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HCPR honors John Bundy with dedication ceremony at White River Campground

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) played host to a heartfelt dedication ceremony on Tuesday at the White River Campground to honor the late John Bundy, founder of White River Rescue Inc., for his unwavering commitment to the preservation and restoration of the White River.

The event drew members of the community, local officials, and environmental advocates to celebrate Bundy's enduring legacy. The event took place not only on Earth Day, but also what would have been Bundy's 76th birthday.

During the ceremony, a commemorative plaque was unveiled at the campground, recognizing Bundy's decades of advocacy, restoration work, and tireless dedication to protecting the river's ecosystem. Attendees shared stories and memories, underscoring the deep impact he had on both the White River and the people of Hamilton County.

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Photo provided by HCPR

(From left) Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman, White River Rescue 2000 Inc. members Steve Schwartz, Lori Schwartz, and Valarie Bundy, Lt. Col. Steve Hunter, HCPR Director Chris Stice, HCPR Deputy Director Bruce Oldham, HCPR Park Board President Stephen Andrews, and HCPR Park Board Member Tom Clover stand by John Bundy's memorial plaque at the White River Campground fishing pier.

Bone up on your health

As we reach middle age, we suddenly have to go through all these preventive tests/procedures that we never experienced before. This is especially true if you're a woman with a family history of health issues.

When I searched for my birth parents, learning my health history was a top priority. Though I'm glad to have it now for both my sons and me, it complicated my life a bit. My birth father's history is excellent; my birth mother's is the exact opposite.

So instead of having a colonoscopy every 10 years as recommended for those age 45 and over, I get to have one every five years. It used to be every three to four years, so I guess I should be grateful. But many readers know this is not a fun experience, although you do get a heck of a good nap in afterwards.

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Honest graft

David Tudor was a local attorney who loved politics. He rented space from me for a few years.

While his campaigns for office were not successful, he often had unique insight into the behind-the-scenes mechanics. From his perch as county attorney and political operative, he was an honest witness to what was really happening. He is the one I first heard using the term "honest graft."

I understand the term was coined by George Washington Plunkett, the Tammany Hall boss and political operative. Plunkett described the difference between "dishonest graft" and "honest graft." For dishonest graft, one works solely for one's own interests. For honest graft, one pursues, at the same time, the interests of one's party, state, and person.

Honest graft has come to mean (and as used by Tudor) the power brokering and/or moneymaking opportunities that arise to those persons while holding public office. The activities are, strictly speaking, legal, although they may raise eyebrows or provoke criticism. Tudor said honest graft involved things that one could not get indicted for, but were things that he and many others would not do.

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See these first steps of Brunch & Blooms

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Our Brunch & Blooms event is a brunch and retail crawl running in conjunction with our festival, taking place during the same time as the festival. Once you've secured your precious peony blooms and shopped the wide selection of festival vendors, head to the historic Noblesville square and surrounding streets. This area includes more than 50 participating locations of more peony fun!

Here are two special businesses we'd like to spotlight and hope you include in your crawl through downtown Noblesville on May 17.

Noblesville Preservation Alliance

Noblesville's Preservation Alliance (NPA) is an Indiana non-profit corporation which aims to enrich the present by honoring the past through the preservation of Noblesville's historic architecture and authentic charm. Their Preservation Hall is located on historic Logan Street, but they will also have a pop-up spot on the northside of Noblesville's square on festival day.

NPA will hold a fun coloring contest, which will include a drawing for a Historic Home Tour Prize Pack and two pairs of NPART performance tickets. They will share information and success stories about Noblesville's amazing building history, as well as hand out stickers and other creative things. They will also have fresh, new merchandise available for purchase, so make sure to visit NPA Hall's pop-up location in front of Noble Optique at 840 Logan St.

East Bank Apartments

East Bank Apartments opened in 2024 and is owned and managed by the J.C. Hart Company. East Bank is an upscale apartment complex located in one of the charming corners of downtown Noblesville. They are situated close to South 6th Street and Conner Street and are mere minutes from the Noblesville Riverwalk. From roomy floor plans to a large array of community amenities, they're building one of the premier living communities in Noblesville. Looking for supreme living in a supreme location? Look no further than here.

East Bank is a new member to our amazing peony trail project! Not only will new, fresh peonies be planted on their property, but they will also be an exclusive spot to picking up our interactive peony passport! Make sure to stop into East Bank on festival day to pick up your very own Peony Passport and start your peony trail adventure with them this spring.

Want to learn more about our Brunch & Blooms event and other amazing participating locations like NPA & East Bank apartments? [Click here to learn more!](#)

Noblesville firefighters recognized at awards banquet

Submitted by IAFF Local 4416

Last Saturday, members of the Noblesville Fire Department, Mayor Chris Jenson, Deputy Mayor Matt Light, members of the City Council, Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell, and other esteemed guests gathered for the 13th annual Noblesville Fire Fighters Awards and Recognition Banquet.

This event was a testament to the dedication and bravery of Noblesville's firefighters, who were recognized for their exceptional service to the community and outstanding performance while on the job.

The success of the event was made possible through the invaluable contributions from the events title sponsor Ascension St. Vincent.

The following were recognized for their acts:

- **Excellence in Training:** Lt. Eric Harris
- **EMS Provider of the Year:** EMS Duty Officer Josh Gates
- **Fire Fighter of the Year:** FF/EMT Matt Pinter
- **Officer of the Year:** Captain Rick Russell
- **The Chief Kenneth L. Gilliam Leadership Award:** Executive Officer Joe Wilson
- **Meritorious Service:** Lieutenant Matt Miller, Lieutenant John Huseman, Engineer Tony Murray, FF/PM Erik Scheub, FF/EMT Dave Burkhalter.
- **Unit Citations:** Captain Jeremiah Monroe, Captain Chris McClure, Lieutenant Colin Fogarty, Engineer Brad McLaughlin, Engineer Todd Sears, Engineer Sam Clausen, FF/PM Todd Watson, FF/PM Dave Robertson, FF/EMT Kevin Coyner, FF/PM Tyler Symmes, FF/EMT Logan Stults, FF/EMT Kevin Hast, FF/EMT Blake Dieters, FF/PM Ryan Haboush, FF/PM Pat Perry, FF/EMT Brantley Springmeyer, FF/EMT Jordan Vlaskamp.
- **Letters of Commendation:** Division Chief Scott Hunter, Battalion Chief Mike Cummins, Battalion Chief John Snethen, Executive Officer



Photo provided by Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 4416

Josh Brumbaugh, Captain Joe Archer, Lieutenant Dan Miligan, Lieutenant Eric Berger, EMS Duty Officer Josh Gates, Engineer Pat Roberts, Engineer Rob Moore, Engineer Ben Patchett, FF/EMT Dustin King, FF/PM Joe Bertka, FF/EMT Patrick Bohm, FF/EMT Lance Taylor, FF/EMT Grant Meyers, FF/EMT Josh Bickel.

Huse Culinary Chefs to join Carmel students for live "Cheftacular" cook-off

Submitted

What happens when high school culinary students are paired with professional chefs to battle it out for scholarship glory? You get "Cheftacular," Carmel High School's most delicious competition of the year.

This year's Cheftacular is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 28 at the Carmel High School Fieldhouse, 520 E. Main St.

This event partners culinary students with some of the area's top culinary talent to create and perfect a signature dish. This year, two **Huse Culinary** chefs will participate and mentor students, helping them perfect their signature dish for the competition.

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Community News

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Springmill Trails Spring Garage Sale

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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)

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BUNDY

Bundy founded White River Rescue Inc. in 2000, shortly after a catastrophic pollution event in 1999 devastated the river's aquatic life. In response, he launched a mission that would span decades – focusing on river cleanup, fish restocking, and environmental consulting. His efforts were instrumental in reviving the White River, transforming it into a vibrant habitat and a cherished natural space for the community.

In addition to the plaque dedication, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) marked the occasion with a fish stocking, releasing several native fish species back into the river – symbolizing the ongoing commitment to the health and vitality of the White River, a cause Bundy held close to his heart.



Photo provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation

“We are proud to celebrate John Bundy’s incredible legacy,” HCPR Director Chris Stice said. “Through White River Rescue and his own personal efforts, John helped turn a tragedy into a story of hope and renewal. His work continues to inspire, and this plaque ensures his contributions will

not be forgotten.”

White River Rescue Inc. also made a generous \$52,000 donation to HCPR, which funded the recent refurbishment of the fishing pier at the White River Campground. The improvements have enhanced the pier’s accessibility and appearance, providing a more enjoyable experience

BONE

In addition to my annual mammogram, which I had to start in my 30s because I didn’t have my family health history at the time, I must have a breast MRI every two to three years. My last MRI was traumatizing and left me in tears for days afterward. It doesn’t help that I’m claustrophobic and Valium does zilch for me for the procedure.

When I saw my primary care physician, Dr. H, for my annual physical last March, I asked her if she thought it was time for me to get a bone density scan. “Sure!” she replied. “I think that would be an excellent idea.”

As I walked out, I won-

dered why I had opened my big mouth. I didn’t know what a bone density scan involved, and I was nervous to find out after my MRI, which was still fresh in my memory.

As the day approached for my scan, I did a quick search and saw that it wouldn’t involve injections nor take much time. That’s all I knew as I drove to Riverview Health in Westfield last Wednesday. My appointment was at 8:45 and I was told to arrive at 8:30.

By 8:35, I was in the Bone and Breast Health suite. By 8:37, I was in the exam room with my cheerful

technician, Abby. (Yay, another nice Abby in my life!)

I looked around wondering where my hospital gown was located. Abby explained to me that, no, all I needed to do was hang up my jacket and purse and lie down on my back on the comfy table. With a pillow. *A pillow!*

I chatted with Abby and at one point said, “Wait, are you scanning now?” She laughed and said, “Yep!” There was no noise, pain, squeezing things in a vice-like grip, weird food prep and multiple bathroom trips, or tears. Nothing. It felt like I was relaxing at the spa chatting with a new friend. I was

GRAFT

There have been recent reports of honest graft on the federal level. DOGE has discovered that NGO funding may be the biggest scam ever. It is a way to do things that would be illegal if done in the government, but made legal if it is sent to the so-called not-for-profit, where people can cash out governmental grants and become very wealthy. The NGO operators pay themselves enormous sums as salaries or take other benefits such as travel. Musk found that USAID was

laundering money this way.

George Soros figured out you could leverage a small amount of money to create a not-for-profit and then lobby the politicians to send a ton of money to that not-for-profit. A small political donation could yield a large donation to the not-for-profit who supposedly was doing a governmental function. The operator of the not-for-profit could maintain power, exert great influence, and grow wealthy without being indicted. They might even be lauded for their public service.

Has this type of plan made its way to Hamilton County? Hamilton Coun-

ty voters give to the NGO/not-for-profit of their choice, give the amount they want to give, and give on the timeline that is most suitable for them. It is a very free-market idea. The not-for-profit fulfills its mission to serve the public. The market decides which NGO should receive, how much the NGO should receive, when it should receive, and when money should be withheld.

Our local government may be wiser than the local voters. They decided some local not-for-profits should receive more than the voters have given them voluntarily. Thus, the county has recently taxed local property to

CHEFTACULAR

Luke Landgrebe, executive chef at **Harry and Izzy’s Northside**, and Jason Chesky, executive chef at **1933 Lounge Carmel**, are participating in this year’s event.

All proceeds from the event support the Cheftacular Scholarship with Car-

mel Education Foundation, Carmel High School Culinary Arts and the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at [this link](https://thislink.com).

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Fishers Arts Council announces winners of 2025 STAR Bank Senior Showcase

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) has announced the winners of the 16th annual Fishers Arts Council Senior Showcase sponsored by STAR Bank. Senior Showcase is an annual exhibit where seniors of both city high schools, Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, exhibit their artwork and poetry while competing for scholarships.

“The 16th Annual Senior Showcase once again highlighted the impressive artistic talents coming out of the Fishers and HSE School programs,” FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. “This year over \$4,800 in scholarships were given to 22 seniors, ranging from \$50 to \$700 per award, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and art patrons across the city. Fishers Arts Council is proud of this event and is thankful for the partnership with the Fishers Art Center in allowing an expansion of the gallery space to better serve our graduating artists.”

The awards were presented Friday evening, April 18 at Art Gallery at City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center Theater during a special Third Friday reception. FAC President Chris Hayes, along with Fishers City Councilor At-Large Cecilia Coble and STAR Bank Senior Treasury Management Sales Officer Karissa Shaffer, presented the awards. Catherine Snider also presented a special award, “Best Representation of the Written Word,” in memory of her daughter, Jordan D. Snider.

The award for Best in Show went to Oliver Miles



(TOP) 2025 STAR Bank Senior Showcase Scholarship Winners (present at event), along with Cecilia Coble, Fishers City Councilor At-Large; Karissa Shaffer, STAR Bank Treasury Management Sales Officer; and Catherine Snider, steward of the Jordan D. Snider award. (ABOVE LEFT) (From left) Karissa Shaffer, STAR Bank Treasury Management Sales Officer; Oliver Miles, award winner; and Cecilia Coble, Fishers City Councilor At-Large. (ABOVE RIGHT) (From left) Cecilia Coble, Fishers City Councilor At-Large; Alexander Kairi Walton, award winner; and Catherine Snider, steward of the Jordan D. Snider award

(Hamilton Southeastern High School) for his painting titled, “Sil3nce.” The evening’s other big winner was Alexander Kairi Walton, (Fishers High School) for their poem titled, “As Strong as the Beginning,” receiving the Jordan D. Snider award for Best Representation of the Written Word. Walton gave a reading during the ceremony. Ninety-five students participated in the exhibit offering 125 pieces of 2-D art, 30 pieces or collections of 3-D

art, along with seven poetry-based submissions.

The artwork will remain on exhibit through Monday, April 28 at the Art Gallery at City Hall inside the Fishers Municipal Center and the Fishers Art Center, 1 Municipal Drive, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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 at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains its Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out [FisherArtsCouncil.org](https://fishersartsCouncil.org) or call or text (317) 537-1670 for more information.

Sponsors for 2025 Scholarships

STAR Bank: Best in Show, 1st Place awards for Drawing, Painting, Photography, 3D Art

Catherine Snider: Jordan D. Snider Award

Four Day Ray Brewing: 3rd Place awards in each visual arts category

Boomerang Development: 2nd Place awards for Drawing and Digital Art

Schoolhouse 7 Cafe: 2nd Place award for Painting

The Goddard School (Brooks School Road): 1st Place award for Digital Art

Fishers Dental Care: 2nd Place award for 3D Art

Sadler & Ryan Orthodontics: 2nd Place award for Photography

Laura & Ed Villanyi: Honorable Mention awards in each visual arts category

Complete List of Winners

Best in Show: Oliver Miles (HSEHS)

Jordan D. Snider Award for Best Representation of the Written Word: Alexander Kairi Walton (FHS)

1st Place Drawing: Hanna Maudlin (HSEHS)
2nd Place Drawing: Maddie Harmeyer (FHS)
3rd Place Drawing: Ava Kuester (HSEHS)
Honorable Mention (HM) Drawing: Ximena Guerrero (FHS)

1st Place Painting: M. Dang (HSEHS)
2nd Place Painting: Ambrielle Sendejas (FHS)
3rd Place Painting: Maggie Garner (FHS)
HM Painting: Rosie Kohler (FHS)

1st Place Photography: Olivia Lewis (HSEHS)
2nd Place Photography: Alexa Lane (HSEHS)
3rd Place Photography: Eddison Williams (FHS)
HM Photography: Matthew Walsh (FHS)

1st Place Digital Art: Ryann Carter (FHS)
2nd Place Digital Art: Emma Schumacher (FHS)
3rd Place Digital Art: Maddie Bensch (HSEHS)
HM Digital Art: Kayla Hopkins (FHS)

1st Place 3D Art: Kinga Dobosz (FHS)
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Community Pork Loin Dinner

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When: Saturday, April 26, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: Sheridan Elementary Cafeteria
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Cost: Adults \$12, Kids 12 & under \$7,
kids under 3 eat free

Menu: pork loin, hashbrown casserole,
green beans, slaw, applesauce, cornbread & butter,
and homemade desserts

**Proceeds go toward community
support and cancer research**

Construction Safety Week set for May 5-9

Submitted

Construction Safety Week is the construction industry's annual week-long event designed to promote worker safety and wellness. It is an opportunity for people, companies, and the entire industry to join together, celebrate and recommit to ensure that every person returns home safely every day.

This year's event will bring the industry together to focus on safety May 5 to 9.

In the construction industry, incident rates are traditionally higher than other occupations. Considerable measures have been and continue to be taken to prioritize and commit to safety. While Construction Safety Week is a week-long event, there is a concerted effort to encourage a commitment to safety throughout the year.

This year's theme, "All in Together," highlights the importance of working together to create a safer industry and explores three key pillars: plan, own, commit.

- The first and key piece of this theme is to plan with precision, purpose and determination. Crafting a plan that considers all the details and risks from the start can help reduce incidents and injuries on the jobsite.

- The second component is encouraging everyone to own their part in the safety and success of their team and stop work to review the plan when conditions change. Empowering every person to take an active role in executing the plan safely can help build trust and respect amongst teams.

- Finally, when everyone on the team fully commits to executing the plan with

intention and precision, the team is stronger, the work is safer, and a positive culture shift emerges throughout the entire industry.

"Construction Safety Week represents the construction industry at its best – united in purpose and driven by a shared commitment to protecting the lives of everyone on our jobsites," said Mike Choutka, 2025 Safety Week Chair and CEO of Hensel Phelps. "It's a testament to what we can achieve when we come together, putting safety at the forefront of everything we do. This year's theme 'All in Together,' highlights the importance of the collective efforts of everyone on the team to ensure safety is a top priority from planning through execution. We encourage everyone across the industry to mark their calendars for May 5 to 9 and join us in celebrating our commitment to improving safety across the industry."

Construction Safety Week invites new firms to join as members, sponsors, or advocates. Companies are encouraged to make a commitment to safety in the industry and show their support for their workers through Safety Week participation. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The Construction Safety Week website offers a robust variety of free tools and resources for companies throughout the year, including daily topics, Safety Week event ideas, discussion topics, family activities, and more. Many of these resources are also translated into Spanish and French. All tools are available at [this link](#).

Westfield man arrested on child pornography charges

The REPORTER

In March, the [Indiana Crimes Against Children \(ICAC\) Task Force](#) opened an investigation targeted at Richard Krakora, 52, Westfield.

Detectives believed Krakora possessed child pornography on electronic devices. After investigating, an Indiana State Police detective filed for a search warrant for Krakora's home and electronic devices.

That warrant was grant-

ed and served on Thursday with the assistance of Indiana State Police ICAC detectives were assisted on this case by the Westfield Police Department, Boone County CASE Task Force, Zionsville Police Department, Whitestown Metro Police Department, U.S. Secret Service, and the Boone County Sheriff's Office.

Krakora was booked into the Hamilton County Jail.



Krakora

Westfield seeks public input on updating comprehensive plan

The REPORTER

"Looking to the Horizon" is Westfield's and Westfield Washington Township's roadmap for the future. This plan updates the 2007 Comprehensive Plan and provides a blueprint on land use (how and where land can be developed), infrastructure, economic growth, and community development through 2045.

The Online Public Workshop is an opportunity for residents, business owners, and others passionate about Westfield's growth and development to help shape the city's future. This online workshop mirrors the in-person experience, allowing you to weigh in on topics from anywhere.

You'll be able to explore and comment on:

- Community Char-

acter: Favorite places and areas of concern

- **Land Uses & Amenities:** What uses and amenities are missing in Westfield?

- **Transportation:** Areas that need roadway or intersection improvements

- **Bicycle & Pedestrian Connectivity:** Where are the gaps? What's needed to improve safety?

- **Community Vision &**

Values: Help define what Westfield should stand for

- **Data Boards:** Review key trends in population, housing, commuting, education, income, and land use

Please take some time to visit the [Online Public Workshop](#) to provide your input. The online workshop closes on Friday, May 9.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Breaking the silence on mental health, one pig at a time at Noblesville church

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Diversity Coalition (NDC) and Faith Community Church will engage in a meaningful collaboration aimed at breaking the silence around mental health. Together, they will play host to a Community Conversation on Mental Health at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at Noblesville City Hall, creating space for open, honest dialogue and connection within the community.

Mental health challenges affect nearly every family in America. Approximately one in five Americans will experience a mental health issue in any given year, with young people facing some of the highest prevalence rates. Yet, despite the widespread nature of these struggles, stigma, fear, and misinformation often prevent individ-

uals from speaking openly and seeking help.

"The conversation around mental health has too often been overlooked – especially in faith communities," said Patrick Propst, Pastor at Faith Community. "It's time to elevate the dialogue and support each other in a more compassionate, understanding, and informed way."

The Community Conversation format is designed to be simple, accessible, and impactful. Groups of five to seven participants come together to share personal experiences, perspectives, and ideas around a common theme. These conversations help build trust, expand understanding, and create a shared sense of insight and belonging.

This event serves as a precursor to Faith Com-



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munity Church's popular and quirky Holy Pig Drop, an annual celebration that combines great food, community connection, and fun fundraising. This year's Holy Pig Drop, set for 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at Dillon Park, 6001 Edenshall Lane, Noblesville, will raise awareness and funds to help reduce the stigma around addiction, depression, suicide, and related issues – offering real hope and resources to those in need. Learn more at [HolyPigDrop.com](#).

"We believe that conversations can be transformative," NDC Board President Dana Randall said. "By engaging openly and with empathy, we can create a more resilient and caring Noblesville."

The [Noblesville Diversity Coalition](#) and [Faith Community Church](#) invite all community members to join this important conversation and event. Together, events like this can build a more supportive, mentally healthy future for all.

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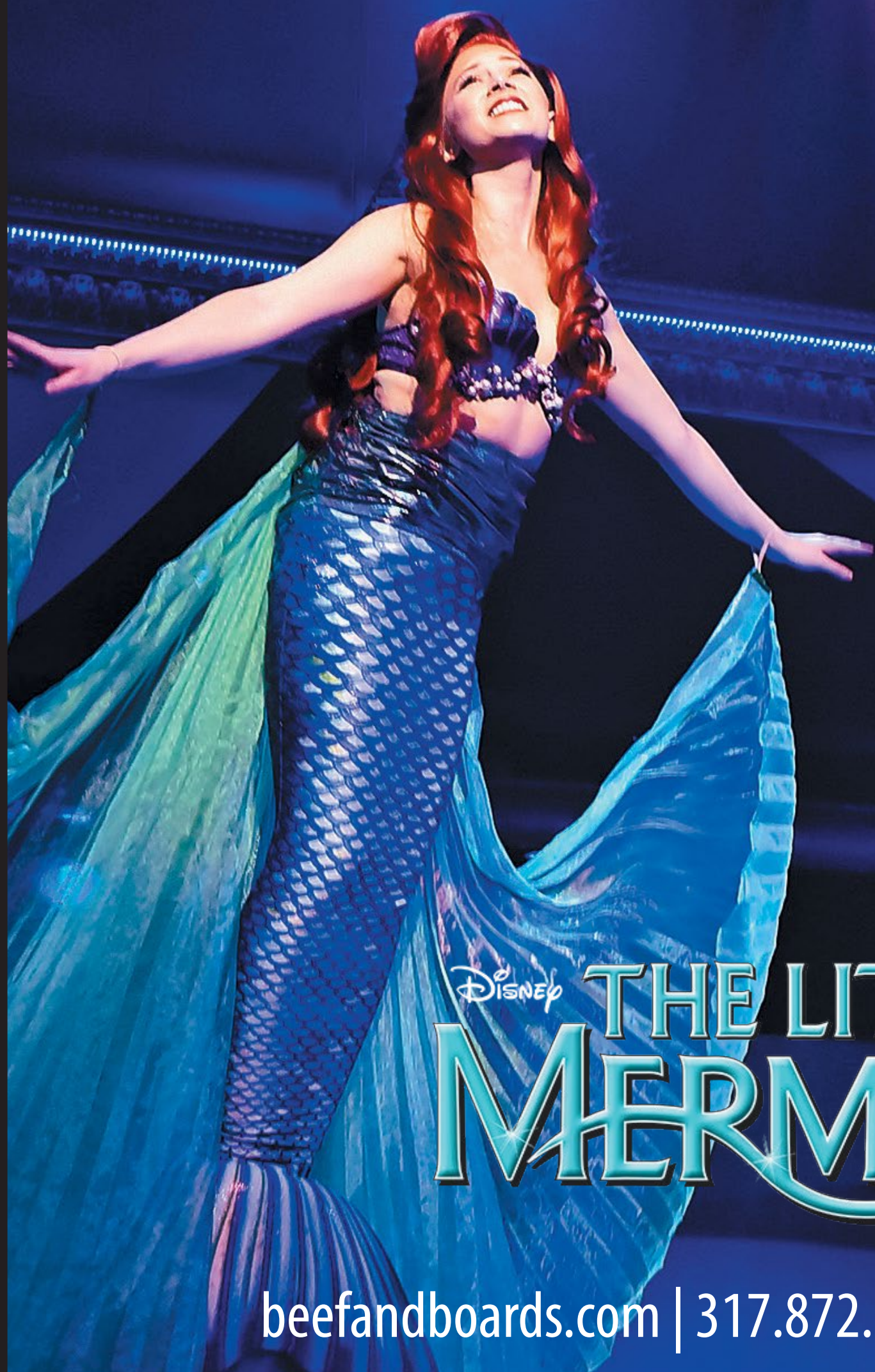
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Homegrown Music Concert Series highlights local talent

Four special events feature live, original music in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The first-ever Homegrown Music Concert Series will feature a diverse lineup of local artists across four different venues in Noblesville. The free concert series seeks to showcase the growing music scene in Hamilton County.

“The Homegrown Music Concert Series is all about celebrating what makes Hamilton County’s music scene special,” said Josh Cecil, founder of HamCo Live and the Homegrown Music Concert Series. “We’re thrilled to spotlight local talent and bring people together through live, original music in the heart of Noblesville.”

Supported by Hamilton County Tourism, the Homegrown Music Concert Series will feature original music that spans a variety of genres. Just minutes away from Ruoff Music Center, a premiere outdoor amphitheater in Noblesville, the series shines a spotlight on the diverse musical offerings in the area.

“People can experience a dynamic array of live performances each week throughout Hamilton County that range from free to famous,” said Hamilton County Tourism President & Chief Executive Officer Karen Radcliff. “Our team is proud to support the inaugural Homegrown Music Concert Series and shine a



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spotlight on the community of talented artists that are in our own backyard.”

Each concert will feature three artists performing 45- to 75-minute sets, giving attendees the chance to experience authentic, homegrown sounds while enjoying local food and drinks.

Additionally, anyone who claims the **Homegrown Music Concert Series digital passport** and checks in at three of the events will earn a free commemorative T-shirt, while supplies last.

Schedule of events

- **May 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Syds, Noblesville (21+):** Glenn Seland, Storm Crow, and Moontown Pickle Stompers
- **May 16 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Primeval Brewing, Noblesville (all ages):** Moxxie, Cease & Resist, and Joshua Powell
- **May 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Bier Brewery, No-**

blesville (all ages): Indy Annies, The Failers, and Middle West

• **June 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Federal Hill Commons (all ages):** Kelli Ray Yates, FEVERDREAM, and Malingo

Attendees are encouraged to sign up for a free ticket to help with planning and promotion efforts. For more information about the Homegrown Music Concert Series, visit HamCoLive.com/homegrownmusic and follow [@HamCoLive](https://HamCoLive.com) on Instagram for updates.

About Hamilton County Tourism
Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality, and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than five million visitors to Hamilton County each year.

Conner Prairie launches Forest Therapy on Indiana’s first certified trail

The REPORTER

Conner Prairie invites guests to experience the restorative power of nature through “Forest Therapy” – a unique wellness practice offered along Indiana’s first and only certified Forest Therapy trail.

During the weekend of April 26 and 27, visitors are encouraged to slow down, engage their senses, and reconnect with the natural world during free, guided mini-Forest Therapy sessions. General admission to Conner Prairie is required.

This immersive experience takes place on The Trails at Conner Prairie, which were recently named Indiana’s first and only certified trail through the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy Guides and Programs (ANFT). The practice, rooted in mindfulness and intentional engagement with nature, will be led by Conner Prairie’s certified Forest Therapy guide, Mi-

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chelle Morton.

Free Forest Therapy Mini-Sessions

- Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, and 2:30 p.m. (three one-hour sessions geared towards participants ages 5 and up)
- Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (two one-hour sessions geared towards participants ages 16 and up)
- Meeting point: Main entrance gate at Conner Prairie
- General admission is required

“Forest Therapy invites us to slow down and be present with the world around us,” Morton said. “This trail offers a peaceful space for guests to reconnect with nature and themselves in a deeply personal way.”

The Trails at Conner Prairie also feature a self-guided program, available at the trailhead, with a series of prompts designed to help visitors intentionally connect with their surroundings. These invitations encourage participants to move slowly, breathe deeply, and observe the beauty and rhythm of the natural world.

Starting in May 2025, Conner Prairie will offer twice-monthly guided Forest Therapy sessions. Practicing with a trained guide offers deeper engagement, allowing participants to fully immerse themselves in the experience and let go of mental distractions.

To learn more and explore upcoming trail programs, [click here](#).

Noblesville Lions receive grant for trees



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions are currently working on a project that honors a past Lion along the Midland Trace Trail. The project involves a plaque with plants and trees. To add to this, the club received some additional support. Indiana Lions Foundation (ILF) Vice President John Wilkins, of the Zionsville Lions Club, presented Noblesville Lions Club Jeff Kozicki with a \$1,000 grant to support planting new trees at the pocket park beside the Midland Trace Trail and the new Pleasant Street bridge. (ABOVE) ILF VP John Wilkins (left) and Noblesville Lions Club President Jeff Kozicki.

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Rep. Spartz offers health care plan to fight hospital monopolies & stop waste

Submitted by Office of Rep. Victoria Spartz
Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) reintroduced on Thursday a comprehensive health care package to combat hospital monopolies, drive much needed transparency to stop fraud, waste, and abuse, and foster competition – all to the benefit of everyday Americans.
“Government-protect-

ed and subsidized health care monopolies are now consuming nearly 40 percent of all federal spending,” Rep. Spartz said. “Health care is also consuming nearly 20 percent of our GDP and is the main driver of personal bankruptcies. The rapid in-



Spartz

crease in health care spending is driving our national debt to record-high levels with interest payments exceeding national defense and are on course to reach 30 percent of all revenue collections. Despite the price of health care almost tripling in

the last two decades, outcomes and the health of our nation are among the worst of any developed countries. If we do not fix fraud, overbilling, and government-supported anti-competitive protectionism in health care, our country will be destroyed financially very soon.”
You can learn more about Rep. Spartz’s proposal at [this link](#).

Gov. Braun reiterates his commitment to transparency for taxpayers

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun
Indiana Governor Mike Braun reiterated on Thursday his commitment to transparency across state government for taxpayers. To that end, he has ordered an independent forensic audit of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and its affiliated entities.
“From the beginning, I committed to bring more transparency to the agency and that is what we are doing,” Gov. Braun. “In addition to this independent forensic audit, earlier this month I signed an executive order requiring all state-affiliated foundations, including the Indiana Economic Development Foundation, to go above and beyond in their reporting and disclosures. Even though they have an IRS exemption, all state foundations must file 990 reports. Transparency is essential. It’s essential for

good government and it’s what taxpayers deserve.”
It was previously identified that the Indiana Economic Development Foundation (IEDF) did not file audited financial reports with the State Budget Committee from 2019 to 2024 as required by law. Those reports have now been filed and are available at iedc.in.gov/annual-financial-reports.
It is expected that the independent forensic audit firm will be hired within the next few weeks and that the audit will take six to 12 months to complete. The audit will be paid for by IEDC funds.
“Indiana is a great place to do business and our environment will only grow stronger and healthier through this transparency work,” Gov. Braun said. “We are committed to growing well-paying Hoosier jobs across the state and we will do so in an accountable, transparent way.”



Braun

Banks says Roudebush VA Medical Center replacement study still on track

By GARRETT BERGQUIST WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)
U.S. Sen. Jim Banks on Wednesday said proposed cuts at the Department of Veterans Affairs are necessary to prevent waste that he says interferes with veterans’ services.
Banks’ remarks followed an afternoon meeting with leadership at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center downtown. He said the facility’s director told him about 20 employees had taken voluntary retirements but further departures are not expected. Banks said contrary to reports earlier this spring, a feasibility study for a replacement facility is still ongoing and VA officials now expect it to be completed ahead of schedule.
“This hospital is old.

Much of the facility is outdated, and we’re serving a lot of veterans here,” the Republican said. “We have to replace it. We have to build something new, but, in spite of that, the incredible care that happens here at this hospital is top-notch.”
An internal memo obtained by The Associated Press in early March showed the VA plans to cut more than 80,000 jobs. The memo directed agency officials to work with the Department of Government Efficiency on the cuts. This would shrink the VA to its 2019 level of roughly 400,000 employees. That predates the expansion of services under the 2022



Banks

PACT (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics) Act, which makes veterans exposed to toxic substances such as Agent Orange eligible for care.
Banks said those cuts would target wasteful and unnecessary bureaucracy and would not affect services the VA provides. He said he did not see anything on his tour that indicated any waste was happening at the Roudebush facility.
“If we cut wasteful spending and bureaucracy, those are dollars and care that can go directly to veterans, and I am convinced that we have bloated bureaucracy in all of the federal government, including at the VA,” Banks said.

U.S. Rep. André Carson, a Democrat whose district includes the Roudebush facility, has said he’s deeply concerned by proposed cuts to federal facilities in Indianapolis. He released a statement in early March when reports first surfaced of potential cuts at Roudebush, though he did not have any updated comment on Wednesday:
“DOGE’s website is deceptively sparse [sic] on details, but big on numbers that don’t add up. It provides no substantive cost-benefit analysis or mission-driven justification for these terrible actions ... Our veterans and our seniors deserve better.”
This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/va-cuts-veterans](https://www.wishtv.com/news/politics/va-cuts-veterans).

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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, 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
Meets 4th Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10th St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 **Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays**
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- File disability claims
- Toxic exposure screening
- Specialty care services:
 - Mental Health
 - Woman's Health
 - And more!



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Saturday, April 26, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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 MyHealthVet. Toxic Exposure Screening will also be available.

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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)
Located at the Vet Center
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Indianapolis, IN 46278
317-423-1680

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5 Action Steps to Help Someone Having Thoughts of Suicide



Activities & Events

QPR Suicide Prevention Training Apr 29



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April 29, 2025

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Carmel, IN 46032



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You can be a Life-saver!

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



Tues., April 29
6:30 p.m.
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Conference room

Wed., May 21
7 p.m.
Nickel Plate Pavillion
Conference room

Wed., May 28
7 p.m.
Nickel Plate Pavillion
Conference room



* 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

John F. Waterman**December 2, 1935 – April 22, 2025**

John F. Waterman, 89, New Castle, went to his eternal home Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at his family farm. He was born in a log cabin on December 2, 1935, in Hamilton County to the late Ralph and Lelah (Crickmore) Waterman.

The seventh of 11 children, John was a lifelong dairy farmer in Henry and Hamilton counties. He loved the Lord and it showed in every aspect of John's life. He was a Gideon for Wayne County West and member of New Testament Church of Christ in Hagerstown. John also went on mission trips to Haiti and was very involved in his church. He participated in the Noblesville Jaycees, where he won the "Father of the Year" award in 1974. John loved spending time with his family and many life-long friends. He just loved people and always helped those in need. John was a great storyteller and had a vivid imagination.

Those left to cherish John's memory are his wife of nearly 72 years, Joyce (Lipps) Waterman; children, John Richard (Marsha) Waterman of New Castle, Kristi Arpasi of Shelbyville, Marcia (Michael) Perez of Boca Raton, Fla., Kelly Ginder of Greenfield, Amy (Steve) Miller of Fishers, and Jamie Waterman of Noblesville; 16 grandchildren, John Brandon (Maryanne) Waterman of Anderson, Jeff (Jennifer) Waterman of Losantville, Robb (Erin) Greene of Shelbyville, April (Rick) Corder of Colorado, Stephanie (Justin) Pierce of Arizona, Jacqueline (Mike O'Neill) Perez of Florida, Matthew Perez of Florida, Gabrielle Perez of Florida, Mandy Ginder of Greenfield, Kelsey Ginder of Westfield, Jon (Stephanie) Ginder of Westport, Elizabeth Cain of Westfield, Will Miller (fiancée Danielle Wilson) of Carmel, Abraham (fiancée Caroline Dickey) Miller of Fishers, Benjamin VanBlaricum of Indianapolis, and Jessica VanBlaricum of Noblesville; 19 great-grandchildren, Austin, Delaney, Dane, Leland and Audrey Waterman, RG, Flora, Lucy Greene, Nathaniel Perez, Cassandra Corder, Jayla and Sienna Lambert, J.C. and Alessia Perez-O'Neil, Laura Ginder, Austin Cain, Jailyn and Brooklyn Miller and Luna Brighton; brothers and sisters, Janet Wilson, Jake Waterman, and Jane Chrisman, all of Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Joy Johnson, Julia Ann Sigler, June Landis, and Jean Layton; and brothers, Jerry, Jack, and Joe Waterman.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the New Testament Church of Christ with Jason Ridenour and Pastor Paul Gearhardt officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place at a later date at Brick Church Cemetery in Hagerstown.

Memorial contributions may be given to Gideons International, 9650 Commerce Drive, Carmel, IN 46032.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. You may express condolences or share memories of John at hinsey-brown.com.

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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

Families and funeral homes are asked to submit obituaries at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.

Regina M. Rexrode**June 15, 1968 – April 22, 2025**

Regina M. (Gina) Rexrode, 56, Noblesville, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the St. Vincent Heart Center in Carmel. She was surrounded by her husband and children, as well as beloved cousins and numerous other family members and friends. She was born June 15, 1968 to Joseph and Magdalen Olga "Maggie" (Svarczkopf) Fuller in Richmond, Ind.

Gina was a freelancer, publisher, graphic designer, and database developer with her company, Point n' Click Publishing. She was previously a technology teacher at Stony Creek Elementary School in Noblesville. Gina was an active member for the last 30 years of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, where she previously served part-time in administration at the parish's school. She was also heavily involved in the church's Stephen Ministry. In addition, Gina would lead an online rosary where many family members and friends would gather to pray.

Gina cherished her Svarczkopf family reunion, The Hunky Open, which has been held for about the last 80 years around the 4th of July. She and her family enjoyed playing euchre, eating cabbage balls, and playing golf. She also loved the many years of making memories with her husband's side of the family during their trips to Panama City Beach. Gina also loved helping friends and family with digitizing albums, scrap booking, and genealogy.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, John Rexrode; son, Andrew Rexrode; and daughter, Andrea Rexrode. Other survivors on her husband's side include: mother-in-law, Beverly Rexrode; brother-in-law, David Rexrode; sister-in-law, Barbara (David) Roth; as well as nieces and great nephews. Survivors on Gina's side include many beloved cousins (too many to name here) and other family members, whom she thought of as brothers and sisters.

In addition to her parents, Gina was preceded in death by her father-in-law, as well as many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville (the rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.). An additional visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Fr. Andrew Morand and Monsignor Mark Svarczkopf will officiate. Burial will be in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

The family would like to give special thanks to all the nurses and staff at the St. Vincent Heart Center for their care of Gina.

Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Vincent Heart Center, c/o St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260; as well as Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING**THE SIN OFFERING**

"If any member of the community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord's commands, when they realize their guilt and the sin they have committed becomes known, they must bring as their offering for the sin they committed a female goat without defect. They are to lay their hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it at the place of the burnt offering. Then the priest is to take some of the blood 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. They shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar as an aroma pleasing to the Lord. In this way the priest will make atonement for them, and they will be forgiven."

*Leviticus 4:27-31 (NIV)***Roger D. Long**

Roger D. Long, 81, Fishers, passed away at home after a two-year battle with cancer.



He was a retired sales engineer and partner in Frank W. Gill and Associates where he worked for 45 years. Although his parents never moved, he went to five different grade schools in Washington Township before graduating from Broad Ripple High School in 1961. He was a member of the ATO fraternity at Rose Polytechnic Institute of Technologies (now Rose-Hulman) and graduated in 1965 with BS in mechanical engineering. His first job after graduation was in Process Engineering at Delco-Remy in Anderson, Ind., where he designed a composite battery grid that is still in use today in automotive lead acid batteries.

His lifelong interests were private flying and antique motorcycles. He had an instrument rating and flew all over the country in his Navion airplane. Roger restored many antique Indian motorcycles and hundreds of old motorcycle horns. He was a past president of the Midwest Chapter of the American Navion Society and involved in many motorcycle clubs.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha; father, Ralph; sister, Roberta Hensley; and his wife, Sandie. He is survived by his partner of 10 years, Edna Carey Eshelman; brothers, Wayne and Ronald; sister, Rosalind; children, Julie Johnson and Mike Long; and three grandchildren.

Details for the celebration of life will be released at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make any donation to your favorite charity: shirleybrothers.com

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Baseball

Tigers don't quit, claw back to beat Rocks

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

WESTFIELD — At the end of the fifth inning on Thursday night, Fishers baseball coach Matthew Cherry huddled his Tigers in front of the visitors' dug-out at Rocks Field and delivered a message.

The host Class 4A No. 7 Westfield Shamrocks had just broken a 1-1 tie with a two-run bottom of the fifth, aided by a fielding error and later a two-run wild pitch.

Slightly fazed by their 6-2 home loss to 4A No. 3 Center Grove on Monday, Cherry refocused his 4A second-ranked Tigers (11-2, 5-0 HCC) with the Hoosier Crossroads Conference lead at stake to start their two-game series with Westfield (10-2, 4-1 HCC).

"We talk all the time, our whole philosophy is until the other team has 21 outs with the lead, we're never out of it," Cherry said. "They hadn't gotten to 21 outs yet, so we keep fighting. That's kind of the mantra of this group."

The Tigers lived up their battle cry in the final two innings, plating four runs, including three in the top of the seventh — two via wild pitch — to win 5-3 and maintain their HCC standings lead.

"Obviously, we want to win every game, but the conference is kind of what we play for in-season. We played well enough to win on Monday night, but they got the better of us, and the guys were locked in at practice for Westfield," Cherry said. "We had a

good game plan going into tonight, and they executed it."

With HCC series sweeps against both Zionsville and Noblesville so far, the Tigers are aiming for a third, but the Shamrocks didn't make it easy.

Fishers' hitters tallied 10 hits and four walks compared to six strikeouts, but after six innings the Tigers left 10 runners on base and seven in scoring position with the bases loaded twice.

A sacrifice bunt by Grace College commit Mayo Fernandez (1-for-3) in the top of the third with runners on the corners drove in the game's first run, but the Tigers weren't able to inflict any substantial damage until the sixth.

A lead-off double by Carter Strole (2-for-4) set the table in the top of the sixth. A bunt single and a fielding error scored Strole from second base to cut the deficit 3-2.

The loudest bunt, however, came in the top of the seventh. Fernandez followed up a pair of singles, including a bunt single and another error that put Trevor Hall on second base and Luke Cherry on third.

Fernandez beat out a one-out bunt for an RBI hit to tie the game 3-3 before Westfield's relief pitcher was ejected for arguing the safe call at first base.

"We weren't emotionally in control of ourselves at the right times and that manifested in physical errors as well. Unfortunately, that's what got us," Westfield coach Ryan Bunnell



(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' Carter Strole hit a lead-off double then scored in the sixth inning, helping to keep the Tigers in the game during their Hoosier Crossroads Conference showdown with Westfield Thursday at the Shamrocks' field. Fishers won 5-3. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Caden Lindsey smiles after scoring a run for the Shamrocks in the fifth inning.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

said. "I said it in practice yesterday. If we don't play better catch, it's going to catch up to us, and it did tonight, so I hope we learned a lesson."

Westfield was charged with three errors. All three surfaced in the final two innings.

A wild pitch during the at-bat following Fernandez's second RBI plate appearance scored two runs, which put Fishers ahead 5-3.

"The guys are competing, and they're so selfless right now. As you can see with all the bunting and moving runners and making things happen," Cherry said. "They're so selfless, it's a fun group to coach."

The Tigers' pitchers did their job.

Owen Sanders, a Saint Xavier commit, held the Rocks to two hits over 4.1 innings pitched with one walk, four strikeouts, two hit batters and two earned

runs allowed through 57 pitches.

"I was just trying to live in the zone as best I could. Had a pretty good bullpen this week as prep after coming off a no-hitter last week. I had to keep it up," Sanders said.

The Tigers had added motivation after losing to Westfield in the sectional finals last year, 1-0, on an ESPN Top 10, home-run robbing catch by Nick Fero.

"I definitely came out

this week with a chip on my shoulder in practice, and I think a lot of the other guys carried that same chip," Sanders said. "Obviously, it brought us across the finish line tonight."

Evansville commit Owen Lukac relieved Sanders in the fifth inning, but a wild pitch on his first offering gave Westfield an opening to go ahead 3-1. He settled in afterwards.

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Softball

Millers take down Western to stay unbeaten

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team kept its perfect record intact on Thursday, rolling past Class 3A No. 2 Western 12-3 in a home game.

The Panthers scored three runs in the top of the second inning and held that lead through the middle of the fourth. The Millers got going after that, scoring three runs in the bottom of that inning, all driven in by Maggie Kern's bases-loaded center field double. Brookelyn Grayson, Izzy Zapp and Haley Schatko all scored.

Noblesville jumped ahead 7-3 after putting up four runs in the fifth inning. Duvall got home after Grayson reached on an error, then Reese Newsom blasted a home run into center field, also scoring Delaney Rundle and Grayson.

The Millers sprinted to the finish line, scoring five runs in the sixth inning. Nevaeh Nash cracked a double into center field, scoring Faye Hostetler and Duvall. Rundle sent Nash home with a left field hit, Grayson

brought in Rundle with a center field single and Schatko scored Grayson with a left field double.

Nash, Rundle, Grayson, Newsom and Duvall each had two hits. Emme Yee pitched a complete game, tossing nine strikeouts.

Noblesville is 8-0 and plays at the Carmel Invitational starting today. The Millers' first game will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight against 4A No. 5 Penn.

Hamilton Southeastern picked up a 7-0 home win over Lawrence North on Thursday.

Sophia Feher scored the Class 4A No. 4 Royals' first run in the first inning after Makena Burlingame reached on an error. Natavia Wright got a second-inning run on a wild pitch, then Emmy Seifferlein got home when Chloe Smith hit a sacrifice fly.

Southeastern got two more runs in the fifth in-



Yee

ning. Brooke Bauer sent Madison Burlingame home with a right field hit, then Kaitlyn Burdick doubled in Bauer. In the seventh inning, Haleigh Seitz scored on an error, then Carly McCall got home on Bella Mink's RBI groundout.

Wright finished the game with two hits and also got the pitching win. She threw five innings, striking out seven and allowing just one hit, including a strikeout of the third-inning side. McCall pitched two innings of relief, with five strikeouts and one hit.

The Royals are 8-4 and play at the Whiteland Invitational on Saturday. Southeastern takes on Seymour in its first game at 10 a.m.

Fishers cruised to a 6-0 win Thursday at Yorktown.

The Tigers began their scoring with two runs in the second inning; Adrienne Cook and Brooke Clayton both got home on an error



Noblesville's Haley Schatko hit an RBI double in the sixth inning of the Millers' 12-3 win over Western Thursday.

Photo by Dwight Casler

after Cate Summerfield hit a single.

In the sixth inning, Cook blasted a two-run home run, also scoring Kendall Jordan. Kennedy Shockley was sent home for a seventh-inning run by Hailey Kinder's sacrifice fly, then Azstryd Alexander scored on a passed ball for Fishers' sixth run.

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Sheridan's Mac Smith scores a run in the seventh inning of the Blackhawks' game with Eastern.

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Baseball

Millers take first game against Flashes, snap three-game skid

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – After dropping three straight games, the Noblesville Miller baseball team needed to dig deep and get back to their style of play. That's exactly what the Millers did, spreading out five hits and using the long ball to distance themselves from Franklin Central in the first game of their Hoosier Crossroads Conference series, coming out on top, 5-1.

Trevor Corbett led off the bottom of the first with a triple to left center on the fly. He scored on the next pitch, a wild one, for an early 1-0 lead.

The Flashes knotted it at 1-1 in the top of the third. Anthony Santellano walked to lead off. Isaac Kammer then singled to left to plate Santellano.

Cole Schott got ahold of a 1-0 pitch out over the plate for a solo home run to left, putting the Millers up 2-1.

Franklin Central only threatened one other time, but it fizzled out. Jack Cecil was hit by a pitch with two down in the top of the fourth. Cecil stole both second and third. Santellano checked a bunt, grounding out to third to end the inning and possible threat.

Adam Gaskill got aboard with a one-out base hit to center. A few batters later, Corbett was intentionally walked for two on and two down. The next pitch, junior Aiden Reynolds sent a fastball sailing high over the fence in left center, boosting Noblesville to what wound up being the final score of 5-1.

"We got some barrels moving tonight," said 21st-year Noblesville head coach Justin Keever. "I

thought our approaches at the plate were great. We drove a lot of 3-2 counts, tons of 3-2 counts. We had really good fight by our guys at the plate."

Patience at the plate paid off. The Millers had 15 plate appearances where hitters saw five or more pitches, making both Franklin Central pitchers work harder, raising their pitch counts.

"Obviously, the big hits by Trevor, Cole and Aiden were really big for us," said Keever. "That's nice to see from the top of your order for sure. It's nice to see Aiden get one. They put Trevor on and that was kind of a pick your poison thing, who you want to face there."

Glander struck out two of the three he faced in the fifth, giving him six strikeouts in his five innings of work.

"I thought Joe (Glander) just battled out there," Keever continued. "He didn't have his best stuff tonight, but kept fighting and fighting and fighting. I thought we played really good defense tonight, too."

Relief pitching has become more confident for Corbett. The senior, hard-throwing righty struck out five in two frames to hold the Flashes in check.

"Trevor came in and did great for us and was throwing strikes. He's got a lot of spin on that fastball," Keever said. "It hits 84 or 85 and plays a lot faster, because it's got that high spin and stays up."

Noblesville (6-8, 2-3 HCC) snapped a three-game losing streak and looks to go for the HCC series sweep at Franklin Central tonight at 6:30. The Millers finish the weekend at home tomorrow against St. Xavier (Ky.) (17-5) at 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

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Reid Garber and Jase Ruggles backed up Sanders and Lukac to preserve the combined two-hitter.

"Sanders did a great job of holding them to just two hits. He's been pitching it awesome. Probably could have left him out there, but I wanted to go with the lefty-lefty matchup, and Lukac is one of the best relievers in the state. Just the one got away from him," Cherry said. "He pitched well after that."

Westfield's two hits came from Lincoln Hoffman (1-for-3, RBI) and Caden Lindsey (1-for-2).

Fishers' Huston Dunn (2-for-3), a Ball State recruit, led the Tigers' eight batters with at least one hit.

Fernandez capitalized

by connecting with runners on base – twice.

"Mainly, I'm just looking to get the bunt down. He gave me two pitches to do that, so I got the bunt down. Just passing the torch, you know. Did my job to give the next guy an opportunity," Fernandez said. "That loss Monday didn't mean much to us. We knew we were going to bounce right back and get the next one."

The Tigers will try to complete the sweep at home tonight at 6 p.m.

"There are no freebies in this conference. You have to go out, compete and give your best. You know you're going to face their best, too," Fernandez said. "Tigers are hot, man. Tigers are hot."

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Michael Cain has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for Wabash College in Crawfordsville. Wabash College is a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) and an NCAA Division III athletic institution. He is the son of Joshua Cain, Kelley Cain, and Sara Le-feavers.

Wabash College is a good fit for a student who wants to excel in both academics and athletics, offering a top-notch business program and a wrestling team renowned for its strong tradition and competitive spirit which is why it was Cain's top pick. He plans to pursue a business degree and become an entrepreneur with the vision of developing his own wrestling club and coach wrestling.

Cain, who was also a four-year member of Hamilton Heights High School football team, is a highly recognized and successful wrestler at the local, regional, and state level who broke and now holds Heights' all-



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights senior Michael Cain has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for the Little Giants at Wabash College in Crawfordsville this fall. Cain (seated) is pictured with Gary Myers, HHS Head Wrestling Coach (left) and Aaron Sheller, HHMS Assistant Wrestling Coach (right).

time win record of 176-21. In addition, he is a three-time Hoosier Conference, Sectional and Regional champion, a four-time semi-state qualifier, two-time state qualifier, and a two-

time member of the Academic All-State team.

Cain has been passionate about wrestling for about seven years and trained during the summers for the past four. His dedication to

his sport has paid off during competitions at home and around the country and with the opportunity to wrestle at the college level.

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Baseball

University gets big win at Pioneer Conference game

The REPORTER

University won a Pioneer Conference game at Liberty Christian Thursday 24-1 in five innings.

The Trailblazers scored a run in every inning. The game was tied 1-1 after the first inning, but University put up four runs in the second. Beckett Suh led off that inning with an inside-the-park home run.

The Blazers then added five runs in the third inning and eight more in the fourth, including a two-RBI double from JaRell Smith. University finished the game with six runs in the fifth inning.

Five different Trailblazers had two hits: Cooper Cammack, Smith, Suh, Sterling Davis and Jacob Shearer. Cooper Burnett scored four runs, with Suh and Davis both scoring three. Cammack, Smith, Suh, Charlie Ranek and Davis all batted in two runs.

Laine Spears pitched two innings for the win, striking out six. Chase Fankhauser threw four strikeouts in two innings of relief.

University is 6-6 and hosts its Trailblazer Classic on Saturday, playing Blackford at 9 a.m. and Kokomo at 5 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a tough Hoosier Crossroads Conference game to Avon 10-9 Thursday at Ken Seitz Field.

The Royals got out to a strong start, scoring five

runs in the first inning. Maddux Bach, Jackson Bixler and Adam Wolf all got home on wild pitches, Clark Bucher scored when Cy Cole reached on an error, then Michael Hoog got home on a wild pitch.

The Orioles scored two runs in the third inning, but

Southeastern came back in the bottom of that inning. The Royals loaded the bases, and Trey McManama smacked a grand slam home run into left field. Bucher (who hit a lead-off double), Hoog and Cole all scored. Southeastern led 9-2, but Avon put up eight

runs in the fifth inning to take the lead and held it from there.

Bucher had two hits. Dylan Cope pitched four innings, striking out four.

The Royals are 0-6 in HCC play and 4-10 overall. Southeastern's next game is Saturday morning at Lapel.

(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
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 1:00 pm Saint Xavier (KY) vs **Noblesville** | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

Mon April 28 - Baseball
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 5:20 pm Clinton Central vs Horizon Christian | Softball | Indiana SRN
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Westfield at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Detroit Catholic Central, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Fishers at Avon, 7:45 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Decatur Central, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lawrence Central, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Kokomo Tournament, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel Invitational

Carmel vs. Lake Central, 4:30 p.m.
Noblesville vs. Penn, 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

South Bend St. Joseph at Westfield, 5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel Distance Showcase, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Charlie Riley Invitational, 5:30 p.m. at North Central
Carmel at Dennis McNulty Invitational, 6 p.m. at Warren Central

VOLLEYBALL

Fishers at North Central, 7:30 p.m.

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SOFTBALL

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Jordan and Cook both had two hits. Kate Murray pitched a complete game, striking out 11.

The Tigers are 10-4 and host Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday in the Mudsock game.

Sheridan battled to the end against Eastern Thursday at Grand Park before falling 18-11 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Both teams scored four runs in the first inning. The home-team Blackhawks started the bottom of the first with four straight hits, including an RBI double from Mac Smith to score Abby Dallas. Norah Adams batted in Adria Jump with a single. Smith got home on Abbi Merritt's RBI groundout, then Adams scored on Amiyah Doss' RBI groundout.

The Comets put up six runs in the top of the second inning for a 10-4 lead. Smith hit a triple in the bot-

tom of the second to score Jump. Lainey Mendenhall's third-inning double brought in Doss, and Sheridan had cut the lead to 10-6.

Eastern scored a run in the fourth inning and four more in the fifth to lead 15-6. Dallas batted in Ali Pickard with a sixth-inning single, but Eastern added three more runs in the seventh inning.

Sheridan kept fighting in the bottom of the seventh. Smith led off with a single, then was sent home by an Adams double. Merritt got on base after being hit by a pitch, then Doss sent everyone home with an inside-the-park home run. But that would be as close as the 'Hawks would get.

Dallas, Smith and Adams all totaled three hits. Adams pitched five innings, striking out four. Jump threw three strikeouts in two innings of relief.

Sheridan is 0-6 and hosts Herron Monday.

CAIN

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He credits his father, Joshua, and HHMS Assistant Wrestling Coach Aaron Sheller as being important influences in developing his focus, skill, and talent on the mat. When he is not in class or on the mat, he volunteers for the Husky Wrestling Club and coaches at wrestling tournaments.

"Michael Cain becomes one if not the most dominant wrestler to ever compete for Hamilton Heights," Hamilton Heights Head Wrestling Coach Gary Myers said. "Michael leaves with a Hamilton Heights record of 176 wins, placing

fifth in the IHSAA State Championships, and two-time Academic All-State. He will represent the Little Giants of Wabash College well as he joins former Husky Wrestler Carson Fetting there!"

"If you watched Michael wrestle as a freshman, you knew he was going to be special," Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden said. "His record-breaking 176 career wins are a true testament to his work ethic and commitment to wrestling. He will be a huge asset to the wrestling program at Wabash College."

Motorsports

McLaughlin gets biggest boost, Palou fastest in race trim at Indy Test

Submitted by IMS

The two names atop the speed charts Thursday came as little surprise on the final day of the Indianapolis 500 Open Test, which featured two segments with distinct engine performance setups.

Last year's Indy 500 pole winner Scott McLaughlin was fastest during the morning session at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, that had cars using the same elevated turbo boost levels as "Fast Friday" practice May 16 and PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying on May 17-18. McLaughlin's top lap was 232.686 mph in the No. 3 Pennzoil Team Penske Chevrolet, the fastest trip around the 2.5-mile oval in two days of testing this week.

"We had a really good day, a good couple of days," McLaughlin said. "(I) felt like we got through a lot from a hybrid perspective.

"Then I felt like the morning qualifying session – the high-boost session – was a bit of a crapshoot. (There were a) couple yellows. When the track got better, it was a bit dirty from some of the shunts, as well. Then everyone was trying to cram a lot into 40 minutes. But overall, a really solid (car) balance to kick off the Month of May."

Three-time and two-time reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Alex Palou topped the speed charts during the afternoon session, which featured boost levels reduced to the same levels that will be used on Race Day for the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 25. Current

championship leader Palou's top lap in the afternoon was 223.993 in the No. 10 DHL Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

"You need to keep on always chasing it and trying to make it better," Palou said. "Trying to make it more comfortable when running in traffic, trying to make it faster when you're alone. That's the car that gives me a chance (to win), for sure."

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Takuma Sato was second fastest in the "boosted" session in the morning with his lap of 232.565 mph in the No. 75 AMADA Honda of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing. Sato's lap also was the fastest of the test without the benefit of an aerodynamic "tow" from the slipstream of a leading car.

But Sato's glory was short-lived and showed the risks of living on the edge of a lightning bolt with cars in tricky, low-downforce, high-boost qualifying setups. Sato had completed just eight laps in the morning session, with his best lap on Lap 3, when his car made heavy contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1 and came to a stop in Turn 2 with heavy damage.

The 2017 and 2020 Indy winner Sato was uninjured, but the sight of his crumpled race car specifically built and massaged for the "500 was painful.

"I lost it; I simply lost it," Sato said. "It's hard. My body is fine. It's just the car ... I lost the car. That's heartbreaking."

The 2018 Indianapolis 500 winner Will Power was third in the "boosted" ses-



Photo provided by IMS

sion at 232.278 in the No. 12 Verizon Team Penske Chevrolet, followed by Felix Rosenqvist at 232.100 in the No. 60 SiriusXM Honda fielded by Meyer Shank Racing. Palou rounded out the top five at 231.843.

All but two of the 34 cars on track returned to running in thickets of traffic in the afternoon session to simulate Race Day. Palou and Rosenqvist were the only drivers in the top five in both sessions today, as Rosenqvist backed up his strong performance with extra boost by ending up second in the afternoon with a best lap of 223.366.

Long Beach winner Kyle Kirkwood was third in the afternoon session at 223.362 in the No. 27 Andretti Global Honda. Conor Daly was fourth at 223.298 in the No. 76 Juncos Hollinger Racing Chevrolet, while two-time reigning "500" winner Josef Newgarden rounded out the top five at 223.255 in the No. 2 Shell V-Power Nitro+ Team Penske Chevrolet.

Sato wasn't the only driver to contact the SAFER Barrier Thursday. 2024 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year Kyle Larson also crashed in the morning session, hitting the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1 in the No. 17 HendrickCars.com Arrow

McLaren Chevrolet before secondary contact in Turn 2.

2021 NASCAR Cup Series champion Larson was unhurt, but like Sato, he didn't return to the track for the rest of the day. Larson is attempting May 25 to race the "double" of the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Chevrolet enjoyed a solid rebound Thursday, as Chevy-powered drivers took two of the top five spots in each of the sessions. Honda engines powered nine of the 10 fastest drivers Wednesday.

Over two days of testing, the 34 drivers combined to turn 5,804 laps, or 14,510 miles.

Up next for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES is the Month of May, highlighted by three points races. May racing starts with the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix on Sunday, May 4 at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama. Then action shifts to the IMS road course for the Sonsio Grand Prix on Saturday, May 10 before "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" on Sunday, May 25 on the IMS oval. FOX, the FOX Sports app and the INDYCAR Radio Network are providing live coverage of all three races.

Verizon commits \$6 million to support veteran debt relief with Team Penske, Indianapolis Colts

Driving innovation, tackling veteran debt relief across Indiana

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On Wednesday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Verizon, Team Penske and the Indianapolis Colts announced a \$6 million commitment to tackle veteran debt in Indiana over the next two years.

This initiative includes a \$4 million collaboration with Team Penske during the Month of May. One million dollars in veteran debt relief has been committed for 2025, with an additional \$1 million contingent on Will Power, driver of the No. 12 Verizon Team Penske Chevrolet, finishing

in the top 10 at the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500. An additional \$2 million in debt relief will be provided in collaboration with the Indianapolis Colts over the next two seasons.

"This partnership between Verizon, Team Penske and the Indianapolis Colts represents a unique opportunity to address veteran debt relief while showcasing innovation and excellence," said Andy Brady, president of Verizon's Great Lakes Market. "Together, we aim to make a lasting impact on the lives of the veterans across Indiana, both on the racetrack and in the community."

Significant Technology Investment Powers the Racing Experience

As part of this commitment, Verizon has made a significant technological infrastructure at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This investment includes:

- Comprehensive upgrade to the Distributed Antenna System (DAS).
- Modernization of all wireless capabilities with new 4G equipment and addition of 5G coverage across 71 zones throughout the facility.
- Enhanced high-capacity antennas to support the massive data demands during race events.
- Improved connectivity at main gate areas to streamline ticketing and enhance the fan entry experience.

These technological advancements ensure that fans, teams and media can stay connected throughout the race events while enabling innovative new racing applications and improved spectator experiences.

"Verizon has always been a leader in innovation and a company that makes a difference in people's



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lives," said Roger Penske, founder and chairman of Team Penske. "Verizon's commitment to helping veterans through this debt relief initiative is a testament to their values and dedication to creating positive change. At Team Penske, we are proud to stand with Verizon in supporting those who have served our country and creating meaningful change for our veterans."

The 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 25 at IMS. Fans can tune into the FOX network broadcast beginning at 10 a.m. ET as 2018 winner Power attempts to win his second Indy 500 and secure another \$1 million in debt relief for Central Indiana veterans.

"Verizon's dedication to innovation and reliability is second to none, and the Indianapolis Colts are honored to partner with a brand that truly takes care of its community," said Carlie Irsay-Gordon, vice chair/owner of the Indianapolis Colts. "This collaboration represents the best of what teamwork and shared values can achieve, supporting those who have served our nation while making a lasting impact across Indiana."

Veteran Debt Relief

As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting veterans, Verizon continues its initiative to relieve debt across the Great Lakes region through its



partnership with ForgiveCo. Building on previous successes, Verizon is now focusing on Indianapolis, aiming to alleviate up to \$6 million in veteran debt. This effort is part of a broader \$22 million debt relief program across the Great Lakes over the next two years. In 2024, Verizon successfully relieved more than \$4 million in debt for over 4,800 veterans.

"At Verizon, we believe in honoring our veterans not just with words, but with action," Brady said. "Relieving up to \$6 million in veteran debt in Indianapolis is a testament to our dedication to providing meaningful support to those who have given so much for our country."

Those receiving this debt relief will be contacted by ForgiveCo., a company that identifies and handles the clearing of debt for veterans in need. There is no enrollment process for eligibility.

Verizon currently employs more than 8,000 veterans nationwide and is nationally recognized as a Military Friendly company for seven years in a row.

Verizon also provides special offers and discounts to veterans and military members across the nation, allowing them to save on mobile or home internet plans. To check for discount eligibility and to get started, visit [verizon.com/military](https://www.verizon.com/military) or visit a local participating Verizon store for details.



"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;

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