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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny.
 Tonight: Cloudy.
 Spotty sprinkle or light shower possible.

HIGH: 67 LOW: 54



Young Huskies ready to help you take out the trash

The REPORTER

It's that time of the year to stock up on your favorite trash bags while supporting Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) athletics.

HHMS's Spring Trash bag fundraiser is on now through Wednesday, April 30. Orders will be available for pick up between 2:30 and 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 at the middle school, located at 25150 State Road 19, Arcadia.

Perfect for tackling all your cleanup projects, these heavy-duty bags are available in five versatile sizes:

- 13 gallon (red drawstring, 45 per roll)
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- 39 gallon (yellow, 20 per roll)
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The cost per roll is \$14. Or-



(From left) HHMS students Ian Matthew, Hailey Freimanis, Madilynn Long, and Alastair Brown are ready to take part in the school's most popular athletic fundraiser. Proceeds from the trash bag sales support the HHMS athletics department, helping young athletes thrive both on and off the field.

der forms were sent home with students on Wednesday. Orders can also be placed by contacting Jayme Patterson (317) 984-3547, ext. 2011, or jpatterson@hhschuskies.org.

Trapped to free: part 1

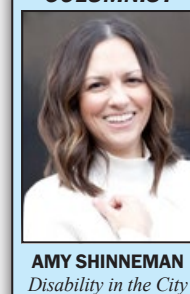
The time has come and gone for our last school spring break trip. Senior year for my youngest is flying by.

We collectively decided to visit Colorado again. We went there six years ago and stayed in the most charming house in the mountains. We all agreed it would be fun to go back and create some new memories. Our college-aged son was new able to join us for a couple of days, which made it all the sweeter.

A top priority of my younger son and husband while we were there was to run some very challenging trails. That they did almost every day we were there. A runner's dream. The scenery is just so breathtaking everywhere you look. It is so vast, an instant reminder of just how small our bubble really is.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

Ever wonder what it takes to be a lineman? It takes this

The REPORTER

Last Saturday, April 12, more than 30 Duke Energy lineworkers from Indiana competed to test the skills they use on the job every day to help provide power to customers.

The Lineman's Rodeo took place at Duke Energy's Indiana Regional Headquarters, 1000 E. Main St., Plainfield.

Many of these lineworkers are the same people who also led Duke Energy's storm response earlier this month which impacted nearly 100,000 customers in the company's Indiana service territory.

"Our lineworkers are committed 24/7 to keeping our lives powered up when we flip the switch," Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr said. "The Lineworkers Rodeo is a great opportunity for our valued employees to show off their skills through friendly competition and to socialize with competitors from other locations."

At the Rodeo, competitors were tested on job-related skills such as equipment repair and pole climbs, while being judged on speed, agility, technique, and safety procedures. Participants competed to be the fastest, safest, and most efficient at various tasks, and the



(ABOVE LEFT) This family looks on as their Duke lineman competes for his chance to go to the International Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas later this year.

winners qualified to compete in the International Lineman's Rodeo, which takes place in Kansas in October.

Lineworkers are highly

skilled professionals who undergo rigorous training to work with electricity safely and efficiently, and their roles are critical to the safe and efficient

delivery of power. All lineworkers are trained to respond to major outages in events such as high winds, ice, and summer and winter storms.



Photos provided by Duke Energy Indiana

Indiana Mad Ants rebrand as Noblesville Boom

Fresh name & logo usher in new era of fast-paced basketball

Submitted

Pacers Sports & Entertainment (P S & E) announced Wednesday that the shot clock has expired on the Indiana Mad Ants, ushering in a new era for the Indiana Pacers' G League affiliate with an exciting rebrand including a new logo and name – the Noblesville Boom.

The rebranded name is a tribute to the iconic, "Boom, Baby!" phrase tied to the Pacers and made famous 50 years ago by legendary Pacers coach and commentator Bobby "Slick" Leonard. The Noblesville Boom name also reflects the loud, fast-paced basketball the team brings to the court as well as the energy and growth of the Noblesville community.

"We're thrilled to tip off an exciting new era for our G League team, the Noblesville Boom, while honoring the legacy and global brand power of the Indiana Pacers," PS&E CEO Mel Raines said. "The city of Noblesville and Mayor Chris Jensen continue to be incredible partners as the team prepares to relocate to their new home in Noblesville, which will bring more exciting opportunities for fans to enjoy world-class basketball."

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What Indiana's property tax changes will mean for Hoosiers

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

An economist and a local government expert on Tuesday said Hoosiers' individual situations will determine how much they save under Indiana's new property tax overhaul.

After months of negotiations, the Indiana Senate voted just early Tuesday, just after midnight, to send the **property tax bill approved by the House** to Gov. Mike Braun's desk. Braun signed it into law on Tuesday afternoon.

The bill would let homeowners claim a tax credit of up to 10 percent of their total property tax bill, to a maximum of \$300.

Disabled veterans could claim an additional credit of \$250 while older Hoosiers on fixed incomes could claim an extra \$150.

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Westfield Washington Public Library now features 'Adult Library of Things'

The REPORTER

Now there is more than just books to check out at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) recently gave an Adult Library of Things to the library in honor of its 123rd birthday on Tuesday, April 15. The collection includes everything from instruments and tool sets to craft supplies and cameras.

"We wanted to give the library a gift the entire community could benefit from," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "This collection will allow our neighbors to dis-

cover new hobbies, try out new tools, and learn in a way that fits their lifestyle. What a fun way to celebrate the library and all its patrons."

Located on the second floor of the library on bookshelves near non-fiction, the collection features a variety of tools and resources, including a bicycle tool kit, a rotary cutting set, ukuleles, an electric yarn winder, and a thermal imaging camera to name a few. All items are available for checkout to adult library cardholders.

Community members are invited to grow the Adult Library of Things by purchasing



The Adult Library of Things is located on the second floor of the Westfield Washington Public Library.

a gift from the library's Amazon Wish List at [this link](https://www.amazon.com/wish-list).

For more information or to learn about how to support the

Adult Library of Things, please visit the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

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TAXES

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Paul Helmke, director of the Civic Leaders Center at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, told News 8 most homeowners likely will qualify for the full \$300 or close to it. He said that amount represents a significant savings.

Ball State University economist professor Michael Hicks isn't so sure. He said the average homeowner based on average home values could still save between \$200 and \$300, but the median homeowner – the homeowner whose assessed valuation is exactly in the middle – might end up saving less than \$100.

"Savings are going to accrue to higher-income households, and so it's really not going to be as big a bang for families that own a less-expensive home," he said. "The things that are really going to matter are going to be the assessed valuation of your home and then what other exemptions you have in your home."

Local government officials have told News 8 they likely will raise local income tax, or LIT, rates to make up for the lost property tax revenue. The bill caps cumulative LIT rates for each county at 2.9 percent, down from the current 3.75 percent.

According to records from the State Budget Agency, just three counties in Indiana – Cass, Randolph and Wabash – have LIT rates that are at or above the new limit. The other 89

counties have room to raise their rates.

Helmke, who served three terms as mayor of Fort Wayne, said inflation and the need to pay public safety salaries will almost certainly drive local governments to raise LIT rates. Even though schools don't receive LIT revenue, Helmke said, it's unlikely homeowners will see a net savings due to LIT rates being raised only to fund city and county services.

"I don't think that you're going to see cities and counties holding back. I think they're going to want to get the full income tax amount that they can, or close to it," he said. "That's going to make the schools the loser, and I think for most of us taxpayers, it's going to be a wash."

Hicks said the bill's adjustments to business personal property tax likely will hit homeowners as well. The bill significantly expands two exemptions businesses can claim on capital equipment, such as factory machinery. Hicks said larger cities with more manufacturers will be hit harder by loss of that revenue. As a result, he said those jurisdictions likely will see the highest increases in LIT rates.

The provisions of SB 1 take effect for property taxes paid in 2026.

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Why Indiana's revenue forecast is \$2.4B less than expected for next three years

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

The state revenue forecast released Wednesday shows Indiana taking in \$2.4 billion less over the next three years than had been forecast in December, when lawmakers prepared to create a fiscal budget for the next two years. That's an estimated cumulative loss between now and the end of the 2027 budget year, so about 26 months total.

They say two problems are driving this.

First, employment grew

more slowly than expected. That means fewer payrolls to tax. The other is drops in corporate income tax revenue due in part to the current volatility in the markets and uncertainty over trade policy.

The top budget writers from both chambers say nothing is off the table in terms of potential cuts or tax hikes. But, they say they won't cut anything from education unless they believe they have no other choice.

State Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka, said, "I was very concerned. In the 21 years I've been here, I was

here during the recession in '08, the '09 budget. This one scares me a lot more than that ... Because the numbers are a lot higher."

State Senator David Niezgodski, D-South Bend, said, "We need to put all the options on the table, and I'm seeking collaboration with the majority so we can truly do the right things that are going to be measurable for Indiana that we are not going to make this picture look any worse."

The state has \$2.7 billion in reserve, on paper, which isn't enough to make up the lost revenue.

But, the top Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee warns dipping into that reserve would leave the state with too little emergency cash if something else happens.

The legislative session still has about a week left. Lawmakers say they don't expect to call a special session.

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TRAPPED

The place we were staying was at an elevation of about 9,000 feet. For us Indiana folks, we felt it! For me, it was especially difficult. Due to my Muscular Dystrophy, I had trouble regulating my body temperature the first few days there. That first night was grueling. I also felt so much weaker, which on top of my already profound weakness. I was reminded just how fragile my independence is. Even the smallest task felt monumental to me there.

Away from home, everything is different. At home, I have my steps counted, furniture memorized for grabbing onto to steady myself or take a break, rugs to be cautious of, bumps in the flooring etc. At the new place, I had to relearn all of that. It takes awhile to get used to new flooring, bed height, steps into the house, showers, you name it, I have to give it some thought to function. A new place feels very disorienting to me. Since we had visited this house before,

I had a slight advantage, but it had been a while, and my physical abilities have changed since then.

While I enjoy traveling, I have to admit that it is becoming more exhausting and less appealing the more my disease progresses. I do not want to feel that way, but it is the truth. It is a lot. It takes away from the relaxed enjoyment when having to do all these new assessments. It has been a sad realization, but I am grateful for a family that supports me when I do decide to travel. We are all learning this together. We have to be patient as we figure this out.

Not only is it hard on me, but it also involves my husband taking on new responsibilities, too. He is typically the one who is physically helping me. It is an adjustment for us both. There can be frustration in the beginning for sure. Mostly, that is due to my lack of communication. Plus, the fact that I have not figured out exactly what I need, or how to voice

those needs to him.

There are things such as getting inside the house, getting dressed, walking to the car to leave, getting in and out of a different car, more help in the kitchen or shower. It all depends on what is similar to home, if anything.

I felt trapped. I've created an independence here that didn't exist there. It creates a sense of panic because it's a lot coming at me at once. I was overwhelmed.

The guilt I feel for placing extra burden on my family is immense. Heavy. Crushing.

To be clear, it isn't guilt because of their reaction. They are more than willing to help, but that feeling comes from me. I hate the feeling of taking away from someone else's good time because of my basic needs. Yet I have no choice.

It took me a few days to get into my groove there and adjust to the altitude change. On about day four of six, I was able to do some of the things on my own, or

with less assistance.

While we were visiting, it turns out I got to meet a woman who I have admired for a long time, who also lives with a disability. She has been part of how I have modeled my own life these past few years. She was holding an event about an hour from where we were staying. I could not believe that I got to go and meet her in person. It felt like a divine intervention, and just what I needed to pull me out of my funk that I was in. It was a kickstart to finishing off my vacation on a high note.

Things began to turn around after that and I had some pretty awesome opportunities that I won't soon forget.

Until next time ...
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Thanks for reading
The Reporter!

BOOM

The Mad Ants, a professional men's basketball team formerly located in Fort Wayne, were named after "Mad" Anthony Wayne, the namesake of Fort Wayne, who was an American Revolutionary War general and U.S. congressman.

A modern take on the familiar basketball that has defined the Pacers logo for decades, the Noblesville Boom logo includes a supercharged cyan color, first introduced with the Pacers 2023-24 City Edition uniform, alongside the Pacers' classic navy and gold color scheme.

"As Hoosiers, basketball is in our DNA," PS&E President of Business Operations Todd Taylor said. "That's why expanding ac-

cess to professional basketball, especially in a vibrant and growing city like Noblesville, is a game changer not just for local fans and families who want to experience the action up close, but also for the young athletes who want to develop their skills and land a spot in the NBA."

Taylor said the club's new court design, mascot and uniforms will be unveiled in the coming months and leading up to the season start in November.

In May 2023, the city of Noblesville announced a transformational partnership with PS&E to relocate the team from Fort Wayne to Hamilton County. During the interim, the team

played the last two seasons at Gainbridge Fieldhouse while construction was ongoing at their future home, The Arena at Innovation Mile, a new 3,400-seat, 123,000-square-foot arena. The Arena construction is expected to be completed this summer, and the city expects to draw 65,000 fans annually for games.

"We are thrilled to join Pacers Sports and Entertainment in announcing their G League team's new name, the Noblesville Boom," Mayor Jensen said. "From our historical beginnings and recent economic growth to our current posture as one of the most sought-after communities, Noblesville is flourishing and booming

in a lot of ways. It is fitting that the team's name incorporates the past, which many know Noblesville was founded on an energy boom, present, and future of our city and our close partners, the Indiana Pacers. This is a significant milestone for our city and for basketball in Indiana – the basketball state. The local community looks forward to welcoming the Noblesville Boom to The Arena at Innovation Mile. Their presence in our community will have a lasting impact for years to come."

Fans can visit [NoblesvilleBoom.com](https://www.NoblesvilleBoom.com) for more information, sign up for email updates and place a ticket deposit for the 2025-26 season.

The NBA G League is the second most prominent men's basketball league in the world, behind only the NBA, and is often a launch pad for players, coaches, officials, and other staff to land a career at the next level. The league features 31 teams and about 50 percent of NBA players have G League experience, including Pacers' star forward Pascal Siakam.

About Pacers Sports & Entertainment

Pacers Sports & Entertainment is the corporate identity exemplified by the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, Noblesville Boom, Pacers Foundation, Inc., and Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Its team of inspired and dedi-

cated employees promises to deliver quality entertainment and unparalleled service.

About Noblesville Boom

The Noblesville Boom are the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers. The franchise, formerly known as the Indiana Mad Ants, recently concluded its 18th season and has been part of Pacers Sports and Entertainment since 2015. The club will play in Noblesville at The Arena at Innovation Mile beginning next season. Fans can visit [NoblesvilleBoom.com](https://www.NoblesvilleBoom.com) to get more information, sign up for email and SMS updates, check out exclusive merchandise, and place a ticket deposit for the 2025-26 season.

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Letter to the Editor

Why the proposed rental cap will keep our children from coming home to Fishers

Dear Editor:
As my son prepares to graduate from college this spring, he's excited about coming home to Fishers to begin his career. Despite a good entry-level job offer, he's already struggling to find an affordable rental.

Now, our city council is considering a cap on single-family home rentals that would make his search even more difficult and potentially drive up the costs of what few rentals remain.

This proposed rental cap is a clear example of government overreach. Capping the number of single-family rentals does not benefit families like mine, and it takes away housing opportunities for other Hoosiers. As parents, we raise our children to spread their wings, build confidence, and establish themselves as independent adults. The rental cap creates an impossible situation for young adults like ours – too independent to live in our basement but unable to find rental housing in the community they call home.

Many potential residents may be excluded from Fishers, not just recent graduates but newlyweds looking for a place to start families and young professionals building careers. Many people who want to move to or return to Fishers need the flexibility that rental housing provides, as do lifelong residents and retirees who may want to downsize. If you cap rentals, residents like my son will be left without options that meet their needs.

I strongly oppose any effort by our local government to regulate the marketplace in this fashion. This artificial cap will lead to more restrictions that further regulate the housing market to the detriment of families like mine. The housing stock should not be distorted by local government mandates.

California is rife with the types of government mandates that Fishers should avoid. For example, the **permitting process** to rebuild homes in Los Angeles after the massive January wildfires has significantly slowed rebuilding in many parts of the city. The California state government is also considering **legislation** similar to the city council's proposed ordinance. The bill, just like Fishers' ordinance, would restrict the supply of rental opportunities and distort the housing market. Fishers should not use California bills as inspiration for policymaking.

Fishers should look to Gov. Mike Braun for sound policies. The governor is **attempting to enact** pro-growth property tax reforms to alleviate housing costs. Housing affordability can be achieved, but restricting housing supply is not the answer. Cutting red tape and lowering the tax burden is a valuable tool to provide relief for Hoosiers living in Fishers – my son included.

Isn't this what we want as a community? For our children to come back, put down roots, and keep investing in this place we love? If the city council truly values family and community, they will reject this misguided rental cap and allow the market and pro-growth reforms to provide the diverse housing options that all generations of Fishers residents need.

John Everett
Fishers

Three local students inducted into Franklin College's Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

The REPORTER

Franklin College's Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society inducted 26 new members into its Circle on March 10, and three of those inductees are local students:

- Meghan Moses, Tipton
- Isabella Neiling, Cicero
- Kaylee Rhoton, Cicero

Omicron Delta Kappa is a national organization that honors collegiate leadership and renowned character. On a national scale, Omicron Delta Kappa provides members with access to scholarships, professional development and networking opportunities.

Franklin College's Circle recognizes students for their leadership in academics and research, athletics, community and campus service, communications, and creative and performing

arts. The students selected are statistically in the top 35 percent of their classes and entrenched leaders of the campus community. Over the course of 25 years, Franklins' Omicron Delta Kappa Circle has initiated more than 500 students into this exclusive honor society.

"The most inspiring things to me about ODK are the connection with so many amazing FC alumni and the opportunity to shine a light on these student leaders," said Jeremy VanAndel, director of professional development and adviser of Franklin's Circle. "Nearly all of our members are involved in other things – academics, athletics, fellowships, Greek life – but ODK is a place where students can be recognized for all their achievements."

Westfield's Spring Bulk Trash Day set for May 10

The REPORTER

Westfield's Spring Bulk Trash Day will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10 at Westfield City Services, 2728 E. 171st St.

This event provides residents an opportunity to dispose of items not accepted as part of their weekly garbage or recycling pick-up, including air conditioners, carpet, furniture, microwaves, select electronics, and more.

"As the weather warms up, many of us are tackling our spring cleaning," Community, Fleet, and Safety Officer Travis Stetnish said. "Bulk Trash Day is the perfect opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted items that have been collecting dust over the winter, and we encourage everyone to



Graphic provided by City of Westfield

participate."

Proof of residency – such as a utility bill or driver's license – is required to participate in Bulk Trash Day; you must be a resident of Westfield or Westfield Washington Township to

take part.

Most accepted items can be disposed of free of charge. However, a small fee will apply to select items, which can be paid on-site (cash only). Chemicals, paint, prescription drugs,

and other hazardous waste items will not be accepted.

To view the full list of accepted and non-accepted items, or for details on which items require an additional fee, please visit westfieldin.gov/bulktrashday.

Letter to the Editor

Hoosiers invited to "Roll Up Your Sleeves" rally at Governor's Mansion April 21 to demand real property tax reform

Dear Editor:

The Coalition of Central Indiana Tea Parties, along with Indy Tea Party North, Indy Defenders of Liberty West, Lafayette Citizens in Action, and concerned citizens across the state, are calling on all Hoosiers to join a public rally at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 21 outside the Governor's Mansion on North Meridian Street (between 46th and 49th Streets in Indianapolis).

The protest is a direct response to **Senate Bill 1** (SB1), a deceitful bill the General Assembly is promoting as property tax reform, but which falls far short of what was promised by Governor Mike Braun during his 2024 campaign.

"SB1 is not true property tax relief," said Adam Harvey, Chairman of the Coalition. "It does nothing to fix the broken system that punishes homeowners, especially seniors and working families. Governor Braun promised bold reform. This bill is anything but."

The rally will also oppose a quiet move in the state budget (**HB 1001**) to strip control of TrustIndiana from the elected State Treasurer and hand it to a board of bankers. **TrustIndiana is a successful investment program** that manages local government funds safely and responsibly. Turning control over to financial insiders is crony capitalism at its worst, risking taxpayer money for private gain.

The Coalition's demands

- Governor Braun must veto SB1 if it passes. (Editor's

note: The governor signed the bill into law on Tuesday afternoon.)

- Call a special session to create real, meaningful property tax reform.
- Protect TrustIndiana by removing the budget language that hands control to a banker-appointed board.
- Stop taxing unrealized gains on property using assessed values, and start putting taxpayers first.
- Exempt homesteads from tax seizure.

"This is about keeping promises, standing up for taxpayers, and stopping backroom deals that benefit insiders," said Rick Barr, of Indy Defenders of Liberty West. "We're showing up on April 21 to make sure our voices are heard loud and clear."

The Coalition of Central Indiana Tea Parties

- Adam Harvey, Chairman Joseph Bortka, Rules and Procedures Chair
- Indy Tea Party North Dave Bond, Chair
- Indy Defenders of Liberty West Rick Barr, Chair
- Lafayette Citizens in Action Mike Morris, Chair
- Richard Bagsby, Candidate for State Senate, District 22
- EPIC, Election and Political Integrity Club Penny Bigelow, Chair
- Hoosier Summit John Schmitz, Chair
- Hoosier Freedom Caucus Spiro Iraclianos, Chair
- AMAC of Indiana Brad Smith

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SERVE Noblesville event returns with Culture Fair & FUN Fest

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A community organization will bring back its FUN Fest and Culture Fair on Friday.

The SERVE Noblesville event will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Noblesville Community Center, 1775 Field Drive. Admission to the event is free.

The event, co-hosted by SERVE Noblesville and the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council, invites residents and visitors to celebrate community and culture through activities. The Culture Fair will feature over 30 booths showcasing the diverse cultures of Noblesville, while the FUN Fest will offer food trucks, live performances, and games.

Patrick Propst, executive director of SERVE Noblesville, said in a news release, "Food is the ultimate vehicle for bringing people together. But this event is about more than just great eats – it's about building authentic relationships, learning from one another, and celebrating the beautifully diverse stories that shape our city."



Photo provided by SERVE Noblesville
SERVE Noblesville and the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council will co-host this event celebrating community and culture through several activities.

ries that shape our city."

Vaibhav Patel, a high school senior and the Culture Fair founder, said in the news release, "We're proud to create a space where Noblesville's youth can lead in showing what unity in diversity looks like."

The FUN Fest will feature eight local food trucks offering international cuisines, including street tacos, Caribbean jerk chicken, Korean BBQ, and classic Midwestern fare.

The Culture Fair, led by the Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council, aims to foster understanding and build bridges between neighbors through interactive cultural displays, traditional dress, music, games, and storytelling.

Also accepting applications for upcoming volunteer opportunities during Come Together Week in May and Serve Week in June.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/entertainment-news/serve-noblesville-fun-fest-2025.

Beware of charity scams in storm aftermath

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

In the wake of recent storms and flooding across Indiana, Attorney General

General Rokita offers the following tips to safeguard against charity-related scams:



Rokita

al Todd Rokita is calling on all Hoosiers to remain vigilant as scammers look to exploit these disasters by targeting charitable and helpful individuals. Just as fraudsters prey on generosity during holiday seasons, they also take advantage of those seeking assistance or repairs after severe weather.

Attorney General Rokita says Hoosiers should take proactive steps to protect themselves from deceptive schemes promising aid or services.

"Hoosiers are good-hearted people who may want to donate to help quickly rebuild hard hit communities after the recent devastating storms, but that giving nature can make them targets for scammers looking to profit from hardship," AG Rokita said. "We must stay one step ahead of these fraudsters by doing our homework and ensuring our resources go to legitimate recovery efforts, not into the hands of con artists."

Attorney General Rokita says his office is committed to tracking down and bringing to justice the criminals who perpetrate illegal scams while also empowering Hoosiers to avoid becoming victims.

With communities across the state facing significant damage from recent storms and flooding, Attor-

- Slow down: A real charity will accept your donations any day of the week. Take as much time as you need to feel confident that your money is being used to help the cause you expect. Ask questions. If the request for a donation is over the phone, the caller should be able to answer critical questions.

- Make sure you are dealing with the real charitable organization. Be leery of unknown or unfamiliar organizations you receive by phone, mail, email, and/or social media.

- Always donate by credit card rather than cash or other methods. This will ensure you can access the protections available through your credit card company.

- Research the cause or the organization: Search online for the name of the organization or cause with words like "review," "scam," or "complaint." See if others have had good or bad experiences with the charity. Check out what charity watchdog groups like CharityNavigator.org, CharityWatch.org, Give.org, and Guidestar.org say about that organization.

Hoosiers who suspect they've encountered a scam should report it immediately to the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

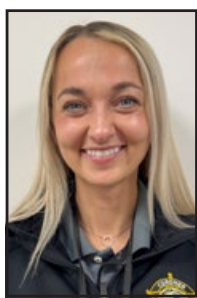
County Coroner's Office welcomes new deputy coroner

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office recently announce the addition of MaKayla Keating as its newest Deputy Coroner.

Keating brings a wealth of discipline, leadership, and service experience to the position, following four years of service in the United States Marine Corps as an Infantry Rifleman. During her military tenure, she rose to the rank of Sergeant.

Keating is a graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), where she earned her degree in Psychology. Her academic background, combined with her military experience, brings a unique perspective to the sensitive and essential work conducted by the Coroner's Office.



Keating

"We are thrilled to have MaKayla join our team," Coroner Jeff Jellison said. "Her strong work ethic, commitment to public service, and background in both the military and psychological sciences will be invaluable assets as we continue to serve the people of Hamilton County with professionalism and compassion."

Outside of her professional duties, Keating enjoys staying active through workouts and outdoor activities, including hiking and running.

Keating officially began her role earlier this month and has already begun the onboarding process, field training program, and will attend Indiana's mandated medicolegal death investigation training.

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Westfield police officer recognized by Prevail, Inc.



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In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Prevail, Inc. honored the unwavering dedication of first responders and community partners who support survivors and work to prevent violence. Westfield Police Captain Jeff Swiatkowski was nominated for Officer of the Year in recognition of the meaningful, lasting impact he makes each and every day. Thank you for your service and dedication, Captain Swiatkowski! (ABOVE) Captain Swiatkowski (left) and Chief Shawn Keen.

Treasurer Elliott salutes 911 dispatchers in honor of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The REPORTER

From April 13 to 19, Indiana has joined the rest of the country in celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW), saluting the men and women who are the first to respond in emergencies. Public safety telecommunicators serve as the critical link between people in crisis and first responders.



Elliott

From the first ring to the last word, Indiana's 911 dispatchers are the ones guiding first responders to where help is needed most. They work behind the scenes, but their impact is front and center in every emergency across our state.

State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, who serves as Chairman of the Indiana Statewide 911 Board, shared his gratitude for these everyday heroes.

"When people are facing the worst moments of their lives, it's the voice on the other end of 911 that brings calm to dangerous situations," Treasurer Elliott said. "These dispatchers may not wear a badge or drive a cruiser, but make no mistake – they are just as much heroes. They stand watch day and night, guiding help to where it's needed most."

Across the state, 2,369 public safety telecommunicators staff 117 public safety answering points (PSAPs). In 2024, they answered 3,944,944 911 calls and processed 170,653 911 texts. Eighty-nine percent of the 911 calls received are from cellular phones. Whether it's

a house fire, a car crash, or a medical emergency, they're the first to answer and the last to hang up – often offering comfort and quick guidance until help arrives.

"In every emergency, before the sirens sound or lights flash, there is a voice you hear and a face you never see. That voice is a 911 telecommunicator," IN-911 Executive Director Jeff Schemmer said. "They are the true first responder in every crisis. Their compassion reminds us that heroes don't always arrive in person – sometimes, they're just a voice away."

During this week and all year long, communities across Indiana are encouraged to recognize and thank their local dispatchers – the calm in the chaos and the unseen backbone of public safety.

To learn more about Indiana's 911 system please visit IN911.net.

About the Statewide 911 Board

The IN-911 Board is a quasi-state government agency operates under the Indiana Treasurer's Office. It has statewide jurisdiction over 911 services. Its chair, by statute, is an elected official: the state treasurer. The board's two primary responsibilities include collecting surcharges from all communication service providers and distributing the funding to local units of government, as well as the operation of a statewide public safety ESInet for 911 calls, including Text to 911 services.

The Play That Goes Wrong gets everything very right

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

As an exquisite book-end of the season, Indiana Repertory Theatre, which opened with an excellent production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, closes with *The Play That Goes Wrong*. The play has been taking America by storm over the past few years and is still running in London, where its authors have turned it into a cottage industry that includes a number of spin-offs.

Farce is an ancient art form. Here, authors Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields have ingeniously injected the classic form (exaggerated characters and improbable situations) with a high dose of slapstick. The combination isn't new, but these writers manically turn everything "up to 11." The results are a riotous two acts that will leave most audiences exhausted from laughter.

Anyone with even a passing awareness of any Agatha Christie story will know these characters immediately: wealthy gentry, visiting guests, household staff and of course, a police detective. It is important



Photo by Zach Rosing

Claire Wilcher, Dominique Lawson, Eric Sharp, Sarah Coakley Price, and Brett Mutter toast a lifeless Rob Johansen.

to the comedy that we are familiar with these folks, as the situations grow ever wilder and funnier over the course of the play.

Special attention must be paid to the off-stage creative team. Christopher and Justin Swader have designed a beautiful set that falls apart on cue. It is a character unto itself. Izumi Inaba's costumes are perfect for the occasion, as are wigs by Drew Bryson. Finally, Jason Lynch's lighting and sound by Uptownworks are masterpieces of

audience manipulation.

The cast is fully up to the door-slamming, set-collapsing insanity of it all and is wonderfully funny. China Brickey, Ryan Hallahan, Ron Johansen, Brett Mutter, Claire Wilcher, Sarah Coakley Price, Dominique Lawson, and Eric Sharp are all in perfect synchronization.

Bottom line: With so much "going on" in the world today, the need for a good belly laugh is more critical than ever. Director Ben Hannah and his win-

ning cast will supply you with more than enough to get you through. *The Play That Goes Wrong* is just the recipe. Based on the post-show excitement from the audience, you might want to get your tickets soon!

The Play That Goes Wrong runs through May 11 at The Indiana Repertory Theatre in downtown Indianapolis. Tickets are available at irtlive.com.

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

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Community Page Survey

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- caregivers! Please click here or scan the QR Code to take the survey – tinyurl.com/VeteransPageSurvey
1. Are you an active Service member, Veteran, family member of or a caregiver for a Service Member or Veteran?
 2. What do you like about the Veteran community page?
 3. What else would you like to see on this Veteran Community page?

Thank you in advance for your help in making this page YOUR 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-Su 12-10pm 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, 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 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
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Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
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Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
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Johnson County Armory
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Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions about VA Eligibility & Enrollment, PACT Act, Federal and State VA Benefits, Filing Claims, and MyHealth4Vet. Toxic Exposure Screening will also be available.

www.va.gov/indiana-health-care/ @IndyVAMC

Coffee With a Vet Every Thursday 10am till noon



Join the Indy Vet Center for "The Weekly Grind"

We are starting a new coffee time open to ALL veterans weekly here at the Vet Center. This is not counselor led or directed in anyway, it is just an open invitation to have some coffee with your community.

Every Thursday from 10am till 12pm (noon)
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Indianapolis, IN 46278
317-423-1680

Christina Owens
Veteran Outreach Program Specialist
Indianapolis Vet Center
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- HELP THEM CONNECT**: Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988).
- FOLLOW UP**: Stay in touch to see how they're doing.

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Activities & Events

QPR Suicide Prevention Training Apr 29



QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION COURSE

April 29, 2025

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210 Veterans Way
Carmel, IN 46032



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Christmas In June Care Package Drive



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

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

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

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

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Folds of Honor Indiana enters third year of partnership with Indianapolis Cars & Coffee

'Season Opener' at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park will support scholarships for families of fallen or disabled military members & first responders

Submitted

Folds of Honor Indiana, known for its commitment to providing life-changing scholarships to spouses and children of fallen or disabled military personnel and first responders, has announced the third year of its partnership with **Indianapolis Cars & Coffee** (IC&C).

To kick off the season, IC&C will hold its first event of the year on Saturday, April 19 at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park starting at 8 a.m.

IC&C events are hosted monthly at different venues in central Indiana from April through October. While all IC&C events are free to attend, money raised from sponsorships and on-site donations goes toward Folds of Honor Indiana. Since the two nonprofits

joined forces, IC&C has raised more than \$190,000 for scholarship recipients across Indiana, including more than \$65,000 in 2024.

This season-opening event will unite local car enthusiasts in a stunning automotive showcase while supporting both organizations. The event will feature a diverse display of classic, muscle, exotic, and custom vehicles, attracting car lovers from all over Indiana, and will also raise awareness for Folds of Honor Indiana's incredible work. Participants who bring their vehicles will also be able to register to drive them on the famous Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park Dragstrip.

"We truly value our partnership with Indianapolis Cars & Coffee and we're thrilled about the upcoming

IC&C events this year," said Mike Daggett, Folds of Honor Indiana Board President and U.S. Air Force Veteran. "Their continued support means the world to our mission, helping us provide educational scholarships to the families of fallen and disabled heroes. Together, we are making a tangible impact in our state and we're excited to see our community continue to come together to support this important cause."

The ongoing collaboration between Folds of Honor Indiana and Indianapolis Cars & Coffee highlights the central Indiana community's commitment to honoring those who have served our country and their loved ones.

"Indianapolis Cars & Coffee has become such a powerful way to connect

auto enthusiasts while giving back to the community, and we're so proud of what we've built as a 100-percent volunteer-run organization," said Drew Yagodnik, IC&C board member. "We've loved partnering with Folds of Honor Indiana over the past few years to support their mission, and we're excited to do it again this season."

All Indianapolis Cars & Coffee events are free, family-friendly and open to the public. No registration is needed to showcase vehicles, but drivers do need to **sign up** if they want to participate in a Lucas Oil Race IRP Dragstrip Fun Run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April



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19. Dragstrip Fun Runs are solely administered/managed by Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. Other Indianapolis Cars & Coffee events this year include:
• May 17 at Fishers Event Center
• June 28 at Connection

Pointe Christian Church
• July 26 at Knowledge Services + The Club Co-working
• Aug. 23 at Meridian Mark I and II
• Sept. 27 at Keystone at the Crossing Indianapolis
• Oct. 25: IC&C Trunk-or-Treat (location TBD)

Anderson man found guilty of impersonating Homeland Security officer & possessing Molotov cocktails

The REPORTER

A federal jury has found Joshua W. Stearman, 42, Anderson, guilty of unlawfully possessing incendiary bombs, commonly referred to as Molotov cocktails, and falsely impersonating an officer or employee of the United States.

According to court documents and evidence introduced at trial on Dec. 12, 2023, at approximately 1:47 a.m., a police officer in Ingalls, Ind., was dispatched to an address that had recently been vandalized multiple times, including with fires set in the driveway and inside the mailbox at that address. Dispatch received a report of a suspicious man walking toward the house carrying something but who ran back to his red Toyota RAV4 when the house's security lights came on.

The officer located the RAV4 and pulled it over. As the officer approached, Stearman pressed against the window his ID as well as an unknown government identification that included a government seal at the bottom. Repeatedly, Stearman claimed he was a Homeland

Security Officer returning from a "mission." Stearman was wearing black gloves with black duct tape around his wrists.

Eventually, Stearman exited the vehicle and was placed in custody. Inside the vehicle, officers found four bottles containing a yellow-brown liquid that gave off an odor of fuel, as well as what appeared to be small pieces of wood or kindling inside of them. All four had a piece of cloth or fabric sticking out from under the cap. Officers also found a lighter in the vehicle.

During the trial, experts from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) testified about their analysis of the four bottles. An ATF Forensic Chemist testified that she had analyzed the liquid inside the bottles, and each was found to contain gasoline.

Then, an ATF Destructive Device Examiner testified how each of the bottles was designed to be used as an incendiary bomb: the wick is ignited by an open flame and the device is thrown against a surface, with the intent that the ig-

nitable liquid and wooden sticks inside will spread fire to a combustible surface against which it was thrown.

Incendiary bombs, commonly known as Molotov cocktails, are a type of destructive device that is generally unlawful to possess under federal law.

The ATF and Ingalls Police Department investigated this case, with valuable assistance provided by Lapel, Indiana Police Department, and the Department of Homeland Security. Chief U.S. District Judge Tanya Walton Pratt presided over the trial and will sentence Stearman at a later date.

Acting U.S. Attorney John E. Childress thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Jayson W. McGrath and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Nate Walter, who are prosecuting this case.

Sen. Jim Banks introduces legislation to eliminate Department of Education

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Jim Banks

Last week, Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) introduced the Returning Education to Our States Act. This bill eliminates the Department of Education and returns control of education policy and funding to the states through federal block grants.



Banks

It transfers key programs, like student aid, vocational training, and special education, to other federal agencies while preserving protections like FERPA and Title IX. The bill ensures a smooth transition and maintains civil rights enforcement and con-

tinuity of services during the process.

"While the average Department of Education bureaucrat makes twice as much as a teacher in Indiana, our national test scores are near historic lows," Sen. Banks said. "That money should be sent back to the states to empower parents, teachers, and local leaders. Congress has a golden opportunity to codify President Trump's executive actions. This bill does that. It's a win for American education."

Sen. Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.) is also a cosponsor.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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Tuesday, April 22nd Noon - 6pm

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STAR Bank presents High School Senior Showcase Scholarships with Fishers Arts Council

The REPORTER

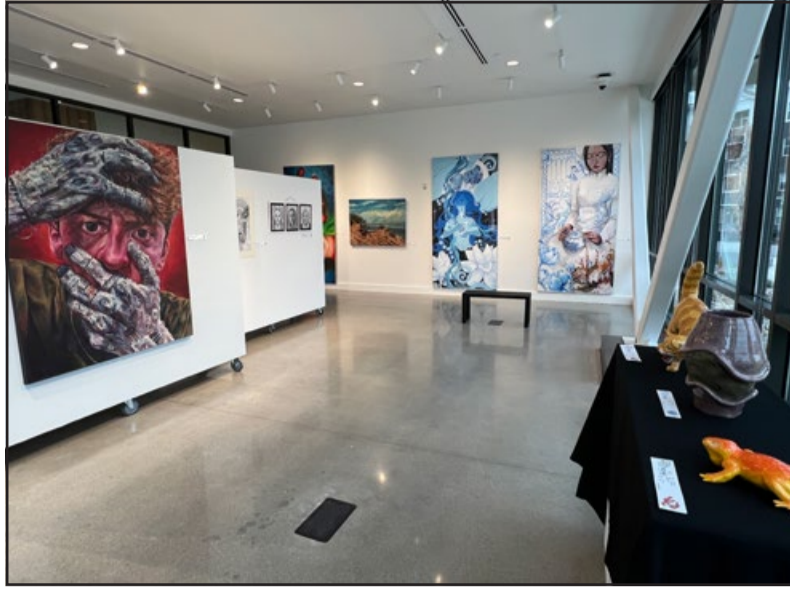
Fishers Arts Council (FAC) cordially invites you to attend the STAR Bank Senior Showcase exhibit, which presents to the Fishers community the excellent work of senior students in the visual arts and writing programs at both Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers high schools.

Visual Arts teachers from both high schools – Jasmine Osborne, Danielle Ontiveros Goodwin, Lisa Brown, Abbey Horst, David Rawlins, and Erin Warner (Fishers) along with Angela Fritz, Julie Strawhacker, Daniel Moosbrugger, Craig Helming and Lauren Reed (Hamilton Southeastern) – have been working with their students all year to help them hone their skills, create new projects, and learn and appreciate more about the arts.

The exhibit opened to the public on Monday, April 7 and will be on display through Monday, April 28. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit includes 125 pieces of 2D artwork, 30 pieces or collections of 3D artwork, and seven poems. If you missed the HSE District Art Show at the end of March, then this exhibit is a must-see.

A free public reception and the Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 18 featuring live music by Jack & Rae, with the awards ceremony starting at 6:45 p.m. Both the exhibit, receptions, and awards will take place at the Art Gallery in City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive.

The Title Sponsor for the 16th annual Senior Showcase is STAR Financial Bank. STAR bank has been the title sponsor for our scholarships since 2021. STAR is an Indiana-based community bank with assets in excess of \$3 billion.



Photos provided by Fishers Arts Council

Come see wall-to-wall artistic talent at this year's STAR Bank Senior Showcase at the Art Gallery at City Hall in Fishers.

STAR focuses its philanthropy on education, arts, and economic development. In 2023, STAR provided more than \$400,000 in direct financial support to Indiana nonprofit organizations.

The winners this year will receive scholarships totaling over \$4,800 in the categories of Drawing, Photography, Painting/Mixed Media, Digital Art, and 3D. We will also have the Jordan D. Snider Award for Artwork Best Reflecting the Written Word, sponsored by Catherine Snider. Honorable Mention winners are sponsored by Laura and Ed Villanyi.

The awards ceremony

will include representatives from STAR Financial Bank, the City of Fishers, award sponsors, and the incredible Visual Arts Department teachers. FAC thanks the returning award sponsors, both in their fourth year: Four Day Ray Brewing and Schoolhouse 7 Café. Returning for their second year: Boomerang Development, Fishers Dental Care, and The Goddard School on Brooks School Road. The newest sponsors for 2025 are Sadler and Ryan Orthodontics as well as an anonymous donor.

These Fishers-based businesses, along with Title Sponsor STAR Bank, are the

reason FAC can give cash awards to these incredibly talented students. Please support these businesses who believe in investing in arts education and the supporting the creative talents of local youth.

VP of Events and Exhibitions Shannon Bennett and Exhibitions Manager Alex Moorek, both of the Indy and Fishers Art Centers, are the judges for the exhibit. FAC is happy to welcome Indy Art Center leadership for the difficult task of judging the 2D and 3D works and gives them special thanks for allowing the exhibit to branch out into their gallery spaces in

the Fishers Art Center. All the artwork for the exhibit was selected by the visual arts teachers of both high schools, based on the HSE District Art Show in March.

Be sure to join Fishers Arts Council and these amazing high school artists at the scholarship awards reception from 6 to 8 p.m. April 18 at the Art Gallery at City Hall in Fishers. Meet the artists and their teachers, enjoy wonderful art and poetry, live music by Jack & Rae of Fishers High School, and dig into some refreshments. This event is free and welcome to all ages – just don't forget the awards ceremony starts at 6:45 p.m.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center. FAC also maintains its Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out FishersArtsCouncil.org or call or text (317) 537-1670 for more information.

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Governor Braun's latest executive orders aim to 'Make Indiana Healthy Again'

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun signed on Tuesday a landmark package of executive orders with initiatives to improve Indiana's health and well-being. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz were in attendance to support Indiana's initiative.

Governor Braun released the following statement with the executive orders:

"Today, we're taking bold action to Make Indiana Healthy Again and help Hoosiers live healthier lives.

"This isn't the usual top-down, one-size-fits-all public health agenda. We're focused on root causes, giving Hoosiers the transparent information to make decisions affecting their health, making it easier to access to fresh local food from Indiana's incredible farms, and taking on the problems in government programs that are contributing to making our communities less healthy.

"We're taking on big issues like preventative measures for diet-related chronic illnesses, addressing harmful additives in our food, encouraging fitness and health in schools through two new initiatives, and making big changes to food stamps to put the focus back on nutrition - not can-

dy and soft drinks.

"We're also focused on the health of Indiana's biggest budget line item and biggest health program - Medicaid - by making sure that enrollees don't exceed the income requirements for the program.

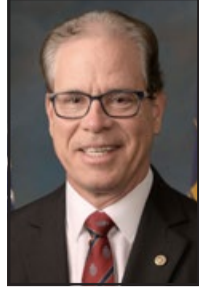
"Today's nine executive orders reflect a new approach to health policy in the state of Indiana focused on empowering everyone to live healthier, longer lives. Let's Make Indiana Healthy Again!"

Kennedy congratulated the governor for a multi-faceted effort to improve Hoosiers' health.

"Thank you, Governor Braun, for your courageous and visionary leadership to Make Indiana Healthy Again," Kennedy said. "I urge every governor across America to follow your lead by signing similar executive orders in their states to improve nutrition standards in SNAP, increase transparency around food dyes and additives, implement physical fitness tests in schools, expand farm-to-school programs, and embrace the full scope of your transformative health agenda. Together, we can Make America Healthy Again."

Oz said he and his agency are ready to work with Indiana.

"We're delighted to



Braun

work with our state and local partners - who are critical to advancing the Make America Healthy Again agenda," Oz said. "By prioritizing prevention, proper nutrition, and healthy lifestyle choices, we can set our younger generations up for a lifetime of success."

Synopses of the Executive Orders

1. The first executive order overhauls work requirements for SNAP, so able-bodied SNAP recipients who are not working can be put on the path to filling one of Indiana's more than 100,000 open jobs that require no prior experience or a college degree.

2. The second cuts down on fraud and abuse of the SNAP program by reinstating income and asset verification to ensure that this program is being used only by those who really need it.

3. The third aims to change federal rules so states are incentivized to operate high-quality, entrepreneurial SNAP programs that put enrollees on a meaningful path to self-sufficiency.

4. The fourth executive order removes candy and soft drinks from SNAP benefits so that taxpayer funds are helping low-income Americans afford nutritious food, not junk. The Governor's office has been working with USDA's Food and

Nutrition Service and will be filing this waiver today. Indiana is among the first to take up HHS Secretary Kennedy's call for states to file such waivers with this administration.

5. The fifth addresses Hoosier parents' concerns with the possible negative effects of food dyes and increasing food transparency. Hoosiers should know exactly what ingredients are in their food so they can opt for choices with fewer artificial ingredients.

6. The sixth kicks off a comprehensive study of diet-related chronic illness with a goal of empowering Hoosiers to address the root causes of chronic illness through preventative, evidence-based interventions such as nutrition, physical activity, early screening, and disease management.

7. The seventh aims to increase access to direct-to-consumer food from local Indiana farms.

8. The eighth establishes the Governor's Fitness Test and School Fitness Month to encourage Indiana's schools to give Hoosier kids every advantage possible to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives.

9. The final aims to cut down on eligibility errors in the Medicaid program, after it was found that 28 percent of Indiana's Medicaid spending - the state's largest budget line item - was improper, mostly due to eligibility errors. CMS

Attorney General Todd Rokita responds

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued the following response after attending Governor Mike Braun's announcement of Executive Orders to 'Make Indiana Healthy Again' and a working lunch with the Governor, Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Dr. Mehmet Oz, and Speaker of the House Todd Huston.



Rokita

"It was also an honor to have Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Dr. Mehmet Oz here to stand with us as necessary changes are being made to fix the chronic health issues we are facing. Hoosiers in large numbers support the MAHA movement, and the promises that were made are now being kept thanks to the Trump and Braun administration.

"Secretary Kennedy is exactly right when he said a healthy child can have 1,000 dreams, but a sick kid can only have one. We owe it to our children, our most precious assets, to give them access to nutritious foods and we owe parents transparency to empower them to make healthy choices."

Administrator Oz has been a leader on cracking down on abuse of the Medicaid presumptive eligibility process, and Indiana is following his lead.

Senate Bill 2 will follow these executive orders to the

Governor's desk this week, which includes work requirements for the Healthy Indiana Plan. The Governor's office collaborated with the General Assembly on making these reforms to fix Medicaid.



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Indiana Conference for Women announces 2025-26 Leadership Development Series cohort

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The Indiana Conference for Women (ICFW) announced Monday the 2025-26 class of its Women's Leadership Development Series. Now in its second year, the two-year series is designed to advance emerging women leaders across Indiana through skill-building workshops, strategic networking opportunities, and executive mentorship.

The series was co-founded by Marianne Glick, Chair of the Board at the Glick Family Foundation, and Charlie Garcia, President of Garcia Construction Group. Together, they launched the initiative to expand ICFW's mission beyond its one-day conference – the largest professional development event for women in the Midwest – by providing sustained leadership growth opportunities.

"When we founded the Indiana Conference for Women more than a decade ago, our focus was on a single day of learning and inspiration," ICFW Co-Founder Dr. Billie Drago-Garcia said. "It became clear that women were looking for more – ongoing development, meaningful connections, and long-term support. This program delivers on that promise."

2025-26 Cohort

The second cohort of the Indiana Conference for Women's Leadership Development Program includes 15

extraordinary women from across Indiana, representing a wide range of industries and expertise:

- Michelle Allen – Director, State of Indiana – Office of Administrative Law
- Amanda Bonilla – Consultant, ICN Solutions
- Cat Cleary – Vice President of Development, Ivy Tech Community College
- Landry Culp – Studio Project Manager, Cook Medical
- Erica Duncan – Laboratory Analyst-Organic Chemist, Citizens Energy Group
- Ana Esparza – Parking System and Customer Coordinator, Indianapolis Airport Authority
- Mallori Hoffmann – Underwriter, Old National Bank
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- Jessica Overstreet – Clinical Research Scientist, Eli Lilly and Company
- Meaghan Riddle – Marketing Operations Manager,



Gene B. Glick

• Ashley Youmell – Branch Manager, KeyBank

Participants will take part in a structured series of leadership workshops, executive mentorship, and curated networking events throughout the year. The program culminates with a capstone experience at the Indiana Conference for Women on Oct. 23, 2025, at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis.

"This experience transforms potential into progress," Glick said. "It gives women the confidence, community, and leadership skills to take bold steps forward in their careers."

Leadership Program builds momentum

"Our inaugural class set the bar incredibly high," said Charlie Garcia, co-founder of the ICFW Leadership Program. "We saw women accelerate their careers, expand their networks, and step into greater leadership

roles – and we're excited to see this next class carry that momentum forward."

The program has gained strong support from Indiana's business and philanthropic communities, helping address the growing demand for intentional leadership development opportunities for women.

"This program is more than professional development – it's leadership in action," said Joyce Q. Rogers, Board Chair of the Indiana Conference for Women. "We're developing the next generation of bold, connected women leaders – those who will be a part of shaping Indiana's future."

The Indiana Conference for Women will take place Thursday, Oct. 23 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. For conference registration, sponsorship, and additional information, visit IndianaConferenceForWomen.com.

Carmel recognized as 'Top 100 Best Place to Live in 2025' by Livability.com

The REPORTER

Livability.com recently unveiled its highly anticipated **2025 Top 100 Best Places to Live** list, showcasing the nation's most vibrant and livable small to mid-sized cities, and **Carmel** has earned a coveted spot among the nation's most livable cities.

Livability.com's annual ranking is unique in its focus on small to mid-sized cities and its emphasis on affordability. In a time when rising costs are a major concern for many Americans, Carmel's inclusion on this

list underscores its commitment to creating a community where people can thrive.

"Our 'Top 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S.' list is a data-driven collection of what we consider to be the best small to mid-sized places to live in," Livability.com Editor-in-Chief Amanda Ellis said. "It's the only list out there truly honing in on affordability, lauding the amazing, accessible cities across the country other than our large U.S. metros, which often get more recognition. As Americans face shifting economic conditions in a year wrought with inflation, evolving work dynamics and a growing desire for a better quality of life, our 'Top 100 Best Places to Live' list celebrates the cities where Americans

are creating dream careers, building families, launching businesses and leading meaningful lives."

For several years running, Carmel has ranked within the Top 10 best Livability Scores on the Livability Top 100 Best Places to Live list. This year, Carmel stands out for its excellent scores in the housing and cost of living, health, and economy categories. Carmel also received the highest score of any city in the housing and cost of living category and the second-highest overall LivScore.

Livability.com partnered with **Applied Geographic Solutions (AGS)** to analyze data from over 2,000 U.S. cities with populations between 75,000 and 500,000. The platform's intuitive filtering system allows users

to refine the list by category importance, median home value, population size and region. Interactive maps further enhance the user experience, providing a visual exploration of each city's attributes.

"This is the second year we have weighted all eight data categories equally within our algorithm," Ellis said. "In the past, we prioritized categories we felt were most important to our readers. But in recent years, we wanted to give readers even more control as priorities are shifting for many American families. By equally weighting all criteria, we're allowing each individual to filter and rank the categories that matter most to them, creating a personalized Top 100 ranking of the best places to live for themselves."

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Leviticus 3:12-13 (NIV)*

Douglas H. Schwall

February 11, 1967 – April 9, 2025



Douglas H. Schwall, 58, Indianapolis, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. He was born on February 11, 1967, to James & Dorothy Ann (Raymann) Schwall in Indianapolis.

Doug grew up on the east side of Indianapolis and attended St. Simon the Apostle and John Marshall High School.

Doug proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He earned a bachelor's degree at Indiana Wesleyan University. He was a Technical Sales Rep at The Hill & Griffith Company and a member of the Noblesville Masonic Lodge. Doug enjoyed hunting and golfing. He was also a huge Chicago Cubs fan. Most of all, Doug was a proud father, and he loved his children and grandson more than anything.

Doug is survived by his wife, Kirsten Schwall; mother, Dorothy Ann Schwall; children, Kennedy Schwall (Zachary Taylor) and Olivia Schwall; bonus children, Beckett Rawlings and Skylar Rawlings; grandson, Abel Rawlings; sisters, Debra (Michael) McCarty and Pamela (Michael) Bracken; several nieces and nephews; as well as his beloved fur babies Archie, River, and Charlie Rose.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Schwall.

Doug could light up a room & always make you laugh ...

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a Masonic service at 2 p.m., on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville with a private burial to follow.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Mary Jane Morton

February 24, 1933 – April 13, 2025

Mary Jane Morton, 92, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at Riverwalk Village surrounded by family. She was born on February 24, 1933 to Claude M. and E. Pauline (Buzan) Long at Riverview Hospital, Noblesville.

Jane was a 1951 graduate of Walnut Grove High School. After graduating she traveled and worked, landing a job and apartment in Indianapolis. Unaware that she was renting her apartment from her future mother-in-law, this is where Jane met her future husband Tom Morton. The rest, as they say, is history. Tom and Jane married in 1957, they bought a small home in rural Cicero and it is there they would start and raise their family.

Jane was a homemaker and stayed home with her kids. When she did go back to work it was at the Hamilton County Bank where Jane became well-known and spent several years as a teller. Jane and Tom built the iconic Cicero Dairy Queen in 1974 and managed the business for years, employing many local kids.

She loved to play the piano and also loved the out-of-doors. Raised on a farm she enjoyed tending her yard and flowers. Her most beloved role was as a volunteer at Riverview Hospital which she did for several decades, working well into her 80s. She was a "spitfire" and did her job with intensity and compassion walking the expanse of the hospital several times on her work days, solving every problem, finding wheelchairs, and escorting visitors. Serving others was her passion.

Jane loved walking, staying active into her 90s. Jane loved her family and especially her only grandchild Liza Jane. She has many nieces and nephews and cousins throughout Hamilton County. Her legacy will live on.

She is survived by her daughters, Lynn Morton (John Derrig) and Lori (Jim) Fiers; son, Brad Morton; granddaughter, Liza (Drew) Whitehurst and great-grandson Wesley and soon-to-arrive baby girl Whitehurst; and extended family which Jane thought the world of: Hunter (Emily), Tucker, Griffin, and Sawyer Fiers.

Special thanks from the family to Jane's close friends Jayne Lewis, who took Jane on many outings and who Jane loved greatly, and to Bruce Kaiser, who kept Jane's chocolate chip cookie supply chain flowing.

In addition to her parents, Jane was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas C. Morton; her brother, Charles Long; and beloved friend and sister-in-law, Peggie Long.

Jane will be laid to rest next to Tom in Cicero Cemetery at a later date. A celebration of life will be planned later in the year.

Jane joined the Cicero United Methodist Church when she was 17 years old and was a member for 75 years. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cicero United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 617, Cicero, IN 46034; or to a charity of your choice.

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Lawrence Loren "Larry" Woodward

July 22, 1929 – April 14, 2025



There will be an empty seat at the next family reunion as Lawrence Loren "Larry" Woodward passed away on April 14, 2025. He was 95.

Larry was born July 22, 1929, in Mt. Vernon, Ind., to Lawrence Louis Woodward and Marjorie Helena Cantrell. He was the first grandchild of Loren Archie Cantrell of Oakland City, Ind.

Larry started grade school in Oakland City, where his second-grade teacher was his aunt, Evelyn Cantrell Morrison. He continued grade school in Clermont, Ind., then completed grade school at Hawthorne School #50 in Indianapolis.

Larry graduated Indianapolis Arsenal Technical High School in 1950. He attended high school during the day and worked nights at Link-Belt Company. Larry served in the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard, completing his military service in 1952. He then returned to Link-Belt, working for the firm for a total of 41 years at its South Belmont Avenue location.

In his early years while working at Link-Belt, Larry participated in several bowling leagues. He did well with this avocation as he won many trophies. He also enjoyed traveling, building model airplanes, and collecting model planes, trains and cars. If it had anything to do with transportation, he liked it. He was a big fan of IU basketball – especially when Bobby Knight was coach.

Larry also enjoyed playing his baby grand piano – but only for himself. He loved family reunions, music, theater, movies, and especially World War II films. Woe to anyone who caused him to miss his favorite Saturday evening television program, *The Lawrence Welk Show*.

Larry was a member of Living Word Bible Church and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was faithful to his duties and never could understand why anyone deliberately would go "looking for trouble."

Larry was preceded in death by his mother, Marjorie Cantrell Woodward Orange, in 1976; his stepfather, Joseph J. Orange, in 1977; and brother, John David Orange, in 2018.

Surviving are his sister, Mary Alice Orange (whom he called his Quarterback); sister-in-law, Jerri Orange; five nieces and nephews: Brian (Barrie) Orange, Jayne (Bill) Passon, Julie Leitzel, Jeff (Andrea) Orange, and Brent Orange; also, five great-nephews and great-nieces: Eric Leitzel, Chad Orange, Sydney (Andrew) Oberhausen, Delaney Orange, and Aleks Orange-Miller. Also surviving are extended family members Tammy Baird and Jimmy Cole, who called him "Uncle Larry," as well as several cousins, including Charlotte Cantrell Smith Barnard and her family.

Graveside memorial service and interment will be at a later date at Floral Park Cemetery, 425 N. Holt Road, Indianapolis. A Celebration of Life will be held at a date and place to be determined.

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Bobby Allen hired as HSE boys basketball coach

The REPORTER

Longtime Guerin Catholic boys basketball coach Bobby Allen is heading to the home of the Royals.

Allen has been hired as the new head coach at Hamilton Southeastern, it was announced on Wednesday. Allen replaces John Ashworth, who had coached the Royals for the past four seasons.

Allen spent seven years as the Golden Eagles' head coach, succeeding GC's first coach, Pete Smith, in 2018. The Golden Eagles won state championships under Smith in 2012 and 2015, and Allen continued that success, putting together winning seasons in all seven of his years there for a record of 128-56.

In addition, Allen led Guerin Catholic to four sectional championships, three regional titles and a 2023 Class 3A state runner-up finish.

"There is passion and excitement surrounding the tradition of all HSE athletic programs, and it's our expectation to strive for excellence in everything we do," Southeastern Athletic Director Drew Tower said in a [news release on the HSE Athletics website](#). "We are

thrilled to welcome Coach Allen as the new leader of our boys basketball program."

"I am truly excited and grateful for the opportunity to be the next boys basketball coach at Hamilton Southeastern, and I'm honored to become a part of the Royals family," Allen said in the news release. "Coaching and teaching have been my passion throughout my career, and my family and I are looking forward to this new chapter in our lives."

Pete Smith sent the following statement to The Reporter: "I could not have been more happy having Bobby follow me at Guerin Catholic. I'm sad for our Golden Eagles, but I'm happy Bobby's getting this opportunity at HSE."

Prior to coaching the Golden Eagles, Allen spent six years as the coach of Knightstown, from 2010 to 2016. Allen turned around a struggling program that produced winning records during the second half of his tenure there. He was named the 2014 Mid-Hoosier Conference Coach of the Year.

Look for an interview with Allen in a future edition of the Reporter.



Mike Navarro / File photo

Bobby Allen has been hired as the new boys basketball coach at Hamilton Southeastern. Allen was the coach at Guerin Catholic for the previous seven years and compiled a record of 128-56 and a 2023 Class 3A state runner-up finish.

Softball



Photo by Dwight Casler

Hamilton Heights' Heather Crays was 2-for-3 at the plate and pitched a complete game for the Huskies in their win over Class 3A No. 1 Western on Wednesday.

Heights takes down No. 1 Western

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team stunned the top-ranked team in Class 3A on Wednesday.

The host Huskies beat Western 3-2 in a home and Hoosier Conference game. Heights scored an early run, held the lead for most of the game, then got the go-ahead run in the sixth inning to clinch the victory.

Huskies coach Shelby Wills said her team "went into this game like we went into every game, where we understand that every team has the potential to beat us, but if we play our game, we know no one can beat us."

Heather Crays scored the Huskies' first run in the first inning. She hit a one-out double, moved to third base on a sacrifice bunt by Taya Trospen, then scored

when Kamryn Rhoton sent a base hit into left field.

Heights added its second run in the fourth inning in similar fashion. Rhoton sent a one-out double into left field, moved to third base on Melanee Forrester's left field single, then scored on an error.

The Panthers got the first run back in the top of the fifth inning, then tied the game with an RBI single in the top of the sixth. But Crays came through in the bottom of the sixth: she led off with a single, moved around the bases, then went home on Rhoton's right field hit. The Huskies had the lead, and played perfect defense in the seventh inning, taking care of Western three up, three down to get the win.

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Baseball

Rocks, Golden Eagles win home games

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team won a battle of ranked teams in a Wednesday home game.

The Class 4A No. 7 Shamrocks took care of 3A No. 8 Cathedral 4-0. Westfield scored all of its runs in the fourth inning. Beck Jordan led off that inning with a single, then advanced to third base when Nick Fero cracked a double into right field.

Ethan Colling drew a walk to load the bases. Johnny Ewing came up next and he smacked a left field line drive to score Jordan and Fero. Later, Drew Law batted in a pair of runs with a base hit, scoring Ewing and Jake Russell, who came in to run for Colling.

Ewing finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate. Sam Flickinger pitched 6.2 innings for the win, striking out four against four hits and no walks. Ian Wilson threw a strikeout for the final out.

Westfield is 7-1 and travels to Brownsburg this evening to begin a Hoosier

Crossroads Conference series.

A big second inning helped send Guerin Catholic to a 7-4 home win over McCutcheon Wednesday.

The Mavericks scored the game's first run in the first inning, but the Class 3A No. 4 Golden Eagles took over in the second inning by putting up five runs. Carson Kail led off with a double, then Jackson Baker came in to run for him. Baker advanced to third base, then Ben Canada and Brody Cain both drew walks to load the bases.

Luke Gremelspacher hit a center field single to score Baker and Canada, then Cain got home on Finn Holden's RBI sacrifice bunt. Nolan Ratcliff reached on error, Gremelspacher scored on a wild pitch, then Karson Smith brought in Ratcliff with a base hit.

Smith batted in another run in the third inning, when his RBI fielder's choice scored Cain. McCutcheon

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Rocks win dual at Prairie View



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Westfield boys golf team won an 18-hole dual meet over Hamilton Southeastern Wednesday at Prairie View Golf Club. The Shamrocks scored 299 to the Royals' 318. Westfield's Jake Cesare was the meet medalist with a one-under par 71. He was followed by Will Harvey 74, Brayden Worthington 75, Hudson Kutchma 77 and Ryan Cesare 77. Dane Starnes led the Royals with 77, followed by Mattingly Upchurch 78, Kai Warner 80 and Blake Babb 83. (ABOVE) Southeastern's Mattingly Upchurch and Westfield's Mitchell Keene chat after the meet.

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Girls Lacrosse

Golden Eagles cruise past Trojans

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team sailed past Bishop Chatard 18-8 in a Wednesday away game.

The Golden Eagles led 11-3 at halftime. Gabby Deer and Jane Cline each scored five goals for Guerin Catholic, with Claire Flanagan adding three goals. Lucy Esposito and Caroline Ford both put in two goals, and Lila Jones scored one.

Ford dished out four assists and made five draw controls, with Deer getting six draw controls. Flanagan handed out two assists. Ford also had a strong defensive game, with four forced turnovers and an interception. Goalkeeper Audrey Papay made eight saves, with Lila Voelkel getting three saves.



Photo by Mike Navarro
Guerin Catholic's Lucy Esposito scored two goals during the Golden Eagles' win over Bishop Chatard on Wednesday.

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put up two runs in the fifth inning, but GC got a run back in the sixth: Gremelspacher scored when Kail was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Gremelspacher had two hits, while Grant Beard also hit a double. Tate Troxell pitched four innings for the win, striking out eight and allowing only two hits.

Guerin Catholic is 5-1 and plays at the PBR Tournament Saturday at Morgan Township. The Golden Eagles take on the host Cherokees at 10 a.m., then play Andean at 1 p.m.

Hamilton Heights dropped an 8-4 Hoosier Conference home game to 3A No. 3 Western on Wednesday. The Huskies came out

strong, putting up four runs in the first inning. Kyle Michael led off with a single, then Levi Chandler came in to run for him. Chandler was soon home, driven in by Nick Hulen's left field hit.

Hulen scored on Adam Hughes' RBI groundout. Later, Jackson Mikesell sent an RBI single into center field, bringing in P.J. Wright. Luke Davis sent a double into right field, scoring Austin Kappes. Heights had a 4-0 lead, but the Panthers took over after that. Western scored six runs in the second inning, then added one more run in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Wright finished the game with two hits.

The Huskies are 2-4 and host Maconaquah on Friday.

Girls Tennis

Rocks open season with HCC victory

The REPORTER

The Westfield girls tennis team began its season Tuesday with a 5-0 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win at Brownsburg.

The Shamrocks, a state finalist team last season, won all five matches in straight sets. No. 1 singles Alexandra Grilliot got a 6-0, 6-0 shutout, while No. 2 Juliette Grilliot won 6-2, 6-1 and No. 3 singles Maddie Iovino was a 6-3, 6-3 winner. In doubles, No. 1 Bella Rivera and Isla Har-

vey picked up a 6-3, 6-2 victory, while No. 2 Addi Kooi and Ellen Volz also won with a shutout, 6-0, 6-0.

Westfield travels to Avon this afternoon for another HCC meet.

Noblesville split its first two dual meets to start the season.

Last Friday, the Millers dropped a close 3-2 dual to Cathedral. Noblesville's wins came from No. 1 singles, senior Bella Dun-

can in a 6-0, 6-0 shutout, and No. 3 singles Caroline Claussen, a freshman who got a 7-6 (4), 6-1 victory.

The Millers came back on Wednesday to beat Lawrence North 3-2 in a home meet. Claussen won a three-set match 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3 singles, then Noblesville swept the doubles. No. 1 Ayden Mulis and Whitney Nelson were victorious 7-5, 5-7, 6-2 and No. 2 Evelyn Neidenberger and Mia Teachnor won 6-0, 6-4.

The Millers open HCC play this afternoon by hosting Zionsville.

University also opened its season with a split of its first two meets.

The Trailblazers fell to Zionsville 4-1 last Friday. No. 1 singles Laurel Buttrick was University's winner, taking her match 6-0, 6-4.

On Wednesday, the Blazers rebounded to beat Western Boone 4-1. Buttrick and No. 2 singles Duygu Arseven won their matches in 6-0, 6-0 shutouts, while No. 3 singles Sruti Alturi was victorious 6-0, 6-2. The No. 2 doubles team of Anisha Patel and Sarah Coleman won 6-3, 7-6.

University plays at Heritage Christian on Tuesday.

HEIGHTS

"We knew we had to hit the ball, get our bunts down and our pitching had to be on spot," said Wills. "And that's exactly what we did, and our coaching staff had to make sure the strategy was on par. We played our first complete game this season, I feel."

Rhodon went 3-for-3 at the plate, while Crays was 2-for-3. Crays also pitched a complete game, tossing three strikeouts.

Heights is 4-3 and hosts Sheridan this afternoon.

Noblesville won an all-county game over Carmel Wednesday, 16-2 in five innings at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The Millers scored six runs in the top of the first inning, with Reese Newsum hitting a two-run triple to get Noblesville on the board. Macie Duvall later hit a three-run home run.

Jayden Kleiner hit a solo home run for the Greyhounds in the bottom of the first inning. The Millers added two in the second inning, including an RBI double from Brooklyn Grayson. Noblesville put up seven runs in the third inning, with Delaney Run-

dle cracking an RBI double and Addi Emerson hitting a two-run homer.

Carmel scored its second run in the fourth inning; Katherine Warren hit a sacrifice bunt to bring in Lolah Pence. Grayson led off the fifth inning with a home run to complete the Millers' scoring.

Grayson and Newsome both hit 3-for-4, while Emerson and Duvall each totaled three RBIs. Grayson also scored three runs. Starting pitcher Roslyn Ervin went three innings, striking out three, while Emme Yee threw the other two innings, allowing just one hit.

Noblesville is 4-0 and hosts Lawrence North on Friday. Carmel is 1-9 and plays Friday at New Palestine.

Guerin Catholic beat Lawrence Central 1-0 Wednesday in an away game.

The Golden Eagles scored their run in the third inning, when Lucy Kemp got home on Anna Mauch's RBI groundout. Guerin Catholic had five hits for the game, including a double from Kate Brady. Ava Augustinovic

pitched a complete game, striking out eight against three hits.

The Golden Eagles are 3-3 and play their next game Tuesday at Heritage Christian.

Westfield dropped a Wednesday home game to Greenfield-Central 5-3.

The Cougars scored three runs in the first inning and one more in the second to lead 4-0. The Shamrocks got their first run in the third inning: Ava Kainrath hit a double, moved to third base on a passed ball, then scored on Reese Mahannah's base hit.

Greenfield added its fifth run in the fourth inning. Westfield made a comeback in the seventh inning with two runs: Makayla Watson singled in Sofia Easterhaus, then Watson scored on Chloe Tanner's RBI groundout. But the Cougars held on for the win.

Mahannah went 3-for-4 at the plate, including a double. Easterhaus, Kainrath and Cam Pulice all had two hits.

The Shamrocks are 2-3 and host Cathedral Saturday morning.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17

BASEBALL

Carmel at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.
Muncie Burris at University, 5:30 p.m.
Western Boone at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Columbus North at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Christian at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Carmel vs. Brownsburg, 4 p.m. at Woodstock Golf Club
Hamilton Heights vs. Western Boone, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide
Noblesville vs. Pendleton Heights, 4:30 p.m. at Fall Creek GC
University vs. Westfield JV, 4:30 p.m. at Wood Wind GC

SOFTBALL

Sheridan at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.
Harrison at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
New Palestine at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 5 p.m.
Brownsburg at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Noblesville and Westfield at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

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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

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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

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