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Comcast invests in kids’ futures

Helps Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville inspire next-generation leaders

Submitted

Last week, Comcast partnered with the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) to sponsor the Club’s Youth in Government program. This program provides a unique opportunity for Club Kids to “run for office” and shadow local officials, including the mayor, prosecutor, sheriff, police chief, and fire chief. Together, Comcast, local officials, and BGCN were able to inspire the next generation of changemakers – helping kids build confidence, develop leadership skills, and see themselves as active participants in their community’s future. BGCN held its Recognition Banquet last Saturday, April 26.




(From left) Comcast Heartland Region Manager of Government & Regulatory Affairs Jeremy Burton, Noblesville Fire Department Division Chief/Fire Marshal Darrel Cross, Club member Cora, Noblesville Police Department Deputy Chief Jason Thompson, Club member Ellie, Sheriff’s Department Chief Deputy John Lowes, and Club member Nik.

Above & beyond

I worked with four newspapers before my friends and I bought this one. I have also worked with a lot of presses. A LOT of presses. None were as good as the one The Reporter uses. Our friends at the Pharos Tribune in Logansport are golden. No, dear readers, this newspaper does not own a press. Most newspapers don’t. Even a certain formerly iconic paper one county south is now printed in Illinois. If you only read The Reporter online or only in print you may not know this, but there are exactly two differences between Monday’s print and digital editions. Both only affect Page A1.

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Publisher’s Perspective

One: in the digital edition we add a very light grey screen to make it look more like newsprint. In the print edition there is no grey screen because – and this is true – it is newsprint. Two: in the lower left corner of the digital edition there is a box with info on how to subscribe, and the logo of our news gathering partner, WISH-TV Channel 8. In the print version, that space is blank because that is where the address goes for subscribers who take delivery via the U.S. Postal “Service” (USPS). “OK, publisher-boy, what does that have to do with Logansport press?”

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Sheridan High School Prom 2025: A night of ‘Rustic Romance’

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School students celebrated an unforgettable night at their much-anticipated 2025 Prom. The event held on April 25 was themed “Rustic Romance” and took place at The Palomino, 481 S. County Road 1200 East, Zionsville. The venue, decorated with twinkly fairy lights and mason jar centerpieces, added to the already beautiful building. Students came dressed to impress in gowns and suits. Some staff event got in on the celebration! Sheridan High School Resource Officer Jon Street acted as the DJ for the evening and helped keep the dance floor alive. A highlight of the evening was the crowning of the 2025 Prom King and Queen. Dayne Voegel and Nova Cross were



Sheridan leans into its rural heritage with this year’s ‘rustic’ prom theme.

honored with the titles. For seniors, prom marked the beginning of the end of their high school journey. With graduation quickly approaching, prom was one of the many upcoming events where seniors shared their final memories together before moving on to the next chapter of their lives.

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Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation receives \$1,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) has received a \$1,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to enhance recreation opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The grant will be used to acquire new equipment for CCPR’s Adaptive Culinary Creations program, offered by CCPR Recreation Programs. The Duke Energy Foundation provides more than \$30 million in grant funding annually to support the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The

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Foundation is committed to reducing structural barriers and expanding access to opportunities for underserved populations. Culinary Creations is a month-long program designed for young adults and adults with disabilities. It teaches participants how to prepare healthy recipes they can make independently, helping build essential life skills and confidence in the kitchen. “We want to provide our participants with every opportunity to increase their self-sufficiency, independence and confidence,” CCPR Inclusion Program Supervisor Kelvin Solares said. “Cooking materials wear down over time, and new, accessible technologies are constantly being developed. Thanks to the Duke Energy Foundation, we can purchase updated equipment to provide a safer and more consistent cooking experience for our participants.” Individuals interested in participating in the Culinary Creations program can register [here](#). The program fee is \$65. For more information on CCPR’s Adaptive programming, visit [carmelclayparks.com/programs/adaptive](#).



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Where should I park for Indiana Peony Festival?

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Can you believe it’s almost May? We’re officially rounding third base and we can see home plate! The festival is just a reach away, and we’re so eager to show you all of the amazing projects we’ve been creating and planning behind the scenes. May 17 will be here soon enough. Speaking of projects, we are ecstatic to show you a glimpse at our 2025 Official Indiana Peony Merchandise. This is a sneak peek at what we will offer at the IPF Merchandise Tent, located in Seminary Park. We’ll have apparel, art prints, knick-knacks and more. Make sure to check out our merchandise tent to snag an item or two as memorabilia. Additionally, we’ll have our premier sponsor [Smith’s Jewelers](#) joining us in the merchandise zone to sell the inaugural commemorative charm. This one-of-a-kind charm is available now through festival day. [Click here](#) to watch a short video about how the charm is made. While we’re on the topic of fun, what is more entertaining for the kiddos than our official Kids Zone? This year, our Kids Zone is sponsored by Duke Energy. Positioned at Hannibal and 11th streets, there will be amazing kid-friendly vendors for your little ones to enjoy. To name a few, we’ll have snow cones, balloon art, kid-friendly crafts, and, of course, the Seminary Park playground for all children to roam and play.

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Game Show Battle Rooms puts ‘fun’ back in ‘fundraise’ for Fishers High School Band

The REPORTER

Game Show Battle Rooms (GSBR) in Castleton has brought the bright lights and competitive whimsy of popular game shows to thousands of groups of friends, families, and co-workers. Now, it has a chance to give back to local youth in a truly unique way. From 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, GSBR will hold a one-

of-a-kind fundraiser to benefit the [Fishers High School Band](#). GSBR will bring the lights, music, props, and magic of all your favorite game shows to the Fishers High School Auditorium, 13000 Promise Road, where its charismatic hosts and producers will play five interactive and high-energy games. Tickets start at just \$10

for students, parents, and friends who want to cheer on their favorite players from the sidelines in the energetic “live studio audience.” For those who are looking to be part of the action, a \$25 ticket will get you a “chance to play” and a \$50 ticket will guarantee you a spot on one of the competing teams. This is also a cause close

to the heart; GSBR General Manager Jordan Goul is himself a former band instructor at Fishers High School. “To be able to give back to a program that had such a profound impact on my life years later is truly a gift, Jordan said. “We hope to hand them a large check and have some fun in the process!” [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

PROM

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Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools
Nova Cross (left) and Dayne Voegel were crowned Sheridan High School Prom 2025 Queen & King.

But the night didn't end there. The next day, students headed to Kings Island to spend a fun-filled day enjoying each other's company and riding roller coasters. The trip gave students a chance to continue the celebration and create even more unforgettable memories with their classmates.

The prom committee, led by Sheridan High School staff members Scott Ison and Diane Anderson, worked hard to bring the vision to life and create a night to remember. Surely this was a night to remember, and students will carry these memories with them as they move past the walls of Sheridan High School.

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Food insecurity: it is happening next door

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works." – Pope Francis, May 29, 2023

How many times have you heard the phrase "food insecurity"? Probably more than a few. For most of us, dear readers, it is a term which does not resonate with us personally.

We tend to tune out the news reports or media discussions surrounding the topic. We can relate to topics such as taxes, infrastructure, weather reports, etc., but hunger is something esoteric which does not affect our own lives. I get it. Merriam-Webster dictionary defines hunger as "a craving or urgent need for food or a specific nutrient." While I perhaps have felt a hunger pang or two in my life, I have never lacked for nutritious food to fulfill my food security.

It may come as a surprise that one in seven

households in the U.S. (13.5 percent) experience food insecurity or lack of access to an affordable, nutritious diet. According to the Food Research and Action Center, an estimated 47.4 million American live in these households. The number of children living in these households (13.8 million) was up by 3.2 percent in 2022.¹ More about the children later.

Keep in mind that the term "food insecurity" as used in this column is referring to both lack of calories and/or lack of nutrition in those calories. A household which consumes primarily empty calories in their diet suffers from food insecurity as their bodies will suffer from lack of nutrients. A household devoid of enough calories will indeed suffer as well; our bodies require calorie minimums for energy, brain function, and optimum digestion. Military

veterans' food insecurity issues have risen each year since 2015.²

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County provides a much needed food security opportunity for the elderly, disabled, chronically ill and homebound individuals at a low cost and subsidized by donations both individually and corporately.* Over 450 volunteers work to deliver about 200 meals daily for those in need of a well-balanced, nutritious meal prepared by Riverview Health.³

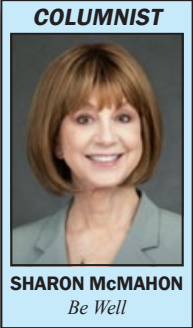
Public schools around our nation not only provide dietician supervised lunch meals for students but many also offer morning meals or snacks. A number of children receive most of their nutrition from attending school. *This is very important to note.* As schools prepare to release for the summer break (and this holds true for all the holiday breaks) there will be children who will suffer hunger due to the omission of school food preparation. This is a primary reason

why it is so important to donate to local food pantries at those particular times. If you plan to pick up extra items next time you grocery shop, please select items low in sugar and sodium when possible. Certainly there are store brand choices and the point is to provide the best options available and within your budget.

Thank you to all the Meals on Wheels volunteers, the school cafeteria workers, the food pantry workers and volunteers, and all of you who donate to such an important and life-saving cause.

¹frac.org/hunger
²Military Family Advisory Network
³MealsOnWheelsHC.org (*Volunteers are needed, 317-776-7159)
Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

ABOVE & BEYOND

from Page 1

Sunday, April 27, we accidentally sent the digital front page to Logansport. What rolled off the press

was exactly what we sent them: grey-screened with a box full of data where the address should go.

There are two groups of people with two very different skill sets at the Logansport facility. Let's call them the Press and the Mailroom.

The Press runs the machine that turns ink and tree bark into printed pages. It is a big complicated thing that is fun to watch churn out 100 newspapers per minute.

The Mailroom runs the machine that inserts the extra sections of the newspaper into the A section, prints delivery addresses, then bundles up postal and rack editions. That, too, is a fun machine to watch.

All the pages were printed by the time the Mailroom noticed we had given them nowhere to put addresses.

The Press immediately said, "We can run another set if you send us a new Page A1."

I did not want to do that because it is horribly wasteful. I do not like wasting tens of thousands of pages. Trees were cut down in Canada to make paper and blank graphic plates were shipped from Asia.

The Mailroom said, "We can print address labels and put them on by hand. It will take a while and we need to make some phone calls to figure that out, but we can do it."

I didn't want to do that because it is a ridiculous thing to ask when the mis-

take was ours.

I've seen that process. It is not pleasant. Every single copy gets an address label affixed by hand. Then everything gets hand-sorted into postal bins and retail stacks. It is slow, tedious, manual work that numbs the brain.

"It will take a while, but we've got this," the Mailroom said. "It won't cost you anything extra and it won't waste paper."

OK, I told them, but you have to let me compensate you for the extra work. This is above and beyond. It saves money and material and doesn't make the Press redo the job they just finished.

"You don't need to do that," the Mailroom said. "We can fix this. This isn't the worst mistake we've ever had to deal with. Just give us time."

What I actually did was run off to a local pizza place to get them several pizzas with breadsticks to enjoy after the label-fest they were about to engage in.

When I got back with a stack of pies, they were labeling away, I asked for labels and stacks of papers to pitch in and help get done faster. A couple guys from the Press came over to pitch in too.

Again, they have very different skill sets.

The Press asked the Mailroom for directions, and away we all went, labeling and sorting and bundling things up.

Not one person complained.

Granted, they probably don't often get to tell a publisher how to label and stack newspapers, so that may have helped lighten the mood.

Also, there was pizza. Still, not a single complaint about fixing someone else's mistake.

I look around the modern world and see division, anger, social engineering, people actively looking for things to be offended about, a lack of work ethic, and dysfunctional institutions that used to operate well (I'm looking at you, USPS). I see that and tell people, "This is not the America I grew up in."

For one glorious Sunday night, a bunch of people pitched in to help fix a mistake and make sure our subscribers got their hometown newspaper delivered on time.

No one said, "That's not MY job." The only response was, "Here are your options. Pick one and let us know how we can help."

Now THAT is the America I grew up in.

To our friends at the *Pharos Tribune* in Logansport: you run the best press I have ever worked with.

Your people are solid gold.

Stu Clappitt loves both wisdom and efficiency. After nearly 30 years of chasing wisdom, he has not caught much, which means he is neither wise nor efficient. You can reach him by email at News@ReadTheReport.com.

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Between downtown street parking, we will also have the following locations to park:

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 - Levinson Parking Garage
 - Hamilton County Parking Garage
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 - Noblesville Ivy Tech
- We're also offering transportation from Stony Creek Elementary and Noblesville Ivy Tech to the festival. Thanks to our transportation sponsor, Godby Home Furnish-

ings, we've upgraded from shuttles to spacious school buses for more attendees to use, offering an easy bus ride from point A to point B with no stress in between. These numerous buses will run all day long and will pick up and drop off at two locations near Seminary Park:

- Shuttle stop to Noblesville Ivy Tech is on Hannibal Street, between 12th and 13th streets
- Shuttle stop to Stony Creek Elementary is at 9th and Mulberry streets, next to Mill Top

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American Lung Association ranks Indianapolis-Carmel-Muncie areas among worst in air quality

By **TIM SPEARS**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

The **American Lung Association** ranks Indianapolis among the most air polluted cities in the U.S. **State of the Air** is the American Lung Association's (ALA) annual report card on air quality based on pollution data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The report ranks the **Indianapolis-Carmel-Muncie** region 11th worst in year-round particle pollution out of 208 metropolitan areas. The ALA gave a grade of "F" to Marion County's air quality when considering

high ozone days, 24-hour particle pollution, and annual air pollution. "What that means in real world terms is far too many residents are being forced to breathe unhealthy air," said Mike Seilback, vice president of state public policy for the ALA. According to the ALA, year-round exposure to particle pollution can lead to increased risk of asthma, fetal and infant mortality, and lung cancer. The report comes as Indiana is reducing access to Medicaid, by **increasing regulation** and passing **new legislation** limiting the number of people



allowed to enroll in the **Healthy Indiana Plan**. "We need to make sure that people have the healthcare they need," Seilback said. "This is a life-or-death discussion." The ALA is advocating against Medicaid cuts at the state **and federal level**. "We should do everything to protect our residents, not make it harder to stay on healthcare," Seilback said. According to the State of the Air report, 46 percent of Americans are living in areas with failing grades for ozone or particle pollution. *This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/health-spotlight/american-lung-association-ranks-indy-among-worst-in-air-quality](#).*

Coroner's Office identifies another Fox Hollow Farm victim

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Coroner's Office has successfully identified a human remain recovered from Fox Hollow Farm as belonging to Daniel Thomas Halloran. The identification was made possible through advanced forensic testing and genetic genealogy conducted by Othram Inc., a cutting-edge forensic laboratory specializing in DNA analysis. Fox Hollow Farm, the former residence of

suspected serial killer Herb Baumeister, has been the site of ongoing forensic investigations since the discovery of numerous human remains in the 1990s. The latest identification marks another step toward bringing closure to families of victims who have remained unidentified for decades. "This identification is a significant development



Halloran

in our ongoing efforts to provide answers to the families of those who went missing," Coroner Jeff Jellison said. "We are grateful for the expertise of Othram and the advances in forensic science that made this possible." The Hamilton County Coroner's Office continues to work alongside law enforcement agencies and forensic experts to analyze unidentified remains recovered from the property. In addition to Othram Laboratory, assisting in this identification were the Indiana State Police, University of Indianapolis Human Identification Center, and Marion County Coroner's Office. Authorities urge anyone with information regarding missing persons potentially connected to this case to contact the Hamilton County Coroner's Office at (317) 770-4415.

Letter to the Editor

Reader says taxes on junk food will generate more revenue than increased cigarette tax

Dear Editor:
I watched our smiling Indiana legislators being interviewed about the success of closing the revenue gap they had to fill this budget year. Their solution was securing monies by raising taxes on cigarette sales. I'm sure Indiana cigarette smokers were not happy with the additional tax along with the sales tax.
Dr. Feldman stated that smoking is Indiana's most pressing public-health challenge. He pointed out that Indiana public health funding has been a low priority and was happy that the legislature finally added a tax on cigarettes to help put more funds into public health. In previous years, when it was suggested to raise the cigarette tax, all of the funds would not be going to smoking cessation. Most of the monies at that time were projected toward construction of highways. Today they are recommending putting the monies toward Medicaid and non-health related uses.
We should thank our smokers for supporting Medicaid and all the other Indiana projects they will be supporting. By the way, what happened to the \$1 billion shortfall in Medicaid? I read there was a forecasting error and concerns about growing expenditures. Were any of the shortfall expenditures given to non-citizens? Oh no, Indiana would not do that.
If Indiana needs more funding for any project, they are missing out where the sales are. A large part of our Hoosier population purchases "junk food and sugary drinks." Since we have a health crisis in our state, get rid of the unhealthy sugary drinks and food. Tax it away like the cigarettes.
I really don't see any smokers in public anymore. They have been chased away. But look at the people who are constantly carrying soft drink cups and sacks of junk food. They are everywhere. This is your source of funding for Indiana projects.
Mari Briggs Sheridan

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Workplace trends in 2025

The workplace continues to evolve, and in 2025, we're seeing major shifts in how companies approach productivity, flexibility, and employee well-being. Organizations are not only striving for greater efficiency but also reimagining what it means to create environments that are comfortable, inclusive, and aligned with the expectations of a multigenerational workforce.

One of the biggest changes I'm seeing is the integration of **artificial intelligence**. AI is revolutionizing how we work, making it easier to streamline tasks and boost productivity. At the same time, I know there's real concern out there about job security and how automation might affect human roles. That's why it's so important for companies to invest in upskilling their people, not just in terms of technical AI knowledge but also in critical thinking and emotional intelligence. We must position AI as a collaborative tool that enhances human contributions, not replaces them. The more transparent we are about how AI is being used, the more trust



PATTY CLARK
Patty's Point of View

we'll build within our teams. When we get that balance right, we're blending technology with human talent in a way that helps everyone thrive.

One standout trend in 2025 is the growing number of **Baby Boomers** staying in the workforce not just for income but for purpose and connection. This creates a powerful opportunity for mentorship and knowledge-sharing. By offering flexible roles, collaborative spaces, and mentoring programs, organizations can bridge generational gaps and strengthen their culture.

We're finally giving more attention to **neurodiversity** in the workplace. With 15 to 20 percent of the workforce being neurodivergent, including those with autism, ADHD, and other cognitive differences, it's clear that traditional office setups don't work for everyone. Small design changes can make a big impact: quiet zones reduce overstimulation, adjustable lighting adds comfort, and retreat areas offer mental resets. Customizable workstations let employees create spaces that truly support how they work. The best

part? Inclusive design benefits everyone, not just neurodivergent employees.

Another shift I'm witnessing is the intentional effort to rebuild **workplace culture**, especially in hybrid or remote-first environments. Culture can't thrive on its own, it must be cultivated. I've seen success in companies that create connection spaces where casual conversations can happen, even if just for a few minutes. It's those little, unplanned moments that help us feel like we're part of something bigger. Leaders play a big role, too; when they model inclusivity and make space for authentic connections, whether in person or virtually, it sets the tone for the rest of the organization. Blending the flexibility of remote work with the power of face-to-face moments is key to holding onto that sense of belonging.

Of course, we can't talk about the modern workplace without addressing **stress and well-being**. More than ever, people are overwhelmed by deadlines, by change, and by the sheer volume of daily information. That's why thoughtful, restorative design is so critical. Natural light, greenery, calming color palettes, and quiet rooms help create

spaces that lower anxiety and support focus. I've also seen organizations investing in wellness programs, from mindfulness sessions to counseling support. These initiatives aren't just "nice to have" anymore; they're essential for maintaining a healthy, productive workforce.

Looking ahead, I believe the best workplaces will be the ones that balance structure with flexibility and ambition with empathy. Not everyone is ready to return to the office full time, and that's okay. We're learning that when we design with intention and lead with understanding, we build environments where people can bring their best selves to work no matter their age, experience, or working style. We may come from different generations, but we share the same goal: **success**. And we'll get there together.

This guest column is written by Patty Clark, Director of Workplace Services at OfficeWorks. Workplace dynamics are evolving, and Patty is at the forefront of the conversation. Through Patty's Point of View, she will explore the trends, challenges, and innovations shaping how we work, offering expert insights that inspire progress.

Community News

Eagle Creek Evangelical Christian Church invites you to gospel concert

Mark your calendar now for a special gospel concert at Eagle Creek Evangelical Christian Church in Westfield.

The concert will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

The church is located at 18325 Eagletown Road. Feel free to bring your friends – they will thank you! Light refreshments will be available.

Carmel Clay Schools considers revised policy on student interviews with police, DCS

By **ASHLEY FOWLER & MICHAELA SPRINGER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees is considering updates to a policy that outlines how and when students can be interviewed by law enforcement and the Indiana Department of Child Services.

During its meeting Monday night, the school board discussed various changes to its Schools and Government Agencies Policy, which was last revised on Nov. 28, 2008, and last reviewed in 2015.

The revised policy includes new language affirming that questioning or interviewing of students on school property by a government agency is "not allowed; however, exceptions may be made in exigent circumstances."

As an exception, a Child Services (DCS) agent may interview a child without parental consent only if they "present their credentials upon arriving at the school" and if they "present a written statement that DCS has parent consent, a court order, or exigent circumstances as defined by Indiana law." The revised policy will re-

quire a principal or other designee to "be present but not interfere throughout the proceedings."

"I would hope that everyone under those circumstances would agree that if a parent or a guardian was the alleged perpetrator or knew about the abuse and did nothing to protect the child, those very limited circumstances, it would be appropriate not to notify the parent," said Kristina Wheeler, Carmel Clay School Board member.

The revisions will also require school officials to immediately notify parents or guardians if their student has been taken from the school, as opposed to old language saying parents or guardians only need to be notified "before the time the student would normally arrive home on that day."

This was a first reading. Anyone with concerns or questions is encouraged to contact the school by the board.

[Click here](#) to read the proposal.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/education/carmel-clay-considering-new-government-agencies-policy.

Hamilton County Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance welcomes new agent

The REPORTER

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has announced that Drew Mueller has joined the company as an agent in the Carmel office, located at 240 E. Carmel Drive. He has completed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance's professional insurance training program.

Mueller brings invaluable management and customer service experience to his new role. Driven by his passion for helping others, he transitioned to a career in insurance, where he is dedicated to assisting clients with customized coverage plans.

Muller lives in Fishers and

is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School. He likes spending time outdoors, camping, hiking and tends to many pets and plants at home. He also enjoys sports like football, soccer and wrestling. A devoted family man, he and his wife, Wendy, have three children, Katie, Ben and Michael.



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Dr. Craig McCaffrey named HSE High School principal

Submitted by
HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools has announced Dr. Craig McCaffrey as the new principal of Hamilton Southeastern High School (HHS).

Dr. McCaffrey’s appointment was approved during a special meeting of the Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees on Tuesday. He joins HHS following more than 20 years of educational leadership, most recently serving as principal at nearby Noblesville High School.

Throughout his career, Dr. McCaffrey has demonstrated a deep commitment to creating inclusive, high-achieving school environments. At Noblesville, he significantly increased graduation rates, expanded Advanced Placement and dual-credit offerings, and

launched innovative initiatives such as early college partnerships, credit recovery, and alternative education programs.

“Dr. McCaffrey is an exceptional instructional leader who places student success at the heart of everything he does,” Superintendent Pat Mapes said. “His collaborative approach and proven track record in both academic achievement and community engagement make him an ideal fit for Hamilton Southeastern High School. Under his leadership, we are confident HHS will continue to excel and inspire our students and staff.”

Dr. McCaffrey began his educational career as a science teacher and bas-



McCaffrey

ketball coach before advancing into roles as assistant principal and principal. In these roles, he has led initiatives focused on curriculum development, school safety, special

education, and staff development. His leadership has earned regional and state recognition, including the 2021 IASP District 5 High School Principal of the Year and the 2021 Indiana Music Education Association Outstanding School Administrator award.

“I am honored to join the Hamilton Southeastern High School family,” Dr. McCaffrey said. “I am deeply committed to fostering a supportive, challenging, and inspiring environment for all students.

Working alongside the talented staff and engaged community at HHS, I look forward to building upon the school’s proud tradition of excellence.”

Dr. McCaffrey earned a doctorate in education (Ed.D.) and an educational specialist degree (Ed.S.) from Ball State University, a master’s degree in education from Anderson University, and a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Indiana University.

Dr. McCaffrey has been married to his wife, Tracy, for 28 years, and they have two daughters, Olivia and Alexa. Outside of work, he enjoys being with family and friends, volunteering at church, and participating in outdoor activities.

Dr. McCaffrey will officially begin his new role with Hamilton Southeastern Schools on July 1.

Ascension reveals privacy incident affecting patient information

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Health care provider Ascension on Monday **shared information about a “privacy incident”** affecting patient information across several states, including Alabama, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, and Texas.

The incident was discovered Dec. 5 when Ascension learned that patient information may have been involved in a potential security breach.

Ascension’s investigation revealed that the information was inadvertently disclosed to a former business partner, and it was likely stolen due to a vulnerability in third-party software used by that partner. The compromised data includes demographic details such as names, addresses,

phone numbers, email addresses, dates of birth, race, gender, and Social Security numbers, as well as clinical information related to inpatient visits.

Ascension is offering two years of complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Kroll to those affected. The health care provider has set up a dedicated call center for questions, at (866) 408-3556 on weekdays.

In Indiana, Ascension has facilities in the Indianapolis area, Anderson, Boonville, Evansville, Lafayette, Newburgh, and North Vernon.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/health-spotlight/ascension-data-breach-investigation-april-2025.

Noblesville Schools & Fishers YMCA receive early literacy grants from United Way of Central Indiana

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana has awarded \$502,500 to 33 child care providers, schools, and community organizations to help them start or expand literacy initiatives, the non-profit announced Monday.

United Way’s Literacy Fund provides grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000 to support literacy projects and efforts for children from birth to age 8 that improve language development, early literacy skills, reading, and writing.

Locally, Noblesville

Schools received \$16,000 and the Fishers YMCA received \$6,500.

Earlier this year, United Way invited licensed nonprofit child care centers, licensed family child care homes, registered ministries, licensed out of school time providers, Title I elementary schools, and nonprofits from across its seven-county service area to apply for grants. A committee of 11 United Way staff members reviewed 56 applications in all, selecting 33 grantees that serve children in Boone, Hamilton,

Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam counties.

Among all the grant recipients are 12 nonprofits accredited with United Way and 21 that are outside its accredited partner network. Five organizations are receiving funds from United Way of Central Indiana for the first time. Since its new strategic plan launched two years ago, United Way has sought to increase and diversify its investments in under-resourced areas to reach more people in all seven counties.

This is the first year for United Way’s Literacy Fund. The grants evolved from the previously offered Literacy Matters Fund, which supported literacy initiatives following the coronavirus pandemic.

“The Literacy Fund will help schools, child care providers and nonprofits pilot or scale initiatives that will have a meaningful and measurable impact on over 3,000 of Central Indiana’s youngest learners,” said Julie Kilger, United Way’s early care and learning director.

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Altrusa Club busy as ever in April

Submitted

The members of the Altrusa Club of Hamilton County have had a busy April.

President Pam Wesley attended the District Six Conference from April 4 to 6 in Quincy, Ill., as the club's delegate. She was honored to be the Indiana flag bearer for the opening session.

On April 8, helping to celebrate the "Week of the Child," members met at Hamilton County Head Start to serve ice cream to six classes of preschool students.

At our April 14 club meeting at the MCL in Carmel, we celebrated the 108th anniversary of the founding of Altrusa International where members were treated to cupcakes for dessert.

On Friday, April 25, President Wesley read to the classes at Hamilton County Head Start.

The next day, April 26, President Wesley attended a workshop on Days for Girls with members of the Altrusa Club of Indianapolis.

Then, on April 27, President Wednesday and Recording Secretary Carol Rader attended the Altrusa International Club of Muncie's Fiesta of Fun for Literacy tea and auction at the Delaware Country Club.

If you are interested in hearing more this service group, we are having a "Getting to Know Altrusa" coffee from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 31 at the Carmel Christian Church, 463 E. Main St. Please join us.



Photos provided

(TOP LEFT) Altrusa Club of Hamilton County President Pam Wesley served as flag holder at District Six Conference. (TOP RIGHT, from left) Adair Vaught (Altrusa Club of Indianapolis), Hamilton County members President Pam Wesley, Carol Rader, guest Sheryl Swanson, and member Gloria DelGreco served ice cream at Hamilton County Head Start. (ABOVE LEFT) The Club celebrated Altrusa International's 108th Anniversary with cupcakes. (ABOVE CENTER) President Wesley reads to 2-year-olds at Head Start. (ABOVE RIGHT) President Wesley and Recording Secretary Rader attended Altrusa International Club of Muncie's fundraiser.

Interested in joining Altrusa Club?
Come to the club's coffee event on Saturday morning, May 31 at Carmel Christian Church. See full details at left.

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539 BC



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.

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Isaiah 45:1

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Kids their rock on in Westfield

The Carmel Music Academy held a spring concert on April 27 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St. The event featured performances by several of their students as a showcase of the students' hard work and talent. Learn more about Carmel Music Academy online at CarmelMusicAcademy.com. (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)



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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

This is a Plea to Our Hamilton County Military Veteran Community WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

Your Hamilton County Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition on the prevention of Veteran suicides has been running this Hamilton County Veteran Community page in the Reporter newspaper daily since August, 2024. We would really appreciate your input to help us inform you of what it is you wish to see on this page. The more Military, Veteran and community resources we can connect you with, the better we all will be in addressing our needs, issues and concerns thus living a more fulfilled life here at home.

If you are a member of the either a VFW or American Legion in Hamilton County, it would be great to see information about your Post’s activities on this page, not just their address. If you can help make this happen, let us know on the online survey form below and we will be in touch. We need 10-14 day lead time to get it in the paper.

If you are a business, organization, profit/non-profit in Hamilton County and are hosting anything Military related, let us know on the online survey form below and we will be in touch. We need 10-14 day lead time to get it in the paper.

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?
- 4. Events, activities from your American Legion or VFW Posts, or from our local businesses, profit & non-profit organizations, etc. We need 10-14 day lead time.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this page YOUR page.

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Carmel, In 46032
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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs
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New family entertainment center planned for Grand Park

By PHIL SANCHEZ
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A new family entertainment center and residential development is planned for the north side of Grand Park, city officials announced Monday.

GPS.fun, a locally owned company, plans to build a 33,000-square-foot indoor entertainment facility near 191st Street and Horton Road. The center will feature duckpin bowl-

ing, laser tag, a full-service bar, a modern arcade, and “Krazy Darts,” a laser-projected dart game designed for all skill levels.

A 40,000-square-foot outdoor area will complement the indoor attractions, offering a ropes course and mini-golf.

In addition to the entertainment offerings, plans call for up to 104 two-story townhomes to be built on the northern portion of the site.

“We’re excited to wel-

come GPS.fun to Westfield as another high-quality amenity for our residents and visitors,” Mayor Scott Willis said in a statement. “This project not only provides much-needed family entertainment for our residents but also supports our vision for the Grand Park area in creating a mix of entertainment and recreation options.”

The project was introduced at Monday’s City Council meeting and will

go before the Advisory Plan Commission for a public hearing on May 5. Final consideration by the City Council is expected July 14.

If approved, construction could begin later this year, with the entertainment venue projected to open in late 2026.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/entertainment-news/westfield-grand-park-entertainment-development.

Mayor Willis invites public to Town Hall

The REPORTER

Join Westfield Mayor Scott Willis for his second Town Hall of the year at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 at Wood Wind Golf Club, 2302 W. 161st St.

Residents are encouraged to come learn about city developments and other exciting news.

This event is free and open to the public; however, all attendees should RSVP at [this link](#) prior to the event.



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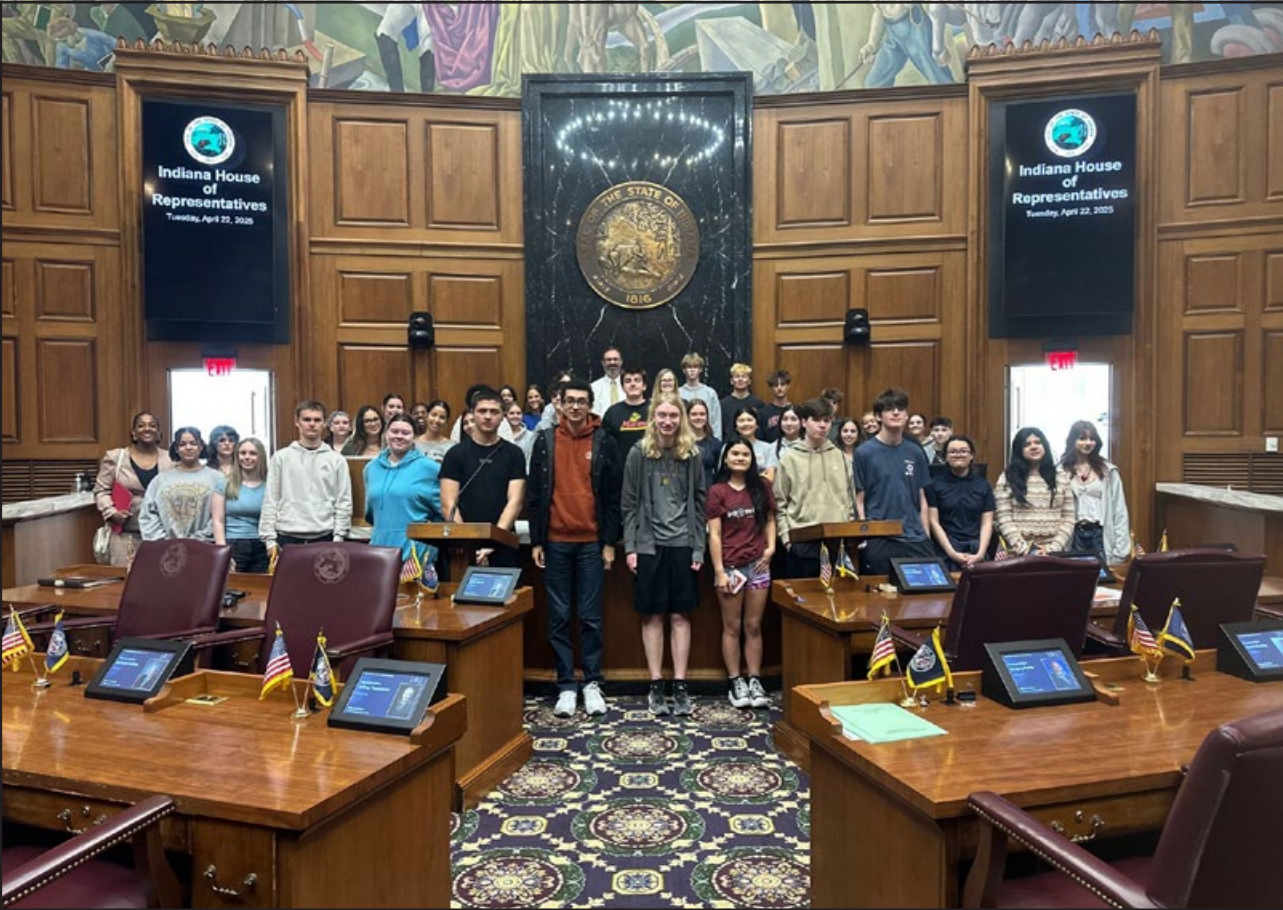


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A group of Carmel High School seniors recently visited the Indiana Statehouse.

State Rep. Danny Lopez offers legislative session wrap-up

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

The Indiana General Assembly adjourned *sine die* late the night of April 24, ending a whirlwind four months during which State Rep. Danny Lopez and his colleagues delivered significant local tax reform, passed a responsible budget that invests in our biggest priorities, laid the groundwork for future investment in energy, and much more.

A few highlights include:

- **HB 1001:** Indiana’s budget protected the most critical areas of state government impacting Hoosiers, despite an April revenue forecast that anticipates fewer resources over the next two years. K-12

schools continue to see increases, and Medicaid and mental health, corrections and law enforcement, and the Department of Child Services are exempted from cuts.

- **SB 1:** The property tax relief and reform bill delivered immediate support for Hoosiers, and more than two-thirds of homeowners will pay lower property taxes in 2026 than in 2025. The changes save taxpayers across the state more than \$1.2 billion and move us to a system that, when fully implemented in 2031, means two-thirds of every homeowner’s assessed values will be de-

ducted from their taxes.

- **HB 1005:** Housing remains a challenge for communities across Indiana, and this bill expands the successful Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Program while streamlining the regulatory process for housing development.

Lopez joins fellow lawmakers to discuss SB 1

This session’s effort to reform property taxes and provide immediate relief to taxpayers was one of the most important steps taken by the General Assembly this session. State Rep.



Lopez

Lopez joined State Rep. Ed Delaney, State Senator Scott Baldwin, and host Jon Schwantes for a conversation about taxation, property tax changes, and the importance of continued investment. [Click here](#) to watch the show on WFYI.org.

Carmel students visit the Statehouse

State Rep. Lopez the opportunity to welcome a group of seniors from Carmel High School to the Statehouse last week. The students had terrific thoughts and comments about Indiana government, democracy, and engagement, and Lopez and fellow State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler from Noblesville fielded questions and took photos with the group.

Howard Bailey Financial celebrates grand opening of new Carmel office

Submitted

Howard Bailey Financial, a leading retirement and financial planning firm, recently celebrated the grand opening of its newest office in Carmel with an open house event.

Located downtown, the expansion marks the firm’s fifth location in the Midwest and continues its commitment to providing personalized financial planning services across the region.

The new Carmel office, located at 1344 S. Range Line Road, Suite 202, offers in-person consultations with a team of experienced financial professionals, providing a local resource for those seeking comprehensive, customized financial advice.

The Carmel open house welcomed guests to meet the Howard Bailey team, learn more about the firm’s services, and enjoy a wine tasting hosted by wine consultant Peter Ryan. Catering was provided by Jacque’s Gourmet, creating a festive

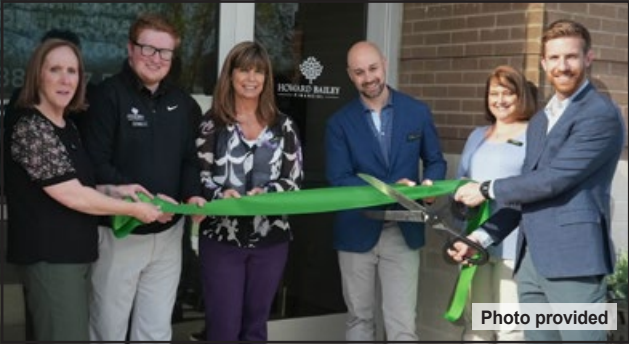


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and welcoming atmosphere for attendees.

“Opening this new office is more than just expanding our footprint – it’s a reflection of how we work together as a team to support every client’s journey,” Howard Bailey Chief Marketing Officer Stephen Salcedo said. “Our open house celebrates not just a new location, but the collaborative spirit that defines our approach to retirement planning. We’re excited to open our doors and become an active part of the Carmel community, building connections and serving our neighbors with the same personalized care

and teamwork that define our approach.”

Since 2002, Howard Bailey Financial has been dedicated to empowering clients through comprehensive financial strategies, including retirement income planning, investment management, tax-efficient strategies and legacy planning. With a team-focused approach, the firm works closely with clients to create practical, personalized financial roadmaps that align with their unique goals.

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Meeting Notices	
The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 2, 2025, at BRU Burger, 350 Westfield Road, Suite 100, Noblesville.	The Hamilton County Council Sheriff Committee will meet to discuss Sheriff’s Office business at 8 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Rosie’s, 68 N. 9th St., Noblesville.
The Hamilton County Council will meet in a work session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in the Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.	The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com	The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will have a regular board meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 1 at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, May 2, 2025. The meeting will begin with Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. with public session to follow, at the Hamilton County Highway Department 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana.

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No injuries in Sunday afternoon house fire in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Just before 5 p.m. Sunday, April 27, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to reports of smoke at a residence in the 900 block of Elwood Circle.

Thanks to the quick actions of the residents, everyone safely exited the home before calling 911. The Hamilton County Dispatch Center dispatched fire, law enforcement, and EMS units.

Upon arrival, the first units encountered light smoke throughout the home. Crews quickly located the source of the fire and brought it under control shortly after arrival. Fortunately, neither civilians nor firefighters were injured. Fire investigators have not yet released the cause of the fire.

NFD was assisted on the scene by the Westfield Fire Department and the Noblesville Police Department. NFD is grateful for their partnership and support.

As a reminder to the community, working smoke detectors save lives. If you need help changing your smoke detector batteries, firefighters here to help. To schedule a time, please email thash@noblesville.in.gov.



Photos provided by Noblesville Fire Department

Why watch *Othello* when you can watch a play about Othello?

By **VICKIE CORNELIUS PHIPPS**
A Seat on the Aisle

Red Velvet, written by Lolita Chakrabarti, is a compelling and thought-provoking play that delves into the life of Ira Aldridge, the first black actor to play Othello on a major international stage.

Set against the backdrop of 19th-century London, the play explores themes of racism, societal acceptance, and the transformative power of art. Simultaneously in British history (1833) – Parliament enacted the Slavery Abolition Act.

The narrative begins with an older Aldridge reflecting on his career, before transporting the audience to the pivotal moment in 1833 when he replaced a white actor in the role of Othello at London's Theatre Royal at Covent Gardens. The play masterfully captures the tension and prejudice Aldridge faced, as well as his groundbreaking contributions to the world of theater. His naturalistic acting style, a stark contrast to the exaggerated performances of his contemporaries, adds depth to the story.

The productions' minimal stage setting and atmo-



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Daniel Wilke with Liz Carrier in *Red Velvet*, on stage through May 4 at the Sheldon Auditorium in Indianapolis.

spheric design with the use of a back screen brings the historical setting to life. The cast delivers spirited performances, with the lead actor (Daniel Wilke), portraying Aldridge bringing emotional depth and charisma to the role. The play balances moments of humor with poignant reflections on racial identity and social bias, making it both entertaining and deeply moving.

Red Velvet is not just a historical drama but a powerful commentary on

issues that remain relevant today. It sparks meaningful conversations about race, art, and the enduring struggle for equality. Whether you're a theater enthusiast or someone interested in history, this play offers a rich and rewarding experience. Maid Connie, played by Kendall Maxwell, delivers the most precise line of the play: "People see what they look for."

Cast includes Liz Carrier, Hannah Embree, Kendall Maxwell, Doug Powers,

Matt Hartzburg, J Charles Weimer, Brant Hughes, and Rachel Kelso.

Directed by Donna McFadden, the Southbank Theatre Company production of *Red Velvet* by Lolita Chakrabarti runs Thursdays through Sundays through May 4 at the Shelton Auditorium, 1000 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis. Tickets can be obtained at the Shelton Box Office, which opens two hours prior to curtain on the day of the performance or online at butlerartscenter.org/performances/red-velvet. (Note: Ticketmaster fees apply to purchases online.)

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

Carmel Community Players unveils 2025-26 season

The REPORTER
To Kill a Mockingbird
Dramatized by Christopher Sergel from the book by Harper Lee
Directed by Andrea Odle
Sept. 12 to 21, 2025
The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel

Scout and her brother, Jem, live with their widowed father, Atticus Finch, in a sleepy Alabama town amid the Great Depression. The façade of the seemingly peaceful town begins to crack when a young black man is accused of a terrible crime. Driven by an unshakeable moral conviction, local lawyer Atticus defends the man in a trial that sends violent waves through the community. Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, this hard-hitting work explores prejudice, compassion and the courage to do what is right.

Four Weddings and An Elvis
By Nancy Frick
Directed by Nicole Amsler
Nov. 14 to 23, 2025
The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel

Sandy, the four-times-married-three-times-divorced owner of a wedding chapel in Las Vegas, has certainly seen her fair share of matrimonies. In this side-splitting comedy, we witness four of the most bizarre: a revenge matrimony, a publicity ploy, and an ex-con trying to make it down the aisle before the police arrive! However, the final wedding takes the cake with a hilarious twist!

The Spitfire Grill
Music & Book by James Valcq
Lyrics & Book by Fred Alley
Directed by Kathleen Horrigan
Feb. 27 to March 8, 2026
The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Ste. D, Fishers

A troubled young parolee yearning for a fresh start follows her dreams to Wisconsin, only to find a small town with a gritty heart aching with longing and regret. While working at the Spitfire Grill, Percy reawakens the entire town's capacity for rebirth, forgiveness, and hope. Set to a melodic folk-inspired score, with music by James Valcq and lyrics by Fred Alley, this musical is a celebration of human kindness and the healing power of community.

Men on Boats
By Jaclyn Backhaus
Directed by Samantha Kelly
April 17 to 26, 2026
The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel

Ten explorers. Four

boats. One Grand Canyon. In this true(ish) history, one-armed captain John Wesley Powell and a crew of insane yet loyal volunteers set out to chart the course of the Colorado River. A gender-bending retelling of the 1869 expedition, this delightful adventure



dramedy celebrates the bravery, determination, and true grit of the historical explorers, in addition to the general foolishness of humanity.

Disney's Descendants: The Musical
(Rising Star Production)
Directed by Tanya Haas & Samantha Kelly
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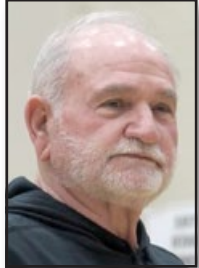
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Joe William Burris**December 4, 1942 – April 26, 2025**

Joe William Burris, 82, McCordsville, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on December 4, 1942, to Edgar Eugene and Alice Maxine (Lane) Burris in Noblesville.



Joe proudly served in the United States Army with the 18th Artillery. He worked in the concrete business for many years and attended Calvary Christian Fellowship. In high school, Joe lettered in football, baseball, basketball, and track, and is in the Noblesville High School Hall of Fame. He enjoyed golf, and loved his family and his country. Joe was a humble, simple person whom everyone loved.

He is survived by his wife, Marlys Burris; son, Joe (Jill) Burris, II; daughter, Mandy (Scott) Smith; stepdaughter, Lori (Troye) Bland; stepson, Todd (Amy) True; grandchildren, Regan, Payton, Madison, Mason, and Aiden; and great-grandchild, Gus.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Forrest Brown and his wife, Marian.

The Burris Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Joe's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tony Etchison Foundation, Central Indiana Community Foundation, 615 N. Alabama St., Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or at etch21.com.

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Ronald Lee Fisher**d. April 26, 2025**

Ronald Lee Fisher, 76, Sheridan, passed away on April 26, 2025.



Ron was a Marine Corps veteran who proudly served his country. After his military service, he retired from Delco Remy/General Motors, where he was known for his strong work ethic and love of his family. He was also a valued member of the Sheridan American Legion Post 67, where he enjoyed comradery with fellow veterans.

Ron wore many hats in his lifetime – volunteer firefighter, EMT, school bus driver, craftsman, and community member – but his greatest joy came from the simple things. He had a passion for woodworking and gardening, and loved the freedom of the open road on his Honda Goldwing motorcycle with his wife Janet. Ron never met a stranger and was well-known for his quick wit, infectious laugh, and warm personality.

Ron was a man of faith who attended Six Points Church in Sheridan.

He was a loving grandfather to Kylee, Zander, Madison, Dimitri, and Marc, and his legacy lives on in their hearts. Ron is survived by his devoted wife, Janet; daughters, Brandi (Myxl) and Traci (Joel); and many extended family members and friends who will miss him deeply.

Calling will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Sheridan Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St. Funeral services for Ron will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Sheridan Six Points Church. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery.

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Jennifer Sue (Bures) Sundling**February 29, 1964 – April 26, 2025**

Jennifer Sue (Bures) Sundling, 61, Cicero, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, April 26, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones.

Jenny was born on February 29, 1964, in Tipton to Susan (Clifford) Green and the late Thomas Bures. Jenny graduated from Hamilton Heights High School in 1982. She was a dedicated employee for the Hamilton County Clerk's Office for 42 years. She loved her job and coworkers.

Jenny married Arnie (A.J.) Sundling in 2005. They would have celebrated their 20th anniversary this July. Her biggest joy in life was being a mom to her twin daughters, Madison and Marlee Moses. Her girls were her entire world. Jenny also loved being "Aunt Deedee" to her nephew, Jude Landers.

Jenny enjoyed shopping and spending time with family. She loved spending time outdoors, especially planting flowers, taking golf cart rides, and relaxing at the pool. She also loved the holidays and started many family traditions that will continue in her honor. Jenny was quick-witted and loved to laugh. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing her felt her kindness, compassion, and soft-hearted nature.

Jenny is survived by her husband, Arnie (A.J.) Sundling of Cicero; daughters, Madison and Marlee Moses both of Cicero; mother, Sue Green of Cicero; sister, Kim Landers of Cicero; nephew, Jude Landers of Cicero; half-brother, Brad (Mindy) Fausett of Saratoga Springs, Utah; stepsister, Ma'Lisa (Mitch) House of Atlanta; stepbrother, Todd (Nicole) Green of Noblesville; stepsister, Amy (Bart) Williams of Fishers; aunt, Janice Fisher of Arcadia; mother-in-law, Judy Courtney of Pendleton; brother-in-law, Steve (Caryn) Sundling of Carmel, and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Fred and Marzella Clifford; paternal grandparents, Victor and Fredia Bures; father, Thomas Bures; stepfather, Bud Green, and several aunts and uncles.

Jennifer's life will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 2025, with a visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a memorial service at 1 p.m. at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. For those unable to attend in person, a live stream of the service will be available at my.gather.app/remember/jennifer-sundling.

In honor of Jennifer's life and legacy, we invite you to leave your memories and upload photos to her memorial page. Let us come together to remember her loving nature, her loyalty, her thoughtfulness, and her humility. Let us celebrate the life of Jennifer Sundling and the profound impact she had on each of our lives.

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John Edward Davis**June 19, 1944 – April 25, 2025**

John Edward Davis, 80, passed into his eternal home on April 25, 2025, following a 23-year battle with cancer. He passed peacefully home surrounded by his family.

John was born on June 19, 1944, in Indianapolis to Richard E. Davis and Ruth (Miller) Davis.

John grew up on a farm in Boone County, and later in life returned to live in the house he grew up in. In 1964, he married the love of his life, Brenda Haworth. Over their married years they enjoyed road trips, traveling out west, and exploring various historical sites throughout the United States.

He graduated in 1962 from Sheridan High School. John received a B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Arts from Purdue University graduating with a Masters in 1967. He began his teaching career teaching in Industrial Arts at Lakeland High School and LaGrange Middle School, LaGrange, Ind. In 1970, he began teaching Industrial Arts at Carmel Middle School. Throughout his teaching career, he also taught at Clay Middle School and Creekside Middle School in Carmel. His career spanned a time when Industrial Arts education changed to Industrial Education and eventually to Technology/STEM. He loved the rapid technological changes, continuous learning, and experienced a lot of joy teaching robotics and coaching the robotics team.

John was an active member of First United Methodist Church, in Sheridan. He enjoyed lifting his voice to the Lord and made many close friends during his 50 years as part of the choir.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Richard E. and Ruth Davis.

John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Brenda (Haworth) Davis; his daughter, Janice (Jesse) Vadas; and son, Richard (Nicole) Davis; and four grandchildren, Trevor (Cari) Vadas, Leah (Frank) Vadas, Garrett (Blair) Davis, and Abby (Corbin) Huffman; and a great-grandson to be born in June. John is also survived by his sister, Ellen (Davis) Baker of Crestwood, Ky.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Thursday, May 22 at First United Methodist Church, 207 E. Second St., Sheridan. Visitation will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. with the service following at 6 p.m.

Memorial gifts can be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 207 E. Second St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

Special thanks to Simon Cancer Center, Dr. Ted Logan, and Paradigm Palliative/Hospice Care.

John generously donated his body to the Anatomical Education Program at Indiana University School of Medicine. This gift will contribute significantly to the advancement of health science education in the state of Indiana. Those, like John, who decide to bequeath their bodies to the health sciences have made a significant contribution that benefits the quality of life and care for the living.

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Softball

Royals shut out Tigers, win second straight Mudsock

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FISHERS — Grace Swedarsky was the first person to hold the Mudsock softball trophy during post-game Tuesday night, and the Hamilton Southeastern ace pitcher was the last.

Cradling the prize in her left arm before heading to the team bus, Swedarsky savored her team's championship moment after Class 4A ninth-ranked HSE shut out host 4A No. 12 Fishers, 6-0.

As Swedarsky knows, Mudsock wins are never easy.

Tuesday's victory marked the Royals' (9-5, 2-1 HCC) second straight Mudsock triumph over the rival Fishers Tigers (10-5, 0-3 HCC) and first cross-town repeat for HSE in the yearly showdown since 2017-18.

Prior to the Royals' back-to-back Mudsock run, the Tigers owned the annual rivalry for four consecutive years (2019, 2021-23), including Swedarsky's freshman year in 2023.

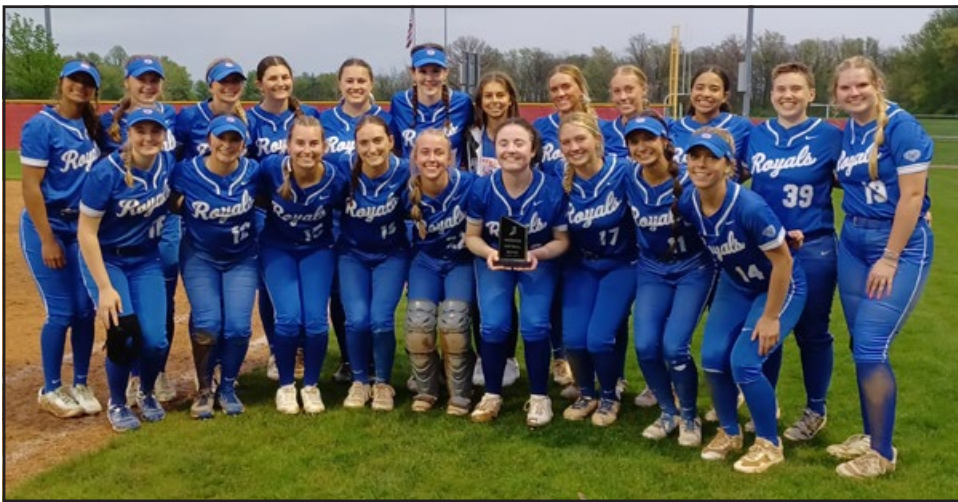
"It feels great because obviously the Mudsock game is always competitive between two great teams. We all know each other because we grew up playing together, and it's just really fun to compete and obviously win, too," said Swedarsky, a Virginia Tech commit.

In her first Mudsock game three years ago, the junior pitcher absorbed the loss, 1-0, despite striking out 14 batters through six innings.

Last year, the eventual 4A state champion Royals won 1-0 behind an eight-strikeout performance by Swedarsky.

This time, Swedarsky matched a season high with 17 strikeouts, retiring two waves of five straight while scattering two hits to post her second shutout in as many regular-season meetings.

"These past couple of games, we've figured out how to get more energy constantly. You can tell the vibes are good. We're playing more relaxed, and things are looking good," Swedarsky said. "When you pitch with the lead there's a little bit of pressure that gets alleviated, but I also know my offense has my back."



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(ABOVE) The Hamilton Southeastern softball team defended the Mudsock trophy for the first time since 2018 on Tuesday. The Royals beat host Fishers 6-0. **(BELOW)** Fishers first baseman Anna McGrath (left) awaits a play as Hamilton Southeastern's Addison Richmond gets ready on first base.

The HSE offense has been reshaped since last year's squad finished 25-4 to clinch the program's third state title overall and first since 2010.

Only a handful of players returned for the Royals' title defense after many of their run producers graduated, opening the door for several new contributors.

However, there were two holdovers batting eighth and ninth, who provided the necessary punch with the Mudsock crown at stake.

Senior Makena Burlingame (2-for-3, 2 RBI) sparked HSE's one-run top of the third with a leadoff single followed by senior Chloe Smith's (3-for-3, RBI) single.

A sacrifice bunt by junior Addison Richmond (2-for-3, RBI) moved the runners, and an infield ground out by freshman Sophia Feher (1-for-3) gave HSE a 1-0 lead.

Prior to the breakthrough, Fishers senior ace and Butler commit Katherine Murray kept the Royals quiet, retiring six of the first seven batters she faced.

Murray finished with 10 strikeouts and one walk issued, but the HSE hitters rallied for four runs in the top of the fourth with two outs, once again orchestrated by Burlingame.

"It's been a little bit different. We're still learning how to jell together as a team, but we've played together for so long, and I think that's helping us," Burlingame said. "We're keeping the energy up, and we're still fighting through every game. (Chloe and I)



have that fight in us since it's our last year. We're giving it our all."

In the top of the fourth, Burlingame's second single down the third-base line scored two runs and Smith's bases-clearing triple down the same chalk line put HSE ahead 4-0.

"Both are very disciplined, but they're completely different players. Mak is very Zen-like. She knows what her job is, and she looks at you with confidence in her eyes, and she's like, 'Yep, I got this,'" HSE coach Emily Pusti said. "Chloe just exemplifies grit in her mannerisms. She's very aggressive. She's going to go after it, and you're going to see it. Having them back-to-back tonight, I think that's a really strong power at the bottom of the order."

Richmond dropped a single into right field to make it 5-0.

"The game plan was to attack early. Get up early in the game and trust ourselves. I think we did just that," Burlingame said.

Murray stranded five runners in the final three frames, but HSE's 14 hits, including an RBI single by freshman Madison Burlingame (1-for-1), made it 6-0 in the top of the sixth.

"Kate is an athlete, and she's very good. You can tell the way she holds herself that she's a really good role model for these Mudsock kids," Pusti said. "They love her, and I get it. Everyone always says pitcher's duel, but it's a team duel just with two very strong leaders on

the mound."

Swedarsky walked two of the 27 batters she faced and surrendered hits to junior Adrienne Cook and sophomore Cate Summerfield while three HSE errors put runners on base.

The ace ended six of her seven innings with consecutive strikeouts, upping her season total to 115. She struck out 17 batters in a 4-0 win over Shelbyville on April 11 this year.

"This is a very talented group. They're all very good athletes, and they're all just very good human beings, so I know we all have a common goal. It's just trying to figure out how that works from the first pitch until the last out," Pusti said. "They've been chipping away at it, and tonight, we got to put a lot of that together."

More significantly, both teams showcased how important Mudsock youth athletics is to each program.

"There aren't a lot of other cities that have a program that builds these girls up. We had a hundred little kids running around supporting Mudsock, and these are girls that are going to dream of wearing either red or blue," Pusti said.

"A lot of our girls are friends with their girls. It's just a great atmosphere, but I don't think a lot of our girls or theirs end up the way they are, not just as athletes but really good kids, without learning how to be passionate and play the game together when they're young (in Mudsock)."



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan honored its three senior softball players on Monday, then went on to beat Herron 17-9 for the Blackhawks' first victory of the season. Pictured are seniors Abbi Merritt, Ali Pickard and Mac Smith.

Fast start sends Hawks to first victory

The REPORTER

The Sheridan softball team celebrated its Senior Night in the best way possible on Monday.

The Blackhawks picked up their first win of the season, beating Herron 17-9 in a game at Grand Park. Sheridan jumped out to an early lead after the first inning, held firm when the Achaeans made a middle-inning run, then scored five runs in the later innings to clinch the victory.

Adria Jump scored the Blackhawks' first run on Mac Smith's RBI groundout. Norah Adams hit a double and eventually got home on a wild pitch. Abbi Merritt, Amiyah Doss and Ali Pickard all scored by stealing home plate, putting Sheridan up 5-0.

Abby Dallas singled in Lainey Mendenhall for another run, then Jump batted in Maddie Davis and Dallas with a left field hit. After all that, the 'Hawks led 8-0. Sheridan added three runs in the second inning. Doss brought Adams home with a single, then both Doss and Pickard scored runs by stealing home plate.

Herron scored four runs in the third inning. The

Blackhawks got a run back in the bottom of the third when Adams scored on Pickard's RBI groundout to give Sheridan a 12-4 lead.

The Achaeans put up five runs in the fourth inning to get within 12-9. Mendenhall put the 'Hawks up 14-9 with a two-RBI single in the fifth inning. Her left field hit brought in Adams and Merritt.

Sheridan scored three runs in the sixth inning. Jump led off with a single and went home when Smith smacked a triple into center field. Doss doubled Smith in, then scored on Pickard's single.

Adams had a perfect hitting night, going 5-for-5 at the plate (including three doubles) and scoring four runs. Doss drove in three runs and scored another three. Jump, Pickard and Mendenhall each had three hits. Smith also hit a double. Jump got the pitching win, striking out four over three innings.

Sheridan is 1-6 for the season. The Blackhawks play a Hoosier Heartland Conference game Thursday at Tri-Central. Sheridan's game with Clinton Central that was to take place on Tuesday was rained out.

Basketball

Champion, Wright, Clayton among IBCA scholarship winners

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County student-athletes are among the 40 Indiana high school seniors that have been named winners of 2025 scholarship awards from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Tuesday.

The IBCA -- a statewide coaches group with about 2,400 members -- this year is presenting a grant of \$500 to each recipient in the names of Marion Crawley, Junior Mannies, Pat Aikman and Steve & Jeanie Witty.

Through the years, the IBCA has awarded about \$820,000 in scholarships to Indiana student-athletes.

"I would like to congratulate you for being selected as a recipient," IBCA executive director emeritus Steve Witty wrote in informing winners of the various selections. "... Thank you for your contributions to Indiana high school basketball, and best of luck as you move on to the college of your choice."

Two county players, Tyler Champion of Hamilton Heights and Caleb Wright of Sheridan were among the boys' recipients of the Crawley Scholarships for 2025. A total of 34 Crawley Scholarships were present-

ed to 16 boys players, 12 girls players, four student managers and two team statisticians.

Criteria for the Crawley Scholarship includes achievement in basketball, achievement in academics, participation in extracurricular activities and service to one's school and community. Crawley was a former four-time boys basketball state championship coach -- two with the Washington Hatchets and two with the Lafayette Jeff Bronchos -- who amassed 644 career wins. He later became the first executive director of the IBCA, serving in that role from 1970-74. He then served as the IBCA assistant executive director from 1974 until he passed away in 1982.

Abigayle Clayton of Hamilton Southeastern, part of the Royals' sectional and regional champion girls team this year, was the girls' winner of the Steve & Jeanie Witty Scholarship, named for the IBCA's current executive director emeritus and his late wife. Steve Witty posted a 266-68 record and was a two-time boys' basketball state champion

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Baseball

Millers have two big late innings to beat Huskies

By **CRAIG ADKINS**

For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — Monday evening was the perfect night to start the week off with an all-county baseball game at Dunker Field. The Hamilton Heights Huskies grabbed the early lead, but the late innings belonged to the Noblesville Millers as they took down the Huskies in six innings, 14-4.

Heights got started right away in the first with a two-out single from PJ Wright. Dillon Pitts doubled Wright in to make it 1-0 on a sharp base hit to center.

“We’ve just got to play sharp. When we make mistakes, we just do it in bunches and then it gives them more opportunities,” said Noblesville head coach Justin Keever. “I thought Adam (Gaskill) pitched alright, did fine, had some bad luck ground balls and a bad luck hop at first. We made a couple errors behind him.”

The Huskies tacked on a couple more runs in the third. Levi Chandler led off by reaching on an error by first baseman Trevor Corbett. Chandler advanced to second on a passed ball and scored when Nick Hulen took a 2-2 pitch from Adam Gaskill over the fence in left for a two-run shot and a 3-0 score.

“Even in the FC series and all year long, we’re not ‘getting off the bus,’ giving up a mark early and we’re not scoring early,” said Keever. “So, we’ve got to find a way to get off

to better starts. Give Hamilton Heights credit. Coach Hughes does a good job. Those guys played hard and they came ready to play.”

Owen Robey struck out four and walked two in the first few frames. Noblesville got to a breaking point starting in the fourth inning.

Aiden Reynolds stroked a double to the fence in center to lead off the home half. He was driven in on a sacrifice fly by Tanner Miller for the first run for the Millers.

After Gaskill gave up a leadoff walk and an infield single with one out, Ethan Kang came on in relief, shutting the door for the final two outs of the inning.

“Ethan Kang came in and got us out of a jam and did a nice job there. Ruse (Ryan) picked up Kang the next inning to get out of his inning,” Keever said.

Designated hitter Jalen Stidham started off the bottom of the fifth with a solid hit to center. Chris Martz walked and with Garrett Dixon up, Robey balked, moving Stidham and Martz to second and third. Zac Glander and Trevor Corbett walked consecutively, scoring both Stidham and Martz to tie it 3-3.

Reynolds drove in courtesy runner Luke Hagelskamp for the 4-3 lead that the Millers wouldn’t relinquish. Glander, Reynolds and Cole Schott all scored to make it 7-3 through five.

Heights scored their final run in the top of the sixth, but that only fueled the Millers.

Noblesville made a

statement in their final at-bats in the sixth. Glander led off with a hit to center, reaching on an error by Hickman. A passed ball got him to second, followed by another Corbett walk for two on. Reynolds walked to load the bags up. Schott was hit by a pitch to score Zac Glander for an 8-3 lead.

Tanner Miller’s RBI single scored Corbett. Next, Aiden Ramsey unloaded on a 1-0 pitch out over the plate for a grand slam and a 13-4 count.

“Aiden (Ramsey) with the grand slam late, can’t forget, it’s been a long wait. Jalen Stidham got us going. He struggled that first at-bat with the breaking ball. Second time up, he stayed on a two-strike breaking ball, shortened up the swing a little bit and had a better approach with two strikes and hit a base hit up the middle,” Keever said.

Back to the first hitter of the inning, Zac Glander hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Stidham for the final run, ending the game in six innings by the run rule.

“I thought Zac Glander in his first start had great at-bats. He had a key situation with bases loaded, was down in the count (0-2) and posted a walk and had a hit earlier and then the sac fly to end it,” Keever said.

Hamilton Heights (5-8) was led by Hulen’s two-run home run, along with Hickman, Wright, Pitts and Luke Davis collecting hits. Owen Robey struck out five hitters in his four innings, allowing five earned runs.

Ramsey led the Millers with his grand slam, four RBIs and a pair of walks. Reynolds went 2-for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Jalen Stidham was 2-for-3, also scored two and drove in a run. Glander scored two runs and drove in a pair in his first start at second base.

Kang (1-0) earned the win and classmate Ryan Ruse struck out both hitters he faced in the top of the sixth.

“The biggest takeaway from this game for me is I’m more concerned about how we play. I thought early we played pretty good defense and then we had some lapses. It’s nice to have Aiden (Reynolds) back. We’ve kind of got guys in positions they’re more suited for. Then you have Martzy (Chris Martz) making some nice plays at third,” said Keever.

Noblesville (8-8, 3-3 HCC) faces No. 6 Westfield (10-4, 4-2 HCC) in a crucial conference series starting tomorrow at Dunker Field. The series finale is slated for Friday at Shamrock Field. Both games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. The Millers conclude the week with Senior Day on Saturday with a 1 p.m. first pitch against the Lebanon Tigers (1-11).

“We’re not where we want to be, but we’re working to improve and to get as best as we can be to close that capability cap,” said Keever. “We’ve got work to do at practice tomorrow. We have a big series this week with Westfield.”

Huskies beat Berries

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights rebounded from its Monday loss with a 3-0 home victory over Logansport in a Hoosier Conference game.

The Huskies scored all three of their runs in the fifth inning. Kaden Lawson and Josh Newton both got home after Nick Hulen reached on an error. P.J. Wright hit a sacrifice fly to score the third run, bringing

in Levi Chandler.

The game was a pitcher’s duel, as both teams only had two hits. Hulen won the dual, striking out 13 in a complete-game effort and allowing only two walks. Adam Hughes and Newton got one hit each for Heights.

The Huskies are 5-8 and play at Logansport tonight to complete the conference series.

Track & Field

Results from last week’s Carmel Distance Showcase

The REPORTER

Here are complete results from the annual Carmel Distance Showcase, which took place last Friday at Carmel Stadium.

Results are divided by heats. Overall, the top Hamilton County runner in the boys race was Noblesville’s Banner Barnes, who placed fourth in a time of 9 minutes, 6.60 seconds. Carmel’s Annabel Pollert was the top county finisher in the girls, also placing fourth with a time of 10:30.09.

Noblesville’s Isaiah Vohs was the overall winner of the freshman boys race. His time was 9:31.81.

Freshman boys results

Heat 1: 4. Grant Parkevich (C) 10:21.63, 10. Aiden Brier (HSE) 10:32.81, 19. Will Mowrer (C) 10:41.47, 22. Drew Kuykendall (C) 10:46.64, 23. Nathaniel Moore (F) 10:47.74, 24. Bryce Bontrager (C) 10:48.76, 25. Nixon Trisler (C) 10:51.32, 26. Kaden Gartenman (F) 10:51.43, 27. Gaven Flynn (N) 10:53.29, 31. Andrew Kim (F) 11:04.24, 32. William Heckaman (C) 11:05.83.

Heat 2: 1. Isaiah Vohs (Noblesville) 9:31.81, 6. Grant VanNahmen (Carmel) 9:50.22, 12. Porter Key (Hamilton Southeastern) 9:59.60, 14. Cameron Scher-Millan (C) 10:04.31, 18. Max Kleinbub (HSE) 10:15.73, 20. Braylen Floyd (Fishers) 10:19.24, 21. Cameron Conn (HSE) 10:19.32, 22. Trewman Francis (HSE) 10:19.56, 25. Kaine Eberly (F) 10:27.68, 26. Mackey Pope (HSE) 10:29.07, 29. Dexter Hoffman (Westfield) 10:35.25, 32. Preston Wells (N) 11:08.33.

Girls 3200 run results

Heat 1: 6. Ella Wirkner (N) 11:55.00, 8. Katy Dascoli (C) 11:57.99, 9. Lilliana Cate (C) 11:58.38, 14. Brinna Wolf (Guerin Catholic) 12:04.40, 16. Charlotte Konow (C) 12:07.52, 21. Ellie Smith (C) 12:19.56, 23. Claudia Southworth (W) 12:41.29.

Heat 2: 5. Ronni Strzynski (C) 11:31.09, 8. Zoe Gebhart (HSE) 11:46.31, 10. Carly Davis (W) 11:50.06, 11. Mia Quagliaroli (F) 11:50.58, 16. Jordyn Landrum (W) 11:58.74, 18. Katie Kolb (GC) 12:05.13, 19. Emily Loisel (W) 12:05.24, 23. Ella Bozarth (W) 12:14.87, 24. Maggie Naas (W) 12:21.27, 25. Sam Foster (W) 12:33.06.

Heat 3: 9. Allie Bushey (Hamilton Heights) 11:23.35, 13. Mackenna Condon (W)

11:32.38, 15. Abby Lotter (F) 11:33.45.

Heat 4: 6. Caitlin Hawkins (F) 11:07.87, 9. Brinkley Cooper (N) 11:13.40, 12. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:19.57, 13. Jayde Stamm (N) 11:19.75, 18. Margo Halle (C) 11:26.60.

Heat 5: 4. Annabel Pollert (C) 10:30.09, 7. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 10:38.37, 8. Larkin Taylor (C) 10:38.90, 11. Sadie Foley (C) 10:45.25, 17. Alivia Lozier (W) 10:55.35, 23. Olivia Mundt (C) 11:19.89, 24. Riley Flynn (N) 11:39.22, 25. Ansley Applegate (N) 11:40.56.

Boys 3200 run results

Heat 1: 1. Cohen Levy (C) 9:53.07, 3. Cole Eckstein (GC) 9:58.44, 10. Josh Cate (C) 10:10.54, 11. Isaac Perrin (C) 10:11.52, 16. Ben Meisner (C) 10:18.18, 18. Amory Spence (C) 10:27.14, 20. Neil Adesara (C) 10:29.29, 22. Lucas Mallon (C) 10:38.62, 23. Noah Yoon (C) 10:39.62, 24. Trevor Walton (C) 11:04.18.

Heat 2: 9. Ben Tuckis (HSE) 10:02.20, 11. Bradyn Livingston (N) 10:08.22, 16. Bode Barnes (N) 10:16.10, 21. Josh Moller (N) 10:41.89.

Heat 3: 12. Noah Melton (N) 9:53.57, 15. Caleb Haney (W) 9:54.00, 20. Kale Ormes (F) 9:58.57, 22. Jonathan Albright (F) 10:07.58, 24. Noah Coles (F) 10:11.22.

Heat 4: 5. Jack Rush (N) 9:42.64, 17. Jack Shinneman (N) 9:55.57, 18. Cooper Click (N) 9:56.93, 19. Jude Naville (N) 10:00.10, 21. Nick Vega (HSE) 10:09.91, 22. Bryce Pittman (W) 10:10.18, 23. Carson Ackley (W) 10:11.25.

Heat 5: 8. Zach Flint (C) 9:45.22, 14. Zach Swedarsky (HSE) 9:51.33, 16. Henry Wood (F) 9:53.15, 18. Deklin Bowser (C) 9:55.76, 22. Owen Mohler (W) 10:02.86, 23. Luke Moulder (W) 10:14.29.

Heat 6: 3. Isaac Smith (HSE) 9:24.90, 4. Jack Capes (C) 9:26.19, 5. Will Snedeker (W) 9:26.52, 8. Jonah Kaul (C) 9:28.90, 11. Kiefer Jay (C) 9:31.70, 14. Dylan Wolf (F) 9:38.66, 26. Riley Schamp (HSE) 10:34.61.

Heat 7: 5. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:19.06, 10. Jack Strong (N) 9:22.03, 13. Nate Thomas (F) 9:24.34, 15. Ty Conner (W) 9:27.08, 23. Ronnie Neal (N) 9:44.71, 24. Luke Moster (GC) 9:46.11.

Heat 8: 4. Banner Barnes (N) 9:06.60, 6. John Libs (N) 9:08.18, 9. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:11.86.

HSE cruises past Lawrence Central; Golden Eagles split conference series

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern baseball team cruised past Lawrence Central 11-1 Monday in a five-inning game at Ken Seitz Field.

The Royals scored a run in the first inning; Cy Cole batted in Maddux Bach with a single. Southeastern put up six runs in the second inning, then added another run in the third, two in the fourth and one more in the fifth.

Clark Bucher hit an RBI triple in the fourth inning.

Bach finished a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate and scored four runs while driving in another two. Parker O’Steen had two hits and two RBIs, with Michael Hoog scoring two runs. Tyler Sarver pitched four innings for the win, with seven strikeouts against two hits.

The Royals are 6-10 and host Fishers tonight for the first game of the Mudsock series.

Guerin Catholic split a Circle City Conference series with Heritage Christian to start the week.

The Golden Eagles won the first game 13-6 on the road. Guerin Catholic never

trailed, leading 2-1 after one inning and 4-2 after three innings. The Golden Eagles scored three runs each in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Daulton Phillips hit a three-run home run in the sixth inning, while Grant Beard, Carson Kail and Kam Smith all hit one double. Smith scored four runs and drove in two, with Kail also batting in two runs. Tate Troxell got the pitching win, striking out eight over five innings and allowing two hits.

Guerin Catholic lost the second game of the series to Heritage 6-4 on Tuesday in a home game. The Golden Eagles went up 3-0 in the first inning: Ben Canada got home when Smith reached on an error, then Beard singled in Ian Taylor and Smith.

Heritage tied the game in the top of the second inning, then went up 5-3 in the third. A solo home run put Heritage ahead 6-3 in the fourth inning. Guerin Catholic got a run in the sixth when Nolan Ratcliff singled in Finn Holden.

Taylor, Smith and Kail all had two hits. Luke Gremel-

spacher pitched six innings, tossing five strikeouts.

The Golden Eagles are 3-2 in conference play and 8-6 overall. Guerin Catholic plays at Mount Vernon Thursday.

Westfield fell to Center Grove 7-5 in a Monday game.

Both teams scored two runs in the first inning; the Shamrocks’ Drew Law singled in Jake Russell and Matt Drozlek. The Trojans put up three runs in the second inning and two more in the third to lead 7-2.

Westfield got two runs back in the bottom of the third, with Nick Fero batting in Russell and Drozlek. Lincoln Hoffman scored on an error in the fifth inning, but Center Grove held on for the win.

Ethan Colling hit a double. Aiden Grabowski pitched three innings, striking out four.

The ‘Rocks are 10-4 and begin a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series with Noblesville Thursday at the Millers’ Don Dunker Field.

University fell to Lapel 10-7 in a Tuesday away game.

The Trailblazers scored two runs in the first inning: Ryan Castetter got home when Cooper Burnett drew a bases-loaded walk, then Cooper Cammack scored when Beckett Suh was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

The Bulldogs scored a run in the first inning and

took a 3-2 lead in the third inning. Castetter cracked a two-run home run in the fourth inning, also scoring Phillip Jacobs, who led off with a double.

Lapel added two runs in the bottom of the fourth to lead 5-4. The Bulldogs scored three runs in the fifth, but University tied it up in the sixth inning: Suh doubled in Griffin Wright, then Frankie Steiner sent a two-RBI single into right field, scoring Suh and Caleb Stocker. The Bulldogs added three runs in the bottom of the sixth and held on from there.

Wright and Castetter both hit doubles, while Jacobs was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate. Castetter and Suh both had two hits. Castetter went 3.2 innings, striking out 10.

The Trailblazers are 7-8 and host Cardinal Ritter on Thursday.

Sheridan dropped a Monday game at Frankton 18-5 in five innings.

The Eagles scored 10 runs in the first inning. The Blackhawks rallied in the second inning with four runs, starting with Chance Spencer’s double to bring in Isaiah Garrett. Dayne Voegel was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, scoring Austin Hinshaw. Caleb Alexander hit a single to bring in Spencer and Braelan Bochner. Alexander scored a fourth-inning run when Hinshaw reached on an error.

Sheridan is 2-8 and plays at Traders Point Christian this afternoon.

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IBCA

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coach at Ben Davis, then served from 2002 to 2022 as IBCA executive director. Jeanie Witty was a registered nurse who upon retirement became Steve’s administrative assistant. Jeanie passed away in April 2023 after serving the IBCA for 18 years.

The Witty Scholarship awards go to student-athletes who are the child of a current-year IBCA-member

coach who plans to pursue a career in education/coaching or something in a medical field such as a physician, physician’s assistant, nurse or medical technician. This award was started in 2024, and 2025 is the second year for it.

“These are deserving young people who help make coaching a great profession,” Witty said of the 40 winners for 2025.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 30
BASEBALL
Sheridan at Traders Point Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Logansport, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE
Cathedral at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Mason (Ohio) at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Noblesville at Culver Academies, 7:30 p.m.
Warren Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Carmel Invitational, 3 p.m. at Woodland Country Club

SOFTBALL
Cathedral at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

TENNIS
North Central at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK
Westfield and Indpls. Washington at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at New Palestine, 6 p.m.
Franklin Central and Roncalli at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Delta, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
Bishop Chatard at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Brownsburg at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

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Motorsports



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Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 to pace 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge

Submitted by IMS

The 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 – capable of 233 mph, the highest top speed of any car ever made in America by an auto manufacturer – will lead the field to the green flag for the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 25 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Designed for speed and performance, the Corvette ZR1 is up for any challenge, and the exterior and interior of the Corvette ZR1 will be on full display as the car fulfills responsibilities on and off the track.

Michael Strahan, a Pro Football Hall of Fame member, two-time Daytime Emmy Award winner, longtime FOX NFL Sunday analyst and Good Morning America co-host, has been named honorary Pace Car driver and will pace the field of 33 drivers in the Corvette ZR1 to start “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

“Chevrolet is proud that the 2025 Corvette ZR1, our fastest Corvette ever, will be the Official Pace Car for the 109th Running of the Indianapolis 500,” said Scott Bell, global Chevrolet vice president. “With a top speed of 233 mph, the Corvette ZR1 is the perfect fit to lead the Indy 500 field to green.”

The Corvette ZR1 delivers 1,064 horsepower at 7,000 rpm from a 5.5L twin-turbo V8, which is the most power ever from a factory Corvette and the most powerful V8 ever produced in America from an auto manufacturer. For Pace Car duty, the ZR1 is equipped with the Carbon Aero package, including dive planes on the front bumper, under-

body aero strakes and the rear wing, which creates more than 1,200 pounds of downforce at top speeds.

The Corvette ZR1 achieves incredible acceleration – capable of zero to 60 mph in 2.3 seconds before rushing through the quarter-mile in 9.6 seconds at 150 mph, making it the quickest Corvette ever.

Arctic White exterior paint and Jet Black interior accents pair nicely with the Indianapolis 500 logos on the Pace Car. The jewel tone, emerald green and gold of the logo are highlighted in racing stripes and additional exterior design elements. Carbon fiber wheels complete the car’s iconic, race-ready look.

“As we anticipate another iconic Indianapolis 500, we are once again excited to have the incredible American sports car Corvette pacing the field,” IMS and INDYCAR President J. Douglas Boles said. “The race car-like performance of the Corvette ZR1 makes it the perfect car to pace the Indianapolis 500, and the distinctive sound of the Chevrolet V8 engine will echo brilliantly inside the walls of IMS.”

Corvette is the longest-running car nameplate in automotive industry history, so it’s no surprise Corvette has paced “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” more times than any car. The 2025 race marks the 36th time for Chevrolet to pace dating back to 1948 and the 22nd time overall, all since 1978, for America’s favorite sports car.

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Softball

Rocks walk off Millers, 7-6

The REPORTER

The Westfield softball team scored a walk-off victory over Noblesville 7-6 Tuesday in a home all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Both teams scored two runs in the first inning. The Millers’ Brooklyn Grayson scored on an error, then Delaney Rundle got home on Reese Newsom’s RBI groundout. In the Shamrocks’ turn at bat, Sofia Easterhaus led off with a double and later scored on Chloe Tanner’s base hit. Annika Lawrence got home on Cam Pulice’s RBI groundout.

Rundle batted in a second-inning run, sending Faye Hostetler home with a left field hit. Noblesville led 3-2 until the third inning, when Westfield put up three runs.

Easterhaus tied the game, scoring on Tanner’s RBI groundout. Makayla Watson got home on a wild pitch, then Lawrence scored on a passed ball, putting the ‘Rocks ahead 5-3.

The Millers took the lead back in the fourth inning. Grayson and Neveah Nash both got home when Rundle reached on an error, then Reese Newsom singled in Rundle to put Noblesville on top 6-5.

In the seventh inning, lead-off batter Watson was hit by a pitch. Ava Kainrath batted her in with a center field hit. Tanner then stepped up and sent another single to center field, bringing in Kainrath and clinching the victory for Westfield.

Kainrath was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, while Easterhaus went 3-for-4. Tanner had two hits, while Reese Mahannah hit a triple

and Kainrath hit a double. Mackenzie Delph got the pitching win in relief.

Rundle and Haley Schatko both had two hits for Noblesville. Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game, striking out 12.

Westfield is unbeaten in HCC play at 3-0 and is 7-4 overall. The Shamrocks travel to Yorktown on Thursday. Noblesville is 3-1 in the conference and 9-3 overall; the Millers host Cathedral this afternoon.

Noblesville, now ranked No. 5 in Class 4A, dropped a 6-3 game to 3A No. 1 New Palestine Monday at the Dragons’ field.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning; Nash scored for the Millers on Grayson’s RBI groundout. New Pal led 3-1 after four innings.

Noblesville got a run back in the top of the fifth; Grayson smacked a center field triple to send Rundle home. The Dragons scored three times in the sixth inning for a 6-2 lead. Rundle hit a triple in the seventh inning, then scored on a Grayson single, but New Palestine held on from there.

Zapp hit a double, with Rundle and Grayson both getting two hits.

Guerin Catholic got two shutout wins to start the week.

First, the Golden Eagles took care of Warren Central 6-0 in a Monday home game. Guerin Catholic started with two runs in the first inning: Kate Brady went home on Lucy Kemp’s sacrifice fly, then Anna Mauch singled in Madi Cain.

Jillian Davis hit a two-

RBI single in the third inning to score Kemp and Mauch. GC put up two more runs in the fifth inning: Kemp got home when Ava Augustinovicz reached on an error, then Augustinovicz scored on Davis’ RBI groundout.

Augustinovicz pitched a complete game, striking out 11 and allowing only two hits.

Guerin Catholic won a 16-0 game at Lafayette Central Catholic on Tuesday. Mauch hit a two-run home run in the second inning, while Brooklyn Fritsche hit a second-inning triple. Augustinovicz was 4-for-4 at the plate, with Kemp going 3-for-3, including two doubles. Mauch also hit a double and totaled four RBIs. Kemp and Augustinovicz scored three runs each.

The Golden Eagles are 6-4 and play this afternoon at Hamilton Heights.

Hamilton Heights split a pair of games to begin the week.

On Monday, the Huskies lost to Yorktown 10-8 in a nine-inning home game. Heights led 2-1 after the first inning; Lily Cash smacked a home run into center field, also scoring Kamryn Rhoton.

Both teams put up four runs in the fifth inning. McKenzie Jackson cracked a center field double to bring in Rhoton and Ava Snelson. Isabel Morrow singled in Heather Crays with a left field hit, then Melanee Forrester’s single scored Abby Morrow and put Heights ahead 6-5.

The Tigers tied the game with an RBI single in the sixth inning. Yorktown went up 8-6 in the top of the eighth, but Rhoton

blasted a center field homer, also scoring Hailey Hall and tying the game at 8-8. But the Tigers scored two more runs in the ninth and got the win.

Jackson and Forrester both had three hits, including two doubles for Jackson. Hall and Cash both had two hits.

Heights came back on Tuesday to beat Northwestern 12-3 in a Hoosier Conference road game.

The Huskies scored two runs in the first inning. Cash singled in Hall, then Cash was batted in by a Jackson single.

The Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the first, but Heights took over after that. Taya Trosper sent Kenley Scott home with a sacrifice fly in the second inning to tie the game at 3-3. The Huskies took the lead for good in the third inning, with Morrow batting in Jackson and Crays for a 5-3 lead.

Heights added three runs in the third inning. Trosper scored when Rhoton reached on an error, then Crays hit a two-RBI single to score Rhoton and Jackson.

In the sixth inning, Rhoton led off with a double, then was sent home by Jackson’s base hit. Jackson later scored on a passed ball. Crays got home on Scott’s RBI fielder’s choice. Finally, Rhoton hit a solo home run in the seventh inning.

Jackson and Crays both went 3-for-3. Rhoton also hit a double. Crays struck out eight in a complete-game effort.

Heights is 9-5 and hosts Guerin Catholic this afternoon.

College Signing

Cordero signs to play soccer for Indiana University-Columbus

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Noah Cordero has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Indiana University-Columbus in Columbus, Ind., this fall. IU-Columbus is a member of the River States Conference and a NAIA athletic institution. He is the son of Lindsay Gibson and Miguel Cordero.

It was the small campus and meeting Coach Kevin Nolan that made Indiana University-Columbus Cordero’s pick to continue his education and play soccer at the next level.

Cordero, who also played basketball for two years, was named to the 2024 All-Conference Soccer Team and earned an MVP Award for Hamilton Heights High School Soccer team. He plans to earn a general business degree with a focus on sales.

Playing soccer his entire life and being a member of a club soccer team helped Cordero develop his skill and technique as a player.

“I have played at the club level with Indy Fire for three years and am currently in my fifth year as a member of the Indiana Impact Soccer Club,” he said.

Cordero credits his mother, Coach Collin Luckey, dad, stepdad, and grandparents for his devel-



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights senior Noah Cordero signed a letter of intent to join the Indiana University-Columbus Crimson Pride soccer team this fall. Cordero (seated) is pictured with (from) Nate Gibson (stepfather), Lindsay Gibson (mother), and Miguel Cordero (father).

opment as a student-athlete on and off the field. When not in class or on the field, he enjoys golf, photography, and video games.

“Very few players have the passion and love for the game that Noah Cordero has,” Hamilton Heights Boys Soccer Coach Collin Luckey said. “He is always striving to get better and

was willing to do whatever it took for the team to succeed. He faced adversity throughout his career, but never let it truly affect him. I couldn’t be prouder of his work ethic, passion, and ability. He is leaving a massive hole behind, but we are excited to watch him continue his soccer career.”

“Noah has dedicated

a lot of time to the sport of soccer since he was a youngster,” Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden added. “His tremendous soccer skills are a true testament to that dedication. We are proud that he gets an opportunity to continue the sport he loves at Indiana University-Columbus.”

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