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Sheridan Elementary School students took the community to the movies at the annual talent show held last Friday.

Young Blackhawks have talent

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) was filled with excitement and anticipation as students took the stage for the SES Talent Show on Friday, April 18.

Sponsored by the SES PTO, the event showcased many talents with the theme "Movies and Musicals." This brought a fun flair to the performances.

The talent show is open to students from kindergarten

through fifth grade. It featured a variety of acts, including singing, dancing, puppeteering, comedy, and even a drum solo. This year, there were a total of 26 performances that each showcased the creativity, confidence, and talent of the students.

Among the wonderful acts, fourth graders Alyssa Martin and Nadia Hall danced to "Defying Gravity" from *Wicked*; Landon Wilbur, Ayers Macy, Tyler Horney, Mavyn Merrell, Andli Ownbey, and Paislee

Gaylor provided a performance as members of the Lollipop Guild and Lullaby League from *The Wizard of Oz*; and fifth grader Natalie Huff sang to "Tomorrow" from *Annie*.

The entire show was directed by Candy Hall and Lindsey Martin, who worked hard to provide a seamless event and give each performer their time to shine. They even added a group of fifth-grade emcees who kept the audience entertained. The emcees were all

students who had previously participated in the Rising Stars program and they were Kayla Dodson, Natalie Huff, Bridget McKinney, Allison Mylet, and Briston White.

The SES Talent Show was a night to remember, not only for the audience, but also for all those involved. This event brings together all the unique talents and gifts that students at SES have to offer.

Bravo to everyone involved! Encore!

Trapped to free: part 2

When we were in Colorado in 2019, I went adaptive snow skiing for the first time.

On this visit, I knew I wanted to try and fit that in again. Unfortunately, the ski resort I went to last time with the adaptive program was closed for the season. However, after some research we found another adaptive program in Breckenridge, Colo., which was a little over an hour from where we were staying.

It took a bit to get me fitted in the ski chair, but my instructors Molly and John were so patient to make sure it was absolutely a perfect fit and well balanced, which is key. The ski chair is very narrow and snug. I also had a large strap around my chest. I felt very safe and secure.

The thing with adaptive skiing is that you very quickly have to establish an immense amount of trust between you and the ski instructor, who has your safety literally in their hands.

It was only about a 2.5-hour lesson, so everything happened quickly. It wasn't long before we were on the ski lift taking us to the top of the slopes. Getting on the ski lift in my ski chair is interesting. They had it down to a science though and were a great team.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Health Department purchases new vests for Carmel Police Department

Load-bearing vests replace traditional belts to help prevent injuries

The REPORTER

Officers with the Carmel Police Department now have a new way to carry the tools of their trade. That's because the Hamilton County Health Department has purchased new load-bearing vests that shift the weight of essential police equipment from officers' hips to their torsos.

"This was an easy decision from a public health perspective," says Christian Walker, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator for the Hamilton County Health Department. "Law enforcement

officers carry more equipment than ever. These vests allow for more natural weight distribution across the shoulders and torso significantly reducing the risk of back, hip, and joint strain caused by traditional duty belts."

The vests are ergonomically designed to distribute weight more evenly, allowing for better mobility, comfort, and fatigue resistance. They also integrate body armor which contributes to greater comfort and injury prevention.

Photo provided (From left) Carmel police officers Nathan Shuck, James Semester, and Christian Wilhite display their new vests.

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Photo provided The Peony Passport is your ticket to a peony-packed peripatetic experience for petal lovers of all ages.

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad unveils historic signage with support from MIBOR grant

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad has installed new interpretive signage at Hobbs Station in Noblesville, thanks to a grant from the MIBOR REALTOR® Association.

The project was celebrated with an open house on Thursday, April 17, where local realtors were invited to tour the depot, view the signage for the first time, ride a railbike, and take a short caboose ride.

The signage highlights the history of the Nickel Plate Road and the role of the railroad in central Indiana. The project was funded through MIBOR's Community Impact Initiative, which supports efforts that strengthen and connect communities across central Indiana.

A special thank-you goes to the local committee that helped shape the content and direction of the signage. Members included Brenda Myers, Toni Dickover, David Heighway, David Crisler, Jessica Layman, Jim

Photos provided by Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Riders on the Nickel Plate Express can now learn about the history of the rail line thanks to historical signs like these made possible by a contribution from MIBOR.

Lindgren, and Bryan Glover.

"This signage project has greatly enhanced the visitor experience at our depot," Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Executive Director Emily Reynolds said. "Guests now have the opportunity

to learn about our railroad's history and its impact on this community while visiting us."

The new signage is located throughout Hobbs Station, including the platform area and passenger waiting space. Each panel

includes photos, timelines, and short stories designed to educate and engage visitors of all ages.

For more information about Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad and upcoming events, visit NickelPlateExpress.com.

Grab your Peony Trail Passport

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

The Indiana Peony Festival (IPF) established the Indiana Peony Trail in 2021 to celebrate the beauty of the state flower while promoting community engagement, beautification, and environmental sustainability.

By creating peony gardens throughout Noblesville at various businesses, public buildings, parks, and nonprofit locations, IPF has transformed the city into a premier destination for peony lovers.

To enhance our trail, SMC Corporation of America teamed up with us to develop the Peony Passport, an innovative tool to learn more about peonies. The passport is available physically and digitally. It serves as a guide for peony enthusiasts to easily navigate the trail, discover the various peony varieties, and track their progress along the way. The idea was created to give peony enthusiasts more exposure to our state flower outside of festival weekend. By offering this amazing program, we're able to beautify our community and offer education to new and/or returning peony fans.

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In total, the Health De-



Walker



Sterling

partment funded the purchase of 155 vests at a total cost of \$39,700, using grant funding including Health First Indiana dollars. By comparison, the National Council on Compensation Insurance estimates the average cost for a workers’ compensation claim is \$44,179.

PASSPORT

With the aid of the Peony Passport, you'll see a wide variety of peonies and learn more about our precious state flower. Interested in a physical passport? Starting May 1, pick up a physical passport at one of our four exclusive locations or begin your experience virtually by visiting any spot on the Peony Trail:

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- **Promenade Trails** – 17780 Navigator Trail

Locations are listed by zone to make it easier to

find other locations in close proximity to one another, helping you see as many locations as possible. Seek out the special Indiana Peony Trail signs with QR codes in each designated spot. Lastly, scan the QR codes for details about the varieties of peonies planted in each location and what other locations are close by to visit.

So, grab a group and grab a passport and see where the peonies take you this spring! We hope you enjoy the trail and peonies just as much as we do.

Stay up to date and find more information online at IndianaPeonyFestival.com.

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Westfield Washington Public Library to host hands-on STEM workshops

Programs focused on engineering, design & collaborative learning

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) is gearing up for a new series of hands-on STEM workshops and learning presentations this summer, led by Jean Lee of The Academy of Chaos. The free programs are open to children, teens, and families, with a focus on engineering, designing, and collaborative learning.

Lee’s workshops are built around team-based, project-focused learning. Participants will explore the process of engineering through creative challeng-

es – starting with an inspiration or idea, then brainstorming, and finally building with their group using provided tools and materials.

“There’s no right or wrong way,” Lee said. “The teams build off each other’s strengths.”

No experience is needed to participate, and the workshops are designed to support communication, problem solving, and criti-



Lee

cal thinking.

“It’s a fast and easy way for friendships to grow,” Lee said. “We’re creating the future leaders, engineers, and scientists. I want kids to walk away knowing science is fun.”

The series begins May 10 with an introduction to engineering, followed by sessions on building automata in June and designing arcade-style games in July. The final class will include

a public game-play event for all library patrons. In addition to the workshops, two family presentations will be offered: one on using design thinking (May 10) and another on project-based learning methods (June 17).

Lee says the programs are more than just fun – they’re preparing kids for a future that’s still unfolding.

“We’re helping prepare them for jobs that don’t exist yet,” she said.

All sessions are free and open to the public. Registration is available now at TheAcademyOfChaos.com.

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We started out on the “smaller” slopes, although they were much higher than where I ended after my first time skiing in 2019. Next thing I knew, we were speeding down the slope. She was tethered to my ski chair. At times, she would ski closer into me, and then at other times she would say, “one, two, three on you” then she would separate from my ski chair, the tethers longer (as pictured, below right). I would then put my outriggers down, and she would direct me on which way to turn. I was surprised at how quickly I picked it back up. Turns out, I did remember some of what I had learned six years prior. The movements are very slight. The key is to not overdo anything.

After a few runs, they asked me if I was ready to tackle the larger slope. It was about 11,000 feet in elevation. I asked them if they thought I was ready. They both enthusiastically said, “Absolutely!” I said, “Well, I am here ... let’s do it!”

We had to take two different ski lifts to get to the top. My stomach was in knots! I was battling my fear of heights, along with letting some doubt creep in. Molly and John were very good at calming my nerves. They were both such lovely people, and we had some great conversations that took my mind off the scary moments.

Once at the top, she skied me over to our starting point. My jaw dropped. I don’t think I’ve ever witnessed something so beautiful. The view was just out of this world. I felt a very spiritual moment of peace wash over me, and I fought back the tears, although some managed to slip out. They gave me a moment to take it all in, and we snapped a photo so I could remember that moment forever. John agreed that he would get some video clips of us



Photo provided

skiing down this final run. She told me it would be much longer than the others. I shook out my hands and wrapped them tightly around my outriggers and said, “I’m ready!”

I could not have prepared myself for the sense of freedom that I would feel. I wish I could bottle that up. For a moment, I was set free from the chains of my disability.

Living with muscular dystrophy, my body feels very heavy all the time. Every task is labored. Imagine living your life with very decreased strength, coupled with heavy weights blanketing your entire body, never getting a break from that. That is the best way I can describe living with MD.

Suddenly, I felt weightless.

The wind in my face felt heavenly, and the sky so blue it didn’t seem real. The tears started to flow, but I had to focus. “One, two, three, on you” – I was doing it!

As we neared the bottom of the slopes, I spotted the most beautiful sight of all. My husband and my boys were there watching for me to come in, cheering me on. It was an emotional moment. My heart felt like it could burst with the love and gratitude I felt for my

family in that moment.

We all met up and talked about our time on the mountain. Molly told me she was stunned at how much I learned in such a short time. As if she were reading my mind, she continued on to say, “I am not just saying that either.” She said I accomplished so much in 2.5 hours and did not once fall over, which she said is rare.

I have to admit, I felt proud of myself in that moment. I had given it all I had. My strength tank on empty, my heart on full.

My husband and son lifted me out of my ski chair and into my wheelchair. Saying goodbye to two people I will likely never see again, who made such a profound impact on me, was hard. I hugged them both and thanked them for being such wonderful teachers. They were



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outstanding in every way.

From starting the trip at such a low, to ending our trip on a high note was fought for by humble courage. I am honored to have such a loving and supportive family who helps me achieve my dreams.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on [Instagram @ashinneman](https://www.instagram.com/ashinneman).

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(From left to right, top to bottom) Local students Alex Coulter, Evan Coulter, Macey Durr, Wyatt Johnson, Madyson Reeder, Caitlin Sandquist, Gabrielle Schaafsma, Sofia Shostak, Hunter Ullom, and Hannah Vohs recently served as pages for State Sen. Scott Baldwin.

Sen. Baldwin welcomes local students to Statehouse

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Scott Baldwin

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) welcomed the following local students to the Statehouse who served as Senate pages in March.

- Alex Coulter, Carmel, attends Carmel High School.
- Evan Coulter, Carmel, attends Carmel High School.
- Macey Durr, Noblesville, attends Noblesville High School.
- Wyatt Johnson, Carmel, attends Carm-

- el Middle School.
- Madyson Reeder, Noblesville, attends Noblesville High School.
- Caitlin Sandquist, Carmel, attends Carmel High School.
- Gabrielle Schaafsma, Carmel, attends Carmel High School.
- Sofia Shostak, Carmel, attends Carmel High School.
- Hunter Ullom, Noblesville, attends Premier Soccer Academy.
- Hannah Vohs, Noblesville, attends Noblesville High School.

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor and interacting with their state senator.

“It was great to meet local students serving as pages here in the Senate, and I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors,” Baldwin said. “I highly encourage parents to consider signing up their students next session so they can participate in this educational experience about state government.”

Students in grades six through 12 par-

ticipate in the page program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the legislative session. Groups serve on Wednesdays.

The 2025 Senate Page program has now ended. Parents interested in signing up their child for the 2026 program should visit [IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Page-Program](https://www.indianasenateRepublicans.com/Page-Program) at the end of 2025 for more information.

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) represents Senate District 20, which includes portions of Carmel and Noblesville.

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(From left to right, top to bottom) Local students Kooper Cooley, Patrick Fisher, Jericho Grimmer, Evelyn Holladay, Sophie Holladay, Adele Klare, Levi McCreery, Mae Morgan, Chinmay Nambiar, Olivia Roberts, Caden Rose, Tanner Schrock, and Mallory Wilson recently served as pages for State Sen. Kyle Walker.

Sen. Walker welcomes local students to Statehouse

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Kyle Walker

State Senator Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) welcomed the following local students to the Statehouse who served as Senate pages in March.

- Kooper Cooley, Sheridan, attends Guerin Catholic High School.
- Patrick Fisher, Indianapolis, attends Heron Classical Schools.
- Jericho Grimmer, Fishers, attends the Oaks Academy Middle School.
- Evelyn Holladay, Fishers, attends Fishers Junior High School.

- Sophie Holladay, Fishers, attends Fishers High School.
- Adele Klare, Columbus, attends Central Middle School.
- Levi McCreery, Fishers, attends Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.
- Mae Morgan, Fishers, attends Fishers Junior High School.
- Chinmay Nambiar, Fishers, attends Fishers High School.
- Olivia Roberts, Fortville, Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate Junior High School.
- Caden Rose, Fishers, attends Fishers

High School.

- Tanner Schrock, Fishers, attends the Oaks Academy Middle School.
- Mallory Wilson, Fishers, attends Fall Creek Intermediate School.

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse touring the historic building, observing debates from the Senate floor and interacting with their state senator.

“It was a joy meeting and educating the pages who came to the Statehouse in March,” Walker said. “I highly encourage students who are interested in state government to register for our Page Program next

year to observe the 2026 Session.”

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State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) represents Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

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Fishers’ 10% rental cap sets dangerous precedent

I must sound the alarm about Mayor Fadness’ recently enacted 10 percent rental cap ordinance, which rushed through City Council with concerning implications for Fishers homeowners and renters alike.



STEVE LADIG

Mayor Fadness had significant support for the Fishers 10 percent rental cap mostly due to the fact that he failed to communicate to the residents how the cap would adversely affect its residents. When the administration controls the information and narrative, silences the opposition, and discredits the opposition as “special interest groups,” it is easy for them to control the constituents in the form of going along with their policies without doing the proper due diligence.

At Monday’s Council meeting, citizens filled the chamber to capacity – with some relegated to standing in hallways – yet remarkably, public comment was cut off halfway through the line of speakers! For the first time in memory, Fishers residents who took time from their evenings to participate in local government were silenced. Even more concerning, the ordinance wasn’t read aloud, with only amendments hastily summarized before the unanimous rubber-stamp approval.

Not a single Council member posed even one question about this sweeping property rights restriction. This despite explicit warnings from MIBOR and comprehensive research I provided city officials over two months ago outlining the economic fallout this ordinance will trigger.

Make no mistake: this cap will enrich Wall Street investors and myself while hurting everyday Fishers residents. Neighborhoods with higher percentages of rentals will see property values suffer as the buyer pool shrinks dramatically. Meanwhile, renters will face sky-

rocketing rates as rental supply dwindles – basic economics that the Mayor conveniently ignored.

When concerned citizens requested a town hall to discuss these serious issues, Mayor Fadness opted instead for a virtual meeting where questions were carefully filtered. My detailed inquiries? Discarded and ignored. It appears the administration’s approach is “my way or the highway.”

For homeowners in rental-heavy neighborhoods (especially those over 30 percent rentals), you face the greatest risk of property value decline. If you purchased before 2020 with a low interest rate, you might consider turning your property into a rental before the Dec. 31, 2025, grandfather deadline – the numbers show an average 60 percent annual return is possible.

Renters should immediately pursue long-term lease agreements with landlords before rates inevitably climb due to artificially constrained supply.

One resident at the meeting explained she had planned to convert her home to a rental in coming years to supplement her income. Mayor Fadness has now eliminated that option unless she acts before the end of this year.

I joined forces with residents across the political spectrum on this issue because we recognize when property rights are at stake, we must stand together. The State of Indiana is now involved, and class action lawsuits are being prepared – as all Fishers residents stand to be affected by this short-sighted ordinance.

I’ll continue fighting for our community’s economic welfare, even as the Mayor refuses to acknowledge the damaging consequences his policy will bring.

Steve Ladig, a 33-year resident of Fishers, is the Managing Broker of Ladig Realty LLC.

Indiana529 surpasses 450,000 accounts

Submitted by Office of Treasurer Daniel Elliott

Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott announced Monday that the Indiana529 Savings Plans have surpassed 450,000 funded accounts.

“It’s a testament to the Hoosier spirit that families across our state are choosing to open Indiana529 accounts for their children and grandchildren to pay for future education and career training,” Treasurer Elliott said. “These tax-advantaged investments give families a financial head start by reducing reliance on student loans.”

Indiana529 provides families with flexibility and choice when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or qualified apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow



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Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott presents Indiana529 checks to contest winners.

tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of

20 percent of contributions to Indiana529 accounts, worth up to \$1,500 each year (\$750 for married couples filing separately).

“We welcome new families into Indiana529 every day,” Program Executive Director Marissa Rowe

said. “Expanded qualified expenses, low minimums, and easy gifting make Indiana529 a terrific option for Hoosiers.”

For more information about Indiana529 Savings Plans, visit myindiana529.com.

National Drug Take Back Day announced

Residents encouraged to drop off unused & unwanted prescription drugs

The REPORTER

In honor of National Drug Take Back Day, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs (HCCOAO) will hold a take-back event Saturday, April 26 in the far east parking lot of Riverview Health in Noblesville on Westfield Road. The drop off location is directly across from Federal Hill Commons.

“Most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and acquaintances,” HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer said. “We

know prevention starts at home. The simple step of clearing out medications that are no longer needed makes our homes safer, prevents prescription drug misuse, and can help save lives.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 87,000 people died of drug overdoses in the United States last year. With close to 5,000 collection sites nationwide, the Unit-



Greer

ed States Drug Enforcement Administration, along with its law enforcement partners, have removed more than 19 million pounds of medication from circulation since the inception of National Drug Take Back Day in 2010.

“The only safe medications are ones prescribed by a trusted medical professional and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist,” Greer added. “Old and un-

wanted medicine too often becomes a gateway to addiction. Events like these are a critical effort to curb overdose deaths.”

Hamilton County residents are encouraged to drop off their expired or unused medications between 9 a.m. and noon at the drive-thru event. No liquids, sharps, or needles will be accepted. For those who cannot make it, there are opportunities to safely dispose of unneeded medications at local pharmacies, hospitals, and police departments throughout the year.

Ignore the politics and enjoy the family dynamics to get the best of *Martian Gothic*

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

It is no coincidence that Earth Day (April 22) falls in the middle of Clerical Error Production's (CEP) run of Don Nigro's *Martian Gothic*.

The play was commissioned by The Ensemble Studio Theatre in New

York as part of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Science & Technology Project. Set in the 1980s, the play introduces us to the Pretorious family, most specifically Sonia. Sonia is a fantastically capable PR flack, who happens to work for a power utility that is building a nuclear power plant. Her sister Janie is an anti-nuke protester and her father, a famed physicist.

On one level, an indictment of corporate greed and the dangers of capitalism in the nuclear energy arena, *Martian Gothic* intertwines the politics of the issue with the complicated family dynamics of parents and children and their often-fractured relationships. More than a polemic against unfettered use of dangerous technology, Nigro has woven a tale of human wounds both physical and psychic.

Director Jon Lindley has assembled a very capable cast. As Sonia, Laura Gellin carries most of the weight of the play on her shoulders, moving from confident certainty to a sense of everything becoming unmoored. Gellin is joined in the Pretorious family by Sarah Powell as sister Janie and Brad Staggs as father Dr. Pre-



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Laura Gellin stars as Sonia in Clerical Error's production of *Martian Gothic*.

torious. Joining the cast as a nasty boss and cynical researcher are Blake Melencamp and Ailene Sims, respectively. All perform well, with the Pretorious family given the most interesting arc.

Bottom line: Nigro seems to have little interest in setting up any serious debate about nuclear power. His hand runs a little heavy in that portion of the story. The family dynamics are much more interesting and affecting. *Martian Gothic* features captivating set, sound and light designs, and when Gellin's Sonia is talking, you are definite-

ly drawn into her journey and discoveries along the way. For Clerical Error, the play is a break from more lighthearted fare. Audiences should reward them for taking on something that runs deeper.

Clerical Error's production of Don Nigro's *Martian Gothic* runs one more weekend at Indy Fringe Theatre, closing April 27. Information about showtimes and tickets can be found at indyfringe.org/performance/2025-martian-gothic.

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

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Energizing the Earth

Duke Energy presents 13th annual Noblesville Creates Fairyville

The REPORTER

The 13th annual Noblesville Creates Fairyville, presented by Duke Energy, is on through April 26 with family-friendly, fairy-themed fun in Downtown Noblesville and on the Noblesville Creates campus. Most events are free, with crafts and activities for all ages.

Sponsors include Duke Energy, Mini Minds, Four Day Ray Brewing Fishers, Guardian Care, Playground Productions, Musicologie, Josiah White's, Bar Ellis, Renewal by Andersen, Martin & Martin, Indy's Child, SLS Group, LLC, and Noble Coffee.

This year's theme, Energizing the Earth, inspired by title sponsor Duke Energy, celebrates the vital connection between nature and energy. The event is filled with fairy-inspired festivities, including:

- Fairy House Contest
- Fairy Tea Parties
- Earth Celebration Parade
- Fairyville After Dark (VIP event)
- Interactive Art Demonstrations
- Live Music & Fairy Vendors

Local partners and Downtown Noblesville businesses will also offer themed specials and activities throughout the event. This is a rain-or-shine event.

Event Highlights

- Troll Thursday, April 24**
- Visit the Fairy Home Show and vote for your favorite.
 - Craft your own wand, crown, or mini fairy house at the Fairy Emporium.
- Fairy Friday, April 25**
- Fairy houses will be

placed along the Fairy Trail for visitors to explore and vote for their favorites.

- Craft your own wand, crown, or mini fairy house at the Fairy Emporium.
- From 6 to 9 p.m., enjoy glass blowing by artist Patty Kluzinger, real-life fairies throughout the Fairy Trail, shop from fairy-themed vendors and learn from Earth Day exhibitors. Adults can enjoy sparkly fairy beer (\$5), courtesy of Noblesville's new DORA and Four Day Ray Brewing.

Fairyville After Dark, April 25

- VIP experience sponsored by Martin & Martin, Bar Ellis, and more. Registration required. Location is weather-dependent
- Live entertainment, complimentary food and drinks, a pottery activity with Looking Glass Pottery, and more

Funds raised during this event will support future Fairyville events.

Sprite Saturday, April 26

- Fairy House Contest awards ceremony
- Fairy Tea Parties, sponsored by Mini Minds, with special guests
- Live music (dulcimer music by Susan Kraeszig and harp music by Sara Walthery)
- Fairy-themed vendors and Earth Day exhibitors
- Earth Celebration Parade and all-day entertainment

Noblesville Creates Fairyville is free to attend; some special events have costs and requirements. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets and learn more about Noblesville Creates Fairyville.



First Farmers Bank & Trust names Trevor Loe as Carmel branch manager

The REPORTER

First Farmers Bank & Trust has announced Business Development Officer Trevor Loe is the Branch Manager of the new Carmel location.

In this role, Loe will oversee daily operations, lead the branch team, ensure regulatory compliance, and focus on delivering outstanding customer service – all while driving growth and maintaining a strong, community-focused environment.

Loe joined First Farmers Bank & Trust in March 2025 and brings a wealth of experience from his previous roles at Chase Bank and Regions Bank, where he served as a Private Client Banker and Financial Relationship Consultant. His background in both banking and client services makes him well-equipped to lead the Carmel branch and support the financial goals of its

customers.

“In the heart of Carmel, we’re not just building a branch; we’re nurturing connections that empower our community,” Loe said. “Together, we’ll meet every financial need with care and commitment, one relationship at a time.”

Loe and his wife Jessica chose Hamilton County as the perfect place to raise their family. Residing in Westfield with his wife and their twin daughters, Hadley and Blakely, he also shares his home with a dog named Mr. Lincoln and a cat named Mr. Stanley. In his leisure time, he enjoys golf and bass fishing, embracing activities that connect him with nature.

First Farmers congratulates him on starting his new chapter in Hamilton County.

To learn more about First Farmers Bank & Trust, visit [ffbt.com](#).



Loe

INDOT's Safe Zones program rolls out in May. Here's what it will do

By MICHAELA SPRINGER
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

If you catch yourself going 10 or 15 over in construction zones sometimes, be careful – that could be the reason for your traffic fine.

Drivers in Indianapolis starting May 5 will face penalties for speeding in construction zones as part of INDOT's **Safe Zones** program.

According to INDOT, 269 people have died in Indiana work zone crashes in the past decade. In 2024 alone, 30 fatalities, and over 1,500 injuries were reported in work zones across the state.

The program, greenlit by the Indiana General Assembly in 2023, aims to enhance safety in work zones by enforcing speed limits with automated systems.

“It’s crucial for drivers to slow down in work zones,” INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist said. “Speeding in work zones puts construction crews, drivers, and their passengers at risk of injury or even death.”

As of Monday, the only active Safe Zones location was in the Clear Path I-465/I-69 construction zone on Indy’s northeast side.

How will Safe Zones work?

Safe Zones, established through [HEA 1015](#), allows INDOT to set up speed enforcement systems at four different locations at the same time.

The systems use truck-mounted speed timing devices to monitor vehicle speeds. If a vehicle goes over the speed limit by 11 mph or more, the system takes a picture of the vehicle’s license plate. After validating speed data, the vehicle owner will be sent a violation notice through the mail.



Photos provided by INDOT

(ABOVE) A speed-tracking camera seen in a Safe Zone. (BELOW) A “speed limit enforced photo” sign in a construction zone on Indy’s northeast side. These signs are part of INDOT’s Safe Zones program that aims to decrease speeding in construction zones and improve worker and driver safety.

Monitored zones will be marked by caution signs seen when entering and exiting an active worksite.

Workers *must* be on site for a speed violation to be valid.

How much could I get fined?

- First offense: Zero-fine warning
- Second offense: \$75
- Third offense: \$150
- Subsequent offenses: \$150 per offense

Drivers will receive their violation notices through the mail. Fines can then be paid online, over the phone, or mailing the payment to INDOT.

Collected fines will be directed to Indiana’s general fund, or the primary operating fund for state government.

INDOT did not say if repeat offenses will have greater consequences.

Have Safe Zones been tested?

Yes. In a release sent Monday, INDOT refers to data seen from other states’ Safe Zones programs. Maryland saw an 80 percent decrease in speeding violations in construction zones, while Pennsylvania noted a 19 percent decrease. Maryland, Pennsylvania,



and Illinois are the only states that have made Safe Zones permanent. Indiana, Arizona, Washington, New York, Virginia, and Connecticut are currently in their pilot phases.

While Indiana’s five-year pilot program is still in its infancy, INDOT says they have already tracked a 70 percent decrease in excessive speeding during the program’s first four

months.

INDOT says it plans to share annual reports on Safe Zone data to the public throughout the next five years.

For more information on the program, visit [Safe-ZonesIN.com](#).

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/indianapolis-safe-zones-program](#).

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, at Clay Middle School, 5150 E. 126th St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Community Page Survey

We need your help to improve your Hamilton County Veteran Community Page in the Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper. We wish to keep our Military Veteran community informed on what is going on so you all may stay connected and get the assistance you need to live a more fulfilled life here in Hamilton County. Please go to the following link to help us by answering the questions you see below. We appreciate you taking the time to help us make this the most informative page possible for our Service Members, Veterans, their families and



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, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hamilton County Military Veteran April 26 Find Out About Your VA Benefits & Resources

VETERANS BENEFITS & RESOURCE FAIR
ARE YOU CONNECTED?

- Enroll in VA healthcare
- File disability claims
- Toxic exposure screening
- Specialty care services:
 - Mental Health
 - Woman's Health
 - And more!

JOIN US!
Saturday, April 26, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Johnson County Armory
325 Minuteman Way, Franklin, IN 46131

Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions about VA Eligibility & Enrollment, PACT Act, Federal and State VA Benefits, Filing Claims, and MyHealtheVet. Toxic Exposure Screening will also be available.

www.va.gov/indiana-health-care/ [f](#) [x](#) [i](#) [@IndyVAMC](#)

Coffee With a Vet Every Thursday 10am till noon

VET CENTER
Connection, Community, Community.

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)
Located at the Vet Center
6330 West 71st St
Indianapolis, IN 46278
317-423-1680

Christina Owens
Veteran Outreach Program Specialist
Indianapolis Vet Center
317-749-9357- Cell
317-423-1685- direct
317-423-1680- main
6330 W 71st St
Indianapolis, IN 46278

Coffee with a Vet Last Saturday of Every Month

COFFEE With a VETERAN
Last Saturday of Each Month
8:00am-9:00am
Hosted by Clifton Morlan
University Veterans Post 360

A monthly veteran gathering to get to know veterans in your community.

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SCHOOL 7 HOUSE CAFE

5 Action Steps to Help Someone Having Thoughts of Suicide

ASK
“Are you thinking about killing yourself?”

BE THERE
Listen without judgment and acknowledge their feelings.

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

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

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

nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

Activities & Events

QPR Suicide Prevention Training Apr 29

QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION COURSE
April 29, 2025
6:00PM - 8:00PM
This is a FREE Course!

Carmel Fire Headquarters
210 Veterans Way
Carmel, IN 46032

Registration Required!

QUESTION. PERSUADE. REFER.

Three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide.



Save a Life Narcan Training Apr 29 In Fishers

You can be a Life-saver!

Learn how to save a life during an opioid overdose with naloxone!

Sign up for a FREE 30 min. naloxone* (Narcan) training:

Tues., April 29 6:30 p.m. Nickel Plate Pavillion Conference room	Wed., May 21 7 p.m. Nickel Plate Pavillion Conference room	Wed., May 28 7 p.m. Nickel Plate Pavillion Conference room
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* Naloxone is a medicine that safely and rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. No prescription is required and it is available at no cost to you!

Christmas In June Care Package Drive



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

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

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

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

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

Revised Indiana budget bill: tax hikes & spending cuts across the board

Legislators seek to double cigarette tax to \$2 per pack

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Republicans and Democrats on Wednesday afternoon had news conferences to discuss the final version of the Indiana budget bill. The changes in the biennial budget from July to July 2027 are part of **Senate Bill 1**. Lawmakers had to make major changes after last week's announcement of **an anticipated revenue gap of \$2.4 billion** in the biennial budget period. Lawmakers have been in session for months drafting the budget that would fund government, and numbers prepared in December pre-

viously had driven budget planning. Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, noted that, for about 10 days, lawmakers have been looking at making cuts across the board. Here are highlights of changes that Republicans announced Wednesday:

- **Raising the cigarette tax:** Perhaps the biggest change the doubling of the Indiana tax for cigarettes and other tobacco products. All the extra money raised will go to Medicaid, which is fast-growing in the state budget. The tax on a pack of cigarettes and other tobacco products will rise from about 99.5 cents to

- \$2, raising \$4 million for cigarettes and \$25 million a year for other tobacco products.
- **Tax increase on other products:** Taxes to rise 2 percent on some other products, with details to come.
- **K-12 budget growth:** K-12 funding will grow by 2 percent each of the next two fiscal years. Additional money was put in the second fiscal year to cover a program to allow vouchers for school choice.
- **Higher education:** A 5 percent cut.
- **Local governments:** An increase of 1.6 percent in the first year, and 5.1 percent in the second year.
- **Public health:** Falls to

- \$40 million from \$100 million per year.
- **Indiana Economic Development Corp.:** The agency took a 25 to 30 percent cut, which was more than other state agencies. The IEDC has been under fire recently for its transparency in spending in recent years.
- **What's fully funded?** The Department of Child Services, the Family and Social Services Administration, and the teacher retirement fund.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/revised-indiana-budget-bill-tax-hikes-and-spending-cuts-across-the-board](#).

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns of public safety risks in THC legalization bill

By DAKARAI TURNER
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Attorney General Todd Rokita has urged Indiana lawmakers to reconsider a bill that would legalize high-potency THC products by reclassifying them as hemp. In a **letter from Rokita** sent Monday to the Indiana General Assembly and publicly shared Tuesday, the Republican warned that **Senate Bill 478** would create a largely unregulated cannabis market and

undermine existing state marijuana laws, posing public safety concerns. The measure is about items being considered by a conference committee in the waning days of the 2025 legislative session. Rokita wrote, "This isn't about taking away your grandma's CBD oil – it's about protecting Hoosiers from high-potency THC products that mirror and of-



Rokita

ten exceed the intoxicating effects of marijuana." The bill would allow for the sale of "craft hemp flower products," including edibles with up to 100 milligrams of THC per serving and as much as 3,600 mg per package. These levels significantly exceed the limits in many states where recreational marijuana is legal, according to Rokita.

He says most states cap edibles at 10 mg per serving and 100 mg per package. He called on legislators to amend the bill to classify any product exceeding 0.3 percent total THC by dry weight – including synthetics – as marijuana under state law. He thinks that would close a loophole and provide clarity for law enforcement.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-attorney-general-hemp-products](#).

Axing federal Department of Education & cutting Medicaid will hurt Carmel's & Fishers' disability communities

As an occupational therapist and state representative, I am thankful to represent communities that place a premium on inclusive growth that ensures residents with disabilities can thrive. Both Fishers and Carmel constantly work to **elevate the disability community and make city planning decisions that are welcoming to all**. Additionally, our area schools offer robust special education programs so that every child can have a bright future, regardless of ability. Setting up every child for success is a right guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a federal law that is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). IDEA ensures that public school students receive an Individualized Education Program (IEP) that is tailored to their needs and abilities. Additionally, the DOE supplements state resources with the additional



VICTORIA GARCIA WILBURN
State Representative

funding needed to execute IEPs for their students. To be clear, IDEA only protects students enrolled in public schools, and oftentimes private schools do not have the capacity – or a federal mandate – to provide specialized IEPs to students with disabilities. This makes our public schools all the more important for our disability community. As the National Education Association published in a **recent article about these cuts**, "The best and only choice, say many parents of children with disabilities, is their neighborhood public school." This is why I'm incredibly disappointed in last month's federal administration decision to cut the DOE completely. We should not be leaving our students with disabilities out to dry without the robust federal support and civil rights enforcement they've been promised to ensure they have equal op-

portunities as their peers without disabilities. This decision will do just that. Also on the federal level, potential Medicaid cuts will hurt our students in special education programs. Indiana is **one of 25 states** that has opted into allowing Medicaid payments to be used to carry out IEPs. With Congress discussing \$800 billion in cuts to Medicaid and other programs, the quality of IEPs and support personnel are on the chopping block. Our federal leaders in charge of our health care system have made damaging and misleading statements about what kids with disabilities can hope to accomplish in their lives. U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said this of children with autism: "These are kids who will never pay taxes. They will never hold a job. They'll never play baseball. They'll never write a poem. They'll never go out on a date." This is patently untrue – Americans with autism lead rich and full lives, and these comments

do not reflect the body of health research showing how much progress youth and adults with autism can make toward independence with evidence-based interventions. In my opinion, this is all unacceptable. Our public schools are the crown jewel of our community, and we need to keep them excellent for all students, including our students with disabilities who need a specialized curriculum. We can't take a step backward for the disability community and leave our children with disabilities behind. The core tenant of IDEA is that all children deserve an equal opportunity in education and an equal opportunity to succeed, but these cuts threaten to dismantle that promise. Our kids deserve more than this – and I will continue advocating for them to get the investment and attention they're owed.

State Representative Victoria Garcia represents District 32 in the Indiana House, which includes Fishers and southern portions of Carmel.

Fishers Parks celebrating Arbor Day with tree giveaway

The REPORTER

Join Fishers Parks for a festive Arbor Day event at the AgriPark from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 25. This free, family-friendly celebration offers a unique opportunity to receive a complimentary tree for your household (limit one per family), explore a special Arbor Day-themed

StoryWalk, and participate in engaging craft activities. No registration is required. Simply come through the front entry gate and head to the main event barn to collect your tree and enjoy the activities. Celebrate nature and community with Fishers Parks this Arbor Day. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Springmill Trails Spring Garage Sale

Clean out the garage, basement, and under the kids beds, because it's time for the **Spring Garage Sale!**

Water's Edge, Spring Orchard, William Trace, and Shelton Cove's Annual Spring Garage Sale is Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or whenever you're done selling your stuff)

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2025 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

- 2505-PUD-09: Wood Robinson Briggs Planned Unit Development (PUD), Amendment III; Generally located northwest of the intersection at East 191st Street and Winter Wheat Lane; David Weekley Homes requests an amendment to the Woods Robinson Briggs Planned Unit Development (PUD) district to increase the permitted number of single-family detached residential units on 10.98 acres +/- within District 4 of the Planned Unit Development (PUD).
- 2505-PUD-10: 196th & East Planned Unit Development (PUD); SEC of East Street & East 196th Street; Church, Church, Hittle + Antrim requests a change in zoning for 12.63 acres +/- from AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural to the 196th & East Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
- 2505-PUD-11: Osborne Trails Planned Unit Development (PUD), Amendment VI; Generally located northeast of the intersection at East 191st Street and Horton Road; West Fork Whiskey Real Estate JV, LLC by Clark Quinn Law request an amendment to the Osborne Trails Planned Unit Development (PUD) district for the development of a family entertainment center and residential townhome community on 24.93 acres +/-.
- 2502-ZOA-02: The City of Westfield request various text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance generally pertaining to Art. 12.1 Definitions and Art. 13.2 Use Table.

Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3150, option 5.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 at or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov

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— COUNTY —

Request for Proposals & Qualifications (RFPQ) for Childcare Services Provider
Hamilton County RFPQ #CS2025 Addendum No. 1
Published Monday, April 21, 2025

The solicitation is amended as follows:

- Page 1, RFPQ Proposal/SOQ Due Date is deleted and replaced with the following:
Monday, May 5, 2025, 3:00 PM ET
Proposal/SOQs will be opened on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM ET at the Board of Commissioners Meeting at:
Commissioners' Courtroom
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, IN 46060
- Page 1, RFPQ Deadline for Questions is deleted and replaced with the following:
The deadline for questions is Monday, April 28, 2025, 3:00 PM ET. Questions and/or inquiries must be submitted in writing to Anna Schuler at annaleigh.schuler@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or GRC@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
- Section 3.2 (entitled "Submission Instructions") is deleted and replaced with the following:
Two (2) hardcopies of the Proposal/SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly labeled "RFPQ #CS2025" to the following address:
ATTN: Anna Schuler
Legal Department | Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Division
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, IN 46060
One (1) copy of the Proposal/SOQ must be electronically submitted in PDF format to GRC@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.
Proposals/SOQ must be submitted to the above address and email address no later than **May 5, 2025, 3:00 PM ET**. If Proposal/SOQs are being submitted via USPS, FedEx, UPS, or any other mail carrier, please ensure that the mailing envelope is clearly marked "**RFPQ #CS2025**."
- Section 4.3 (entitled "Selection Process, Award, and Protest Procedures") is deleted and replaced with the following:

Timeline		
Event		Date(s)
RFPQ issue date		Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
First Advertisement		Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
Second Advertisement		Monday, March 24, 2025, 1:00 PM ET
RFPQ conference (in-person & virtual)		Week of April 14th – 18th
Deadline for questions		Monday, April 28, 2025, 3:00 PM ET
Proposals/SOQ due		Monday, May 5, 2025, 3:00 PM ET
Interviews with shortlisted proposers		Week of May 19th – 23rd
Anticipated contract award date		June 9, 2025
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“When a leader sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the commands of the Lord his God, when he realizes his guilt and the sin he has committed becomes known, he must bring as his offering a male goat without defect. He is to lay his hand on the goat’s head and slaughter it at the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered before the Lord. It is a sin offering. Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar as he burned the fat of the fellowship offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for the leader’s sin, and he will be forgiven.

Leviticus 4:13-26 (NIV)

Jack L. Selby

1941 – April 19, 2025



LTC Jack L. Selby passed away peacefully on April 19, 2025. He was the son of Walter and Ruth Selby of Pt. Pleasant, W.V., and brother of Howard (deceased). He was born in 1941, graduated from Pt. Pleasant High School in 1959 and Marshall University in 1963. He entered the U.S. Army as a 2LT Medical Service Corps fall of '63, expecting a two-year stint. It ended in February 1984.

During his 20 years he served at Martin Army Hospital (Ft. Benning, Ga.), Chief Surgeons Office (HQ, USARPAC/Hawaii), 67th Medical Group (Da Nang, South Vietnam), Walter Reed General Hospital (Washington, D.C.), Fitzsimmons General Hospital (Aurora, Colo.), Ft. Sheridan MEDDAC (Illinois), Gorgas Army Hospital (Republic of Panama), and Army Health Services Command (Ft. Sam Houston, Texas). Along the way he added a master’s degree from Baylor University (1974) and graduated from Command General Staff College (1979) Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., prior to his Panama assignment where he was a participant in the Army’s assumption of medical care delivery from the extinguished Canal Zone Government on Oct. 1, 1979.

Notable awards included a Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star and three Meritorious Service Awards.

While in Panama he met and married his wonderfully supportive wife, Maribel. They were married 44 years. Daughter Monica arrived in 1984. And then came three wonderful granddaughters, Zoe, Lucie, and Marissa.

Following his Army years, he worked at LSU Hospital, Shreveport, La. (1984), and then moved to Indiana. From 1985 to 2001 he worked at USA Group, a student loan company in Fishers, as SVP, Management Services Division, where he led the HR, Facilities, and Admin Ser-

vices Departments.

While working for USA Group he was active in the Fishers community as President of the Chamber of Commerce (1993) and YMCA Man of the Year (1994). He also volunteered with the Red Cross, Fishers Sertoma, and the Salvation Army in Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. He became a fan of the Salvation Army and supported it every year. He was also a life member of American Legion Post 470 in Fishers.

An admitted sports nut his entire life, he was a BIG fan of IU and MU sports, Dodgers baseball, golf, tennis, snow skiing, surfing, etc. A passionate knowledge seeker and lifelong learner,

LTC Selby was a loyal *Jeopardy!* follower and read a wide range of books, newspapers, and magazines.

He is survived by his wife Maribel, daughter Monica and granddaughters Zoe, Lucie, and Marissa who were very important to him, especially as he “matured.” Additional family are Sharon Klingler (Ohio), Mark Selby (West Virginia), Valerie Pittman (Florida), and Kristiina Kovanen (North Carolina).

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers. Entombment will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

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Girls Tennis



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Guerin Catholic's Annie Kolb (left) and Katie Kolb smile as they leave the court after their win at No. 1 doubles during the Golden Eagles' 4-1 dual meet win over University on Wednesday.

Golden Eagles, University's Buttrick off to good starts

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls tennis team won an all-county dual meet at University 4-1 on Wednesday.

The No. 13-ranked Golden Eagles got all four of their wins in straight sets. The No. 1 doubles team of juniors Anna Kolb and Katie Kolb, who qualified for the individual doubles tournament last year, won their match 6-1, 6-0.

Guerin Catholic also got 6-1, 6-0 victories from No. 2 singles Grace Docktor and No. 3 singles Maddy Hood, a freshman. The Golden Eagles' No. 2 doubles team, seniors Ella Hood and Anna Ellery were 6-0, 6-2 winners.

The Trailblazers' win came from junior Laurel Buttrick, who took her match 6-0, 6-0. Buttrick is unbeaten for the season.

Guerin Catholic is 3-1 for the season, with 5-0 wins over No. 25 North Central and Plainfield and a 5-0 loss to No. 1 Carmel. "We're a young team,"

said GC coach Becky Ragsdale. "Every day we work hard at practice and I see the improvement every day."



Buttrick

This is Ragsdale's eighth season coaching the Golden Eagles, and she said the team's growth has been "exponential." Guerin Catholic had 33 players on the team in Ragsdale's first year, and now there are over 90 girls on the team. Ragsdale said that's a testament to what a success the program is.

"We do a lot of things outside just playing on the tennis court," said Ragsdale. "We do a lot of service projects for our community. Our kids and our parents are totally supportive of that. Our administration is supportive of that."

Ragsdale also credited her assistant coaches, saying she has "the best staff in the state of Indiana."

"The fact that these guys want to come back every year, I think it says something about what we're doing," said Ragsdale.

Baseball

Golden Eagles hold off Brebeuf comeback

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team won a high-scoring Circle City Conference game on Wednesday, beating Brebeuf Jesuit on the road 11-9.

Ben Canada batted in the Golden Eagles' first run in the first inning, hitting a single to score Karson Smith. The Braves went in front with a three-run home run in the third inning, but Guerin Catholic came back with five runs in the fifth inning.

Brody Cain drew a lead-off walk, then Ian Taylor smacked a left field double. Nolan Ratcliff came up next and reached on an error, scoring Cain. Later, Canada blasted a three-run homer into right field, also bringing in Ratcliff and Smith. The Golden Eagles batted around and loaded the bases, then Cain drew a walk to score Grant Beard.

Guerin Catholic held a 6-3 lead, and it became a

9-3 lead after the sixth inning. Ratcliff got home on a wild pitch, Smith scored after Carson Kail hit a sacrifice fly, and Daulton Phillips drove in Canada with a left field hit.

Brebeuf roared back in the bottom of the sixth inning, scoring six runs to tie the game at 9-9. But the Golden Eagles scored twice in the seventh to clinch the win. Canada blasted a triple into center field to send Smith and Taylor home.

Canada was 3-for-4 at the plate and drove in six runs. Smith scored four runs, while Taylor hit two doubles. Luke Gremelspacher went five innings for the win, tossing six strikeouts.

Guerin Catholic is 2-1 in conference play and 7-3 overall. The Golden Eagles travel to Norwell on Saturday to play a doubleheader with the Knights.

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Girls Lacrosse



Photo by Mike Navarro

Claire Flannagan had five draw controls for Guerin Catholic during the Golden Eagles' Tuesday win over Heritage Christian.

Guerin Catholic beats Heritage

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team beat Heritage Christian 15-4 on Tuesday.

Gabby Deer led the Golden Eagles with five

goals and three assists. Jane Cline had three goals, while Lucy Esposito and Caroline Ford both scored two goals. Claire Poe and Camy Carter completed the scoring with one goal each.

Claire Flannagan and Ford both had five draw controls, with Ford and Deer collecting four ground balls each. Deer also made two forced turn-overs. Audrey Papay made

eight goalkeeper saves, with Lila Voelkel getting four saves.

Guerin Catholic is 12-1 for the season and hosts Hamilton Southeastern tonight.

Blanton to play volleyball at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Emma Blanton has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute. Rose-Hulman is a member of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and a Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Mat and Kelly Blanton.

It was the positive atmosphere of the team and coaching staff along with the campus and high level of comment to a quality education that made Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Blanton's pick to continue her education and play volleyball at the collegiate level.

"From the moment I set foot on campus, Rose-Hulman felt like home," she recalled. She plans to study mechanical engineering with a focus in aerospace with the long-term goal of working for NASA.

Blanton, a member of the National Honor Society and the district's High Ability Broad-Based Planning Committee, Husky Ambassador, and volunteer at the Little Husky Volleyball Camp, is a highly talented multi-sport student athlete. She is a four-year varsity letter winner for volleyball was also a member of Hamilton Heights' Varsity Softball team (freshman and sophomore year), Track and Field Team (junior and senior year), and played for Munciana Club Volleyball (sophomore, junior and senior year).

Heights' senior volleyball captain, Blanton was named a 2025 AAU Academic All-American and



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights senior Emma Blanton has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for the Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineers in Terre Haute. Blanton (seated) is pictured with Gabi Blanton (sister), Mat Blanton (dad), Kelly Blanton (mom), and Reece Blanton (sister).

to the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association (IHSVCA) Academic All-State Class of 2025.

She was a three-time Lifter of the Week at Heights, named twice to the 2025 Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) Watchlist twice to the Volleyball All-Conference team, invited to the Indiana Volleyball All-Star Tryouts (2024), and helped her team to bring home the 2023 Volleyball Sectional Championship and reach the 2023 Regional Volleyball Finals.

Blanton has been play-

ing volleyball since the sixth grade and said she has loved every moment of it.

"I have worked extremely hard to get where I am not, both mentally and physically," she pointed out. "I have always believed hard work and a positive attitude can overcome any obstacle. I play club volleyball at one of the best clubs in the country during the high school offseason and enjoy weightlifting."

She credits several people who have been a major influence in her development

throughout her volleyball career including her middle school volleyball coach, Jerry Saffold, high school coach, Steve Ward, and current club coach, Dan Bergren.

"Coach Saffold saw my potential as a new player and development my fundamentals; Coach Ward always believed in me and pushed me to be my best; and Coach Bergren has enhanced my volleyball IQ and allowed me to see the game in ways I hadn't before," she said.

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Softball

Huskies, Rocks get easy wins; Hounds go back-to-back for first time this season

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights cruised to a 12-0 five-inning Hoosier Conference victory over Tipton Wednesday at the Huskies' field.

The Huskies scored four runs in the first innings and six more in the second. Lily Cash cracked a two-run home run in the first inning, while Izzy Morrow doubled in two runs in the second inning.

Heights added two runs in the fourth inning, with Kenley Scott and Hailey Hall both batting in one run. Hall was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate. Hall and Heather Crays both drove in two runs and scored two more runs, with Izzy Morrow batting in two runs. Morrow and McKenzie Jackson both hit a double.

Cash pitched all five innings, striking out nine.

The Huskies are 3-1 in conference play and 7-4

overall. Heights plays Friday at Lawrence Central.

Westfield took care of Harrison 10-1 on Wednesday.

Sofia Easterhaus scored the Shamrocks' first run in the first inning, going home on Ava Kainrath's sacrifice fly. In the third inning, Sydney Jordan sent Cam Pulice home with a bunt RBI, then Avery Banas hit a center field home run, also scoring Jordan.

Chloe Tanner scored in the third inning after Pulice reached on an error, giving Westfield a 5-1 lead. Pulice doubled in Makayla Watson for a fifth-inning run. The Shamrocks then scored four runs in the sixth inning: Annika Lawrence scored on Banas' RBI groundout, Easterhaus singled in Dylan Todd (who got on base with a double), and Watson cracked a homer to left field,

also scoring Easterhaus.

Watson finished with two hits. Shea Vohs got the pitching win.

Westfield is 4-3 and will play in a tournament in Kokomo this weekend, starting play by taking on Illiana Christian at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

Carmel won a road game at Pendleton Heights on Wednesday, beating the Arabians 8-7.

The Greyhounds got on the board first with five runs in the third inning. Emily Smith singled in Winni Owens for the first run. Carmel loaded the bases, then Taylor Veitch scored when Avery Klein drew a walk. Ellie Goddard's center field hit brought in Jayden Kleiner and Emily Proctor, and Klein scored on Megan Pike's center field hit.

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Boys Lacrosse



Photo by Mike Navarro

Westfield's Theo Dager had two goals and three assists for the Shamrocks during their 13-10 win over Noblesville on Wednesday.

Rocks beat Millers in all-county game

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys lacrosse team won an all-county game over Noblesville 13-10 Wednesday at the Shamrocks' field.

Westfield led 5-3 after the first quarter, with Theo Dager scoring two goals. The 'Rocks held a 9-7 halftime advantage, then jumped ahead 12-8 after three periods. Sam Meyers scored twice in the third.

Meyers also had two first-half goals, giving him a team-leading four goals for the game. Dager, Daniel Sherman and Jake Norris all totaled two goals, with Dager also dishing out three assists. Finn Smyth, Vince Kocsis and Keegan Krupp scored one goal each. Hunter Jones totaled 10 loose ball controls.

Zach McMichael scored four goals for the Millers, with Charlie Boe adding three. Hayden McCaslin had two goals and Logan White scored one. Charlie



Photo by Mike Navarro

Noblesville's Hayden McCaslin scored two goals for the Millers.

Zink, Max Sala and Monty Atkins all collected four ground balls.

Westfield is 8-2 and

hosts Guerin Catholic Friday evening. Noblesville is 6-3 and plays Saturday at Homestead.

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BASEBALL

Carmel got a 1-0 win over Terre Haute North Wednesday in a home game at Hartman Field.

Carson Mace batted in the third inning, with a left field hit to score Nate Steele.

Gabe Mathison hit a double for Carmel. Nolan Sundahl went six innings for the win, striking out seven and allowing just one hit.

Carmel is 6-6 and plays a doubleheader Saturday at Fort Wayne Carroll.

University dropped a 3-0 game to Brownsburg Wednesday at RoundTripper Academy.

Ryan Castetter had two hits, a double and a single, while Charlie Ranek also hit a double.

The Trailblazers are 5-6 and play this afternoon at Liberty Christian in a Pioneer Conference game.

Hamilton Heights lost a Hoosier Conference home game 5-2 to Tipton Wednesday.

The Blue Devils scored two runs in the first inning. The Huskies tied the game in the third inning: Nick Hulen scored the first run, then P.J. Wright singled in Luke Davis to even the score at 2-2. But Tipton scored twice in the sixth inning and added another run in the seventh.

Hulen hit a fourth-inning double. Dillon Pitts pitched five innings, striking out nine and allowing two hits.

The Huskies are 0-4 in conference play and 2-7 overall. Heights will host

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Brebeuf Jesuit on Friday.

Sheridan fell to Clinton Prairie 6-1 Wednesday in an away Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Dayne Voegel batted in the first inning, hitting a single to score Braelan Bochner.

Sheridan is 0-2 in conference play and 2-6 overall. The 'Hawks host Eastern this afternoon for another HHC game.

Hamilton Southeastern fell to Avon 14-0 in a five-inning away Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Wednesday.

Maddux Bach had two hits, a double and a single.

The Royals are 4-9 and host Avon tonight to complete the HCC series.

BLANTON

“Emma came in with a lot of raw talent as a freshman,” recalled Steve Ward, Hamilton Heights Varsity Volleyball Head Coach.

“Emma worked hard every day to become a better player. Emma will be the hardest worker on the floor and run through a wall for you.

Her hard work has led her to be a good all-around player. Blocking a ball straight down became one of Emma's favorite things to do, and she is good at it. She was instrumental in our success over the last few years. I look forward to seeing her rise even higher at the next level. Go Dawgs!”

“Emma is one of the most dedicated and driven athletes I've had the pleasure of being around,” said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. “All of the success she has experienced and will continue to experience is through her hard work and commitment to the sport of volleyball and in the classroom. We wish her well as she continues her career at Rose-Hulman.”

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Why high school boys volleyball is ‘here to stay’ across Indiana

By **ANDREW CHERNOFF**
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It’s a new era for boys volleyball in the state of Indiana.

“When I was younger, it had to be the coaches going out in the cafeteria, asking kids, ‘You want to play volleyball?’ Roncalli senior defensive specialist Aiden Hill said.

That has now changed. “Boys want to play now,” Hill said.

High school boys volleyball may have been around for a while, but this is the first year it has been recognized as an **official IHSAA sport**.

“I got started really young,” Roncalli senior setter Matthew Dial said. “So it was really like one or two club teams from your state. Really wasn’t that big. And now it’s everybody wants to play. Everybody wants to get involved. So it’s just really cool to see.”

The IHSAA added boys

volleyball to its emerging sports process back in 2022. It **was approved** in April 2024 for **full recognition** as an official IHSAA sport beginning in the 2024-25 season.

“Looking back on people that have played in the past, getting to talk to them again, it’s just cool to see where this sport has come,” Fishers senior libero Ian Pifer said.

Some of the changes with being an IHSAA emerging sport and an IH-SAA official sport is that the sport is subject to IH-SAA rules.

“There’s definitely added bonuses with us being a (IHSAA) sport now,” Pifer said.

As of mid-April, over 130 teams are scheduled to take part in this year’s IH-SAA State Volleyball Tournament.

“Hopefully we’ll get to a level of basketball where every high school has a team,” Fishers boys vol-

leyball head coach Carlos Capo said. “You already have girls volleyball. We use the same equipment. It’s the same court. All you need is a little uniform and off you go.”

Communities are showing up to support their local high school boys volleyball teams as well.

If your community does not have a team yet, it may get one sooner rather than later.

“Every day it seems like we have a call from a new team or a new school that’s interested in getting into boys volleyball,” IH-SAA Commissioner Paul Neidig said. “It’s going to be a sport that’s here to stay and we’re going to continue to see growth on an annual basis.”

With the numbers in boys volleyball teams continuing to increase, Roncalli head coach Nick Jennings believes classes could very well be one of the next steps for the sport in the future.

“Hopefully we can eventually get to some classes,” Jennings said. “So that way you want those new programs that are still kind of starting out to have a chance to go far in the postseason and experience some of that.”

Of course, with this being the first year that boys volleyball is an official IH-SAA sport, there is extra motivation for teams to win the first-ever IHSAA boys volleyball championship.

“I think for sure that’s a big thing,” Fishers junior middle blocker Ethan Luenemann said. “A lot of it is bragging rights.”

The IHSAA Boys Volleyball State Tournament will begin in mid-May. The state championship is scheduled for May 31 at a site to be announced.

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The Arabians hit a lead-off home run in the bottom of the third, and the score stayed 5-1 until the sixth inning. Carmel got two runs in the top of the sixth when Kleiner sent a double into right field, sending home Keira Libel and Katherine Warren. Pendleton scored a run in the bottom of the sixth, and Carmel answered with a run in the top of the seventh: Owens batted in Goddard with a center field hit.

Pendleton made a furious comeback in the seventh inning, scoring five runs, but Carmel got the final out to clinch their first back-to-back wins of the season. Goddard, Pike, Owens and Smith all had two hits. Smith pitched a complete game, striking out seven.

The Greyhounds are 3-10 and host their annual Carmel Invitational this weekend. The ‘Hounds take on Lake Central at 4:30 p.m. Friday to begin play.

Guerin Catholic lost to Bishop Chatard 14-4 in six innings Wednesday in a home Circle City Conference game.

The Trojans scored 10 runs in the first three innings. The Golden Eagles got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the third: Lucy Kemp singled in Kate Brady, then Anna Mauch’s center field double sent Kemp home.

Chatard added a run in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth. Guerin Catholic tried to extend the game in the sixth inning, as Izzy Phillips batted in Ava Augustinovicz and Brady sent Jillian Davis home with a left field single. But a fly-out ended the game.

Kemp was 2-for-2 at the plate. Augustinovicz pitched five innings, striking out six.

The Golden Eagles are 0-2 in conference play and 4-4 overall. Guerin Catholic plays Friday at Decatur Central.

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Scott Dixon has won four of his six NTT INDY-CAR SERIES championships in the last 11 years, but his only victory in the Indianapolis 500 came in 2008.

His performance during the first day of the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge Open Test could be the first step toward changing that equation.

Six-time series champion Dixon was the fastest driver Wednesday on the 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval, turning a top lap of 225.182 mph during the last hour of testing in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

“It’s testing – just trying to get through the test list, lots of changes,” Dixon said. “We didn’t do the October test, so first time with the hybrid here, which definitely adds some elements to it and makes it pretty interesting. I think it is going to determine a lot race-wise, maybe even for the shootout at the end. I think it could determine that.”

“So, trying to clarify a lot of those situations to make sure that you’re covered muscle memory-wise and memory-wise. It comes down to that. So even in qualifying, I think it be a few different strategies of how to get that right.”

Dixon took the top spot from two-time reigning race champion Josef Newgarden, who ended up second at 225.125 in the No. 2 Shell V-Power Nitro+ Team Penske Chevrolet. Two-time series champion Newgarden is trying to become the first driver to win the world’s most prestigious auto race three years in a row Sunday, May 25.

“Today was really solid just to start out,” Newgarden said. “The big thing is you come here with a new car or an existing car that you’re taking apart and completely rebuilding it. For most everybody here, putting a car on the track for the first time

and hoping it just goes relatively quick ... When the car is fast, everything else can be fixed. It’s the car’s speed that fixes everything.

“For us, it’s been a really good start. It doesn’t mean it’s going to be all smooth sailing, but I hope we can come out of this and be prepared for the Month of May.”

Two-time “500” winner Takuma Sato started his “one-off” Indianapolis 500 effort with vigor, ending up third at 225.069 in the No. 75 AMADA Honda fielded by Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing. Marcus Armstrong led three Meyer Shank Racing cars in the top eight, as he was fourth at 224.987 in the No. 66 SiriusXM/Root Insurance Honda.

Colton Herta rounded out the top five at 224.857 in the No. 26 Gainbridge Honda of Andretti Global.

Besides MSR putting Armstrong fourth, four-time “500” winner Helio Castroneves seventh and Felix Rosenqvist eighth, another trend line was drawn during the first day of the test: Honda engines are fast. Honda powered nine of the 10 fastest drivers today, with Newgarden the only Chevy driver in that group.

Honda drivers also took the top three spots on the “no-tow” list of drivers’ best laps turned without the speed-enhancing edge of an aerodynamic slipstream from a leading car. Rosenqvist was the top no-tow driver at 220.835 in the No. 60 SiriusXM Honda, followed by three-time series champion Alex Palou at 220.354 in the No. 10 DHL Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

Testing continues starting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Teams will have access from 9:30 a.m. to noon to the same elevated turbo boost levels as “Fast Friday” practice May 16 and PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying on May 17 and 18. Then boost will be reduced to race levels from



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2-5 p.m. for the final segment of testing this week.

“I’m excited to turn up the boost and curious to see how this hybrid is going to be used in qualifying,” said Pato O’Ward, who was 16th overall at 222.775 mph in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet. “I think everybody is kind of playing a guessing game now, so we’ll see what’s the best one tomorrow.”

Thirty-four drivers are eligible to participate when Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge practice opens Tuesday, May 13, as Jacob Abel, Louis Foster and Robert Shwartzman completed the Rookie Orientation Program and Marco Andretti, Devlin DeFrancesco, Callum Iloft, Kyle Larson and Sato completed the veteran refresher test Wednesday.

All 34 drivers expected to compete next month for the 33 starting spots were on track today, turning a combined 2,805 laps. Rookie Swartzman was the busiest driver, turning 133 laps in the No. 83 PREMA Racing Chevrolet.

In an interesting twist, two-time reigning series champion and current championship leader Alex Palou was one of the most inactive drivers, completing just 46 laps despite no apparent technical problems. Palou, seeking his first “500” victory, ended up sixth overall at 224.786.

2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion Larson was 11th at 223.430 in the No. 17 Hendrickcars.com Arrow McLaren Chevrolet. Larson is once again trying to complete the “Double”

of racing in the Indianapolis 500 and NASCAR’s Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on the same day May 25.

There was just one caution period during more than six hours of testing. Graham Rahal brushed the SAFER Barrier in Turn 3 twice in his No. 15 United Rentals Honda fielded by Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing with 13 minutes remaining. Rahal was unhurt.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24

BASEBALL

Eastern at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
University at Liberty Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Avon at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Franklin Central at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Carmel at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Christian at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Sheridan vs. University and Clinton Central, 4:30 p.m. at Cool Lake GC
Hamilton Heights vs. Clinton Prairie and Lafayette Central Catholic, 4:45 p.m. at Bear Slide

SOFTBALL

Fishers at Yorktown, 5:30 p.m.
Lawrence North at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
Sheridan vs. Eastern, 5:30 p.m. at Grand Park
Western at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Northwestern at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Avon at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 5 p.m.
(Girls) Noblesville and Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Noblesville at Avon (with Zionsville), 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Greenwood Christian Academy at University, 5 p.m.
Monrovia at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

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(weather permitting) Upcoming Broadcasts

Thurs April 24 - Softball, Baseball

5:15 pm Lawrence North vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Softball | Southeastern Sports
6:30 pm Franklin Central vs **Noblesville** | Hoosier Crossroads Baseball | HCTV Sports

Fri April 25 - Track & Field

1:50 pm Conference Championships - Day 1 | 2025 HCAC Outdoor Track & Field

Sat April 26 - Baseball & Track & Field

12:50 pm Conference Championships - Day 2 | 2025 HCAC Outdoor Track & Field
1:00 pm Saint Xavier (KY) vs **Noblesville** | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

Mon April 28 - Baseball

6:00 pm **Hamilton Heights** vs **Noblesville** | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

Wed April 30 - Softball and Lacrosse

6:00 pm Cathedral vs **Noblesville** | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports
6:00 pm Warren Central vs **Fishers** | JV girls lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network
6:45 pm Mason (OH) vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Boys Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports
6:50 pm Mason (OH) vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Boys Lacrosse | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Warren Central vs **Fishers** | Varsity girls lacrosse | Fishers Sports Network

Thu May 1 - Softball and Baseball

5:20 pm Clinton Central vs Horizon Christian | Softball | Indiana SRN
5:45 pm Fishers vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Baseball | Southeastern Sports Network
6:30 pm **Westfield** vs **Noblesville** | Hoosier Crossroads Baseball | HCTV Sports



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