on March 13.

Players and coaches for the All-Star Futures Games are selected by a Futures Games committee co-chaired by Broughton and Bill Zych, a retired coach who amassed a 478-375 record over 37 seasons while a head coach at Winamac, Rensselaer Central, Jay County, Center Grove, Shelbyville, Perry Meridian, Pike and Southport.

The North and South

each has won once in girls' Futures Game history, while the South boys lead 2-0 in their series with the North.

Braylon Mullins of Greenfield Central totaled 16 points and Azavier Robinson of Lawrence North netted 14 points as the South won 100-96 in the 2023 boys' game. Flory Bidunga of Kokomo had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the North that year. As mentioned earlier, the South boys won 116-113 last year.

The North prevailed 73-63 in the inaugural girls' game in 2023 as Maya Makalusky of Hamilton Southeastern scored 15 points for the winners. Jaylah Lampley of Lawrence Central netted 12 points for the South that year. In last year's girls' game, Lola Lampley of Lawrence Central scored 17 points and Maddy Shirley of Evansville Central added 14 points as the South won 95-86. Myah Epps of Home-

stead countered with 17 points and Laniah Davis of Marquette Catholic had 13 points for the North.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana boys' All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The All-Star series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls' portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996. The Futures Games doubleheader was added in 2023.

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 Academy is a presenting partner for All-Star week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner for the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.

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# Jackson drops 34 points as Mad Ants take down Swarm

## Advance to face the Osceola Magic on April 3

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants hosted the Greensboro Swarm Tuesday afternoon in the first round of the NBA G League Playoffs. The Mad Ants entered Tuesday seeking their first playoff win since the 2016/17 season. Indiana secured a 120-110 victory after leading for the majority of their contest with the Swarm. Quenton Jackson led the way with 34 points while RayJ Dennis and Johnny Furphy each had 25 points.

Indiana had some reinforcements with RayJ Dennis, Enrique Freeman, Johnny Furphy and Quenton Jackson all active Tuesday. Dennis scored the first points of the afternoon for the Mad Ants. He drew a foul and knocked down a free throw worth two points. Two possessions later, Jackson scored with a running layup.

After jumping out a 15-10 lead, the Mad Ants fell behind 16-15 with five minutes remaining. Cameron McGriff regained the lead for Indiana with a close-range jumper. 10 seconds later, Furphy forced a turnover and finished on the other hand with a high-flying dunk.

In the final minutes of the quarter, McGriff added to his point with a fadeaway 15-footer. On the next possession, Freeman rocked the rim with a two-handed slam. Down to a minute left on the clock, McGriff got a steal and finished with a contested layup. Dennis added to Indiana's lead with a late three. The Mad Ants led 32-23 after the first quarter. Jackson led the team with nine points.

Jackson scored the first points of the second quarter. The two-way guard drained a three-pointer on the first possession of the quarter. Jackson made five of his first six field goal attempts.

Halfway through the quarter, the Mad Ants had a 45-33 advantage. Okafor added to the lead with a free throw worth two points. The veteran center was fouled under the basket which put the Swarm in the penalty.

The Mad Ants led by as much as 15 during parts of



Quenton Jackson makes a dunk to score two of his 34 points during the Indiana Mad Ants' 120-110 win over the Greensboro Swarm Tuesday in the first round of the NBA G League playoffs.

the second quarter. Indiana had a 58-46 lead heading into halftime. Jackson led all scorers with 20 first-half points. Indiana held Greensboro to 2-13 shooting form downtown. The Swarm also shot 39.5 percent from the field (17-43).

Jackson picked up where he left off and scored the first points of the second half. With the shot clock winding down, he finished at the rim with a contested layup. Two possessions later, Dennis added to the lead with a corner three.

The Mad Ants had a 79-59 lead with six minutes left in the third quarter. Indiana led by as much as 25 earlier in the quarter. Furphy added to the lead a minute later with a running layup through traffic.

Greensboro continued to fight back throughout the quarter. Late in the third, Dakota Mathias extended the lead with a catch-and-shoot three-pointer. On the next possession, Jackson contorted his body while making a contested layup. At the end of the quarter, Indiana had a 93-75 lead. Jackson led the team with 31 points heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Furphy scored the first points. Off a pass from Jackson, the Australian knocked down a corner three. Furphy scored

29 points in his previous G League game on March 24th. On Tuesday, he made seven of his first 10 field goals for 18 points thus far.

The Swarm battled throughout the early parts of the fourth quarter and brought the deficit down to 14 points. Furphy ended Greensboro's scoring run with a running layup at the 6:45 mark. Next time down the floor, Furphy scored from downtown for his second three-pointer of the afternoon. The Mad Ants had a 106-90 lead with six minutes to go in regulation.

Greensboro inched their way closer late in the quarter and made it a 10-point game with three minutes remaining. 30 seconds later, the Swarm scored on a play that resulted in two players getting banged up. Jackson and Marcus Garrett were slow to get up after colliding under the basket. Both players were able to walk it off and remain in the game.

Furphy extended the Mad Ants lead with a three-pointer. Jackson was credited with an assist on the play. Furphy's shot gave him 25 points on the day. On the next possession, Mathias added to the lead with a corner three. With 1:37 left in regulation, Indiana had a 115-103 lead.

Down to a minute to go, Dennis added to the lead

at the free throw line after making both shots. Greensboro called a timeout with Indiana ahead 118-107. The Swarm came up empty on their next possession following the timeout.

Indiana pulled away down the stretch and kept the Swarm at bay, clinching the victory to advance to the second round of the playoffs.

The win marks the first playoff win for the Mad Ants since April 10, 2017. This was the first playoff win at home for Indiana since April 16, 2015. Tuesday's win was the 13th playoff victory in franchise history.

Next stop for the Mad Ants is Florida where they take on the Osceola Magic. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. It will be broadcast on ESPNNews.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 2

BASEBALL

Franklin Central at Westfield, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Perry Meridian at Fishers, 6:45 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Center Grove, 8 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Harrison at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Mount Vernon, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Fishers at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Center Grove at Carmel, 7 p.m.  
Noblesville at Roncalli, 7 p.m.  
Harrison at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 3

BASEBALL

Warren Central at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Covenant Christian, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Clarksville Academy, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Western Boone at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Warren Central girls at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Franklin Central at Westfield, 7 p.m.  
Noblesville at Avon, 7 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 4

BASEBALL

Fishers vs. Chicago Mount Carmel, 12:30 p.m. at Clarksville, Tenn.  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Mount Juliet, 2 p.m. at Dickson County, Tenn.  
Fishers vs. Lyon Academy, 3 p.m. at Clarksville, Tenn.

Noblesville vs. Benet Academy, 3:45 p.m. at Clarksville, Tenn.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Dickson County, Tenn., 4 p.m.  
Noblesville at Clarksville, Tenn., 8:45 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Greenfield-Central at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

BASEBALL

Hamilton Southeastern vs. IC Catholic Prep, 9 a.m. at Dickson County, Tenn.  
Noblesville vs. Rossview, 9:30 a.m. at Clarksville, Tenn.  
Guerin Catholic at Anderson doubleheader, 10 a.m.

Fishers vs. Benet Academy, 10:30 a.m. at Clarksville, Tenn.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Clarksville (Tenn.) Northeast, 11:30 a.m.  
Fishers vs. Downers Grove North, 1 p.m. at Clarksville, Tenn.

GOLF

Guerin Catholic at Seymour Invitational, 9 a.m. at Shadowood Golf Course

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# Full stop.

## CARMEL

Cooper Burnett was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Castetter singled in Hunter Canning, then Oliver Kingery scored after Suh was hit by a pitch, again with the bases loaded.

Clark scored a run in the bottom of the second, poured in four runs in the third inning and added another run in the fourth inning to lead 6-4. University tied the game in the top of the sixth after Suh singled in Caleb Stocker, then Kingery scored on a pitcher's balk.

But Clark won the game in the seventh inning with a walk-off triple.

University continues play at the Legacy Project today.

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Hamilton Southeastern dropped a 3-2 game to Columbus North on Tuesday in the Royals' season-opener at their own Ken Seitz Field.

The Bull Dogs scored all three of their runs in the first inning. Southeastern scored both of its runs in the bottom of the sixth. Maddux Bach

got home on an error, then Deacon Lewis scored on Ty Earlewine's RBI groundout. The Royals were held to three hits, one each from Bach, Michael Hoog and Isaiah Hamilton. Dylan Cope pitched three innings, striking out five and allowing just three hits.

Southeastern heads to Tennessee this weekend, playing two games at Dickson County, Tenn. on Friday. The Royals play Mount Juliet at 2 p.m. and Dickson County at 4:30 p.m.

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**Upcoming Broadcasts**

**Spring Sports Broadcasts begin!**

**Hamilton County TV is traveling to Tenn. for Miller Baseball ("RadioStyle") broadcasts Thurs-Sat. (weather permitting)**

**Thurs April 3rd - Baseball**  
7:30 pm Clarksville Academy (TN) vs **Noblesville** | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

**Fri April 4 - Baseball**  
3:45 pm Benet Academy (IL) vs **Noblesville** | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports  
8:45 pm Clarksville High School vs **Noblesville** | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

**Sat. April 5 - Baseball**  
10:30 am Rossview (TN) vs **Noblesville** | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

**Thurs April 10 - Baseball and Girls Lacrosse**  
6:00 pm Avon vs **Noblesville** | Hoosier Crossroads Conference | Baseball | HCTV Sports  
7:20 pm Brebeuf vs Center Grove | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

**Sat April 12 - High School Baseball & College Lacrosse**  
11:30 am Greenfield Central vs **Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports  
3:00 pm Carrolll vs **Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

1:50 pm Purdue vs Indiana | 2025 Men's DI College Lacrosse | Indiana SRN



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