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Going to great lengths to raise money for autism awareness

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Throughout Autism Awareness Month, staff and tenants of Carmel Gateway, 550 E. 96th St., have been raising funds for the annual Eagles Autism Challenge. As the month draws to a close, there are still ways for you to get involved and help raise money for a worthy cause.

The Reporter spoke to Carmel Gateway Community Manager Kennedy Gallagher about this year's Eagles Autism Challenge and about the



Photos provided

A STORY IN THREE PARTS: (left) Patrick Moyers was sporting the modern hippie look at work until (middle) hitting a fundraising goal in 2024 brought on the scissors and (right) he donated his hair to Wigs for Kids.

great lengths one person went to in his fundraising efforts. "It's an annual event that the Philadelphia Eagles put on," Gallagher said. "It could be a 5K run or bike event, and they do it every year. I think it's been since 2018 they've done it. Our [Rubenstein Partners] corporate headquarters

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A taste of home: our long-awaited visit to India

After two and a half years, we finally made our much-anticipated trip to India – a journey that felt like stepping into a dream in real time. What made it even more special is that my husband and I come from two different states, which means two families, two cultures, and double the love (and double the logistics).

Our trip was a beautiful juggle between both homes – hauling baggage, gifts, and memories from one place to the next.

The joy of reuniting with family was unmatched. From the moment we landed, both sides had everything prepared – from childhood favorites to fulfilling our kids' every food wish. We were pampered every single day. Meals were lovingly prepared, four times a day. We had a housemaid ready to help, and a rotating menu of delicacies: street snacks, fresh juices, icy gola with rich toppings, Belgian waffles, spicy momos, mango cream pudding, sizzling brownies, frozen guava, and orange slice ice creams. And of course, no visit is complete without Indian sweets and juicy, seasonal mangoes – the true icing on the cake.

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COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Westfield Lions hold public open house for community center

Completely renovated facility fills void in city

By **JEFF LARRISON**
Westfield Lions Club

On Saturday, May 3, the Westfield Lions will hold a public open house for their recently renovated community center at 1101 E. 169th St. The open house will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and include tours of the facility, along with coffee and muffins.

The community center includes an expanded main room, ADA-compliant bathrooms, commercial kitchen, coffee bar, conference room, and tables and chairs for renters. The capacity of the building is set at 100 people and is a great option for wedding and baby showers, graduation parties, and anniversary celebrations.

Westfield has been growing at a tremendous pace, and this has created a lack of affordable rental options for its citizens. When the Lions were forced to relocate from their previous facility, they specifically began forming plans to address this issue. With this focus the Lions designed and renovated their new building to include attractive features and be reasonably priced for renters.

Along with tours of the community center, the Lions will also provide information on their mission, what they do for the community, and how to become a Lion. The Westfield Lions have been serving the citizens of Westfield since 1930 and continue to be an active community resource.

To find out more about the Lions Club and their clubhouse, go to WestfieldLions.org.



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions' new clubhouse will be the perfect location for people to rent for graduation parties, anniversary celebrations, and even wedding and baby showers.



Nostalgia vs. convenience: the printed & digital word

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade honors English class, taught by Tanya Busailah.

Though we may not think of it as such, language is a technology. It is not something that is inherent to any creature; it is something that is created in order to facilitate the flow of ideas, and as with most technologies, it is subject to change.

One such change is how language is written, and more specifically, how the ideas within languages move through the use of printed newspapers and books or digital representations of the same ideas. While newspapers are still widely used, they have lost much of their ability to spread ideas and generate sustainable income, due to the emergence of other technologies, such as the television and the internet, which have become many people's sources of facts and information about the world around them.

In order to effectively spread ideas, the medium by which they travel needs to be accessible and appealing to as many people as possible. Many of these newspapers are written with the local population in mind as that is often the largest portion of their audience, allowing them to be successful within the city or county that they write for.

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COLUMNIST



TEDDY COOPER
Sheridan High School Student

Innovcare & Riverview Health bringing new primary care facility to Westfield

The REPORTER

Innovcare, in partnership with Riverview Health, announces the development of a new medical facility at the northeast corner of State Road 32 and Spring Mill Road in Westfield.

The 13,630 square-foot building will house a combination of primary care and specialized medical services from Riverview Health, bringing enhanced healthcare options to the growing community.

In 2018, Riverview Health Westfield Hospital opened its doors and quickly became a valued member of the community offering residents convenient options to medical care. Westfield is the sixth-fastest growing city in the country by percentage with a 7.7 percent growth rate (according to 2023 Census Bureau report) and to keep pace with the residential growth, Riverview wants to expand its healthcare offerings to ensure the highest quality of readily available services for its inhabitants.

"This facility will greatly complement our recently announced Endoscopy Center in Westfield Hospital," Riverview Health President & CEO Dave Hyatt said. "It furthers our commitment to providing the community with readily available care."

This new facility, slated to open in the fourth quarter of 2025 or first quarter of 2026, will be developed by Innovcare | Innovative Healthcare Real Estate, LLC, a developer specializing in the creation of high-quality healthcare spaces. Innovcare is known for its expertise in developing and managing medical real estate projects that meet the unique needs of healthcare providers and the communities they serve.

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NOSTALGIA

However, the ability to appeal to a larger population is not always reliant on location, and if you are trying to grab the attention of a broader range of people, catering to a single population is not as effective.

For ideas being transported by the internet, there is more than just a city, county, or even country that it needs to appeal to. These ideas move under the influence of algorithms that dictate what will be presented to the users of the internet.

While it is incredibly difficult to write for an algorithm, it is not an inability to do so that has made newspapers fall into disuse, it is the fact the algorithms themselves appeal to individuals, providing them with news and ideas specific to them. This largely removes the need for one article to appeal to many people, and replacing it with the ability for many articles to succeed by appealing to one specific view or idea without needing to account for opposing views.

Since algorithms are designed to promote the ideas that get the most attention, this results in the spreading of ideas that are the most exciting and, oftentimes, full of misinformation. This is because anyone is capable of creating a website, blog, or social media account without needing any professional experience. Because of this, content can be created that does not provide truthful information or appeal in a positive way, but instead aims to get as many people as possible

to view the content. However, large city papers are a more controlled environment in the sense that they rely on the knowledge and experience of professional reporters and fact checkers to create articles that appeal using primarily truthful information.

Though newspaper publishers can and have published their papers online, there is still the barrier of how the papers will be found, as there is little public knowledge on how popular websites' algorithms work. Newspaper companies also need to have a way to spread knowledge of their own websites, likely creating the need for these companies to build a social media presence or use other ways to spread that knowledge and making it even harder for a newspaper to transfer into an online format.

On the other hand, there can be an appeal to the nostalgia of having a tangible paper which allows you to cut things out and have a reasonable, satisfying end to your reading, rather than the digital rabbit holes that you can fall down with the control of algorithms.

Due to the convenience of the internet and its largely personalized information, newspapers have become relatively less useful and less effective at spreading ideas. While newspaper companies can create digital articles and while algorithms inhibit the success of many internet sources, this is negated by the appeal of personalized content and ease of use.

TASTE OF HOME

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Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

Nothing beats family – and that includes meals made with love from the ones who love you most.

But amid all the indulgence, one moment captured the essence of our trip. As we were leaving for the airport, someone asked my younger daughter what her favorite food was. Her reply? “Dadi’s upma and Nana’s gathiya.” Not the

treats from fancy shops, but her grandma’s warm, simple semolina dish and grandpa’s homemade chickpea flour snack that melts in your mouth.

That answer said it all. You can buy almost anything in the world, but food

made with love – seasoned with memories, tradition, and care – is priceless.

This trip reminded us of the deep-rooted joy of connection, the power of shared meals, and the irreplaceable warmth of home. More stories from our journey are

coming soon. Until then, hold your loved ones close – and don’t forget to savor every bite.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.

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are based there, so they’ve aligned with the Eagles Foundation to do it every year. It’s kind of our annual way to build community within our company, aligning with a common goal to help people out nationwide.”

According to Gallagher, people at Carmel Gateway and all the other Rubenstein Partners locations are individually raising money, which will be combined into a single lump-sum donation going to autism awareness efforts.

Last year, Senior Property Manager Patrick Moyers not only raised money for Eagles Autism Challenge, but he also went

to Philadelphia to run in the 5K. Part of his fundraising efforts involved personal sacrifice and a donation to a second charitable organization.

“We all helped in fundraising, but he represented us as a team going out there to run the 5K,” Gallagher told The Reporter. “Last year, we actually centered our fundraiser around him. He offered to donate and cut his hair – he had pretty long hair at the time – if we reached our fundraising goal of \$10,000. When we had reached that last year, he donated his hair before



Gallagher

the event, which was very cool.”

Moyers donated his hair to Wigs for Kids, a non-profit organization that gives free wigs to children and young adults who face hair loss from cancer treatments and other reasons. You can learn more at [WigsForKids.org](#).

This year, the Eagles Autism Challenge 5K is May 17, and Carmel Gateway’s fundraising efforts will continue until then. You can learn about the fundraiser at [EaglesAutismChallenge.org](#), and you can see how you contribute to the

local efforts at [fundraisers.EaglesAutismFoundation.org/PARC](#).

“I think it is important to connect our community not only on a local basis, but nationwide,” Gallagher said. “As a community manager, this is my little blip in the way that I get to do that in connecting our little community here in Carmel to a bigger organization across the nation. The Eagles Autism Challenge and the Eagles Autism Foundation – all their fundraising goes to a lot of nationwide organizations like the Special Olympics and things like that. I just think it’s important to get people outside of the Carmel bubble a little bit.”

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Wurster Construction is the general contractor, with architectural design by Arc Design, civil engineering provided by Tesco, and financing by GBC Bank. The new facility will include a broad range

of healthcare services designed to meet the needs of local residents, providing comprehensive care in a convenient location.

“The partnership with Riverview Health and the entire team involved in this project reflects our commitment to bringing innovative healthcare spaces to communities in Indiana,” Innovcare | Innovative Healthcare Real Estate CEO Tyson Chastain said. “We are proud to be part of this new facility, which will serve as an important healthcare hub for Westfield and surrounding areas.”

About Riverview Health
Riverview Health is an independent, community-based health system offering comprehensive healthcare services throughout Hamilton County. The

system’s network includes a 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, three additional combined ER and urgent care facilities, and 10 primary care locations. With expertise in more than 25 specialties, Riverview Health also provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is consistently recognized for clinical and service excellence. Most recently, Riverview Health was certified as a Great Place To Work® and received the Culture of Good Community Impact Award for 2024.

About Innovcare | Innovative Healthcare Real Estate, LLC

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panies needing expertise in real estate development, consulting, brokerage, property management, and many other fields. Innovcare achieves measurable outcomes with solutions that are quick, cost-efficient, and innovative. As a developer, Innovcare assumes risk on behalf of its healthcare clients while navigating the healthcare market. Innovcare is committed to changing the real estate landscape as hospital and physician needs evolve and is focused on how healthcare reform changes the business dynamics of the healthcare real estate industry. Innovcare prides itself on reducing healthcare delivery cost associated with real estate assets. More information can be found at [thinkinnovcare.com](#).

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Come see Indiana Peony Festival vendors & visit new Hoosier Row

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

Three weeks until the most spectacular floral day in Noblesville. We're in high-speed mode planning these last few weeks to give you the most beautiful and breathtaking festival yet. Remember to mark your calendars for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 17. **Smith's Jewelers** is this year's Premier Sponsor.

As we make our way closer to event day, we wanted to provide you with a list of our amazing vendors we've got signed up for this year. We have such a wide lineup of categories, so there is surely something

for everyone to shop for. We will have everything from florals, art, pottery, apparel, sweet treats, jewelry, and more. Please [click here](#) to see the full list of vendors.

Hold on tight, the festival map is coming soon.

We're happy to announce our primary food court, held in the same location as last year, is sponsored by **Home-town Window & Door Company**. Nestled on 10th Street and Division, we will offer a handful of tasty food vendors and food trucks. Also new this year, we will offer open seating on the grass lot bordering this food court, making a rest spot easier to find.



You've probably heard us tease our new section to the festival, Hoosier Row: a place to find all Hoosier classic foods, items, and Indiana symbols. We are extremely excited to have the new **Noblesville Boom** sponsor our Hoosier Row. What is more Hoosier than Indiana basketball, right?

Make sure to stop by Hoosier Row, located on Cherry Street, to visit the Noblesville Boom booth to hear more about the new

name, stadium, and up-coming season.

Interested in getting involved in all the fun? We're still in search of volunteers for festival day! If available, please sign up at IndianaPeonyFestival.com/volunteer. Stick around for more announcements and reveals in regards to festival weekend activities and attractions.

We're so close we can almost feel it!

Carmel police & fire departments strengthen ongoing partnership



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Carmel Fire Department has proudly partnered with Carmel Police Department for years in many ways. One of those partnerships includes providing a strong and dedicated SWAT Medic team. Police Chief Drake Sterling (pictured at left) and Fire Chief Joel Thacker (pictured at right) recently came together to clearly define how the city's SWAT-medics respond during SWAT incidents, their role, and equipment responsibilities of both agencies formalizing an important agreement: during SWAT call outs, CFD SWAT Medics will now serve as sworn Special Police Officers. This status not only offers legal protection but also outlines their operational authority on scene. Thanks to the collaboration between CFD, CPD, City Administration, and City Legal resolutions, all five CFD SWAT Medics are now officially sworn in by the Board of Public Works.

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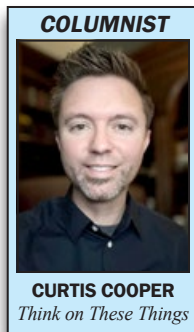
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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Do not believe Satan's lies! (Part 4)

From the beginning of scripture to the end, God has revealed that Satan's primary strategy consists of lies and deception (Genesis 3:1-6; Revelation 20:7-9). Thankfully, God has not left



things on the cross: Jesus, the world, and himself. I am not sure what you picture, but when you picture the cross YOU have to be there. God is not interested in me being me as I define it. God is interested in me being the me as He made me to be. That means I have to die. Galatians 2:20 says God wants me to be like Jesus.

"You can't change who you are."

There are all kinds of saying for this one. "A leopard can't change his spots." "A tiger can't change its stripes." "Nature is stronger than nurture." "A person just can't change who they are." The reason that is so attractive is because change is hard, and it is easier not to change.

What does the Bible say? 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 says these Christians were living in all kinds of sins (fornication, idolatry, adultery, homosexuality, sodomy, thievery, drunkenness, etc.). Then Paul says,

"But you were washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus ..." Do you know what I see in this? You cannot change who you are, but God can. God changed these Christians. He can change you too!

"God just wants me to be happy."

Have you heard that before? I have heard that a lot! Almost every time, when someone says that what they are saying is, "Whatever it takes to make me happy, that is what God wants for me."

Does God want you to be joyful? Yep. He says, "Be joyful when you fall into various trials" (James 1:2). He does not say to be happy after the trial. He wants us to be joyful in the midst of trials and hardships because we realize without them, we will never have endurance and perfection (vs. 4). He does want you to be happy eventually. That will come. But while we are still here in the flesh, that is not happy at all cost.

That's why Philippians 4:11 is so important. Paul says that Christians should learn to be content with Christ no matter their physical circumstances. Sure, we are content when we are fat and happy! We are joyful when our bellies and bank accounts are full! But can we be joyful and content

when we are hungry and suffer needs?!

"God accepts you for who you are."

There is some truth to this: We did not have to go to heaven to meet God, but God came to earth to meet us. Yet, what a lot of people mean when they say this is something like, "No matter what I do or do not do, God will accept me and become a part of my life."

Think about it: Jesus dined with and came to people living in sin but always instructed them to "go and sin no more" (John 5:14; 8:11). He expected them to change their lives.

In Acts 2:38 Peter preached the first gospel sermon, convicted them of their sins, and pronounced God's expectations. What were God's expectations for them (and us) to do according to Peter? Repentance – a change of life – and baptism – forgiveness of their sins and a death and resurrection to a new man (cf. Romans 6:1-4).

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!



'100 Hands for HAND' volunteer program kicking off May 15

The REPORTER

Local nonprofit HAND Inc. is relaunching its volunteer program with a community-wide workday on Thursday, May 15, and is inviting individuals, service groups, and businesses to get involved in a hands-on effort to support affordable housing across central Indiana.

The "100 Hands for HAND Volunteer Kick-off" will take place at three HAND-owned housing communities in Carmel and Noblesville. Volunteers will help with outdoor beautification projects including planting, mulching, and cleanup.

This workday also marks the launch of HAND's annual 100 Hands for HAND fundraising campaign, which aims to inspire 100 individual donations throughout the year. The campaign begins with people giving their time to support HAND's mission of providing quality housing where everyone can thrive.

Volunteer registration is being coordinated in partnership with IMPACT Noblesville, a county wide initiative to promote service and community connection.

Volunteer locations

- Home Place Gardens (Carmel) – 1 to 4 p.m. (This shift is now full)
- Plum Tree Gardens (Noblesville) – 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up at bit.ly/4icEbbH.
- Pebble Brook Gardens (Noblesville) – 1 to 4 p.m. Sign up at bit.ly/3G3mePu.

"We're thrilled to restart

our volunteer program with such a meaningful event," HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis said. "This is about bringing the community together, creating pride in our neighborhoods, and setting the tone for a year of collective impact."

HAND is also seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of T-shirts for volunteers. Businesses interested in partnering will have their logo featured on the back of the shirts and be recognized during the event.

For more information about volunteering or sponsorship, contact HAND Marketing & Fundraising Manager Kerri Hubble at kerri@handincorporated.org. You can also visit the volunteer page at handincorporated.org/volunteer to learn more.

About HAND, Inc.

HAND is a nonprofit organization working to expand housing options in the northern suburbs of Indianapolis. The organization owns and manages 11 affordable rental communities across Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties. Since 2003, HAND has supported inclusive neighborhoods through housing development, education, and advocacy to ensure people of all ages and income levels can thrive. Learn more at handincorporated.org.

Thanks for reading!

Final day for storm debris pickup in Carmel is April 30

Submitted by City of Carmel

The Carmel Street Department has been working to pick up storm debris from residential areas in the aftermath of the April 2 tornado. The last day for residents to utilize this service will be Wednesday, April 30.

The Street Department

announced on April 3 that the city would provide free curbside pickup service for fallen limbs and other small storm debris to residents following Mayor Sue Finkam's local emergency declaration.

If you still require pickup service:

- Please place any tree debris next to the roadway

and the Street Department will come by and remove it.

- Ensure all debris is placed properly by the curb for easy pickup. When ready for pickup please notify the Street Department.

- Any residents in need of assistance due to age or medical conditions – please contact the Street

Department.

- Residents whose homes received structural damage from the storm should report it to the Street Department, and City Building Inspectors will schedule an assessment.

To contact the Street Department directly, please email street@carmel.in.gov or call (317) 733-2001.

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539 BC



This discovery confirms a 2,500-year-old biblical event of Cyrus's decree to free the Jewish exiles & help them rebuild the temple.

Ezra 1:2-4

This discovery also confirms a biblical prophecy by Isaiah prophesied 200 years before Cyrus' decree & 150 years before Cyrus was born, mentioning him by name.

740 BC



Isaiah 45:1

What other prophecies of Isaiah happened? Consider Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-10; 40:3-5; 42:1-4; 50:6; 53:3-12; 61:1-2



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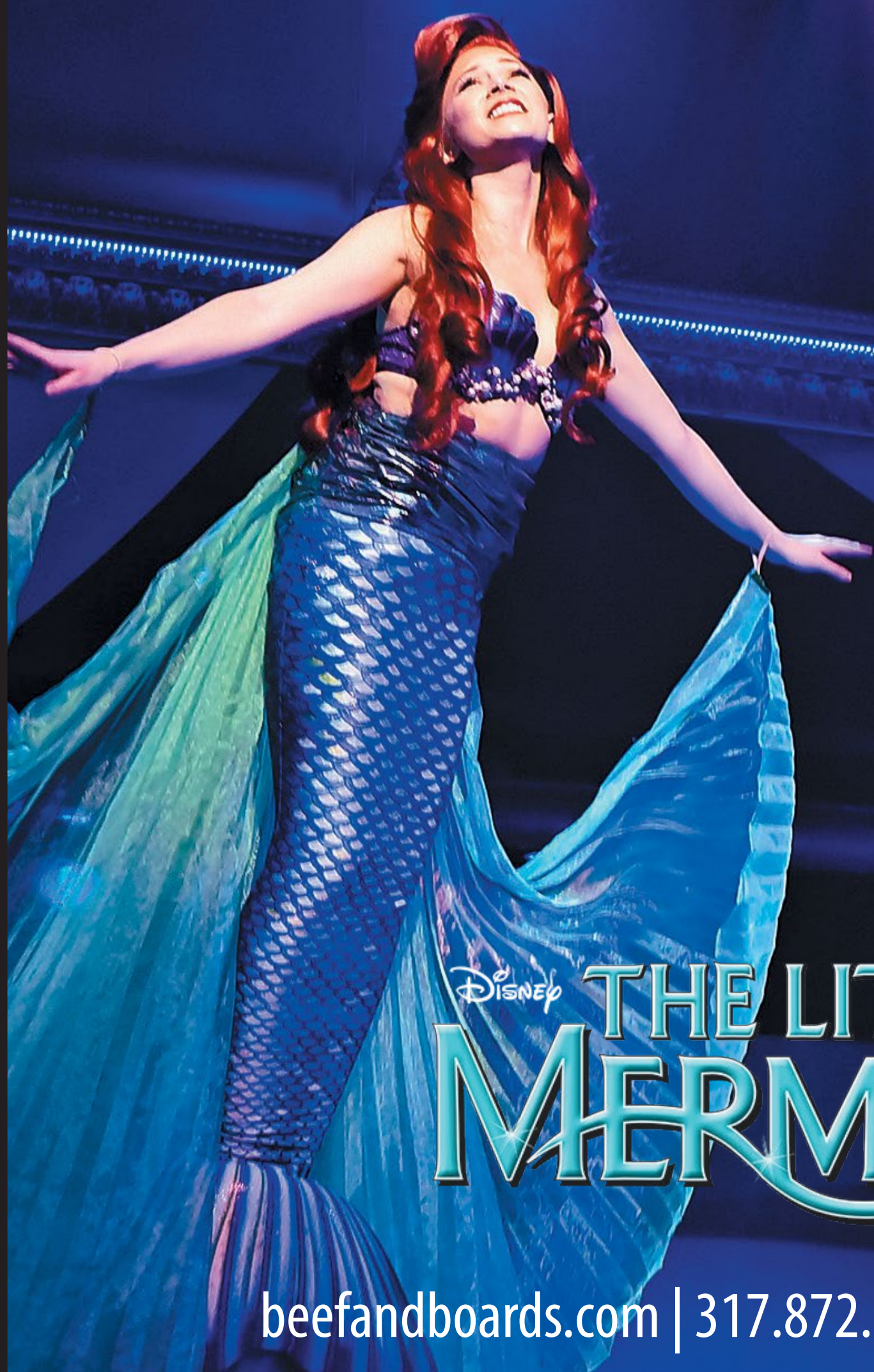
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Carmel’s Urban Forestry program celebrates Arbor Day at Farmers Market

Submitted by
City of Carmel

The City of Carmel will celebrate its 32nd Arbor Day on Saturday, May 3 at the opening day of the Carmel Farmers Market on Carter Green.

The Carmel Urban Forestry Committee will be on hand from 8 to 11:30 a.m. to answer landscaping questions to promote proper tree planting, mulching and pruning techniques.

Carmel was named a 2024 [Tree City USA](#) by the Arbor Day Foundation, marking the 31st consecutive year the city has been honored for its commitment to urban forestry management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Please visit the Urban Forestry Committee booth where there will be International Society of Arboriculture certified city forestry staff and members of Carmel Urban Forestry Committee to answer your questions.

“We look forward to this event and seeing our community excited about planting trees,” Carmel Ur-

ban Forestry Specialist Jeremy Addleman said. “It’s a great way to inspire greener, healthier landscapes.”

In addition, you can pick up a free tree seedling, including tree species of pecan, bald cypress, and white oak.

Learn more about Carmel’s Urban Forestry Program at [CarmelUrbanForestry.com](#).

Franciscan Health inspiring women partners with Indiana Women’s Running Festival

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Franciscan Health Inspiring Women has partnered with the Indiana Women’s Running Festival to be part of the event, which this year is set for Saturday, Aug. 30 in Carmel.

The Indiana Women’s Running Festival is a women-only event that features three different event distances: a half marathon, a 10K, and a 5K. Each event begins and ends outside of City Hall.

Franciscan Health Inspiring Women is a free program that connects women to exclusive content that nourishes mind, body, and spirit. Inspiring Women focuses on everything from healthy habits to newfound passions and provides resources to help women take on anything life brings their way.

“We are honored to be a part of the Indiana Women’s Running Festival,” Franciscan Health Central Indiana President and CEO Lori Price said. “The Franciscan Health Inspiring Women program is designed to inspire, uplift and educate



women in the pursuit of a healthier mind, body and spirit. These same principles are essential for the strong women who take part of the Indiana Women’s Running Festival.”

In addition to earning a finisher’s medal, each participant will receive an official event shirt, access to a free post-race celebration, and a rose when they cross the finish line.

The Indiana Women’s Running Festival is the largest women-only running event in Indiana and one of the 10 largest, female-only half marathons in the United States. While the event draws the majority of its running from the Hoosier state, 33 different states and five countries were represented in 2024. Six runners

who had been part of the U.S. Olympic Trials also took part in last year’s Indiana Women’s Running Festival.

The scenic racecourse winds through parks, old neighborhoods, by ponds and along the beautiful Monon Greenway. A cook-out follows the race at the Carmel Civic Square.

Some participants enter the race to run competitively, others run for charities, and some run to remember and honor loved ones. Many women participate just to have fun and spend a day running with friends.

Registration for the Indiana Women’s Running Festival is open and can be [completed online](#).

Learn more at [InspiringWomen.org](#).



Photo provided by City of Noblesville

SMC and the City of Noblesville continued their tree-planting grant program this year, celebrating by planting trees in Wellington Northeast subdivision.

SMC & Noblesville celebrate Arbor Day with tree planting

Submitted by
City of Noblesville

On Friday, SMC Corporation of America joined Mayor Chris Jensen, Noblesville Tree Board members, volunteers, and neighbors to plant trees in the Wellington Northeast subdivision, which was a 2025 Noblesville Tree Planning Grant recipient.

The city marks 35 consecutive years of being named a Tree City USA recipient by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Last year, the city and SMC, the largest private employer in Noblesville, partnered to create a tree-planting grant program to coincide with Earth Day and Arbor Day. Led by the Tree Board, 2025 marks the second year of the grant program.

“Arbor Day is a time to celebrate the invaluable contributions trees make to our community,” Mayor Jensen said. “I extend my gratitude to SMC Corporation of America and the Tree Board for creating and continuing this new avenue for collaboration, which will undoubtedly benefit our community and the sustainability of our natural resources for generations to come.”

“Sustainability is one of SMC’s core values, and we are dedicated to supporting initiatives that create lasting positive change for our environment and commu-



nity,” SMC Corporation of America President and CEO Kelley Stacy said. “Our ongoing partnership with the City of Noblesville on this annual tree planting grant is a testament to this commitment. We’re proud to contribute to green spaces that not only enhance quality of life today, but also help build a healthier future for generations to come.”

SMC Corporation donated \$2,500 to the tree planting grant program, which Noblesville has matched through Mayor Jensen and the Common Council. Grant recipients for 2025 – including Wellington Northeast, Deer Path HOA, Potter Woods HOA, Wellington Northeast HOA Board, and 508 W. Washington St. – will receive the 23 native trees purchased through the grant funding. The types of trees planted include Sugar Maple, Oak, and Tulip trees.

“The Tree Board is proud to partner with SMC and our community to expand the city’s tree canopy,” Noblesville Tree Board President Ashley Mulis said. “Trees play a vital role in enhancing air quality, reducing stormwater runoff,

and providing shade for our city. We look forward to continuing this important work for years to come.”

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Westfield to honor fallen heroes at Memorial Day Ceremony

The REPORTER

Westfield will pay tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony, set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 near the Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial, 401 N. Union St.

Free parking will be available at Christ United Methodist Church, 318 N. Union St., and at Westfield High School with a complimentary shut-

tle provided to transport guests to and from the ceremony. This outdoor event is free and open to the public, but attendees should RSVP at [this link](#).

The ceremony will feature remarks from local veterans, including Mayor Scott Willis and Lt. Col. Billy Ray Moore, who will serve as the keynote speaker. The



Willis

newly formed Westfield Community Choir will also perform a special selection of songs to honor the fallen heroes.

“Serving our great nation as a U.S. Marine is one of my greatest honors in life,” Mayor Willis said. “I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to honor my brothers and sisters who gave everything for

our safety and freedom. Their sacrifices are an important reminder that we must never forget their service, their courage, or the ideals they gave their lives to protect.”

As part of the ceremony, all attendees will be invited to place a carnation at the base of the Fallen Heroes Memorial.

For more information about the Memorial Day Ceremony, visit westfieldin.gov/memorialsceremony.

Home Place invites you to 106th & College block party

The REPORTER

The Home Place community invites you to an afternoon of food, fun, and connection as residents celebrate the people and partnerships shaping this vibrant neighborhood.

Enjoy delicious bites from a local food truck, sweet treats at the Greater Home Place Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social, music, and games for all ages.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

In addition to enjoying

the festivities, attendees can:

- Explore the [Home Place Subarea Plan](#) and review long-term recommendations for community growth, which are intended to be adopted into Carmel’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Meet the team behind [106th and College, Inc.](#) and learn how they’re working to support and grow the local business district.
- Participate in the Business Passport Program, featuring local coupons, raffles, and games hosted by neighborhood businesses.

Carmel & Zionsville students among ‘Innovate WithIN’ state finalists

The REPORTER

The excitement and creativity were undeniable as the 2025 Innovate WithIN Regional Competitions wrapped up, spotlighting Indiana's exceptional high school entrepreneurs.

After spirited competition and careful consideration, The STARTedUP Foundation has announced the 10 winning teams advancing to the State Finals. Each regional competition crowned one team, while four additional teams earned their place through wildcard selections. These finalists showcased remarkable innovation, entrepreneurial insight, and determination.

The teams moving forward to the State Finals are:

- Region 1: Lovey Duv | Lyla Schultz | Perry Central Jr-Sr High School
- Region 2: SpheriLine | Kelly Fulk, Maxwell Gootie | Carmel High School
- Region 3: compleyes. ai | Raina Maiga, Truman

Greaves | Purdue Polytechnic High School Schweitzer Center at Englewood, Zionsville Community High School, respectively

- Region 4: Safety Glow | Ashton Verbish | Hanover Central High School
- Region 5: True Blue | Lydia Yoder, Kyla La Rue | Dekalb High School
- Region 6: Visitube | Max Vanderhoof, Kishan Patel, Hikari Shiga | Floyd Central High School

Wildcard Selections

- Region 2: NextGen Research Institute | Prabanjan Jayachandran, Tianle Liang | Zionsville Community High School
- Region 4: Septo | Alexis Karahalios, Abigil Mena, Jocelyn Aguirre | Munster High School
- Region 5: Tailored Bites | Ruby Campbell-Carpenter, Emma Sanders | AMP Lab at Electric Works, North Side High School, Wayne High School
- Region 6: GripGuard Soccer Socks | Leanna Ro-

tondo | Charlestown Senior High School

Each finalist will receive \$1,000 per team member to refine and grow their business concepts over the next two months. This crucial funding helps students transform their innovative ideas into actionable businesses in preparation for the State Finals at Butler University, hosted by Butler’s Lacy School of Business, set for June 20.

Thank you to these regional hosts who made these events possible:

- Region 1: Old National Bank
- Region 2: Purdue Innovates, Purdue University Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Region 3: Indiana University Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering in Indianapolis, Indiana University Indianapolis, and IU Innovates
- Region 4: Purdue University Northwest and The Society of Innovators at

PNW

- Region 5: Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana
- Region 6: Maker13, with presenting sponsor Meta

The STARTedUP Foundation also extends immense gratitude to the dedicated sponsors whose generous support ensures these young innovators can pursue their entrepreneurial dreams: Army National Guard, Beck’s Hybrids, BIC, Circular Ventures, City of Bloomington, City of Carmel, Don Wood Foundation, Doral, Floyd County Redevelopment Commission & Root Co-working Space, Garrett Family Foundation, Hancock Health, Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC), Indiana Tech, Legacy Foundation, SEP, TechPoint, and Telabotics.

The finalists will further benefit from mentor-

ship through a comprehensive eight-week bootcamp, including a two-day in-person workshop hosted by Butler University’s Lacy School of Business and 16 Tech, where they will receive invaluable feedback and insights from local business and community leaders.

At the State Finals, the winning team will receive \$25,000 in seed funding to launch their venture. Additionally, finalists will have the opportunity to receive substantial scholarship and incentive offers from DePauw University, Grace College, Indiana Tech, Maker13, Old National Bank, Purdue University Fort Wayne, and Purdue University Northwest.

The Innovate WithIN Regional Finals consistently showcase Indiana’s brightest entrepreneurial minds and their impactful ideas.

About The STARTedUP Foundation

Founded by veteran edu-

cator Don Wettrick and former student Hunter Stone, The STARTedUP Foundation (SEUF) launched in 2018 to encourage students to leverage their passions and see real-world problems as entrepreneurial opportunities. Through initiatives like the STARTedUP Innovation Educator Fellowship, SEUF empowers educators to embed innovation into their classrooms, nurturing a culture of creative problem-solving and entrepreneurial education.

About Innovate WithIN

Innovate WithIN, presented by STARTedUP, is the nation's premier high school entrepreneurial pitch competition. Teams from Indiana’s six regions compete in initial rounds, with regional winners and wildcard teams advancing to the State Finals. Participants vie for significant prizes, including \$25,000 in venture funding, scholarship opportunities, and an exclusive trip to Washington, D.C.

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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

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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**
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Su-Sa 11a-11p.
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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
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<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>
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Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29
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www.va.gov/indiana-health-care/ [f](#) [i](#) [x](#) [@](#)IndyVAMC

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Coffee with a Vet Last Saturday of Every Month



5 Action Steps to Help Someone Having Thoughts of Suicide



Activities & Events

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April 29, 2025

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Christmas In June Care Package Drive



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

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

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses.

Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;

Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

Governor Mike Braun calls legislative session a success

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun issued the following statement on Friday regarding the 2025 legislative session and delivering on his Freedom and Opportunity Agenda:

“As the 2025 legislative session concludes, I want to thank our partners in the legislature for their dedication and collaboration in advancing key priorities of my

Freedom and Opportunity Agenda.

“We’ve accomplished a great deal this session. Despite the challenges posed by economic uncertainty, we embraced an entrepreneurial spirit, tightened the belts of state government, and passed a responsible biennial budget that will keep



Braun

Indiana among the top states in the nation to raise a family and start a business.

“We took significant steps to make healthcare more affordable and transparent, empowered parents to take the lead in their children’s education through universal school choice, and delivered mean-

ingful property tax relief for Hoosier homeowners, farmers, and small businesses.

“This was just the first legislative session of my administration, and I’m proud of the progress we’ve made. I look forward to building on this momentum and continuing to work with our legislature to make Indiana a beacon of freedom and opportunity for years to come.”

Treasurer Elliott applauds legislative action to protect TrustINDiana

Submitted by Office of Treasurer Daniel Elliott

This morning, the Indiana General Assembly took decisive action to protect TrustINDiana, ensuring taxpayer-funded local investments remain secure from special interests.

“I want to thank Governor Braun, Speaker Huston, Senate Pro-Tem Bray and everyday Hoosiers for supporting our efforts to protect TrustINDiana,” Treasurer Elliott said. “Together, we stood up to special interests and safeguarded a program that helps local governments

earn strong investment returns – so that local governments can raise revenue without raising taxes.”

About TrustINDiana

TrustINDiana combines funds from many local governments, which allows them to get better returns than they would on their own. The program follows strict rules to keep the money safe, and it makes sure



Elliott

that each city, town, or school can get their funds whenever they need them. This helps local leaders plan and pay for important things like fixing roads, improving parks, and supporting schools.

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn explains ‘no’ vote on budget

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn

On Friday the Indiana House of Representatives passed a final version of **House Bill 1001**, the two-year state budget. State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) voted ‘no’ on the budget out of a concern for public school, public health, early learning funding, and a belief that budget writers could produce a better budget to shield Hoosier families during uncertain economic times.

Specifically, HB 1001:

1. Increases traditional public school funding by only **3.3 percent** in 2026 and **1.6 percent** in 2027, while brick-and-mortar charters receive a **4.8 percent** increase in 2026 and a **3.7 percent** increase in 2027. Traditional public schools will have limited state funding growth while losing \$744 million in

property tax revenue because of **Senate Enrolled Act 1**.

2. Pauses the expansion of the private school voucher program for only one year, then implements universal vouchers in 2027. Vouchers will increase by **10.1 percent** in 2026 and **23.4 percent** in 2027.

3. Decreases the eligibility level for On My Way Pre-K from 150 percent of the federal poverty level to 135 percent of the federal poverty level. Fewer working families will be eligible to qualify for pre-K.

4. Reduces the funding for the Health First Indiana program to \$80 million, a \$145 million cut from the 2023 biennial budget.

Garcia Wilburn released the following statement after her ‘no’ vote:

“I will always give cred-



Garcia Wilburn

it where credit is due – it was heartening to see an increase in the cigarette tax in this year’s budget, which is something I have been advocating for since becoming a lawmaker due to the positive public health impacts of this policy.

“However, that wasn’t enough to convince me that this budget is the best we could do as the General Assembly.

“It’s inefficient to keep growing the funding for three different school systems alongside our constitutionally mandated traditional public school system, which delivers great results for House District 32 families. This budget tells HD 32 families that the school corporations they overwhelmingly choose – Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton Southeastern School

Corporation and MSD Washington Township – are not a priority, and I can’t support a budget that does that. Additionally, **amid potential funding cuts for Medicaid and the dissolution of the U.S. Department of Education**, I believe special education needed an extra-large boost, which it doesn’t receive in this budget.

“I also struggled to support a budget that axes critical public health funding **by \$145 million** over the next two years and lowers the income eligibility requirement for families to qualify for On My Way Pre-K. Hoosiers move to our communities because they are great places to raise a family and focus on your health and wellness, but these cuts jeopardize these community values.

“This budget could have done more to support working families, and that’s why I voted against it today.”

Gov. Braun to consider new fee rules for nonprofit hospitals

By GARRETT BERGQUIST WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana lawmakers have approved a measure they say could lead to lower hospital bills.

It’s part of a long-running debate in the legislature over how to rein in health care costs.

The bill was a priority for House Republicans, and it turned into one of the last bills across the finish line on Thursday. Lawmakers

at one point considered imposing penalties for nonprofit hospitals depending on how much they charge.

In its final form, the Indiana Office of Management and Budget would have to find the average facility charges for a nonprofit hospital in Indiana. Then, beginning in 2029, if a nonprofit hospital exceeds that amount, they would lose nonprofit status for one year.

Health insurers would

have to show the state Department of Insurance how the change in hospital fees affects overall rates they charge. Lawmakers say they hope that provision leads to savings actually being passed along to consumers.

The House approved it on a party-line vote.

State Rep. Martin Carbaugh, R-Fort Wayne, said “House Bill 1004 takes another significant step in our pursuit to lower health care

costs in Indiana. The bill has changed significantly since it left our chamber here in the house but even with those changes, we are making meaningful changes to provide relief to our constituents.”

State Rep. Robin Shackelford, D-Indianapolis said, “Loss of nonprofit status versus a penalty will impact what benefits are provided to the community to keep Hoosiers healthier and prevent the unnecessary use of hospital services. Many community-based organizations depend on this support to make our communities thrive.”

The bill now goes to Republican Gov. Mike Braun’s desk.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/gov-braun-to-consider-measure-to-potentially-lower-hospital-bills-at-nonprofit-hospitals.

Meijer wants to help you dispose of unwanted prescriptions during today’s Drug Take Back event

The REPORTER

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is on Saturday, April 26, and Meijer pharmacists are ready to help customers looking to dispose of their unwanted, unused, and expired medications.

Drug Take Back Day is a national initiative organized by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to safely collect and dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. The goal is to prevent drug misuse and reduce the risk of accidental poisonings or overdoses. It also aims to limit the environmental harm that can result from improper disposal methods, such as flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them

in the trash.

Meijer first participated in the national program in February 2019 and has since collected more than 226 tons of unneeded medications in easily identifiable kiosks near each of its store pharmacies. In 2024, Meijer customers have returned nearly 108,000 pounds, or 54 tons, of unused/unwanted medications from proper disposal.

Items not accepted as part of the program include needles or other sharps, inhalers, mercury thermometers, medications that contain iodine, and illicit drugs. For additional questions, assistance is available.

Meijer Pharmacy hours vary by location. Visit Meijer.com/Pharmacy to learn more.

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Sheridan Public Library has full May calendar

Submitted
The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers
May 5, 12, 19 at 10:30 a.m. | Discovery Time (up to 3 years)

Preschool
May 7, 14, 21 at 10:30 a.m. | Little Learners Story Time (ages 3-6)
May 27 at 6 p.m. | PJ Story Time (ages 3-6)

Grades K-5
May 15 at 3:30 p.m. | After School

Club: Lego Car Balloon Challenge
Grades 6-12
May 13 at 3:30 p.m. | Teen Financial Program; parents welcome


Adults
May 1 at 6 p.m. & May 2 at 10 a.m. | Upcycled Craft: CD Suncatchers
May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m. | Needle Crafters
May 7, 21 at 3 p.m. | Adult Bingo (Sponsored by Robert Owen)
May 7 at 6 p.m. | Pinners (Pinterest Group)
May 9, 23 at 11 a.m. | Senior Social Hour
May 12 from 2:30 to 6:45 p.m. | Community Blood Drive

May 21 at 5:30 p.m. | Sheridan Readers Book Club: Sycamore Road
May 22 at 6 p.m. | Adult Trivia Night
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All Ages
May 1 at 3:30 p.m. | May the 4th Be With You
May 8 at 6 p.m. | Family Bingo Night

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Sheridan Public Library will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26. For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.



Kent Millikan
June 10, 1937 – April 23, 2025

Kent Millikan, 87, passed away peacefully at his home in Sheridan, surrounded by his family, on Wednesday morning, April 23, 2025. Born June 10, 1937, in Sheridan, he was the son of the late Guy M. and Denzle Belle (Venable) Millikan.

When you spend a lifetime as a farmer, you learn by doing, and sometimes those lessons help you in ways you'd never expect. One important lesson was how equipment worked; how to tear it apart, fix it, and put it back together again. His ability to diagnose problems and develop solutions served him well during his career "off the farm." He started as a mechanic with Foxworthy Ford before eventually hiring on at United Feeds (now United Animal Health) in Sheridan. Eventually, Kent decided to change gears and became a driver for the company, but he never lost his touch for keeping their equipment in top condition. During his 28 years with United Feeds, he either serviced, fixed, or drove just about every piece of equipment that they owned. He also enjoyed working as a bus driver for his alma mater, the Westfield-Washington School District, for many years.

No matter where he worked throughout his life, Kent's heart was always tied to farming. He loved every aspect of it, especially (and not surprisingly) working on the equipment. Keeping it all in working order is a pretty tall order sometimes, but Kent had a way of being able to fix the impossible. However, his favorite part of farming was the fact that he was able to do it alongside his sons. When he had some time for other projects around the house, working in the garden was always high on the list.

Family was always a part of whatever was going on in his life. He was proud to be part of the Lebanon Honda Gold Wing Association. He and his wife, Barbara, loved to travel, and nothing said "let's head out on an adventure" like getting on the Gold Wing. They also enjoyed traveling to Sebring, Fla., to live the snowbird lifestyle, and looked forward to reuniting with their "Florida Family" every winter. Another one of their favorite activities was keeping up with all of the grandkids' activities. It didn't matter whether Kent and Barbara were in Indiana, Florida, or parts unknown, they always knew who was doing what, and how it was going.

It is hard to count how many hearts Kent touched throughout his life. His giving nature and willingness to help anyone who needed it, especially when it came to helping other farmers, says more than words ever could. He will be greatly missed by everyone who was lucky enough to have him in their life.

Kent is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Ann (Singleton) Millikan. She and Kent were married on January 7, 1956. Also surviving are two sons, Kevin S. Millikan (Nancy) of Sheridan and Brian Kent Millikan (Lorie) of Sheridan; two daughters, Lynette Millikan-Cunningham of Hagerstown, Md., and Luann Cheryl Colvin (Ronald) of Kokomo; four grandchildren, Terri Holbrook of Hagerstown, Md., Christina Ann Blanding (Justin) of Westfield, Devon Heck (Erin Shockley) of Tipton, and Melissa Miller (Rickey) of Kokomo; six great-grandchildren, Trey Miller, Able Miller, Maverick Miller, Jalen Miller, Nyla Ann Blanding, and Corey Ford; and three sisters, Carol Jane Edwards, Julianne Baldwin, and Sharon Joy Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy M. and Denzle Belle (Venable) Millikan; two sisters, Sandra Sue Dennis and June Millikan Cordell; son-in-law, Denny Cunningham; and five brothers-in-law, Robert Edwards, William Dennis, Arthur Baldwin, Eugene Cordell, and Vern Thompson.


Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan.

Kent will be laid to rest at Summitt Lawn Cemetery in Westfield at a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff and nurses at Compassus Hospice for their loving attention and nurturing care, as well as a special thank you to Kent's case manager, Lauren. Also, a special hug goes out from family to everyone for all of your well-wishes, thoughts, and prayers, as well as to everybody who took the time and effort to visit and offer a bit of love and cheer.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

What happens to Social Security after someone passes away?



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Losing a loved one is overwhelming, and dealing with Social Security only adds to the stress.

Normally, the funeral home will request the Social Security number of your deceased loved one. They then report that to the government so you don't have to.

Sometimes people fail to give the funeral home the needed information. You must report the death to the Social Security Administration (SSA). Failing to report a death can lead to serious consequences. You may have read about the rogue son collecting on his long-dead mother's Social Security account. Well, he spent six months in federal prison.

If a family does not report the death of a Social

Security recipient and the funeral home doesn't notify the SSA, benefits will keep being deposited. This is not free money – it's a mistake, and the government will eventually demand repayment.

If someone knowingly continues to collect these payments, it could even be considered fraud. The SSA has systems in place to catch unreported deaths, and when they do, they'll come looking for the money.

You must be alive the entire month to be able to keep your monthly Social Security check. When your spouse dies on the last day of the month and the direct deposit comes into your joint bank account, do not spend it! It will be clawed back.

On the other hand, family members may be entitled to Survivor Benefits when a loved one passes away. The SSA provides benefits to spouses, children, and sometimes even dependent parents. A surviving spouse may qualify for monthly benefits as early as age 60 (or 50 if disabled). Minor children who haven't graduated high school and disabled adult children may also qualify. The one-time \$255 death benefit isn't much, but it's automatic for a surviving spouse or child who was receiving benefits on the deceased's record.

Then there's the rare but frustrating case of being wrongly declared dead. This mistake can cause major headaches, from frozen bank accounts to denied health insurance. If you ever get a notice from SSA that you are deceased, act

fast. Go to your local SSA office with identification and proof of life (yes, really), and they'll work on correcting the mistake. The fix isn't instant, so you'll need to follow up to make sure your benefits and records are restored.

Social Security is a crucial safety net, but it's full of rules that can trip people up. Knowing what to do can save a lot of hassle when dealing with a loved one's benefits – or your own.

Sylvia Gordon is the author of "Medicare Mama's Guide to Medicare and Social Security Retirement." She has over one million followers on social media where you can find her as "Medicare Mama" or @TheMedicareFamily. Her third-generation family insurance business is in central Indiana and licensed in all 50 states. Learn more at TheMedicareFamily.com.

American Structurepoint Business Development Director Carrie Sermersheim receives 'Indy's Best and Brightest' Award



Sermersheim

The REPORTER
American Structurepoint Business Development Director Carrie Sermersheim has been honored as the 2025 Indy's Best and Brightest Award winner from among 10 finalists in the real estate, development, and construction category.

Sermersheim was celebrated at an awards gala held Wednesday, April 23 at the Fishers Event Center. The Indy's Best and Brightest event, presented by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, annually honors 100 of Indianapolis' most outstanding young professionals in 10 industries. This award recognizes Sermersheim's leadership, professional achievements, and community involvement.

"I am so humbled to be honored among these great leaders in our city," Sermersheim said. "I had an amazing time participating in this process, and I'm so thankful for the support I've received along the way. Junior Achievement does wonderful work preparing young people for success."

Sermersheim joined

American Structurepoint in 2016. In her role with the American Structurepoint Architecture + Interiors Group, she collaborates with design teams to deliver transformative public safety, education, and multifamily projects. She excels at building strategic teams and managing client relationships and stakeholder needs, successfully delivering complex projects across Indiana that enhance the quality of life for communities and their residents.

Sermersheim is also

actively involved in professional and community organizations that focus on advancing and mentoring women through growth, education, and empowerment. She volunteers with Girls Inc. of Central Indiana, the Women's Fund of Central Indiana, and the Pass the Torch for Women Foundation. She is a nine-year member of IndyCREW, a professional organization that seeks to advance women in the Greater Indianapolis real estate industry. She is the organization's 2025 president-elect and will serve as IndyCREW president in 2026.

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Leviticus 4:32-35 (NIV)

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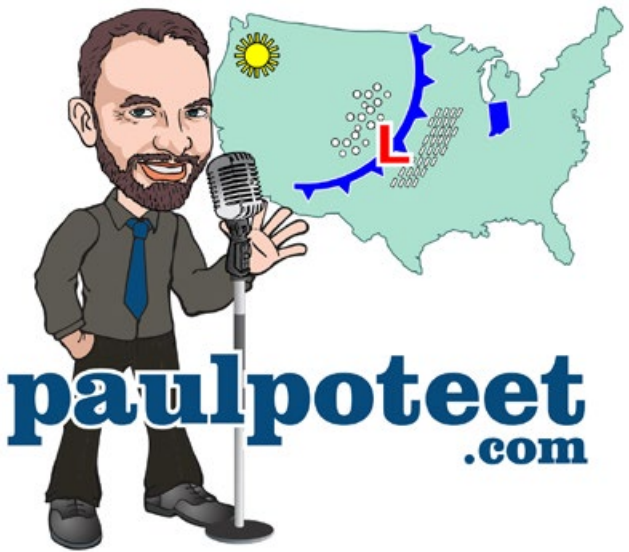
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Aida Maria Manfredy

December 28, 1945 – April 24, 2025



Aida Maria Manfredy, 79, Indianapolis, was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Westminster Village North in Indianapolis. She was born in Puerto Rico on December 28, 1945, to Jose and Julia (Rodriguez) Serrano.

She dedicated her life to raising her four children and was so proud of all of them. She enjoyed cooking, listening to music, dancing salsa, and playing bingo. She was known for her feisty personality and fighting through many difficult trials including her battle with dementia and breast cancer. Despite her illness, she enjoyed life to the fullest. Until the very end, she continued to say she was “doing ok.” While we will miss her dearly, we take comfort in knowing she is completely healed in mind and body.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Roman Manfredy; children, John (Jill) Manfredy, Luis (Yolande) Manfredy, Aida (Isaías) Torres, and Angel (Yvette) Manfredy; grandchildren, Celeste, Marina, Angel Jr., Arianna, Zach, Roman, Grace, Charlotte, and Elijah; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Justin “Charlie” Serrano; and sister, Lydia Fuster.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jose Serrano.

Services will be held at noon on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Chaplain April Scott officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2025, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Carmel Plan Commission combined Residential and Commercial Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Gerald George Hill

December 14, 1938 – April 24, 2025



Gerald George Hill, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at his home. He was born on December 14, 1938, to Winston and Lucille (Mascoe) Hill in Indianapolis.

Jerry graduated from Carmel High School in 1956 and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He began a 38-year career with the Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) at Fort Harrison, retiring in 1994. Jerry was very civil-minded, being active in the HAM radio club, and volunteering with Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and with the Emergency Management of Hamilton County. He also enjoyed woodworking and made beautiful custom high-end furniture.

An avid outdoorsman, Jerry enjoyed cross-country motorcycle touring until he was 78 years old. He loved traveling off the beaten path of the National Parks, and enjoyed his two-week family vacations every year. Jerry lived life to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife, Phroncia Hill; daughter, Cheryl Sloan; son, Damon Hill; sister, Karen Swinford; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Gordon Hill; and his sister, Judy Smith.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Richard D. Bell will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 197 S. 9th St., Noblesville, IN 46060; or your favorite charity.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Softball

Millers, Hounds drop tough battles with northern teams

The REPORTER

The Carmel Softball Invitational began on Friday, despite rainy weather and wet fields at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The rain and field conditions prompted changes to the schedule, but the Greyhounds and Noblesville were able to get their first games in. Carmel fought until the end against Class 4A No. 1 Lake Central, which won 18-6 in five innings.

Another ranked team, 4A No. 5 Penn, handed the 4A No. 10 Millers their first loss of the season. Noblesville made a comeback in the seventh inning before the Kingsmen escaped with a 7-6 victory.

The 'Hounds scored the first run of their game when Jayden Kleiner sent a home run into center field in the first inning. But the Indians blasted through the second inning, putting up 14 runs. Lake Central added another run in the third inning for a 15-1 lead.

Carmel kept battling, getting five runs in the third inning. Kleiner got home on a wild pitch, Megan Pike singled in Mia Fleming, Avery Klein scored when Keira Libel drew a bases-loaded walk and Winni Owens sent Ellie Goddard and Pike home with a right field double.

The 'Hounds are 3-10 and play Avon at 2 p.m. today.

Millers almost come back

The Kingsmen led Noblesville 2-0 after four innings, but the Millers tied the game in the top of the fifth inning, when Reese Newsom cracked a right field triple to score Nevaeh Nash and Brookelyn Grayson.

Penn scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth for a 7-2 lead. Noblesville rallied



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel's Megan Pike batted in a third-inning run for the Greyhounds during their game with Lake Central on Friday at the Carmel Softball Invitational.

in the top of the seventh: Nash led off by reaching on an error, then scored when Delaney Rundle singled into center field. Newsom stepped up again with a two-run double to bring in Grayson (who drew a walk) and Rundle.

Haley Schatko hit a double to score Newsom and get the Millers within 7-6. Noblesville had runners on third base two different times, but the Kingsmen made plays at home plate to get two outs, then a strike-out ended the game.

Schatko finished with two doubles while Newsom totaled four RBIs. Addison Retzinger pitched 5.1 innings, striking out six and allowing two hits.

The Millers are 8-1 and take on Lake Central at 11:30 a.m. today.

Westfield takes first game at Kokomo Invite

The REPORTER

Westfield won its opening game at the Kokomo Invitational Friday night, beating Illiana Christian 8-1.

Both teams began their scoring with a run in the second inning. The Shamrocks' Reese Mahannah got a walk to start the top of the inning, stole second base and went home when Sydney Jordan sent a base hit into right field.

Westfield added three runs in the third inning, all with two outs. Jordan batted in another run with a left field hit, scoring Chloe Tanner. Reese Gettinger sent a single into center field, bringing in Mahannah and Jordan.

The Shamrocks put up another four runs in the sixth inning. Dylan Todd got home on Ava Kainrath's sacrifice fly, then Tanner hit a line drive to score Makayla Watson. Sofia Easterhaus and Tanner then scored on errors. Illiana Christian got three runs in the bottom of the seventh, but Westfield held on for the win.

Easterhaus, Tanner and Jordan all had two hits. Mackenzie Delph pitched a complete game, striking out seven.

Westfield is 5-3 and continues play at the tournament today by taking on Roncalli at noon. The 'Rocks play another game at 2 p.m., with their opponent to be determined.

Huskies score early and often for road win at Lawrence Central

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team went on the road Friday night to face the Lawrence Central Bears and came home with a three-game winning streak and a 10-4 win.

Hailey Hall singled to lead off the game. Taya Trosper laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Hall to second. Hall scored with ease when Heather Crays tripled to go up 1-0.

Kamryn Rhoton drove in Crays with a base hit to right for a 2-0 score. Lily Cash doubled the score with a two-run home run to left, giving Hamilton Heights a 4-0 lead.

Lawrence Central cut the lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the first on a single and a bases-loaded walk.

Rhoton drove in another two runs with a home run to left and it was 6-2 in the second. This is Kamryn's fourth long ball of the season.

Rhoton then put a ground ball into left field to score Trosper, moving it to 7-2. McKenzie Jackson doubled to center to plate another couple, extending it to 9-2. Isabel Morrow got the Huskies to double digits on a double to right to go up 10-2.

Crays gave up a two-run home run in the bottom of the fifth to the Bears, but that would be all that Heights would yield.

Hamilton Heights (8-4) has won three in a row and five of its last six and hosts Yorktown on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Coach Ballenger's boys basketball camps beginning soon at Heights

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger is hosting his annual Summer Camp in May.

The camp is for boys who will be finishing grades kindergarten through 3 this school year. Boys finishing grades K-1

will have their camp May 12, 13, 15 and 16, with boys finishing grades 2-3 will have camp on May 19, 20, 22 and 23.

Both sessions of the camp begin after school and run until 4:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Heights Elementary Gym. The cost is \$40, with a family discount

of \$5 for each additional child. If any boy cannot afford to pay the camp fee at this time, call Ballenger at (765) 438-2016.

"The basic requirement in developing a strong basketball program is to instill in all our boys a desire to improve themselves so that some day they can

become part of the Husky Basketball team," said Ballenger. "This can be best accomplished by developing the proper fundamentals and pride in themselves and their school at an early age."

For more information, contact Ballenger at cballenger@hshchusky.org.

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Boys Lacrosse



Photo by Mike Navarro
Guerin Catholic’s Gavin Soucie was dominant on both sides of the ball for Guerin Catholic during their 15-8 win over Westfield on Friday. Soucie had two goals and four assists, while leading the ground balls with seven.

Golden Eagles win all-county game

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys lacrosse team won an all-county game over Westfield 15-8 on Friday.

The Golden Eagles led 3-2 after one quarter, then took over in the second period, outscoring the Shamrocks 5-0 for an 8-2 lead.

Luke Shrift led the Guerin Catholic scoring with five goals, followed Dominic Elliott and Vinny Elliott with three goals each. Gavin Soucie and J.B. Ford both scored two goals, with Soucie dishing out four assists. Dominic Elliott had three assists.

Soucie led the ground balls with seven, while Max Abell collected six ground balls. Dominic Elliott, John Stordy and Jack Hubbard all had five ground balls.

Theo Dager scored three goals for Westfield, with Keegan Krupp adding two goals. Trevor Humburg, Daniel Sherman and Landon Clark all had one goal. Hunter Jones collected nine ground balls, with Dager getting four ground balls.



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Westfield’s Keegan Krupp scored two goals for the Shamrocks.



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Gavin Saunders signs to play basketball at Adrian College

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Gavin Saunders has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Adrian College in Adrian, Mich., this fall. Adrian College is a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution.

He is the son of George and Shelley Saunders.

Saunders is Hamilton Heights' single game 3-point record holder, a two-time Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) player of the week and named to the Hoosier All-Conference team. When he is not in class or on the court, he works as a lifeguard at the Westfield YMCA and The Bridgewater Club. He also attends Carmel United Methodist Church.

The learning environment at Adrian is outstanding and I feel the college is great," said Saunders, who plans to study accounting to ultimately seek a job in payroll accounting. "The coaches at Adrian have made me feel incredibly welcome and it truly feels like home away from home."

"I have loved basketball ever since I was in kindergarten," recalled Saunders, who has played basketball on many different teams over the past 12 years. He has played year-round since the sixth grade and committed his life to the sport.

Saunders credits his parents as being the biggest influence in his development as a student-athlete. In addition, he says all his former coaches such as Eric Rauch, Dave Klaus, and Chad Ballenger have also provided him with the skills and experience he needs to play at the next level.

"Gavin is very deserving of this opportunity," Hamilton Heights Head Basketball Coach Chad Ballenger said. "He had an outstanding basketball season for us in all areas of the game. We have had some good players and shooters come from this program over the years. Gavin is one of the best. His strength is shooting but he also led us in rebounding and was an outstanding team leader. His work ethic has given him this opportunity, I believe he has a very big



Photo by Jen Kauffman
Hamilton Heights senior Gavin Saunders has signed a letter of intent to join the Adrian College Bulldogs basketball team in Adrian, Mich., this fall. Saunders is pictured with Chad Ballenger, Hamilton Heights Boys Varsity Head Coach.

upside and will continue to get better at the college level. Adrian is not only getting a great basketball player, but also a great person!"

"Gavin was so much fun to watch this season," Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden said. "He has to be one of the purest shooters I've seen. He rarely missed more than

two shots in a row and that's extraordinary. To score 51 points in one game and then hit a school-record 12 three pointers in another, just shows you the firepower he brought to the Huskies, offensively. Adrian College is getting a jewel, and we wish Gavin the best as he pursues his dream of playing at the next level."

Nick Hulen signs to play baseball at DePauw University

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Nicholas "Nick" Hulen has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for DePauw University in Greencastle this fall. DePauw University is a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution.

He is the son of Christopher and Lisa Hulen.

DePauw just made good sense for Hulen to continue his education and play baseball at the college level.

"It's a good academic school which will help me with my future," said Nicholas Hulen, who will join his twin sister, Sophia, who signed to swim at DePauw earlier this year, and older brother Nate, a junior and member of the Tigers baseball team.

Hulen plans to study biochemistry and attend medical school.

Hulen, a multi-sport athlete, played football for three years and basketball for two years. He has been successful in the classroom, on the court, and on the field. A member of the National Honor Society and Student Government Orga-

nization, he has earned six varsity letters (two in football and four in baseball) and was named to the football Academic All-State Team. For baseball, he was named to the All-Freshmen Team, All-Conference Team, and All Conference Honorable Mention twice.

"I've been passionate about this sport since I could walk," recalled Hulen, who started his baseball career with Tee Ball and working his way to where he is today. "Over the years I've spent a lot of time going to Finch Creek and Pro X training for hours and hours."

Hulen also practiced with his dad and brother hitting, pitching, and fielding. He says it has been his brother Nate's influence in his development as far back as he can remember.

"Attending his games, watching him play, working out and training with him has helped me to develop into the player I am today," Hulen added.

"Nick loves the game and plays as hard as anyone that I have coached," Hamilton Heights Varsity Boys Baseball Coach Adam Hughes said. "His football



Photo by Jen Kauffman
Hamilton Heights senior Nick Hulen has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the DePauw University Tigers in Greencastle this fall.

background plays a huge part in his competitiveness. I have coached Nick in both sports for eight seasons. He will be sorely missed and tough to replace."

"Nick has been a solid student-athlete who has made major contributions in three different sports over the course of his high school career," Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden said. "It has been especially enjoyable to watch his growth and development in the sport of baseball where he has excelled on the mound and as one of the leading hitters in

the program. We are excited for Nick to have the opportunity to play baseball with his brother, Nate, and attend the same university as his twin sister, Sophia. What an awesome opportunity for the whole Hulen family."

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WISH-TV Athlete of the Week: HSE's Grace Swedarsky

By ANDREW CHERNOFF
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FISHERS – Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) won the 4A softball state championship last season, and they are a top-five team in the sport again this year.

At the forefront is junior pitcher Grace Swedarsky. Swedarsky has an ERA of just 1 this year and is 6-2 on the seasons. She also has a staggering 98 strikeouts in 49 innings.

Despite all of her success so far, she said there's still places for her to improve.

"There's always ways that I can improve, whether that be speed, spin, and that's always constantly something I work on and just to not be satisfied with where I am because I know I can be better," Swedarsky said.

She's incredibly focused and when she is just and she looks at you and just gives you the nod, you're like, all right, there's not much we got to deal with today because Grace, she can handle it. That circle is her circle

"She's incredibly fo-

cused and when she looks and you and gives you the nod, you're like, alright, there's not much we got to deal with today because Grace, she can handle it," HSE head softball coach Emily Pusti said. "That circle is her circle."

Swedarsky is already committed to continue her career at Virginia Tech.

"It's nice not having to go through all of the college decisions and applying to all that in the fall," Swedarsky said. "But then also, it gives me something to work towards because I know once I get there, I'm going to have to be obviously better than what I am now so it gives me more motivation to improve myself."

HSE is ranked No. 4 in the 4A rankings and is 7-4 so far this season. Their next game is against Lawrence North on Thursday.

For more on Grace Swedarsky, [watch the video at this link](#).

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 26
BASEBALL
Elwood at Hamilton Heights doubleheader, 9 a.m.
University Trailblazer Classic, 9 a.m. at Kokomo Municipal Stadium
Hamilton Southeastern at Lapel, 10 a.m.
Carmel at Fort Wayne Carroll doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Norwell doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Noblesville at Franklin Central, 11 a.m.
Westfield at Fishers, 4 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Westfield at Cathedral, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Brother Rice (Mich.), noon
Carmel at Cincinnati St. Xavier, 1 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville, 5 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Bishop Fenwick (Ohio), TBA
Noblesville at Homestead, TBA
GIRLS LACROSSE
Westfield at Culver Academies, 9 a.m.
Carmel vs. Grand Haven, 1:30 p.m. at Culver Academies
Carmel vs. Penn, 4:30 p.m. at Culver Academies
GOLF
Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield JV Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at Wood Wind
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville Bob Spacey Invitational, 11 a.m. at Fox Prairie
Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Spring Showcase, TBD at Sultan's Run
SOFTBALL
Carmel Invitational
– Noblesville vs. Lake Central, 11:30 a.m.
– Carmel vs. Avon, 2 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Warrior Invitational, 9 a.m. at Whiteland
Westfield at Kokomo Tournament, 10 a.m.
TENNIS
Guerin Catholic at Carmel Invitational, 9 a.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, University at Park Tudor Invitational 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 9 a.m.
Noblesville at Crawfordsville Invitational, 9 a.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Hamilton Heights and University at Guerin Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m.
Noblesville at Mustang Invitational, noon at Edgewood
UNIFIED TRACK
Carmel, Westfield at West Lafayette Invitational, 3 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Guerin Catholic at Noblesville Miller Invitational, 8 a.m.
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