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Sheridan Education Foundation: I can see it supporting the future of education

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Founded in 2023, the Sheridan Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving student learning and achievement in Sheridan Community Schools (SCS).

The Foundation's mission is to support innovative programs and activities designed and implemented by educators, administrators, and staff, with the goal of enhancing the classroom experience and fostering greater student engagement.

Through generous donations and fundraising efforts, the Foundation works tirelessly to provide financial resources that enable teachers to create dynamic and engaging learning environments. Since 2023, the Foundation has awarded over \$25,000 in teacher grants. These funds have gone directly into classrooms, helping educators enhance their teaching methods and resources to better meet the



Fall 2024 grant winners at Sheridan Elementary School.

needs of their students. The mission of the Sheridan Education Foundation is clear: improve student learning and achievement by supporting SCS staff who create and deliver innovative and engaging programs and activities. These programs are designed to engage students in meaningful

See Sheridan . . . Page 2

I have these visions. Visions of myself in a strong body doing things that I cannot typically do. It feels like a retreat from my tired body to daydream about these things. Many times, it is mundane thoughts like thinking about doing household chores without such effort or standing up from a chair without immense struggle. Occasionally, I dream big and think of running a marathon or going on a spontaneous solo trip. Some of the visions are just snapshots and other times I find myself lost in those thoughts.

Don't worry, I don't always live in la-la land. One thing that I have been working on is not letting anger take over when I am not physically able to do something. When I'm tired, I tend to get really frustrated easily. I am learning to pause, take a breath and give myself some grace, pray for patience. I am learning that sometimes I just have to walk away and accept that I tried my best. I do not give up easily.

If someone is around, I am asking for help more. If I refocus and come back to something, often times I am able to achieve the physical task I set out to do. Maybe I've brainstormed a different way to do it or revisited it when I was not as depleted. My strength always starts out stronger in the morning hours and then quickly wanes as the day goes on. It is a big difference. Evenings are hard.

My mind thinks at a really fast pace and has many desires and ideas. Slowing my brain down to match the speed of my body is difficult because the gap is enormous. That is on my list of the topmost frustrating parts of living disabled.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Duke Energy Foundation grant helps Hamilton County Parks enhance biodiversity at Strawtown Koteewi Park

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) announces the receipt of a \$35,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation to support a turf conversion project at Strawtown Koteewi Park.

This generous grant will fund the transformation of 24.6 acres of mowed turf into vibrant prairie habitats, enhancing local biodiversity and providing essential resources for pollinators and wildlife.

The department has committed to reducing mowing at the park by 30 percent and transform those turf areas into natural habitat. The previously mowed turf will be replaced with prairie mix seeds, fostering biodiversity, improving wildlife habitats, enriching soil health, and reducing the environmental



impact of regular mowing. In addition to the prairie mix, wetland seeds, trees, and shrubs will be planted, further enhancing the park's ecological diversity. With the grant, over 50 species of native wildflowers will be introduced to these areas, benefiting honeybees, Monarch butterflies, Swallowtail butterflies, bumblebees, and a variety of birds, including American Goldfinches, Eastern Bluebirds, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, and Northern Cardinals. These species rely on native plants for nectar, pollen, seeds, and shelter, and the project aims to restore habitats in areas that were once maintained as turf.

Additionally, the deep roots of prairie plants and wetland vegetation will improve soil quality by capturing, filtering, and storing stormwater, reducing runoff and preventing water pollution. The trees and shrubs will also contribute to this effort, enhancing the park's ability to mitigate environmental impacts. This process not only enhances the park's natural environment but also helps protect local waterways.

"We're incredibly grateful to Duke Energy for supporting this important environmental initiative," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "This grant enables us to reduce our environmental impact, increase biodiversity, and add to the beauty of our park with more prairie and wetland areas for visitors to enjoy."

The Strawtown Koteewi Park Turf Conversion Project will create a more vibrant and sustainable park, reduce emissions, protect natural resources, and support local wildlife. By successfully completing this project, HCPR aims to set an example of how public spaces can contribute to a healthier, cleaner ecosystem. This project is dedicated to restoring vital habitats and enhancing the ecological health of the park.

Property tax bill to pass. Property tax relief? Unclear

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the property tax relief bill, was the main issue of Indiana Governor Mike Braun's campaign. Braun has previously stated on record that if a version of the bill came through the Senate and House that was not aligned with his original goals, he would veto the bill and call a special session to force the legislature to try again.

On Wednesday afternoon, Gov. Braun announced that if Amendment 36 is added to the existing bill, he will sign it.

Gov. Braun gave the following statement regarding SB 1 on property tax relief: "I am proud to announce that with Amendment 36 to Senate Bill 1, we have agreed upon a plan to bring historic property tax relief to Hoosiers. I am grateful for the leadership of Speaker Todd Huston and President Pro Tem Rod Bray and for the ways they have partnered with us to deliver this meaningful tax relief to Hoosiers. I encourage House members to support this amendment and urge the Senate to then take action quickly to get it to my desk for signature." – Governor Mike Braun

What the current bill supposedly means for homeowners is being reported on across the state, but this writer finds it unclear.

PUBLISHER



STU CLAMITT
Chasing Wisdom

Carmel invites you to Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel will present its 2024 Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony to commemorate those who were killed and the loved ones who suffered through the Holocaust.

The ceremony will begin at noon on Thursday, April 24 at The Tarkington Theater, 3 Carter Green, Carmel.

Rabbi Benjamin Sendrow of Congregation Shaarey Tefilla and Rabbi Justin Kerber of Congregation Beth Shalom along with speakers and musical performers.

This year's keynote pre-

senter is Graham Honaker, Associate Athletic Director for Development and NIL Strategy at Butler University. Honaker is the co-author of several books including *A Blessing, Not a Burden: My Parents' Remarkable Holocaust Story and My Fight to Keep Their Legacy Alive* that he co-authored with Dr. Alex Kor.

Musical performances will feature cantor Melissa Cohen; the Carmel United Methodist Church Bell Choir; University High School of Indiana Choir and Sadie Cohen, Carmel High School sophomore and Miss Cardinal's Teen 2025.



The City of Carmel Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony is part of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), an international holiday that commemorates the deaths of our six million brothers and sisters, both Jews and Gentiles.



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Because of these road-blocks, I feel angry and frustrated a lot. The kind of anger you feel deep inside your bones. The kind that feels like at any moment it may completely take over. That kind of anger is really hard to reign in. I am practicing letting it go because I don't want to feel that anger so often, and these moments present themselves countless times throughout my day.

I have also realized sometimes it helps to pause with the anger and feel it, then release it and move on. Sometimes, the more we fight our emotions the bigger they become.

No one teaches one how to say goodbye to physical abilities. It just happens when living with a muscle deteriorating disease. One day you just notice, huh, I could do that yesterday, but today, not so much. Those little things, I can tell you, are painful to let go. They add up, and suddenly they become bigger chunks of things that you can no longer achieve. The guilt I feel when I have to push another task onto my husband that I used to do is heavy. It is frequent grieving. It feels endless.

I am recognizing that I need to be more diligent about "exercising" my men-

tal strength. I think it is a good thing for all of us to do. After all, if you live long enough, your body will likely start to break down, too.

Spending time alone with my thoughts can be painful. It's really hard for me to fully go to that place. It's strange. When thinking about my declining body I often feel like I am thinking of someone else. It doesn't seem real in some ways. Then I realize it is, in fact, me.

It takes humble courage to let anger go when you feel it so deeply. It is such a familiar place for me that ironically almost feels comforting/safe.

Letting go means stepping outside of my comfort zone and refocusing. Doing that mental weightlifting helps. Just as I visualize things I wish I could do, I also visualize becoming better at things that are actually attainable for me.

Small diligent steps over time can lead to immense improvement.

Until next time ...

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ways that promote their academic success, both inside and outside the classroom.

SCS educators are encouraged to apply for grants to fund projects that will enhance their curriculum. The application process is simple and was developed by educators to ensure that funds are directed to projects with the greatest potential for impact. Grants of up to \$500 are awarded to eligible educators twice a year, in September and January.

The first round of grants, opened in January 2024, awarded more than \$5,000 to educators across the district. These funds have been used to support a wide range of initiatives, from purchasing new classroom materials to developing hands-on projects that inspire student creativity and curiosity.

One of the key ways the Sheridan Education Foundation raises funds is through the Sheridan Jeep Invasion. This exciting event brings together Jeep enthusiasts from across the region to celebrate the power of community and the love for the open road. This year's event

will take place on Aug. 2, and the community is ready to welcome attendees for an unforgettable day of Jeep fun and fundraising.

Details about the event will be announced soon, and you are encouraged to stay connected on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SheridanEducationFoundation) at [@SheridanEducation-Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/SheridanEducationFoundation) for the latest updates. The Jeep Invasion serves as a vital fundraiser, with all proceeds supporting the Foundation's mission to provide resources for teachers and improve the educational experience for students.

The Sheridan Education Foundation is fully funded by donations and fundraising efforts and relies on the generosity of individuals, families, and local businesses to achieve the mission. Every dollar raised goes directly toward supporting teachers and enhancing the learning experience for students. Your support will help the Foundation continue to provide grants for innovative educational programs that make a lasting impact on students' academic journeys.

RELIEF

The original text of SB 1 was a somewhat svelte 46 pages, containing less than 20,000 words.

The version available on the Indiana General Assembly website (iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/1/details) as of Wednesday afternoon was 354 pages and clocks in at over 150,000 words. The synopsis alone is nearly 1,400.

Not having a full weekend's worth of time available on Wednesday afternoon, I have not read the full text of SB 1 as it stands today.

By way of comparison, a modern novel is somewhere between 70,000 and 100,000 words.

While this newspaper hopes some of Braun's original intent was upheld in whatever process the

Senate and House thought necessitated in excess of an extra 130,000 words and more than 300 extra pages, that does not seem likely.

You are welcome to read the original text of SB 1 at [this link](#), the current version at [this link](#), and Amendment 36 at [this link](#) to decide for yourself what you think about SB 1 and our state legislature.

Alternately, you can wait until you get your tax bills in 2026 through 2031 – when the changes enacted by this legislation will take place – and then make your decision about the efficacy of state government.

Stu Clappitt is a Hoosier homeowner; The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper's publisher; and an often-disgruntled advocate for efficiency and transparency in government at all levels.

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Peonies in the Park, making Indiana Peony Festival possible

By **KELLY McVEY**
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Giving back to our community has always been one of our top priorities here at the Indiana Peony Festival. Alongside our one-day festival, we also create beautification projects year-round. These projects wouldn't be possible without your help and support. With our annual Peonies in the Park fundraiser, we're able to organize peony paintings throughout our community, continue growing our Peony Passport & Peony Trail network with local businesses, and activate monthly Flower Markets in the summer, fall, and winter. We're so grateful to be a part of such an inspiring and collaborative community.

Peonies in the Park will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 16. Attire is floral cocktail. [Click here to get your tickets.](#)

We're excited to be working with our very own **9th Street Bistro** again. We're bringing back some of Indy's most revered chefs and restaurants in the area, including:

- 9th Street Bistro
- J'Adore / Epicurean Indy
- Tinker Street
- Wisanggeni Pawon
- Borage
- Gather 22
- Macizo
- Corridor

Don't worry, we will have an assortment of festive drinks available, too!

- **Wine:** Daniel's Vineyard
- **Signature Cocktails:**

Moon Drops Distillery will be offering a variety of signature cocktails in our very own IPF collector's cup! Stay tuned for the reveal!

- **Beer:** Primeval Brewing's special batch of the beloved "Peony Days" Cream Ale. Also, Bier Brewery will be joining the party and offering their legendary 10th Street Lager and various other beers.

And that's just the beginning! We'll have live music, local plein air artists, a best-dressed competition, photo opportunities, peony merch, and we saved the best for last ... a good old-fashioned cakewalk. In honor of the festival turning five years old, we could not forget the cake! More details to come.

All of this is possible because of the partnership of those above, and **Church**

Hittle + Antrim, who supports the Indiana Peony Festival in our quest to make downtown Noblesville more vivid and active. The Indiana Peony Festival is proud to share CCH+A is the presenting sponsor for our 2025 Peonies in the Park fundraising event.

CCH+A is a full-service law firm with offices in downtown Noblesville, Westfield, Fishers, Carmel, Zionsville, and beyond. CCH+A is committed to families and lends a vibrant, visible, and active tradition of involvement in the communities their attorneys serve, live and work in.

So, join us Friday, May 16 as we kick-off festival weekend and celebrate milestones within a community. We hope to see you there.

Anderson Museum of Art seeks young heroes for Summer Art Camp

Submitted

Calling all young heroes of creativity ... the Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) has announced that Summer Art Camp 2025 registration is officially open.

This year's camp features a dynamic superhero theme, empowering students to unleash their creative superpowers through bold colors, imaginative projects, and artistic adventures.

With nine inspiring sessions running from June through July, AMOA's camps are designed for students entering grades 1 through 12 and led by professional teaching artists. Whether your child loves to paint, sculpt, design, or invent, there's a place to grow, create, and have fun in a supportive and imaginative space.

Camp fees

- \$80 for AMOA Members
- \$99 for Non-Members

Register now at andersonart.org/camp.

Help AMOA reach \$2,000 scholarship goal

Every child deserves the chance to be a creative superhero – but not every family can afford that opportunity. That's why AMOA is raising \$2,000 to provide scholarships and discounted camp spots for families in need.

Your donation can make a difference:

- \$20 covers art supplies
- \$99 sponsors a whole week of camp
- Every gift helps a young artist shine

You can help make sure every child has the chance to discover their inner artist and fly high this summer.

Several of Hamilton County's top student innovators to compete at Innovate WithIN

Submitted

The STARTedUP Foundation's Innovate WithIN competition, the nation's largest high school pitch competition, is set to showcase the best young entrepreneurs in west central Indiana, including several from Hamilton County and surrounding areas.

Across the state, 60 teams are competing in six regional pitch competitions, with 10 teams in each region. The winners of each regional event will move on to the State Finals in June at Butler University, where they will compete for \$25,000 in seed funding, scholarships, travel experiences, mentorship, and additional entrepreneurial resources.

The Region 2 competition will take place at Kurz Purdue Technology Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 14. Hosted in partnership with Purdue Innovates, this event provides young innovators a platform to present their ventures before a panel of esteemed judges, gaining valuable feedback and mentorship opportunities.

"Purdue Innovates is excited to host students from across the region pitching their ideas and pursuing their entrepreneurial ambitions," Purdue Innovates Incubator Associate Director Doug Applegate said. "The work the STARTedUP team does to encourage and develop young entrepreneurs and innovators is critical to the success of our state and at Purdue, we are proud to support young people striving for top-tier education and entrepreneurial activity at the same time."

Region 2 Student Teams

- **BioKnead** – Akshaya Lingala & Saesha Saha, Carmel High School
- **ColorCare** – Ashlynn Swanson, Carmel High School
- **Infect-Age** – EvelynRose Burch & Layla Kadourah, Noblesville High School
- **InfraPel** – Juan Koothur & Swayam Patankar, Carmel High School
- **NSPHERE** – Minseo Kim, Carmel High School
- **NextGen Research Institute** – Prabanjan Jayachandran & Tianle Liang, Zionsville Community High School
- **OpenLot** – Joshua Yi & Richard Geng, Carmel High School
- **PROject** – Anna Liao, Carmel High School
- **SoleSwitch** – Kasen Pepperman & Bradyn Livingston, Noblesville High School
- **SpheriLine** – Kelly Fulk & Maxwell Gootee, Carmel High School

This year's competition highlights the continued success of the STARTedUP Innovation Educator Fellowship, which has now expanded to include 100 educators. Over 30 fellows from 33 schools have teams participating in the regional pitch competitions, further demonstrating the program's significant impact in fostering entrepreneurial education.

"We are excited to once again partner with Purdue Innovates to host Region Two. Year after year, Purdue Innovates has demonstrated that students can take an idea from high school and feel supported by a community that believes in their po-

tential," said Don Wetrick, co-founder and CEO of the STARTedUP Foundation. "This has consistently been one of our most competitive regions, and we look forward to the incredible ideas and energy that will come out of this year's competition."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and the Indiana Small Business Development Center have been longtime supporters of Innovate WithIN. All regional finalists will meet with their local ISBDC advisors to refine their business models and prepare for the competition with expert guidance. Appreciation is also extended to the Purdue Daniels School of Business, SEP, and zWORKS for their support of this region's pitch competition.

In addition, Innovate WithIN continues to secure scholarship opportunities for competitors through partnerships with institutions such as DePauw University, Grace College, Indiana Tech, Purdue University Fort Wayne, and Purdue University Northwest. These partnerships provide valuable educational opportunities for students, further supporting their entrepreneurial journeys.

The event is open to the public, and community members are encouraged to attend to support these young entrepreneurs. More

details and RSVP information can be found at start-edupfoundation.org/region-2.

About Purdue Innovates

Purdue Innovates is a unified network at Purdue Research Foundation to assist Purdue faculty, staff, students, and alumni in either IP commercialization or startup creation. As a conduit to technology commercialization, intellectual property protection and licensing, startup creation, and funding, Purdue Innovates serves as the front door to translate new ideas into world-changing impact.

For more information on licensing a Purdue innovation, contact the Office of Technology Commercialization at otcip@prf.org. For more information about involvement and investment opportunities in startups based on a Purdue innovation, contact Purdue Innovates at purdueinnovates@prf.org.

About the STARTedUP Foundation

The STARTedUP Foundation is an Indiana-based nonprofit dedicated to transforming classrooms into hubs of innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry alignment. Through student competitions, educator fellowships, and real-world partnerships, STARTedUP inspires the next generation of problem-solvers and creators. Learn more at start-edupfoundation.org.

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn offers cost-saving amendment to Medicaid bill

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Garcia Wilburn

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) offered an amendment on Monday to **Senate Bill 2** aiming to lower costs for Indiana's Medicaid program without compromising Hoosiers' access to health care.

Garcia Wilburn's amendment would have prevented the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) from hiring a third party to verify eligibility for Medicaid's Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP). In 2007, Indiana's third-party contract with IBM to privatize and automate welfare program applications resulted in millions of lost state dollars and delayed services for Hoosiers in need.

The amendment was rejected by the majority.

Garcia Wilburn released the following statement:

"I am disappointed that the House did not join me in learning from our state's past mistakes today. As FSSA Director Mitch Roob shared earlier this year with the State Budget Committee, 'Twenty years from now, when I leave, my goal would be to make Medicaid boring again. To take it off the front pages, to take it off

your top concern.'

"My amendment to SB 2 would have 'made Medicaid boring again' – we don't want another IBM fiasco in which the state is in headline after headline for a third-party company it's contracted with mishandling our Medicaid eligibility verifications. FSSA should handle this in-house, where they can control how the work is getting done and ensure it's happening in a timely manner, especially when we are increasing the number of eligibility checks each HIP enrollee has to undergo from once a year to four times a year. Who's to say we won't contract with another company that botches the job, thus costing taxpayers money and keeping Hoosiers from their health care?"

"The Hoosiers who rely upon HIP deserve reliable and consistent service, and taxpayers deserve to know that their hard-earned money is being spent well. I have serious concerns that SB 2 will get in the way of this. Regardless, I will continue looking for ways to improve health care in our state and continue to offer common-sense solutions on the House floor."



Garcia Wilburn

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Carmel Clay Parks encourages invasive species removal with annual Invasive for Native Tree Swap

The REPORTER

Throughout April, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) is offering an Invasive for Native Tree Swap program to promote invasive species awareness. Remove one or more invasive species from your property, and CCPR will reimburse you with one three-gallon native tree sapling. There are four species of native trees available: river birch, redbud, pagoda dogwood, and common witch-hazel.

To receive a sapling, please take a photo of the

invasive plants you've removed and email it to naturalresources@carmel-clayparks.com. Once your submission is received, you will be contacted with a time to pick up your sapling. Limit of one sapling per household, available while supplies last. You do not need to be a Carmel resident to participate.

Unlike native species, invasive species are not native to Indiana and can cause long-lasting harm to the environment. Invasive species can be found in both rural and non-rural areas,



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

growing and reproducing at an alarming rate and out-

competing native species for vital resources like water, sunlight and soil. This can lead to a decline in native populations over time, causing a loss of biodiversity, negatively impacting local wildlife, and reducing water quality and soil infrastructure.

To view a more extensive list of invasive species from the Indiana Invasive Species Council, [click here](#). To learn more about the importance of planting native plants, read CCPR's recent [blog post](#).

Rosenfeld appointed to international Christmas market board

The REPORTER

Maria Adele Rosenfeld, CEO and President of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc., has been appointed to the European Excellent Christmas Market Association (EECMA) Board – a prestigious organization comprised of top leaders in the international Christmas market industry. The 10-member EEC-

MA board sets the gold standard for Christmas market event management across the globe. In her new role, Rosenfeld will help guide key decisions on member and award applications. As the first American to serve on the board, she will represent the United States and Canada, leading the review of submissions from across North America.



Rosenfeld

State Senator Scott Baldwin: supporting Carmel after storms

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Baldwin

On Wednesday, April 2, the [National Weather Service](#) confirmed Carmel experienced an EF1 tornado. State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) said on Monday.

Because of the tumultuous weather, first responders and city services received hundreds of calls for service due to fallen trees, downed powerlines and property damage posing threats to the community's safety.

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam issued a Local Disaster Emergency Declaration as of Thursday, April 3. This declaration was done to ensure that the city had access to the resources and support to tackle the impacts of the tornado.

"I am impressed at the readiness of this community and its city services to help one another after something so shocking occurs," Baldwin said. "There have been crews moving debris and tree limbs from property and security posted around exposed businesses to protect product and impose safety."

There was only one minor injury reported. All roads were able to reopen for families to get their children to school safely, and just a few had to remain without power for the days following the storm.

"It's strange to say we are lucky because right now it feels so fresh, but I do believe we are lucky because it could have been so much worse," Baldwin said. "God was looking out for our community, and He blessed us with the resources we need to restore a sense of normalcy."

[Indiana 211](#) is accepting [storm damage reports](#), which helps [Indiana Department of Homeland Security](#) determine damage estimates and develop the next course of action in the disaster recovery process.

Baldwin encourages residents of Senate District 20 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have. Baldwin can be reached by filling out a ["Contact Me"](#) form online at [IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Baldwin](#) or by phone at (800) 382-9467.



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O'Connor House celebrates 20 years of helping others & being helped by sponsors

By **MICHELLE CARRAO**
*Executive Director,
The O'Connor House*

The O'Connor House – a non-profit organization that provides a Christian home to help single, pregnant, homeless women improve life for themselves and their children – held our largest fundraiser, the Celebration of Life 20th Anniversary Event, on March 14 at The Ritz Charles in Carmel.

This has been our most

successful event, with over 310 people in attendance and raising \$245,000. It was a beautiful and fun event celebrating the 569 Moms and Babies we have been blessed to serve and the ones yet to come. We are so very grateful to our amazing, dedicated sponsors and all in attendance for their generosity in making this happen. On behalf of the Board, Staff, and the Moms and Babies we serve, thank you SO much!



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Over 310 people came together to raise \$245,000 for The O'Connor House.



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- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



US Flag Requests

Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts
Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa
8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.
**Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-
F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

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

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.
**Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 9-12,
Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5
Su**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hamilton County Veteran Service
Officers**
317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
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Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

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Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

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12 PM Tee-Off Raffle & 50/50
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Indy Veterans Court Mentor Program

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- Receive training on veteran resources
- Be supportive to difficulties facing our veteran participants
- Assist veterans navigating the VA system and other resources offered
- Follow the Indy Veterans Court plan for the veteran participant
- Commit to changing another veteran's life
- Work as a team with other veteran mentors

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Indianapolis Veterans Court Mentor Program

For More Information contact:
Aaron Shaw
IVC Mentor Coordinator

Room CD 085
675 Justice Way
Indianapolis, IN

Cell 317-737-6927
AShaw0509@outlook.com

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HELP KEEP THEM SAFE
Reduce their access to lethal items or places.

HELP THEM CONNECT
Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988).

FOLLOW UP
Stay in touch to see how they're doing.

nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

Activities & Events

Veterans Sign Up For Free Golf - Starts April 19

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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.

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- 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- 15

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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

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

April 19 Our Military Veteran Community is Welcome to Join in the fun With Indy Vet to Vet at Geist Park

VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH
2PM-8PM

INDY VET TO VET INC. SOME WOUNDS AREN'T VISIBLE. 317-737-6927

JOIN US FOR KAYAKING, FISHING, OR JUST SOME GOOD OL' R&R IN A TENT-COVERED AREA BY THE WATER

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CONTACT: AARON SHAW
QUESTIONS 317-737-6927

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Christmas In June Care Package Drive

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

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

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Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
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April 12, 13 and 19

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

April 29 and May 13

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

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Feinstein’s welcomes two classics with The Cool Heat of Peggy Lee & An Elton John Tribute

Submitted

The month of April finds two amazing classics coming to the stage at Feinstein’s inside The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel.

First, on Saturday, April 19, the extraordinary Spider Saloff pays homage to the smoldering understated style of the great Peggy Lee. Then, on Thursday, April 24 Greggie and the Jets will catapult you into the heart of Elton John’s classic era with a dazzling tribute that will captivate fans.

The Cool Heat of Peggy Lee

This will be a musical performance like no other as Spider Saloff pays homage to the smoldering understated style of Peggy Lee.

Singer and actress extraordinary Spider Saloff has graced the stage at Feinstein’s in NYC, as well as cherished venues in Chicago and around the world. She says she is thrilled to return to Feinstein’s for a special performance. Accompanied by the renowned pianist Jeremy Kahn, Saloff will present a heartfelt musical tribute to the life and music of Peggy Lee.

The music icon, Miss Peggy Lee, was a multifaceted talent – singer, songwriter, actress, and star of both film and television. She was also the co-creator and vocal star of Disney’s beloved *Lady and the Tramp*. A true trailblazer, Peggy Lee made history as the first person to win a lawsuit against Disney. Saloff pays tribute to Lee’s smoldering, understated style, tracing her remarkable journey from her humble beginnings to the glamour of the 1950s and ’60s, and celebrating her groundbreaking recordings that continued to break charts throughout her career.

The show features Peggy Lee’s iconic hits alongside her timeless pop music classics. Saloff brings these songs to life with her signature comic wit and a contemporary twist, making it an enjoyable experience for audiences of all ages.

Greggie and The Jets catapults you into the heart of Elton John’s classic era with a dazzling tribute that captivates fans.

This Florida-based Elton John Tribute Band recreates the music and brings you, note for note, a dynamic show full of chart-toppers and the deep cut tracks that collectively create Elton John’s musical legacy. Greggie and The Jets’ performance will have you singing and dancing as the band takes you on a journey through the decades.

In an article published in *The Daily Sun*, a Florida publication, reporter Sue Wade writes, “You’ll forget he’s Greg Vadimsky from Somerville, New Jersey, when he plays Elton John in Greggie and The Jets.”

Led by Greg “Greggie” Vadimsky, the band is composed of exceptionally talented musicians with collective credits including Bad Company, Disney Cruise Lines, Eric Burdon (of The Animals and War), Pat Benatar, and The Fixx. Following the original arrangements to reproduce Elton John’s classic sound and bring the emotion that is so strongly embedded in the music, Greggie and The Jets delivers the spirit and magic of each track.

If you are celebrating a birthday, bachelorette party, anniversary, or just looking for a fun day out with family and friends, any and all of these events are sure to provide a fun evening. Looking for a work outing? This is also an awesome way to spend time with fellow employees.

You can get your tickets for these events at feinstein-shc.com. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening for dinner and drinks at 5:30 p.m.

Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947. If you’re considering having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein’s and need tickets for eight or more, email sales@hotelcarmichael.com.

Good theater entertains; great theater touches your humanity

Visiting Mr. Green – Epilogue Players’ current production – is short in length, has only two characters, and just one set. It’s quite a simple show in many ways. But its themes and messages are highly significant. Playwright Jeff Baron’s 1996 creation has been performed around the world.

Mr. Green is a Jewish widower in his 70s living alone in a small, dumpy NYC apartment. We are told that recently he was almost struck by a car driven by Ross Gardiner, a young man in his 30s who was driving too recklessly and who is sentenced by the court to do six months of community service with weekly visits to aid Mr. Green. What starts as a forced mismatch of two men who have vastly different

outlooks and experiences, becomes a life-changing coupling of two needy individuals.

Mac Bellner directs her first Epilogue endeavor with an adroit hand. We see the lack of understanding that each man has for the other, the deep chasms in their souls, the changes that must be made to be better men.

Tom Bartley takes the role of the aged Mr. Green. Not being 70 himself doesn’t seem to hinder his performance one bit. His characterization is full of tones of agedness and Hebrew upbringing. Ross Gardiner is played by Grant Bowen, whom we haven’t seen onstage since his fine appearance here in *Miracle on South Division Street*. Bowen takes Ross on a very emotional



Photo by Duane Mercier

Mr. Green (Tom Bartley, left) shows a picture of his wife to Ross (Grant Bowen).

journey, facing hard realizations about self, family, and his place in the world.

The show features a wonderful set designed by Ed Trout and an array of costumes by Terese Burns.

Bottom line: Mrs. K and I enjoyed a very moving performance of this important play. Many in the audience had tears in their eyes as the story, full of some tough realizations about our human condition, came forth.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

Ascension St. Vincent marks 35 years of protecting Indiana’s first responders

The REPORTER

As thousands of fire and rescue professionals come to Indianapolis for the FDIC International Conference April 7 to 12, Ascension St. Vincent’s Public Safety Medical program is marking its 35th year of providing physical examinations and important medical screening services to firefighters across the state of Indiana.

More than 9,000 first responders are tested each year by Ascension St. Vincent at fire stations across the state. This includes an average of 1,700 job applicants that need to be evaluated before being hired and about 700 who have been injured and need to pass physical testing in order to return to duty.

“We are proud to be one of the largest programs of its kind in Indiana, with 35 years of history supporting the health and safety of our firefighters but also helping to shape na-

tional guidelines for their physical well-being,” said Dr. Steven Moffatt, Vice President of Public Safety Medical. “Our work has also contributed to critical cancer research, helping to identify key factors in firefighters’ cancer risk and advance efforts in prevention and early detection.”

While heart attacks remain the leading cause of on-duty deaths of firefighters, cancer has recently emerged as the No. 1 cause of deaths in all firefighters, both active and retired. These first responders are more likely than the average American to develop cancer due to chronic exposures to heat, smoke, and toxic flame retardants through inhalation, ingestion, and skin absorption.

That’s why Public Safe-



ty Medical has developed and continually improves comprehensive physical examination checklists that go beyond cardiovascular health and fitness. Each examination incorporates screenings for the cancers most commonly affecting firefighters, including digestive, oral, respiratory, and urinary cancers.

The exams include stress and exercise tests, coronary artery scans and echocardiography to evaluate any heart-related issues. They may also include colon cancer screening, pap smears, mammograms, testicular exams, and head-to-toe skin exam-

inations to detect evidence of cancer development.

“Keeping public safety professionals healthy and at their best is a unique challenge – one that directly impacts the safety of our communities,” said Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Executive Director of Public Safety Medical. “That’s why we’ve designed this comprehensive health-care program to help fire departments ensure their tactical teams perform at their peak and recover effectively.”

You can learn more about Ascension St. Vincent’s Public Safety Medical program [here](http://ascensionstvincent.org).



Come Experience the 35th Annual Hamilton County Passion Play Featuring over 200 costumed actors and musicians from communities across central Indiana

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Clay Terrace presents ‘Easter Hop & Shop,’ a free family celebration

Submitted

Clay Terrace announces a creative twist on its annual Easter celebration with this year's "Easter Hop & Shop" event, offering families a day of spring festivities and shopping excitement on from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Clay Terrace Village Green in Carmel.

Families and children will "hop" from participating retailers throughout the center, collecting special eggs filled with toys and candy. Visitors should bring their own baskets and look for the distinctive Egg Sign displayed in participating store windows.

"We're excited to refresh our annual Easter tradition with this interactive retail experience," said Christine Foulke, Marketing Director at Clay Terrace. "Our Easter Hop & Shop encourages families to explore our diverse shopping offerings while enjoying festive activities throughout the center."

The event features a variety of entertainment including:

- Special appearance by the Easter Bunny with photo opportunities
- Colorful airbrush tattoos
- Skilled balloon twisters creating custom designs
- Lively music from a professional DJ
- Bounce house for energetic youngsters
- ... and more!

Festivities will be centered at the Village Green area near Dick's Sporting Goods. No registration is required to attend this free event. Egg collection will continue while supplies last.

For more information, visit ClayTerrace.com.

Easter Sunday hours & dining options

Please note that Clay Terrace will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 20, though individual retailers and restaurants may operate under different business hours. Guests should call ahead before visiting.



Looking for Easter dining plans? Enjoy Prime 47 Carmel's Easter buffet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or experience Kona Grill's bottomless brunch menu available



Photos provided

Hop & Shop at Clay Terrace goes above and beyond just the Easter Bunny!

ence Kona Grill's bottomless brunch menu available on April 20 only. Reservations are recommended.



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WGU opens Indiana Simulation Center to support regional healthcare workforce

Leavitt School of Health aims to train 1,000 new nurses in Indiana & adjacent states by 2028

The REPORTER

The Western Governors University (WGU) Michael O. Leavitt School of Health (LSH) opened a new Clinical Learning and Simulation Center in Indianapolis on April 3, a state-of-the-art facility to train and educate more than 1,000 new registered nurses (RN) in the region by 2028.

The Indiana simulation center will impart clinical education to WGU's nursing and health sciences students from Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. This investment aims to address the nursing shortage crisis and meet the region's growing demand for enhanced healthcare outcomes with the addition of new RNs and nurse practitioners (NP) in the regional workforce.

"Through innovative experiences and solutions to bring hands-on learning to the classroom, Western Governors University's new Clinical Learning and Simulation Center in Indiana will help increase enrollment and employability by embracing technology and ensuring students gain real-life experience that prepares them for their careers ahead," said Chris Lowery, commissioner for Indiana's Commission for Higher Education. "This investment in education and innovation will directly strengthen our state's nursing pipeline, improving healthcare for all Hoosiers. We applaud WGU for its leadership in shaping the future of healthcare and nursing in Indiana."

WGU's Indiana simulation center spreads over 16,000 square feet and features advanced high-fidelity medical education simulation equipment across five simulation rooms and two skills labs with 17 patient beds, four patient exam rooms, five student-focused debriefing rooms, and a large multipurpose room for training and teaching.

The center is equipped with lifelike manikins that are patient simulators to provide students with hands-on clinical training as they prepare to enter the healthcare field. The nearly \$5 million project reinforces the institution's commitment to the region and its mission of changing lives for the better by creating pathways to opportunity.

According to the Indiana Hospital Association, the state needs an additional 5,000 nurses by 2031, and to fulfill this demand, Indiana would need to graduate 1,300 additional nurses per year by 2030. The state's healthcare providers are under tremendous pressure to provide the required services. The Indiana Chamber



The new simulation center features lifelike manikins functioning as patient simulators to provide hands-on clinical training. Photos provided

also recognizes the lack of nurses as a growing crisis.

"We're opening the Indiana simulation center to address the regional workforce shortage and support the development of a steady stream of compassionate and competent professionals ready to join the community workforce," said Anmy Mayfield, LSH vice president and dean for the College of Nursing. "Our high-quality health and nursing programs, offered via the affordable and flexible competency-based model of education, along with this in-person experiential learning facility encourage the development of a patient-centric approach to ultimately yield high patient-outcomes in the region."

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) reports that more than 65,000 qualified applications (not applicants) were turned away from schools of nursing nationwide in 2023. While AACN mentions that the students submitting these applications may have been accepted and enrolled elsewhere, the report emphasizes that a multitude of reasons stall nurse education, including the lack of infrastructure and faculty. With infrastructural challenges to high-quality nursing education as the backdrop, WGU's Indiana simulation center is a strategic investment located in the heart of the region to provide face-to-face faculty instruction and clinical training to students within and around their communities.

"The Indianapolis simulation center's strategic proximity to regional students promotes learning without uprooting lives and thus breaks barriers to in-person, practical education, especially for non-traditional and working students," said Kimberly Kelly-Cortez, LSH senior associate dean and director of the nursing prelicensure program. "With upskilling and reskilling the healthcare workforce as a prime goal for LSH, we're opening doors for more students to build and advance their

nursing careers and make a difference to the region's overall health landscape."

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects a 6 percent expansion of the RN workforce over the next decade, with about 194,500 job openings each year, when nurse retirements and workforce exits are factored into the number of nurses needed nationwide. The BLS also projects a 46 percent growth

in the number of NP roles over the next decade, with about 135,000 job openings.

WGU's LSH is steadily expanding its roster of competency-based health sciences and nursing programs. These include the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Prelicensure program – presently available in 24 states and counting – that adds new RNs to the workforce, various NP programs that require

advanced clinical training to meet patient needs, and other innovative programs under consideration and development. In this region, the school has graduated more than 17,000 students, with more than 6,000 of those from Indiana.

"I always wanted to become a nurse and serve the healthcare industry but was only able to pursue my dream after I learned about WGU through a co-

worker," said Samantha Conor-Mattes, WGU's BSN Prelicensure graduate from Indianapolis. "The program's flexibility and my mentor's support helped me realize my goal without giving up my job. Attending the skills labs was the highlight of the program for me because it helped me develop focus and aptitude for clinicals – a must-have before entering the field of nursing."

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Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center is now an OrthoIndy Practice

Submitted
OrthoIndy and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center, two of Indiana’s leading orthopedic practices, have officially aligned their two practices.
The new framework combines the strengths of both practices and enhances their commitment to delivering unparalleled orthopedic care to the communities they serve. Additionally, they remain committed to being national leaders in orthopedic research and the education and training of future orthopedic specialists.
Through the alignment, Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center will continue to see patients at their existing clinics and now perform surgeries at OrthoIndy hospitals. Patients will further benefit from increased ac-

cess to the most advanced technologies, treatment options and a larger network of comprehensive orthopedic sub-specialists.
“We are thrilled to officially welcome Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center into the OrthoIndy family,” OrthoIndy President Matthew Lavery said. “Together, we will harness our combined expertise and resources to provide unmatched care for patients across the state, setting a new standard in orthopedic excellence.”
“This alignment underscores our commitment to delivering the highest quality care in the most cost-effective manner possible,” said Tom Kaplan, MD, managing partner of Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center. “As a unified inde-



pendent practice, we will transform the way orthopedic care is delivered, make comprehensive orthopedic treatment more efficient for our patients and grow our presence within the markets we proudly serve while positively transforming the lives of our patients and maintaining our focus on the education of the next generation of hand and upper extremity surgeons.”
While OrthoIndy and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center have aligned practices, patients can rest assured that there will be no immediate changes to current scheduling practices and physician availability. Further integration will occur over time so that it does not disrupt patient care.
For more information about available services or to schedule an appointment, visit OrthoIndy at orthoindy.com and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center at indianahandtogether.com.

Indiana Members Credit Union announces Strides for Sarcoma as 2025 Cancer Awareness Card beneficiary

The REPORTER
Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), central Indiana’s largest credit union, has announced Strides for Sarcoma as the new member-nominated beneficiary for its Cancer Awareness Debit Card.
The IMCU Cancer Awareness Debit Card provides members an opportunity to support a different cancer-related organization each year. A portion of each signature transaction made with this card March 1, 2025, through Feb. 28, 2026, up to \$10,000, will be donated to Strides for Sarcoma.
The card is available for issue to members at IMCU’s 31 Indiana locations. The IMCU Cancer Awareness

Debit Card is an option to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU’s instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot.
Strides for Sarcoma is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2022 by siblings Gabriella and Nicholas Conjelko after their cousin, Maia, was diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma, a subtype of sarcoma, a cancer of the bone and connective tissue. The goal of Strides for Sarcoma is to raise research funding and awareness for pediatric sarcoma patients and to one day find a cure.
“We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Indiana



Members Credit Union and its members for this incredible opportunity,” said Gabriella Conjelko, co-founder, Strides for Sarcoma. “We are truly grateful and blessed to be able to support so many sarcoma warriors through the Cancer Awareness Debit Card Program.”
“IMCU is honored to support Strides for Sarcoma in their mission to raise awareness and funding for sarcoma research,” said John Newett, president and chief executive officer of

YMCA & JCC form new partnership to enhance member access & community connection

The REPORTER
The YMCA of Greater Indianapolis and JCC Indianapolis announced on Tuesday a new partnership bringing together two mission-driven organizations dedicated to health, wellness and community.
This collaboration extends access to fitness and wellness services for members of both organizations – strengthening the bonds of community and expanding opportunities for all.
Beginning this April, JCC members will be welcomed at YMCA facilities on days when the JCC is closed or closes early. In turn, YMCA members will be able to enjoy JCC amenities when the Y has reduced hours or closures. This reciprocal access ensures that members can continue to pursue their wellness goals without interruption, while also connecting with new spaces and faces across Indianapolis.
“We are deeply excited to offer this expanded access to both of our communities,” said Linda Server, YMCA of Greater Indianapolis Vice President Member Experience and Engagement. “At the heart of this partnership is a shared commitment to inclusivity, health and meaningful human connection. Together, we are building a more supportive and welcoming Indianapolis.”
The partnership will be particularly impactful at the Jordan YMCA due to its proximity to the JCC, but all YMCA centers across the city are ready to extend a warm welcome. Both

the YMCA and the Jewish Community Center offer state-of-the-art wellness equipment and dynamic gym and pool spaces, providing members with exceptional opportunities to support their health and well-being.
“We look forward to this meaningful collaboration and the opportunity to strengthen the spirit of community across all of our centers,” said Rich Lord, JCC Senior Director of Member Experience.
The first opportunity to welcome JCC members will be Saturday, April 12, when the JCC closes at 3 p.m. Additional upcoming dates include Sunday, April 13 and Saturday, April 19, when the JCC will be fully closed. The YMCA will be fully closed for Easter on Sunday, April 20.

About the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis
With locations in Indianapolis, Avon, Fishers, Lebanon, and Westfield, a 240-acre overnight camp and a Youth Development service branch, the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis helps individuals and families build healthy spirits, minds, and bodies.
About JCC Indianapolis
Via pre-school, school age, fitness, and arts programming, the JCC of Indianapolis provides inclusive experiences that lead to personal growth and community building, all guided by Jewish values and traditions. Established in Indianapolis in 1914, the JCC is located on the north side of Indianapolis at Arthur M. Glick JCC, 6701 Hoover Road.

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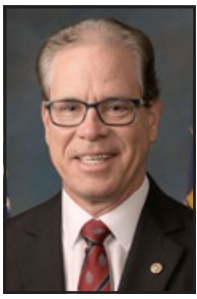


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Braun leads GOP governors in support of President Trump’s budget framework

**Submitted by
Office of the Governor**
Governor Mike Braun led a group of 22 Republican governors in a [letter to President Trump](#) supporting his budget framework, which was passed by the Senate last Saturday, April 5 and will be considered by the House later this week. In the letter, Gov. Braun

thanks President Trump for supporting this budget framework, which, overall sets up Republicans to deliver on the GOP’s biggest priorities in a forthcoming reconciliation bill: securing the



Braun

unleashing American energy, fighting wasteful spending, making the tax cuts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, and several more priorities. “We are on your side in supporting the Senate amend-

ment to the House budget resolution because we know that failure cannot be an option,” Governor Braun and his 21 colleagues wrote, calling the budget resolution “a preliminary step to unlocking a reconciliation bill that delivers on all of the promises every Republican made to the American people.”

Braun mandates transparency for state-affiliated non-profits, sets wage growth & job creation as economic development ‘North Star’

**Submitted by
Office of the Governor**
Governor Mike Braun signed an executive order Tuesday to require full transparency for non-profit foundations and corporations created to assist state government agencies. He also signed two more executive orders making changes to Indiana’s economic development approach: one to reassess the economic development ‘regions’ in the state to better capitalize on distinct regional strengths, and another to set wage growth and job creation for Hoosier workers as the ‘North Star’ of measuring success in Indiana’s economic development strategy.

**Executive Order 25-43
Providing Transparency for State Government-Affiliated Foundations**
“If organizations like the Indiana Economic Development Foundation were created to assist state agencies with public business, then Hoosiers need full transparency into how these non-profits operate, who funds them, and what they do with the money,” Braun said. “Today’s executive order mandates that these organizations file finan-

cial disclosures - including those missed over the past 10 years - so Hoosiers can have full transparency and accountability.” Hoosiers deserve transparency and accountability for how their state government represents them. There are many non-profit foundations that have been created over the years to supplement state agencies, like Healthy Hoosiers Foundation, Indiana Destination Development Foundation, Indiana State Museum Foundation, and several more. All government-affiliated non-profits need to file an annual form with the IRS (Form 990) that describes where they get their funding, how much they brought in, and how it breaks down between programs and administrative expenses. This form provides Hoosiers with important transparency into these organizations. However, the Indiana Economic Development Foundation received an exemption from the IRS from future filings of their annual Form 990 in 2012. State-affiliated foundations are also required to file annual reports with the state budget committee, which

the Indiana Economic Development Foundation has not done since 2019. This executive order directs all state-affiliated foundations to comply with mandated reporting requirements, including filing any previously missed reports from the past 10 years no later than Dec. 31, 2025. All state-affiliated non-profits must also file an annual IRS Form 990, even if they have previously been granted an exemption. That includes missed reports from the past 10 years. These forms must be clearly posted on the relevant agency’s website for Hoosiers to read for themselves. **Executive Order 25-44
Prioritizing Wage Growth and Job Creation in Economic Development Initiatives** “Indiana is focusing our economic development efforts on the things that affect your family the most: raising wages and new job opportunities,” Braun said. “More jobs, and higher pay: that’s our North Star.” This executive order will set wage growth and job creation as the ‘North Star’ for Indiana’s economic development efforts, rather

than capital expenditure. Under this executive order, Indiana will now use number of jobs and average wage of the jobs created in all project proposals and performance reports related to state-supported economic development initiatives. **Executive Order 25-45
Standardizing Workforce & Economic Development Regions in Indiana** “My administration is committed to spreading economic development efforts across the four corners of our state, and one important way we’re doing that is starting from scratch on the map of our state’s economic development regions to better reflect each area’s strengths,” Braun said. This executive order empowers Commerce Secretary Adams to make recommendations on the redrawing of regional economic development and workforce maps of Indiana based on the unique strengths, assets, and industries of the different areas of Indiana. The new regional designations will represent the industry clusters, workforce capabilities, infrastructure, and natural resources that vary across Indiana.

Sen. Banks introduces bill to restrict chain migration

**Submitted by
Office of Sen. Banks**
Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced on Tuesday the Nuclear Family Priority Act.

This bill ends visa categories for extended, non-nuclear family members and limits its sponsorship to immediate family only. It reduces baseline caps on family-sponsored visas by 65 percent from 226,000 to 80,000 per year and addresses special cases involving immigrants with parents in the U.S. Sen. Banks says his bill supports President Trump’s efforts to curb illegal immigration and ease pressure on the immigration system. Rep. Eli Crane (R-Ariz.-2) is leading the companion bill in the House. “Unlimited chain migration has overwhelmed our country and abused the rule

of law,” Sen. Banks said. “Worse, it further encourages illegal immigration. It’s past time we restore order and put the American people first.” **Key provisions of the Nuclear Family Priority Act**

- Restrict Chain Migration by eliminating visa eligibility to non-nuclear family members
- Strengthen the U.S. Immigration System by restricting the influx of illegal immigration and preventing the abuse of the U.S. immigration system that has been present under the previous Administration
- Provide relief to nuclear families and immigrants with special circumstances by closely monitoring family dynamics for proper visa eligibility

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“If you bring a grain offering baked in an oven, it is to consist of the finest flour: either thick loaves made without yeast and with olive oil mixed in or thin loaves made without yeast and brushed with olive oil. If your grain offering is prepared on a griddle, it is to be made of the finest flour mixed with oil, and without yeast. Crumble it and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering. If your grain offering is cooked in a pan, it is to be made of the finest flour and some olive oil. Bring the grain offering made of these things to the LORD; present it to the priest, who shall take it to the altar. He shall take out the memorial portion from the grain offering and burn it on the altar as a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the food offerings presented to the LORD.

Leviticus 2:4-10 (NIV)

Meeting Notices	
The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025. A workshop session will follow at 6 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.	The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1:45 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2025, in Meeting Room A at the library, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd.	The Clay Township Board and Trustee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

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Jeffrey “Jeff” Royal Hansen

d. April 5, 2025

Jeffrey “Jeff” Royal Hansen, 63, Fishers, passed away on April 5, 2025, in Indianapolis. Born to Dr. Thomas and Ruth Hansen, Jeff grew up in Janesville, Wis. After earning his engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Jeff moved to Indianapolis in 1985 to begin his career at Naval Avionics. In 1996, he joined Eli Lilly and Company, where he applied his expertise in IT business roles focused on mergers and acquisitions. In 1998, Jeff graduated from Butler University with a Master of Business Administration.

Jeff was a devoted and fun-loving husband to Julie, whom he met at the University of Wisconsin and married in 1986, and treasured being a dad to their sons, Mitchell (Alie Dangar) and Ryan (Kendall Swartzell), who survive him. He also loved and is survived by his siblings, Holly (Bruce) Olson and David Hansen; father-in-law, Norman “Tom” Kranzusch (Bonnie Johnson); brother-in-law, Scott Kranzusch (John Laabs); sister-in-law, Kari (Michael) Fischer; nieces and nephews, Callie Hansen, Taylor Hansen (Evan Brown), Parker (Caitlin) Olson, Macneil Olson, Anders Olson, Taylor (Kraig) Kadletz, David Fischer, and Erin Fischer; dear family friend, Catherine Byers; and many beloved cousins and friends. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Thomas and Ruth Hansen; mother-in-law, Marilyn Kranzusch; godparents, Reverend Floyd and Lois Grothman; and niece, Jessica Hansen.

Jeff cherished his friendships, including those with his childhood neighborhood buddies; connections made while coaching Mitch and Ryan in Fishers sports leagues; the Wisconsin vs. Purdue football game gang; and several Eli Lilly colleagues who formed close bonds over the years while traveling the world together on projects for Lilly. Jeff and Julie also greatly enjoyed their close circle of neighborhood friends and always looked forward to the laughter of their regular get-togethers.

A passionate fan of the Green Bay Packers, UW Badgers, Chicago Cubs, the Indy 500, and the Indianapolis Colts and Pacers, Jeff loved sports, whether watching or playing. He especially enjoyed coaching his sons during their early years in baseball, basketball, and soccer. Jeff also had a love for music, particularly Dave Matthews Band, Rush, and U2, and he and Julie danced through dozens of their concerts and many others over the years. Jeff’s enthusiasm for the Scorpions Unplugged Live in Athens DVD was unwavering, routinely blasting it throughout the house at a volume “up to 11.”

Jeff’s family and friends are losing a family man, generous friend, and respected colleague and business leader. He will be dearly missed and remembered most for his sense of humor, kindness and patience, and steadiness in the face of challenges. Julie will also especially miss his sweet impish smile that caught her eye on the day they met.

Services for Jeff will be held at noon on Saturday, April 12, 2025, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Reverend Libby Davis Manning officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider toasting Jeff with your favorite beverage or donating to your favorite youth sports league.

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Linda Sue Whitecotton

February 26, 1945 – April 6, 2025

Linda Sue Whitecotton, born on February 26, 1945, in Flint, Mich., was called home on April 6, 2025.

Her life was a testament to the power of love, compassion, and creativity. At the heart of Linda’s story was her extraordinary 50-year marriage to her beloved late husband, Robert Whitecotton, whom she married on June 3, 1963. Their captivating love story was one of love at first sight, one that started with a sense of rebellion but flourished into a love story that continued to inspire and touch all who knew them.

Linda was a spirited, compassionate, and thoughtful woman who dedicated her life to nurturing her family and spreading joy wherever she went. She took immense pride in being a mother, grandma, and Grammy, and her greatest joy was watching her family grow. She was a proud retiree from Western Electric, where she spent the majority of her career, along with working at Harry Levinson and the Marriott.

Her hobbies were a reflection of her creative and supportive nature. She had a gift for crafts, and her beautiful gardening and landscaping were so stunning that people would drive by to admire her work. Linda enjoyed cooking for her family, playing cards with friends, playing bingo and going to the casino. She was a devoted fan of country music, especially Conway Twitty. Her annual vacations to Gatlinburg were eagerly anticipated, and her collections of angels and hearts spoke volumes about her tender, loving spirit. As the saying goes, “All because two people fell in love,” and Linda embodied this through her unwavering love for her family and commitment to her marriage.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Lacy (Jeff) McGrew; grandsons, Tyler (Taylor) McGrew and Evan McGrew (Zoe Hodgden); granddaughter, Jenna Hensley (Adam); and her great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Espen, and Brooks McGrew, and Natalya Hensley. She also had one nephew and four nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; her parents, Joseph and Mary Lou Lucas; and her brother, Leroy Lucas.

Visitation for Linda will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes in Cicero, followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m.

In memory of Linda, we encourage those who knew her to share their memories and upload photos to her memorial page, to celebrate a life so beautifully lived and a woman so deeply loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to HOPE Family Care in Cicero.

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Swimming

Brown sets records for FAST in Florida

The REPORTER

Four swimmers from Fishers Area Swimming Tigers went to Florida over Spring Break to race some of the best swimmers in the country.

The most successful of the FAST swimmers was Gabriel Brown. The 9-year-old traveled to St. Petersburg to compete in the International Swim Coaches Association's 2025 East Coast Elite Showcase, which took place April 2 to 5.

Brown won nine of 10 events in the 10 and under age group, which solidified him as the No. 1-ranked 9-year-old swimmer in the nation. Brown was the high point winner for 9 and under boys and set three meet records as well.

Here are the events Brown won: 50-yard backstroke (30.41 seconds), 100 breaststroke (1 minute, 18.09 seconds, swam 1:17.65 in the prelims), 100 individual medley (1:05.41), 50 butterfly (29.61 seconds, swam 29.53 seconds in the prelims), 200 freestyle (2:06.07), 100 backstroke (1:05.18), 100 freestyle (57.27 seconds), 200 IM (2:20.13) and 50 freestyle (26.57 seconds).



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Gabriel Brown of the Fishers Area Swimming Tigers had a very successful meet at the International Swim Coaches Association's 2025 East Coast Elite Showcase, which took place last week in St. Petersburg, Fla. Brown won nine of 10 events in the 10 and under group, setting three records and becoming the No. 1-ranked 9-year-old swimmer in the country.

Brown also placed second in the 500 free (5:33.51). He scored 108 points for the FAST team, single-handedly placing them 35th out of 101 teams overall and 15th out of 75 boys teams.

FAST at the Open Water Championships
Grace Gannon,

Brooklyn Rager, and Caden Askren also came to Florida to compete in the USA Swimming Open Water Junior National Championships, which took place April 4 to 6 in Sarasota.

Caden Askren had the highest place, finishing

eighth to make the podium in the Men's 7.5K JR National race. Askren's time was 1 hour, 34 minutes, 37 seconds. Gannon placed 32nd in the Women's 5K race, clocking in at 1:10.43. Rager finished 45th in the Women's 5K, with a time of 1:17.09.

Girls Basketball

Three county players on AP All-state team

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls basketball players were named to the 2024-25 Associated Press all-state teams on Wednesday.

Hamilton Southeastern senior Maya Makalusky and Noblesville senior Meredith Tippner were both named to the First Team, while Southeastern junior Kennedy Holman

was named to the Third Team.

Makalusky won the Indiana Miss Basketball award and is committed to Indiana University, while Tippner is headed to Miami University. Both were named to the Indiana All-Stars team. Holman was named to the Junior All-Stars team, where she will play in the Core Group.

Baseball

Blazers fall to Cascade

The REPORTER

The University baseball team dropped a cold Wednesday game 9-1 at Cascade.

The Cadets never trailed, scoring two runs in the first inning, then adding three more in the third and fourth innings. The Trailblazers scored their run in the top of the fourth when Charlie Ranek got home on an RBI fielder's choice by Oliver Kingery.

Cooper Cammack and Philip Jacobs both had one hit for University. The Blazers turned a double play in the bottom of the fourth inning, with left fielder Jacobs throwing to Finn Steiner at third base for the inning's second out. Steiner then threw to shortstop Beckett Suh, who got the third out to end the inning.

University is 3-2 and hosts its tournament on Saturday.

Football

Eloms commits to Wisconsin

The REPORTER

Fishers junior football player Carsen Eloms announced his commitment to the University of Wisconsin Wednesday.

The cornerback made the announcement just after 1 p.m. with a [post on X](#) (formerly Twitter) that said he is "1000% Committed!!" to the Badgers. Eloms had just visited Wisconsin this

past weekend, after also taking recent trips to Vanderbilt, Michigan State and Purdue.

Eloms was one of the top tacklers for the Tigers, with 44 stops during this past season, one where Fishers won its first sectional championship since 2017. He can play offense as well, making one touchdown catch during an early-season game.

Women's Golf

Local golfers make impact at Boilermaker Classic

The REPORTER

The Purdue women's golf team hosted its Boilermaker Spring Classic early this week at the Ackerman-Allen Course.

Four of the players on the Purdue team have Hamilton County ties, and all are familiar names to local golf fans. That includes two Westfield golfers who are also IHSAA state champions.

Freshman Samantha Brown had the best local finish for the Boilers. Brown tied for 16th with a three-round total of 75-72-75=222. One of her highlights was a hole-in-one during the second round; Brown aced the 17th hole. She totaled four birdies during the tournament.

The 16th place finish was the best of the season for Brown, who won the 2023 IHSAA individual state championship. Also finishing highly for Purdue was senior Jocelyn Bruch, another Westfield graduate and the 2018 IHSAA individual state champion.

Bruch tied for 20th at the Classic, scoring 72-75-77=224. It was Bruch's third top-20 finish of the year. She had previously finished in the top 10 twice during the Purdue season, tying for eighth at the Match in the Desert event at Gold Canyon, Ariz. on Jan. 27., then tying for 10th at the Coach Mo Classic at St. John's Golf and Country Club in St. Augustine, Fla. on March 31 and April 1.

Another Purdue freshman, Michaela Headlee, tied for 28th at the Classic,



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(ABOVE LEFT) Two Westfield golf stars reunited earlier this week at the Purdue Boilermaker Classic at the Ackerman-Allen Course. Sophie McGinnis (left) is a redshirt sophomore for Butler University and Samantha Brown is a freshman at Purdue. (ABOVE RIGHT) Samantha Brown made a hole in one during the second round of the Boilermaker Classic, acing the 17th hole.

totaling 73-73-79=225. Headlee, a member of Carmel's team state champion teams in 2022 and 2023, has already played six events for the Boilers, with her top finish a tie for 22nd at the Coach Mo Classic.

Junior Alison Hildebrand also played for Purdue, scoring 76-82-79=237 to tie for 73rd. It was Hildebrand's first event of the season; she graduated from Westfield in 2022.

Sophie McGinnis represented Butler University at the meet and she scored 76-79-77=232 to tie for 56th. The redshirt sophomore also graduated from Westfield in 2022 and is averaging a 77.0 for the Bulldogs this season.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 10

BASEBALL

Avon at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Carmel at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Mount Juliet (Tenn.), 7 p.m.

GOLF

University vs. Greenwood Christian Academy, 4:30 p.m. at Smock GC

SOFTBALL

Anderson at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Sheridan at Rossville (with Lafayette Central Catholic and Twin Lakes), 5 p.m.

Friday, April 11

BASEBALL

Westfield at Trossdale (Tenn.), 4:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Avon, 6 p.m.
North Central at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Zionsville at Fishers, 6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Fishers at Castle Invitational, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Castle Invitational, 4 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Taylor, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Noblesville at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

BASEBALL

University tournament, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.
Anderson at Hamilton Heights doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Lewis Cass at Sheridan, 11 a.m.
Mount Vernon at Fishers doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Noblesville at Fort Wayne Carroll, 11 a.m.
Penn at Carmel doubleheader, noon
Westfield at Goodpasture Christian (Tenn.), 1 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 2 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Brebeuf Jesuit at Noblesville, TBA

GIRLS LACROSSE

Carmel at Galipault Tournament, TBD

GOLF

Sheridan, University at Cardinal Ritter Classic, 8 a.m. at Eagle Creek Pines Course
Guerin Catholic at Rochester Invitational, 9 a.m.
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at Yorktown Invitational, 10 a.m. at The Players Club
Guerin Catholic at Harrison Invitational, 1:30 p.m. at Coyote Crossing

SOFTBALL

Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 10 a.m.
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Castle Invitational, TBD

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Victory Field to host IU vs. Ball State baseball game

By PHIL SANCHEZ
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College baseball returns to the heart of downtown Indianapolis as Indiana University and Ball State University face off at Victory Field on April 23 at 6 p.m.

This marks the third matchup between the Indiana Hoosiers and Ball State Cardinals at the iconic ballpark in the last nine years. Gates open at 5 p.m. on April 23.

Fans can secure their seats now, with assigned seating starting at \$8. In-field box seats are available for \$14, while premium options include the Yuengling Landing at \$30, Elements Financial Club at \$80, and access to picnic areas and suites at regular rental rates. Active-duty military members and veterans receive a \$2 discount per ticket, and children ages 2 and under are admitted for free.

The Hoosiers (19-14) come into the matchup riding a four-game win streak, including a 7-5 victory over Ball State (23-11) on April 8 in Bloomington. That game saw the Cardinals jump to an early 2-0 lead before Indiana responded with a five-run



WISH-TV photo
Victory Field will host a faceoff between Indiana University and Ball State University on April 23.

fifth inning to secure the win.

“Hosting college games at our downtown Indianapolis ballpark is a great opportunity to promote high-level baseball across the state,” said Matt Guay, vice president and general manager for the Indianapolis Indians. “We’re excited to welcome the Hoosiers and Cardinals back to Victory Field next week for another thrilling matchup.”

Victory Field has been kind to the Hoosiers in recent years. Since 2015, Indiana holds a 5-1 record at the venue, including wins over Ball State in 2017 (4-3) and 2019 (9-3). The 2023 matchup was canceled due

Three county players on the roster

Three baseball players with Hamilton County ties will play at the Victory Field game between Indiana and Ball State.

Fishers’ Joey Brenczewski is a redshirt sophomore for the Hoosiers. The 2022 Tigers graduate is batting .316, with 19 runs batted in and two home runs.

Carmel’s Alex Richter is a senior for the Cardinals. He has played in all 34 of Ball State’s games this season, batting .248 with 29 RBIs. Richter leads the team in runs scored with 24 and is tied for first in home runs with eight.

Hamilton Heights’ Lucas Letsinger is also a Ball State senior, having transferred from IU Kokomo after his sophomore year. A pitcher, Letsinger has 10 strikeouts this season.

to inclement weather.

Fans are encouraged to purchase Indians mini plans, single-game tickets, or reserve group and premium experiences. For more information, visit IndyIndians.com or contact the

Victory Field Box Office at (317) 269-3545 or Tickets@IndyIndians.com.

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6:00 pm Greenfield Central vs **Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

Sat April 12 - High School Baseball & College Lacrosse

11:00 am Carroll vs **Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

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

Tues April 16 - Softball & Girls Lacrosse

6:00 pm **Fishers** vs **Noblesville** | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports

6:00 pm Noblesville Common Council Meeting April 15, 2025 | Hamilton County TV

7:20 pm Cathedral vs Zionsville | 2025 Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Thurs April 18 - Softball, Girls Lacrosse and Boys Volleyball

5:15 pm New Palestine vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Softball | Southeastern Sports

5:50 pm Harrison vs Heritage Christian | Boys Volleyball | Indiana SRN

7:20 pm Zionsville vs **Carmel** | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

Fri April 19 - Baseball

5:45 pm Zionsville vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Baseball | Southeastern Sports Network

7:00 pm **Fishers** vs **Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

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Auditions are open for the Indianapolis Colts’ drumline, The Herd.

Auditions now open for Indianapolis Colts drumline

By PARKER CARLSON
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Think you have what it takes to join The Herd? The Indianapolis Colts wants you to sign up for an audition to join their official drumline, The Herd.

The Herd began in 2024, and performs on the field and in the stands every home game.

“With a mix of skilled

percussionists, choreographed routines, and a bold presence, The Herd embodies the passion of Colts Nation, ensuring every performance is loud, proud and exciting,” the Colts said in the audition announcement.

Auditions are now open. Those applying must fill out an application and submit a video audition. The deadline is May 15.

Live auditions will be

held at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center June 1. Finalists are expected to learn the full Herd cadence for their desired position on the line.

Applicants must be at least 18 and have a high school diploma, or its equivalent, by June 1 to apply.

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