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Get a sneak peek of ongoing improvements at Fairgrounds

Renovated Expo Building & Llama Barn scheduled to open June 1

The REPORTER

Local leaders and community supporters got a sneak peek at the newly renovated 4-H Exhibition Building and Llama Barn on Monday, April 28. The project marks the first major upgrade to the site in over 25 years.

The improvements are part of Phase One of a three-phase redevelopment plan designed to modernize and expand the 40-acre campus. The newly renovated buildings are scheduled to open to the public and be available for use beginning June 1, expanding the fairgrounds' ability to host large-scale events and year-round programming.

"These improvements will provide accessible public space for more community events, support the Hamilton County Extension, agricultural and life science industries, provide world-class learning space, and act as a catalyst for economic development for the City of Noblesville and Hamilton County," Purdue Extension Hamilton County Director Susan Peterson said.

Construction firm Skender oversaw renovations to the 24,000 square-foot Exhibition Center, which includes a new roof, new flooring, new restrooms, and improved audio/visual capabilities. Hagerman Construction oversaw the Llama Barn renovation, which includes 2,117 square feet of additional space, new restrooms and catering prep area, large air fans, heating and cooling upgrades, and improved audio/visual capabilities.

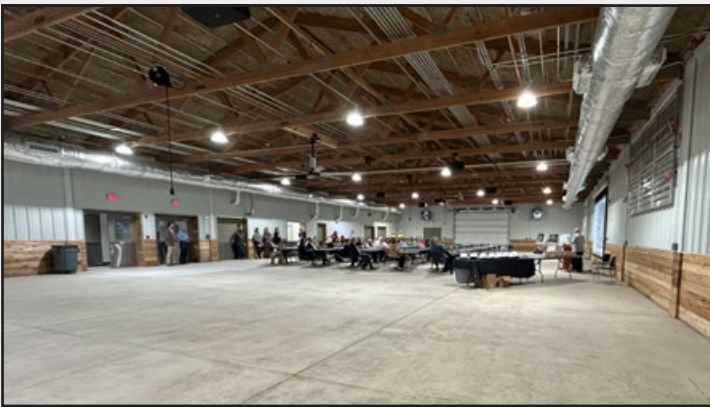
The Hamilton County Council and Board of Commissioners committed \$15 million toward the first phase.

"The County understood the need for a long-overdue investment in this vital community asset," County Council President Sue Maki said. "We saw this as an opportunity to not only support 4-H but to create a high-impact venue that brings lasting value to Hamilton County residents."

A signature piece of Phase



Hamilton County Commissioners, Council members, and Purdue Extension Hamilton County officials took a look at the new Llama Barn and Exhibition Hall on Monday.



One is the new Bicentennial Pavilion, set to open in time for the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, set for July 17 to 21. The Pavilion replaces the O.V. Winks and Annex Buildings, which had to be removed for the Pleasant Street expansion. Details on a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be announced soon.

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Hamilton Heights High School names March/April Coffee Bean Award recipients

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for March/April. They include Jolie Garcia, Matthew Lynas, Audrey Meyer, Ace Miller, and Lincoln Pratt.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month,

the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community within the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. You can send a nomination by visiting our Student Services page at hs.hhschuskies.org.



Hamilton Heights High School's March/April Coffee Bean Award recipients are (from left) Lincoln Pratt, Matthew Lynas, Audrey Meyer, Ace Miller, and Jolie Garcia.

Campbell Family Foundation & Tipton Main Street announce partnership for new performing arts stage at Downtown Plaza

The REPORTER

The Campbell Family Foundation (CFF) and the Tipton Main Street Association (TMSA) have announced a naming rights partnership for TMSA's new performing arts stage at the Downtown Plaza through a three-year, \$15,000 sponsorship from the Campbell Family Foundation.

The performing arts stage, constructed through TMSA's Project Rosebud, will officially be named the "Campbell Family

Foundation Stage."

CFF's generous commitment marks the single largest private financial commitment to TMSA in its eight-year history. This historic investment in TMSA will support community events at the Plaza that foster a vibrant, family friendly atmosphere and spark local economic activity through music, arts, and culture.

"We chose to sponsor the performing arts stage at the Downtown Plaza because we



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Campbell Family Foundation

believe in the transformative power of the arts to unite people of all ages," CFF President Christy Conaway said. "This stage will provide a platform for creativity and connection across our diverse community, enriching the cultural fabric of our town. Through this initiative, we aim to inspire, uplift, and create lasting memories for everyone who participates."

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Photo provided by Amy Shankland

Unexpected blooms

Long time readers know that I'm mostly a cheerful, positive person. But the past couple of weeks have thrown some sadness my way, to where I haven't felt like being my enthusiastic self.

In fact, Wednesday morning, I had to call my best friend Stacey after attending a viewing of another friend, Gina, from my church.

Gina was just a couple of years older than me. I couldn't stop the tears. Nor could I halt the feelings of regret that washed over me. I hadn't visited Gina in the hospital when I had the chance.

I told Stacey that I just didn't know how I was going to continue going about my day. I knew I had a lot of work ahead, including an online meeting later that afternoon. I couldn't imagine talking to anyone or even attempting a smile.

When I woke up earlier that morning, I had prayed for God to comfort Gina's family and friends, help me, and give me some strength. By 11 a.m., after returning home from the viewing, I felt numb and empty.

While I was still on my back deck, I smelled what I thought was lilacs in my neighborhood. I remembered that scent from Monday. It made me wonder, was it lilacs, or could my lily of the valley be in bloom already at the front of my house? Due to our rainy Tuesday, I hadn't checked.

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Heroes need a little

help sometimes

By STU CLAMPITT

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The Heroes Club annual fundraiser will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at the 3UP Rooftop, 201 W. Main St., Carmel. The Reporter spoke to Heroes Club Communications Director Bob Russell about the work this relatively unknown organization does for first responders serving the Carmel community.

"The Heroes Club provides financial assistance and resources for the fine women and men of the Carmel Police Department, the Carmel Fire Department, as well as members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police who serve the city of Carmel and Clay Township," Russell told The Reporter.

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Additional phases of the project are contingent on additional funding but could include construction of a 20,000 square-foot Show Arena, two iconic silos marking the entrance, and the replacement of aging outdoor structures. Supporters of Purdue Extension and 4-H are seeking additional donors to help fund these next phases and continue the momentum. For more information, contact friends.ofhamcoextension@gmail.com.



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Lily of the valley is my favorite flower, and it was my mother's favorite flower, too. I was thrilled when we moved into our house 27 years ago to see lily of the valley already along the front of our home. I couldn't wait to see them bloom the following May. I was delighted when they popped up right around Mother's Day, which is when they've continued to appear ever since.

When Mom died three years ago, I quietly asked God if He could show me a sign that she was okay. And for the first time ever, I was able to smell the lily of the valley from my own backyard in early May. I'd never been able to detect it from that distance before. I knew this was my sign.

I decided to walk up to see if they were in bloom Wednesday, April 30. There's no way, I thought. I'd never seen them bloom that early. I gasped in delight when I saw that, yes, many of them were indeed blooming – and their scent washed over me. I was in awe. Why were they so early?

Then I smiled. I knew why they were early. God had moved my mother into action to bring me comfort. She knew I'd need to see – and smell – our favorite flower earlier than normal. This time, I had to wipe away tears of joy.

As I type, I'm looking at and smelling my favorite flowers. I shared some with my friend Evelyn when she came over for lunch Wednesday – and we had a

marvelous time. I went on to get so much done that day with a smile on my face and a lighter heart.

I'm done beating myself up. I've already marked my calendar to see how Gina's husband is doing in a couple of weeks. I've learned my lesson to always reach out to the ones I love, and visit if possible, if they're going through a struggle.

Thank you, Mom, for these unexpected blooms. You're still helping me, even from Heaven.

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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The Heroes Club was formed in 1996 by a group of Carmel businessmen who recognized the need to support local heroes and their families in their times of need, especially if they die in the line of duty. Now they also provide supplementary insurance for counseling.

"We've expanded beyond the \$400,000 accidental death policy that we fund – which we believe is the largest in the country – we've expanded the coverages to include mental health benefits for first responders, which is very important right now," Russell said. "We fill in some of the gaps that their own benefits from their departments provide. This is relatively new for us. We just started this year. For the emotional and psychological challenges of such a stressful position, should they need counseling, that's what it is for."

The Heroes Club also helps entire departments with grants in times of financial need.

"In times of budget shortfalls for the departments, they might reach out to us for a grant to cover a budget shortfall for equipment or training," Russell said. "We recently helped fund a new kennel for the Carmel Police Department for their K-9 unit."

The Tuesday event in Carmel is not the organization's only fundraiser this year.

There will also be a polo match fundraiser at Hickory Hall Polo Club, 7551 E. County Road 100 North, Whitestown, on June 20, and a Golf4Heroes fundraiser at Twin Lakes Golf Club, 3200 W. 96th St., Carmel, on Sept. 8.

You can learn more about The Heroes Club online at TheHeroesClub.org, and about particular events at TheHeroesClub.org/events. If you would like to attend the fundraiser on Tuesday, please email Bob Russell at Info@TheHeroesClub.org.

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"Gathering spaces are the heart of a strong community," TMSA Secretary and Promotions Committee Chair Abby Ripberger said. "TMSA is thrilled to partner with the Campbell Family Foundation to help provide a space to foster creativity and the arts in our downtown. Creativity and innovation are two important pillars of a thriving community. We are excited for a summer and beyond full of events for the whole community."

CFF and TMSA will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony during TMSA's Kick-off to Summer Event on June 13.

About Tipton Main Street

Founded in 2017, the Tipton Main Street Association is an Indiana Accredited Main Street organization dedicated to revitalizing and strengthening downtown Tipton as the heart of the community. Through collaborative partnerships, innovative projects, and a deep commitment to showcasing Tipton's heritage, TMSA fosters a vibrant and family-friendly downtown, striving to enhance quality of life, support local businesses, celebrate the city's cultural identity, and ensure that the city remains a place where people live, work, and thrive – today and for generations to come.

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Ivy Tech Community College names new president

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

Martin “Marty” Pollio will be the 10th president of Ivy Tech Community College, the public postsecondary institution announced Wednesday.

Pollio on July 1 will succeed Sue Ellspermann, who announced her retirement in June 2024 after nearly a decade at Ivy Tech.

Pollio served as superintendent of the Jefferson County Public School District in Louisville, Ky., since 2017. He received a Doctor of Education degree in education leadership and organizational development in 2012 from the University of Louisville. Pollio received an undergraduate degree

from Indiana University and a master’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

The college says its board’s decision followed a national search process that engaged faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community stakeholders from across Indiana. Pollio was recognized for his focus on workforce readiness and academic excellence. A presidential search committee and executive search firm Isaacson, Miller helped with the process.

Ivy Tech has more than 200,000 students at 19 Indiana campuses and online.

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Pollio

Resignation, lawsuit highlight clashes over Christkindlmarkt

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

As the sights, sounds and shops of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt drew nearly 10,000 visitors a day in 2024, the behind the scenes of the Christmastime market would soon drive away its CEO of eight years, Maria Adele Rosenfeld.

“This board does not want me in this role ... I have been excluded from key decisions ... My leadership as CEO has been undermined,” Rosenfeld told the market’s board of directors in a resignation letter obtained by News 8.

The resignation comes

the same week a former Carmel Christkindlmarkt Inc. board member, Susan McDermott, filed a lawsuit against the Carmel city government and Republican Mayor Sue Finkam.

The mayor in October replaced McDermott, first appointed by Finkam in January 2024, and another board member, claiming they weren’t promptly providing financial information.

The lawsuit claims the mayor removed the two from Carmel Christkindlmarkt Inc. so the market could adopt a new operating agreement handing more control to the city.

Republican Carmel Com-

mon Council member Jeff Worrell told News 8 that McDermott “claims and is adamant she did everything she was asked to do. When I ask Mayor Finkam about that, I get answers that are unclear.”

McDermott’s removal also led off a list of grievances Rosenfeld noted in her resignation letter.

Rosenfeld’s letter says, “I was excluded from discussions regarding the termination of two board members and the appointment of new board members. I knew nothing about those changes until after they happened.”

Rosenfeld declined News 8’s request for an interview.

Following the may-

or’s October shakeup of the board, the City Council formed an [Affiliate Review Committee](#) to examine the market’s operations. But, Worrell worries, it’s been too focused on financials, while the market’s dysfunctions seem to stem from soured relationships.

“Something broke down a year ago, and we are where we are now because of that,” Worrell said.

The council member went on to describe the committee’s findings thus far as “one-sided,” saying it appears to be concentrated on tackling issues the mayor is

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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 149

In my more than 12 years as superintendent at Hamilton Heights, I’ve witnessed the ever-changing landscape of education – but one constant remains: the unwavering innovation, imagination, and limitless opportunities that continue to shape the experiences of our students. Every day across our district, remarkable moments unfold – bold ideas take root, creativity flourishes, and new pathways emerge to inspire and empower the next generation.

For example, the district’s Sandbox was buzzing with excitement as students in the Construction Trades Education (CTE) program displayed their skills in a hands-on demonstration last week. Under the guidance of CTE instructor Kevin Sheets, students displayed precision, problem-solving, and industry knowledge –



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

reinforcing the importance of workforce readiness and skill development in high school. The showcase highlighted Heights’ commitment to equipping students with practical tools for suc-

cess beyond the classroom. This was made possible, in part, by one of the district’s incredible partners, Chris Wooldridge of Bobcat Indy North, who provided the heavy equipment for this demonstration. Thank you for your time and investment in our students.

Today, May 2, is School Lunch Hero Day. I want to give a heartfelt shoutout to the dedication and hard work of our food service staff for their efforts in nourishing our students and our school community. These remarkable individuals rise early, prepare nutritious meals, and create a welcoming environment where every student is cared for.

Beyond serving food, they serve kindness – with warm smiles, thoughtful accommodations, and a commitment to ensuring every child feels supported. Whether behind the serving line or engaging with stu-

dents, their presence makes a meaningful impact each day.

Your dedication keeps our schools running, our students fueled, and our community strong. Thank you!

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. We can never express enough gratitude to our educators for the impact they have on our students. Day in and day out, they inspire, mentor, challenge, and support students – helping them grow academically and personally. From sparking curiosity to shaping futures, our teachers play a vital role in empowering young minds and building a foundation for lifelong learning. Their influence extends far beyond the classroom, creating connections, instilling confidence, and fostering a love for knowledge that lasts a lifetime.

Thank you for the passion, dedication, unwavering commitment and difference you make in the lives of every student.

Next Wednesday, we shine a special spotlight on School Nurse Day, recognizing the dedication and compassion of the extraordinary nurses who serve our students and staff every single day. Our school nurses do far more than administer care – they are trusted advo-

cates, compassionate caregivers, and health educators, ensuring the wellbeing of our entire school community. They are the first line of support when students aren’t feeling their best, offering comfort, expertise, and reassurance. Through their work in prevention, outreach, and education, they promote health and wellness, making a lasting impact on the lives they touch.

Thank you for keeping our schools, students, and communities safe and thriving.

Fore! Registration is open for the 36th annual Golf Scramble hosted by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF). Plan to spend a relaxing day on the green with friends and colleagues while supporting the work of this outstanding organization on Thursday, June 5 at Bear Slide Golf Course in Cicero.

[Click here](#) to register to play or be a sponsor. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Nawla Williams named new Hamilton Southeastern Fishers Academy director

Submitted by
HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools has announced Nawla Williams as the new Director of the Hamilton Southeastern Fishers Academy (HSFA).

Williams, who has served as Senior Academic Dean and currently as Dean of Students at Fishers High School, brings more than a decade of experience in academic intervention, school counseling, and behavioral management. She succeeds Brandon Cloud, who was recently named

the district’s new Director of Career and Technical Education.

“Nawla Williams has demonstrated incredible dedication to students and staff throughout her career,” Superintendent Pat Mapes said. “Her expertise in developing impactful academic interventions, work-based learning experiences for students, combined with her extensive background in student counseling, makes her the ideal leader to drive the continued success of HSFA.”

Launched in August 2017, HSFA provides personalized academic interventions and workforce opportunities for high school juniors and seniors, collaborating closely with Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School. The program creates individualized learning plans tailored to students’ unique academic, social-emotional, and career readiness needs.

“I am deeply honored to serve as Director of the Hamilton Southeastern Fishers Academy,” Williams said. “HSFA sets itself apart from other alternative school programs in Indiana by emphasizing

workforce learning alongside academic support. I am committed to ensuring our students have every tool they need to achieve both academically and professionally.”



Williams

Williams earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology with a minor in social work and criminology from Middle Tennessee State University, a master’s degree in education with a specialization in school counseling from Indiana University and completed the Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals (EPPSP) at Butler University. She is also in the process of obtaining her LMHCAA licensure.

Williams is a proud mother of three graduates of HSE Schools and has lived in Fishers since 2007. Her appointment was officially approved by the Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees during a special meeting on Tuesday morning. She said she is honored to continue serving the community her family calls home.

For more information about the Hamilton Southeastern Fishers Academy, visit [hsechools.org/academics/academy](#).

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Hamilton County Tourism listed among 2025 Best Places to Work in Indiana

The REPORTER

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce named Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. to its **Best Places to Work in Indiana list** for the sixth year. Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. placed ninth in the overall rankings for the Small Company category, which was announced at the 2025 Best Places to Work in Indiana Awards Dinner on April 30.

The statewide awards program evaluates organizations that voluntarily participate and honors those that earn high levels of employee satisfaction and engagement in the workplace.

“At Hamilton County Tourism, we believe that

when people feel valued and supported, they do their best work,” Hamilton County Tourism President and Chief Executive Officer Karen Radcliff said. “Our team’s passion and purpose in the workplace is what drives our success in promoting Hamilton County, Indiana. This recognition is truly a reflection of the positive culture that has been built within this organization through the years.”

Companies from across the state participate in a two-part survey process to determine if they are a Best Place to Work in Indiana. The first part evaluates each company’s workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems, and demo-

graphics and is worth approximately 20 percent of the total evaluation score.

The second part surveys employees to measure their experience in the workplace. The Employee Feedback Survey is worth approximately 80 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determine the top companies and final rankings. Workforce Research Group manages the overall registration and survey process in Indiana.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Indiana program, visit [Best-Places-to-WorkIndiana.com](#).

About Hamilton County Tourism

Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a nonprofit, destination management organi-



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zation that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than five million visitors to Hamilton County each year. Learn more at [VisitHamiltonCounty.com](#).

Sheridan Elementary celebrates Earth Day with special guest from IDEM

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) joined schools across the state last week in celebrating Earth Day.

Sheridan students received a special visitor from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) as a part of IDEM’s annual Earth Day presentation initiative. April Lashbrook from IDEM’s Office of Legal Counsel spent time with the kindergarten class, sharing insights about the environment and how even the kids can help protect it.

During the presentation, Lashbrook explained IDEM’s mission by helping the kindergartners understand how everyday choices can make a big difference. The students learned not only about Earth Day, but



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

April Lashbrook and SES teacher Lisa Zola first met at Butler University and have remained friends since. Their friendship added a personal touch to the day.

also on the importance of taking care of the environment.

SES was one of more than 280 classrooms across Indiana to take part in IDEM’s Earth Day program this year. The initiative reached over 15,000 Hoo-

sier students.

Sheridan appreciates IDEM for allowing the kindergarten classrooms to be a part of this initiative and show that it is never too early to start making a difference.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

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interested in talking about.

McDermott’s attorneys, the city, and Finkam declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Rosenfeld’s resignation letter went on to suggest the current board holds multiple conflicts of interest, including Carmel Chief Financial Officer Zac Johnson being appointed to the board in December.

Finkam commended Rosenfeld’s tenure in a statement and said the city is looking for an interim and long-term CEO.

“With planning for this year’s event already underway, we remain committed to honoring the market’s legacy while embracing new opportunities to enhance and grow this cherished tradition for years to come,” the statement said.

The council will hear the review committee’s latest report at its regular meeting Monday, May 5.

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Basile Westfield Playhouse announces 2025-26 season lineup

Submitted
Main Street Productions at the Basile Westfield Playhouse has announced the six new shows for its next theatrical season, running from September 2025 through July 2026.

This upcoming season features a bold and varied selection of productions that span musical cult classics, Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, romantic comedy, haunting true crime, and whimsical adventures.

2025-2026 Season Lineup

The Rocky Horror Show (Sept. 25 to Oct. 5, 2025), directed by James H. Williams, kicks off the season with a high-energy cult classic that invites audiences to “do the Time Warp again” in a celebration of rock, camp, and chaos. In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker and a creepy butler. Through elaborate dances and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a muscular man named “Rocky.”

Death of a Salesman (Nov. 13 to 23, 2025), directed by Kelly Keller, brings Arthur Miller’s Pulitzer Prize-winning story of shattered dreams and strained family ties to life in a powerful and emotional performance. The story revolves around the last days of Willy Loman, a failing salesman, who cannot understand how he failed to win success and happiness. Through a series of tragic soul-searching revelations of the life he has lived with his wife, his sons, and his business associates, we

discover how his quest for the “American Dream” kept him blind to the people who truly loved him.

Almost, Maine (Feb. 5 to 15, 2026), directed by Kat Watson, offers a tender, magical look at love and loss under the shimmering Northern Lights in a series of vignettes full of heart and humor. Almost, Maine is a place that’s so far north, it’s almost not in the United States. It’s almost in Canada. And it’s not quite a town, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it almost doesn’t exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend – almost – in this delightful midwinter night’s dream.

The Drowning Girls (March 19 to 29, 2026), directed by Molly Bellner, immerses audiences in a ghostly true-crime tale told with poetic flair and eerie elegance. *The Drowning Girls* recounts the story of Bessie, Alice, and Margaret, three of the many wives of George Joseph Smith, an Edwardian opportunist who made a living marrying women, taking out life insurance policies for them, and subsequently drowning them in their baths. Three ghostly brides surface from bathtubs full of water to gather evidence against their womanizing, murderous, husband by reliving the

shocking events leading up to their deaths. As they make their case, they discover how they have been victimized not only by George Joseph Smith, but also by society at large.

The Secret Garden (May 28 to June 7, 2026), directed by Andrea Odle, brings Frances Hodgson Burnett’s enchanting classic of children’s literature to the stage in a lush musical about transformation, grief, and the healing power of nature. Orphaned in India, 11-year-old Mary Lennox returns to Yorkshire to live with her embittered, reclusive uncle Archibald and his disabled son Colin. The estate’s many wonders include a magic garden which beckons the children with haunting melodies and the “Dreamers,” spirits from Mary’s past who guide her through her new life, dramatizing *The Secret Garden*’s compelling tale of forgiveness and renewal.

Alice in Wonderland (July 16 to 26, 2026), a summer youth production directed by Amber K. Roth, rounds out the season with a fantastical journey down the rabbit hole, perfect for the whole family. Join Alice as she discovers the magic of Wonderland. “Curiouser and curiouser” animals speak in riddles, nonsense makes sense, and the adventures of young Alice reveal her pluck, intelligence, and imagination. It is a more delightful place for the audience than for Alice, who is trying desperately to get back home

with help from the Mad Hatter, the Rabbit, and the Cheshire Cat.

Looking ahead, the Playhouse also offered a sneak peek at the start of its 2026-2027 season, which begins with two powerful productions that reflect the fire and warmth of the human spirit:

The Crucible (Oct. 8 to 18, 2026), directed by Brent Wooldridge, revisits Arthur Miller’s searing indictment of hysteria and integrity in a time of fear. Widely considered a masterpiece, this timeless classic challenges American ideas of power, intolerance, and justice. In the Puritan community of Salem, Massachusetts, a servant girl accuses a farmer’s wife of witchcraft. One accusation spirals into many, uncovering a web of bigotry and deceit that changes their lives forever. Among the most produced plays since its 1953 debut, *The Crucible* is both a gripping historical drama and an evergreen parable of contemporary society.

It’s a Wonderful Life: The Radio Play (Dec. 3 to 13, 2026), directed by Ryan Schmitt, transforms the beloved American holiday classic into a 1940s radio studio broadcast, bringing nostalgic charm and heart to the stage. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

Season tickets for the 2025-2026 season go on sale Aug. 1, 2025. For tickets and more information, visit BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org or follow Basile Westfield Playhouse on social media.

OWN luncheon to feature dynamic women leaders shaping Hamilton County

The REPORTER
Business and community leaders are invited to join OneZone Chamber for an exclusive OWN Luncheon, where four dynamic women who are shaping the future of Hamilton County will take center stage. This special event will feature insights from:

- Rebecca Carl, Chief of Staff for the City of Carmel
- Danielle Carey Tolan, Chief of Staff of the City of Westfield
- Sarah Reed, Community Development Director for the City of Noblesville
- Megan Baumgartner, Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Fishers

Attendees will gain valuable perspectives on leadership, economic growth, and community development while networking with fellow professionals in an engaging luncheon setting.

About the speakers

- **Rebecca Carl**, Chief of Staff for the City of Carmel, brings expertise from over 14 years at Indiana University Bloomington and leadership roles at IU Health and Clarian-Arnett Health. Her impact spans education, healthcare, and public service.
- **Danielle Carey Tolan**, a fifth-generation Westfield resident and Deputy Mayor, brings a legacy of leadership, strategic planning, and civic engagement. She was named the 2021 Indiana Township Trustee of the Year and recognized as a 2023 IBJ Woman of Influence for her contributions to

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public service.

- **Sarah Reed**, a seasoned urban planner and Community Development Director for the City of Noblesville, has played a pivotal role in major city initiatives such as Innovation Mile and The Arena at Innovation Mile. She recently received the Ivan H. Brinegar Municipal Management Award for her leadership in public service.
- **Megan Baumgartner**, as the Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Fishers, has led business engagement, redevelopment projects, and strategic planning to position Fishers as a hub for innovation and growth.

This luncheon offers a unique opportunity to hear firsthand from influential women driving progress across Hamilton County. Attendees will learn about key regional developments and gain insights into leadership and economic impact.

The OWN Luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 4 at 502 East Event Centre, 502 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel. Member benefits apply and tables are available exclusively for OneZone members.

For more information and to register, visit OneZoneChamber.com.

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Westfield Farmers Market kicks off May 8

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The highly anticipated 2025 season of the Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy, will kick off on Thursday, May 8, running 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

This year’s market will feature over 60 local vendors, offering a diverse selection of fresh produce, locally sourced meats, artisanal honey, jams, baked goods, handcrafted items, and much more. Popular new and returning vendors include Heritage Homestead Farms (chicken, beef, pork), Wild Loaf (bread), Tulip Tree Creamery (cheese), and Shining Waters Farm (produce).

The market will also expand upon its popular themed nights, including 1970s Night, LIV Golf, Indy 500, Sensory-Friendly Night, and more. Additionally, live music will

return to the Market, giving local musicians a platform to showcase their skills.

Mayor Scott Willis will ring the opening bell to kick off the inaugural market.

“We are excited for another fantastic Farmers Market season down at Grand Junction Plaza,” Mayor Willis said. “It brings new energy to our downtown, supports our local growers and artisans, and gives families a reason to come together and enjoy everything our community has to offer.”

Due to State Road 32 construction, there are two other ways to access Grand Junction Plaza:

- 1. If coming from U.S. 31, exit the Poplar Street/Shamrock Boulevard roundabout to the south and park at the temporary



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parking lot near Poplar and Park streets.

- 2. If accessing while heading north, take South Union Street to Mill Street.

Attendees are encouraged to re-view traffic flow updates regarding the 32 Connects project impacting travel on State Road 32 before planning their visit. [Click here](#) for access to suggested detour routes.

Complimentary shuttle service to and from the Park Street parking lots west of the Westfield Washington Public Library will be available to attendees.

To learn more about the Westfield Farmers Market, including a lineup of weekly vendors and a full list of theme nights, visit westfieldin.gov/westfield-farmers-market.

Indiana529 launches ‘Faces of 529 Day’ Contest

Submitted by Office of Treasurer Daniel Elliott

Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott announced Thursday the Indiana529 Faces of 529 Day Contest to celebrate National College Savings Plan Day on May 29 (5/29).

Indiana529 will award five winners with a \$529 Indiana529 account deposit for sharing a photo of who they are saving for during the month of May.

To enter the contest, individuals 18 years of age or older must upload a photo of who they are saving for and complete the entry form at myindiana529.com/529day by 11:59 p.m. on May 29. Five individuals will be randomly selected from all eligible entries to win a \$529 Indiana529 account deposit.

“This is a great opportunity for five families to receive a little boost to

their future education and career training savings,” Treasurer Elliott said. “Families get a chance to show off their little Hoosiers and we help support their dreams.”

Indiana529 provides families with flexibility and choice when it comes to saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or qualified apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, equipment, and fees.

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



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

“Our hope is to raise awareness of Indiana529 with this contest,” Program Executive Director Marissa Rowe said. “We can’t wait to add \$529 to five new or existing accounts.”

For full contest rules and to enter, visit myindiana529.com/529day. For more information about Indiana529 Savings Plans, visit myindiana529.com.

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One wrong step: why fall prevention must be a public health priority

Just one wrong step can change a life. It doesn't take much – a bit of clutter on the floor, a misjudged step, or a slight slip in the bathtub. For older adults, a simple fall can lead to serious injury, loss of independence, and a cascade of life-changing consequences that impact not just individuals, but families and entire communities.

According to 2020 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one in three older Hoosiers – 30.8 percent – reported experiencing a fall. Unintended falls and their resulting injuries are among the top three reasons older adults in Indiana visit emergency departments. Even more concerning, these injuries are a leading cause of long-term care admissions, significantly altering quality of life and placing emotional and financial strain on care-



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givers and health systems alike. The good news? Most falls are preventable – and it's time we start treating them that way. At the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community (CAC), we believe fall prevention must be proactive, not reactive. That's why we're bringing Stepping On – an evidence-based fall prevention program – to the greater Indianapolis area. This work reflects UIndy's broader commitment to age-inclusivity, recently affirmed by our designation as an Age-Friendly University. We're proud to be part of a global network of institutions intentionally working to support older adults through education, research, and community engagement. Stepping On is a seven-week workshop designed to empower older adults to build strength, improve balance, and reduce

their fall risk through small, sustainable lifestyle changes. Led by two trained facilitators, each session covers topics such as fall risk assessments, home hazards, medication review, and balance exercises. Studies show that participants reduce their fall risk by up to 31 percent. Best of all, the program is offered free of charge to all participants. But awareness remains one of our greatest challenges. Despite the data, the success stories, and the clear benefits of programs like Stepping On, many older adults and their caregivers simply don't know these resources exist – or don't realize how vital they are until it's too late. Fall prevention doesn't just protect physical health – it helps preserve independence, confidence, and dignity. Thanks to a partnership with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, we're turning fall prevention into a public health priority. Anthem's support goes beyond coverage – they're helping bring evidence-based

programs like Stepping On to older Hoosiers, ensuring they have the tools to reduce fall risks. This collaboration highlights Anthem's proactive role in safeguarding the independence and quality of life of Indiana's older adults. A single misstep shouldn't define the future for our older adults. With proven programs like Stepping On, we have the tools to turn prevention into action – and risk into resilience. The next seven-week workshop begins May 12, and participants must attend the first session to be part of the program. We encourage those who are eligible – or who know someone who might benefit – to take the first step toward a safer future. To learn more about Stepping On, contact UIndy CAC Project Coordinator Becky Fee at (317) 791-5930 or feer@uindy.edu. Emily D. Tisdale serves as the Executive Director at the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community.

Cicero library to hold seminar on preventing falls

Submitted
Partners and Friends of the Hamilton North Library will present "Slip, Trip and Falls: How to Prevent Them" from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 in the Jenkins Room at the Hamilton North (Cicero) Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero. Do you know the No.

1 call for most fire departments is for assistance because someone has fallen? Jim Ginder from the Hamilton County Health Department and the Cicero Fire Department will teach you how to prevent falls and what to do if you do fall. This is a free event. Snacks and drinks will be served.

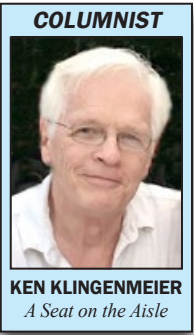
Meijer's baby gear recycling event returns after strong community response

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Meijer will once again offer customers the opportunity to drop off unneeded, expired, or damaged baby items, including car seats and strollers, May 4 to 17 for a redeemable mPerks code. The retailer had a successful inaugural event last fall, during which more than 13 tons of gear was recycled. "We know spring is a time when many families are looking to declutter and refresh their homes," Meijer Merchandise Director Marlys Roberts said. "That's why we're excited to bring back our baby gear recycling event – giving customers a convenient, responsible way to recycle unneeded or damaged baby items. By participating, they not only make space during spring cleaning but also help reduce landfill waste and earn rewards through mPerks.

It's one more way we're creating value for families and sustainable solutions in our communities." To participate in this event, customers should bring eligible items to a designated area at their local Meijer supercenter, near the customer service desk located at the front of each store. Participating customers will receive a redeemable offer code they can use in their mPerks account to receive 25 percent off baby gear. This coupon can be used two times during the redemption period from May 4 to 31. The redeemable mPerks code allows participating customers to purchase baby gear, specifically car seats, booster car seats, strollers, travel systems, bassinets, and play yards at a discount. To learn more about the event, including qualifying items and mPerks details, [click here](#).

Have one of THOSE bosses? Go see 9 to 5

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) closes its very successful 2024-25 season with 9 to 5 – The Musical. Based on the popular 1980 film, which featured the original title song by Dolly Parton. Ms. Parton wrote the songs and lyrics for the musical, which



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opened on Broadway in April, 2009. ATI's version, with well-crafted direction by Suzanne Fleenor and musical direction by Ginger Stoltz, is a highly entertaining offering. Starring Judy Fitzgerald as Violet, Abigail Storm as Doralee, and

Devan Mathias as Judy, the show is a funny and tuneful tale of three women who have had enough of their "sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot" boss, using some extreme methods to take over their workplace and install changes that turn the company into a dream employer. All three actresses are fantastic in their portrayals. ATI co-founder Ms. Fitz-

gerald is terrific leading the way as the passed-over-for-promotion-AGAIN Violet. Abigail Storm's Dolly-infused Doralee is a hoot of a country girl, and Ms. Storm has all the sassy bravado down pat in her winning turn. Devan Mathias' Judy finds herself in uncomfortable new territory as she manages her personal

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539 BC



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

Ezra 1:2-4

740 BC




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.

Isaiah 45:1

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Indiana Grown members showcase 9 to 5

Hoosier-grown products at exhibition

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Indiana Grown, the state's local agricultural marketing initiative, held its second annual Indiana Grown Showcase on Tuesday, highlighting over 75 local vendors, Indiana businesses, and artisans to encourage food distributors and procurement specialists to buy local.

"The Indiana Grown Showcase was a great opportunity for chefs and restaurants to learn more about the local food opportunities and to support these food entrepreneurs," Governor Mike Braun said. "It was a pleasure to meet so many great Indiana Grown businesses and as an entrepreneur myself, I especially enjoyed hearing their stories of triumph and success."

In addition to the Governor the event also boasted Indiana's Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Agriculture, Micah Beckwith. Lt. Governor Beckwith said he was excited to see Indiana Grown in action.

"Our office had a wonderful time at the Indiana Grown Showcase," Lt. Gov. Beckwith said. "Indiana Grown is all about celebrating what makes our state special – hard-working entrepreneurs, quality local products, and a strong community that supports each other. This event really brought that to life. It's amazing to see the dedication and passion be-



One of the dozens of Hoosier vendors at Tuesday's Indiana Grown Showcase was Jennifer Wiese, owner of Bee Free in Noblesville. Learn more at BeeFreegf.com.

hind these businesses, and events like this remind us why buying local matters."

This curated event was designed to connect local Indiana businesses with distributors, food industry professionals, K-12 food service directors, buyers, local retailers, grocers, and chefs. During the event attendees networked with local businesses who want to expand and grow their wholesale and retail partnerships.

"This was a phenomenal event for Indiana businesses to get in front of buyers," Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb said. "It's always great to see the faces behind some of the best products in Indiana."

Featured items included beef, bison, baked goods, seasonings and spice blends, honey, body care products, craft spirits and much more all created by Indiana Grown members.

"Because of events like the showcase, Indiana Grown members are able to put their hard work on display," Indiana Grown Director Caroline Patrick said. "Today's showcase was an incredible platform to celebrate and highlight the dedication of Indiana's hardworking businesses while creating connections with potential buyers."

Learn more about Indiana Grown at IndianaGrown.org.

life-changes with comic, then accomplished tones. These three blend their voices in many numbers and are a pleasure to watch and to hear.

One can't help but remember Dabney Coleman's defining characterization in the film as egomaniac boss Franklin Hart Jr. In this production, J. Stuart Mill aptly provides an outrageous Hart in full misogynist glory. In a performance full of physical and facial comedy, Mill is a strong descendant of the original.

Featured roles are provided by Cynthia Collins as lovelorn Hart-admirer Roz Keith and Tim Hunt as sincere Violet-admirer Joe. A well-balanced troupe of ensemble members completes the cast.

Some highlights for me include Ms. Collins' hilariously over the top "Heart to Hart" and Devan Mathias' heartfelt "Get Out and Stay Out." Both are showstoppers in my book.

The set by Jay Gantz, costumes by Guy Clark, plus wigs and makeup by Drew Bryson all add much to the impact of the show. Carol Worcel's choreography is lively and crisp.

Bottom line: 9 to 5 – *The Musical* is a bit of fluffy entertainment – a far-fetched fantasy that details what some people



Photos by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

(From top) Judy Fitzgerald as Violet, Abigail Storm as Doralee, and Devan Mathias as Judy.

might like to do to some bosses. No doubt, in the '80s it represented a turn toward "woman-power" and some very necessary changes that were needed. Although some of that impact has been shed, the story is still about a persistent glass ceiling and wage equality which remains a challenge today. And ATI does a wonderful job telling that story in a remarkable way.

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

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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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Westfield students slime teacher to celebrate fundraising in Indiana

By JETT ZWEIGEL
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A messy but meaningful celebration took place at Shamrock Springs Elementary school in Westfield Wednesday.

Students got the rare chance to slime Christine DeCraene, their physical education teacher, all in the name of heart health. The school says it's their reward for leading a schoolwide effort as part of the **American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge**. In total, a little more than 400 students raised over \$62,000. That's the highest total of any school in Indiana.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/westfield-students-slime-teacher-to-celebrate-fundraising-in-indiana.



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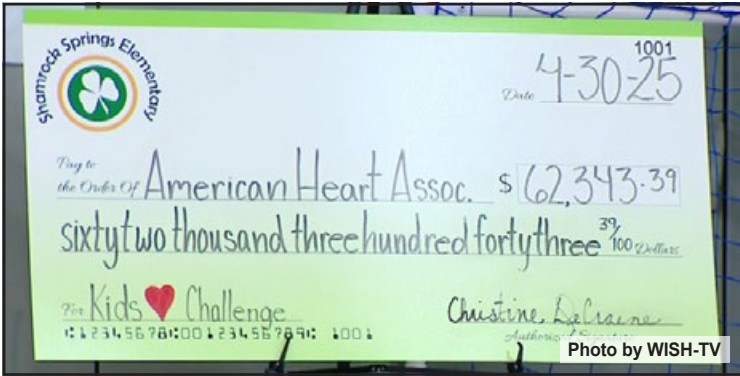


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Westfield students learn dining skills during IU Kokomo etiquette meal

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What do you do if your job interview includes dinner?

About 40 juniors from Westfield High School and Mississinewa High School are prepared for this possibility after attending an etiquette luncheon at Indiana University Kokomo held last Thursday, April 24.

Event Services Specialist Stephanie Herschberger walked students through an elegant meal from soup to dessert, served on china with cloth napkins and multiple forks, spoons, and other utensils.

“You need to know how to present yourself,” she said. “What can we do to be sure we are putting our best selves forward?”

The Office of Admissions played host to the event, offering students an experience that blended college exposure with professional skill-building.

“As these students prepare to enter their senior year and begin the college and scholarship application process, the experience offered them practical tools to help them stand out,” said Angie Siders, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management. “IU Kokomo is committed to supporting students in every step of their journey, and this event reflects that ongoing dedication. The event was designed to equip students with the knowledge and confidence to navigate formal dining settings, enhance



Photo by Mike Glassburn / IU Kokomo

IU Kokomo Admissions played host to an etiquette lunch for high school students on April 24. Event Services Specialist Stephanie Herschberger led the group and explained table settings and etiquette.

both their social and professional skills. It also served as an opportunity to introduce prospective students to the campus and the opportunities it offers for their future.”

In addition to dining skills, students learned that being professional extends beyond the classroom and includes interviews, networking events, and everyday interactions. For some, it was their first chance to tour a college campus and begin considering life beyond high school.

“Most importantly, it gave students a sense of belonging, confidence, and connection, elements that are crucial for success in both the academic and professional environments,”

Siders said.

Students were seated at round tables, with places alternating between schools so each student sat by someone he or she had not met before. An IU Kokomo student sat at each table, serving as table host and getting conversations started.

Herschberger circled among the tables, answering questions and sharing additional tips about how to eat soup properly, how to lay down silverware to let a server know you are done eating, how to butter bread, how to pass dishes, and how to know what silverware to use.

Nervous giggles broke out when she instructed them to butter only the bite of bread they are about to eat, rather than the whole piece,

but she offered reassurance.

“It’s OK, we’re learning here,” Herschberger said.

Westfield High School Assistant Principal Matt Putman said the event prepares students for future success.

“The skills our students learned at the etiquette luncheon make them more prepared to be life ready,” he said. “It had a huge impact on our students. Besides learning dining skills, they had conversations with other individuals they did not know.”

The etiquette luncheon was funded with a grant from the IU Kokomo Women of the Well House, the campus’s philanthropic giving circle.

[Click here](#) to see photos from the luncheon.



Photo provided

En Pointe Indiana Ballet Senior Joey Moore earns professional contract

Submitted

En Pointe Indiana Ballet pre-professional dancer Joey Moore soon will be packing his bags for Kansas.

The Noblesville 18-year-old signed a 2025-2026 traineeship contract with **Kansas City Ballet** based in Kansas City, Mo. He has been studying classical ballet since the age of 10 at En Pointe Indiana Ballet. He trains more than 30 hours a week while also homeschooling and working in tandem towards a bachelor’s degree online through Excelsior University, where he will graduate June 2025.

Moore said he is honored to receive a professional contract from the Kansas City Ballet, which was offered after just a few months of an extensive audition tour across the United States. He noted that several companies extended offers, but the Kansas City Ballet felt like the perfect fit and a place where he could continue to grow in his artistry.

Under the artistic direc-

tion of **Mr. Devon Carney**, Kansas City Ballet is one of the most prestigious ballet companies in the U.S. and features a very competitive hiring process. The company has fewer than 20 trainees, while thousands audition annually.

Moore’s pre-professional student career highlights include paid guest roles in several ballet performances across the country, top placements in competitions like **Youth American Grand Prix (YAGP)** and numerous invite-only and audition-only ballet summer intensives including European School of Ballet and the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre.

“This is a dream come true,” Moore said. “As a small child, I remember watching my aunt and uncle, **Pollyana Ribeiro** and **Robert Moore**, perform as principals at prestigious companies in Boston, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco. They have been my biggest

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‘Marquis Who’s Who’ honors Adam C. Coons, CFA for expertise in investment management

Submitted
Adam C. Coons, CFA, has been selected for inclusion in *Marquis Who’s Who*.

As in all *Marquis Who’s Who* biographical volumes, individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility, and prominence in a field are all taken into account during the selection process.

A distinguished financial expert in Carmel, Coons has been the chief investment officer at Winthrop Capital Management since 2024. In this role, he manages insurance assets for various insurance companies, oversees assets for life and annuity companies and directs the corporate strategy. His expertise in insurance asset management is widely recognized, contributing significantly to the firm’s growth from four employees managing over \$150 million to 30 employees managing \$10 billion.

Prior to his current position, Coons was a portfolio manager at Winthrop Capital Management from 2013 to 2024. During this period, he honed his skills in asset management and played a pivotal role in expanding the firm’s portfolio. His strategic insights and leadership were instrumental in achieving substantial growth and success for the company.

Before joining Winthrop Capital Management, Coons worked as a commodities trader at Infinity Holdings LLC from 2009 to 2013. This experience provided him with a solid trading and market analysis foundation, which he later

er leveraged in his roles at Winthrop Capital Management. His ability to navigate complex financial markets has been a key factor in his professional achievements.

Coons is an active member of the Indiana Actuarial Association, reflecting his commitment to staying engaged with industry developments and trends. He frequently appears on financial news media outlets such as CNBC and Bloomberg,

where he shares his insights on stock prices and fiscal year earnings as a representative of Winthrop Capital Management. Additionally, he contributes to platforms like Bloomberg’s *Daybreak*, further establishing his reputation as a thought leader.

Coons holds a Bachelor of Science in finance from the Kelley School of Business in Indianapolis. He earned the chartered financial analyst designation from the CFA Institute in 2018, underscoring his dedication to professional excellence and continuous learning. His academic background has been instrumental in shaping his career trajectory and success.

Outside his professional life, Coons is actively involved in civic activities as a volunteer with Starfish, demonstrating his commitment to giving back to the community. He is also a proud father of two children and strives to maintain a balanced life while continuing to grow professionally in the asset management business. His resilience, tenacity, perseverance and passion are key attributes that have driven his success and continue to inspire his future endeavors.



Coons

Senator Young pushes DOJ & FTC to protect Americans’ data

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Todd Young

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.) wrote to leadership at the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) expressing the need for the agencies to exercise all available authorities to protect the sensitive genomic information of Americans, including in the bankruptcy proceedings of 23andMe, a personal genomics and biotechnology company that holds the DNA and sensitive information of millions of individuals.

The senators highlighted the attempts by the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and other foreign adversaries to collect this

type of genomic data from Americans and the various ways in which the PRC has used sensitive biometric data for surveillance efforts.

“As the Chinese government has realized, genomic data is incredibly valuable,” the senators wrote. “Biological data is critical to biomedical discovery, particularly when, as here, it contains substantial amounts of personal genomic data. It can be used to create, design, and optimize everything from biopharmaceuticals and medical devices to optimizing AI models for medical applications. The PRC also has demonstrated



Young

a sustained effort to leverage genomic and other biometric data for extensive surveillance; accessing this data – either directly or indirectly – could further enable PRC transnational surveillance, including posing counter-intelligence threats to the United States. In addition, genomic data can be used to create dual-use technologies that, on the one hand, could help create vaccines for diseases, but on the other hand, can be weaponized by our adversaries for malign intent.”

While **applauding the Justice Department’s recent actions** in current proceedings, the senators un-

derscored the need to take more steps to ensure that bad actors are prevented from acquiring Americans’ genomic information, legally or illegally.

The senators continued, “In addition to the Department’s recent filing, and any anticipated CFI-US review, the Department, in conjunction with the Commission and other U.S. agencies as appropriate, must closely monitor the sale or transfer of, or access to, 23andMe’s genomic databank, regardless of whether that activity is in the ordinary course of business, for compliance with all applicable statutes related to national security and consumer protection.”

Click here to read a copy of the letter.

Senator Banks introduces Fairness in Higher Education Accreditation Act

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

U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced on Wednesday the Fairness in Higher Education Accreditation Act.

The bill bars accreditors from forcing colleges to adopt racial or sex-based quotas as a condition of accreditation and requires accreditors to consider a school’s commitment to academic freedom. The bill aligns with President

Trump’s recent executive order, Reforming Accreditation to Strengthen Higher Education.

“Accreditation should be about academic quality, not about enforcing woke quotas,” Sen. Banks said. “My bill puts common sense back into accreditation and defends the principles that make American higher edu-



Banks

cation strong.”

Key provisions

- **Protects academic freedom:** Requires accreditors to respect free inquiry, academic freedom, and First Amendment rights at colleges and universities

- **Blocks diversity quotas:** Prohibits accreditors from imposing standards based on the race, sex, or national origin makeup of stu-

dents, faculty, or staff

- **Empowers schools:**

Ensures colleges can set their own lawful policies without risking loss of accreditation

- **Protects religious institutions:** Exempts religious colleges from free inquiry mandates, respecting their faith-based missions

- **Creates legal recourse:** Allows colleges to sue accrediting agencies that violate these protections

Indiana DNR to hold fifth annual ‘Teddy Bear Camp’ for stuffed animals

The REPORTER

Does your child have a curious stuffed animal who loves adventures, new experiences, and making new friends?

If so, make plans to send it to Teddy Bear Camp May 5 to 16. Hosted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), this “camp” is for

stuffed animals belonging to children ages 5 to 12 who live in Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks, or Boone counties.

During camp, DHPA staff take the stuffed animals to a variety of sites to learn about history, architecture, archaeology, and historic preservation. DHPA staff will then post photos of the visits the division’s

Facebook page and email a digital photo album to parents/guardians along with an Indiana Junior Preservationist certificate.

To participate, complete the registration form and drop it off with your child’s stuffed animal at the Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St., inside the main level doors, on Monday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Tuesday, May

6 from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

The program will conclude with owners picking up their stuffed animals at the same drop-off locations on Thursday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday, May 16 from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

Additional information and the registration form for campers are available at **on.IN.gov/teddy-bear-camp**.

Meeting Notice

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Southeastern Consolidated School Building Corporation will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 at the Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ Central Office, 13485, Cumberland Road, Fishers. The purpose of said meeting is to consider (i) approving the issuance of the Corporation’s First Mortgage Bonds (2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project) in one or more series and documents and matters related thereto, and (ii) conducting any and all other business as may properly come before said meeting. A copy of all of the documents which will be considered is available at the Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ Central Office.

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inspirations. It is so fulfilling to know my hard work has led to my dreams – and the beginning of a professional career in the ballet industry.”

Robert noted he has loved having Moore as one of his biggest fans and a student. Moreover, he saw the ballet spark and potential

in Joey long before he even saw it in himself.

“It has been an amazing journey alongside Joey,” Robert Moore said. “He’s a talented dancer as well as a confident, kind, and strong young man.”

“I am thrilled Joey chose to accept the Kansas City Ballet offer because there is no other place that I would rather him go,” Pollyana Ribeiro said. “Robert and I are so very proud of him and can’t wait to watch him grow as a professional dancer.”

Don’t miss your last chance to see Moore local-

ly before he heads off to his next chapter. Find him in the lead role of Basilio in the beloved romantic and comedic ballet *Don Quixote* May 9 and 10 at Reardon Auditorium on the Anderson University campus. It’s truly a coming-of-age moment, as Moore first danced in *Don Quixote* as a village boy in 2019 and the exuberant character Gamash in 2022. Tickets start at \$10 and can be purchased at **enpointe.yapsody.com**.

En Pointe will partner with **Indy with Kids** for a

free workshop in May for young gentlemen interested in exploring dance. The fun two-hour dance workshop will feature a sampling of dance genres, including ballet, hip hop, contemporary, and more. En Pointe gentlemen dancers, including Moore, will be on hand to demonstrate, talk about their dance journeys, and answer questions. The workshop date to be announced soon via En Pointe’s social media channels.

Learn more about En Pointe at **EnPointeIndiana.com**.



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IU graduate student charged for intimidating IU Board of Trustees

By KODY FISHER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

An Indiana University grad student is facing more than a dozen intimidation charges for sending threatening Christmas cards to members of the IU Board of Trustees.

The Christmas cards demanded that the members use their power to disclose and divest the university from any ties it might have to the killing of Palestinians in Gaza.

Maria McComish is facing intimidation charges in Hamilton County, Monroe County, and Hancock County.

Calls for Indiana University to divest from Israel go all the way back to the protests in Dunn Meadow last April. Court documents say the Christmas cards make those calls to divest illegal because of the language used.

“You have until Jan. 13 to meet these demands or we will escalate to match the severity of the situation. We will not rest until YOU are no longer complicit. Sincerely, The IU Divestment Coalition,” the card read.

Because the cards called the killing of Palestinians a genocide, the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office said the phrase, “We will escalate to match the severity of the situation” meant the cards are threatening to murder the members who

received them.

“That is our interpretation of the letter. We believe the intent was very clear,” said Josh Kocher, chief deputy prosecutor for the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office.

The Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office said the cards cross the line of what is allowed under the first amendment.

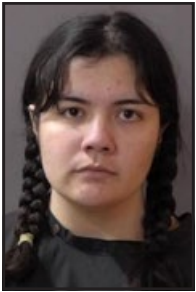
“The first amendment definitely comes in in freedom of speech, but this is not an acceptable expression of political thought or political speech,” Kocher said. “Being free to express and having an open market place of ideas is something that’s very important and a corner stone in our society, but that does not mean that you get to threaten, or intimidate people into doing what you want them to do.”

The judge gave McComish a bond of \$15,000.

McComish’s attorney, Matt Strzynski, did not want to speak with I-Team 8 on camera, but said, “Like any young girl being held, she wants to go home, but under the circumstances, she and her family are doing fine.”

Strzynski added that she has tremendous support from her friends. McComish will be back in court on June 23.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/iu-grad-student-charged-for-intimidating-iu-board-of-trustees.



McComish

Johnny (John) Gregory Owens July 22, 1952 – April 27, 2025

John Gregory Owens, 72, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Riverview Hospital, surrounded by his beloved family. Born on July 22, 1952, in Harlan, Ky., he was the son of George Oscar and Margie Pauline (Lundy) Owens.

John graduated from Noblesville High School in 1971, where he engaged in many clubs and activities including pep and marching band. After graduating, John went on to serve proudly in the United States Air Force. It was during that time he discovered a lifelong passion for technology and automated equipment. After earning technical degrees in automated equipment and machine building, he dedicated his career to the industry, retiring in 2015 from Service Engineering in Greenfield, where his contributions were both respected and valued.

John’s interests included anything technology based, ranging from metal detecting, star gazing with telescopes, and geocaching with his grandchildren, just to name a few. He was an avid gamer, gun enthusiast, and teacher. He always took the time to share his knowledge and educate others, no matter the subject. John was also known for his quick wit and humor bringing levity to any situation-as he would often say “**Always go for the funny.**”

A devoted husband, John, shared 51 wonderful years of marriage with Cathy Owens (Emmert). Together, they built a family filled with love and cherished memories. He is survived by his sons, Justin Owens and Jared Owens (Jessica, daughter in love) of Noblesville; and his treasured grandchildren, Grayson and Eleanor Owens, who brought immeasurable joy to his life and made him “Papaw.” He is also survived by his sister, Joyce Elaine Clark (Mike), and brother, Phillip Owens (Lori) of Maryville, Tenn. He will also be deeply missed by his loyal canine companion, Wrigley, who was his faithful retirement buddy.

John’s extended family, including nieces and nephews Angela Owens and family, Lori Klingler (Lee) and family, Mark Owens and family, Christa Griffith and family, Brian Griffith (Jackie) and family, Joshua Owens, Joseph Owens (Deanna) and family, Zach Clark (Ashley) and family, and Jordan Clark, held a special place in his heart.

John was preceded in death by his parents, George and Margie Owens; his brother, Richard Owens; and his sister, Carolyn Sue Griffith.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses on John’s care team at Riverview Hospital as well as Randall & Roberts Funeral Home for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with a service officiated by Tim Garner to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church Food Pantry, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (wrcc.org/give); or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org/donate).

John’s legacy of kindness, devotion, and integrity will forever be remembered by those whose lives he touched.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE SIN OFFERING

“‘Anyone who cannot afford a lamb is to bring two doves or two young pigeons to the Lord as a penalty for their sin—one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. They are to bring them to the priest, who shall first offer the one for the sin offering. He is to wring its head from its neck, not dividing it completely, and is to splash some of the blood of the sin offering against the side of the altar; the rest of the blood must be drained out at the base of the altar. It is a sin offering. The priest shall then offer the other as a burnt offering in the prescribed way and make atonement for them for the sin they have committed, and they will be forgiven.

Leviticus 5:7-10 (NIV)

The Reporter’s policy on obituaries

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

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— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF TIPTON PLAN COMMISSION CTI-DP-09-25 Cedar Creek, LLC

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tipton Plan Commission, on the 15th day of May 2025, at 6:00 p.m., will hold a public hearing in the Tipton City Building, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:
CTI-DP-09-25 WTD Holdings, Inc., petitioner, Cedar Creek, LLC, owner, requests approval of a development plan to construct a 10,000 square foot storage building on the property located at 601 Beryman Pike, Tipton, Indiana.

The property is more fully described as:
Part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:
Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Quarter (Northwest corner of said East Half) being equidistant and collinear between the Northeast and Northwest corners of the Quarter; thence South 02° 18’ 15” East (assumed bearing) 1892.50 feet along the West line of said Half to the point of beginning; Thence North 88° 14’ 04” East 978.66 feet to the West right-of-way of a railroad marked by a 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence for the following five courses along said Right of Way, South 21° 17’ 51” East 142.55 feet to a 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence Southwest 203.18 feet along a nontangent 564.15 foot radius curve to the right, the radius point of which bears South 89° 05’ 09” West 564.15 feet, through a clockwise central angle of 20° 38’ 08”; thence Southwest 291.98 feet along a nontangent 621.61 foot radius curve to the right, the radius point of which bears North 66° 47’ 59” West 621.61 feet, through a clockwise central angle of 26° 54’ 48”; thence Southwest 231.02 feet along a nontangent 440.04 foot radius curve to the right, the radius point of which bears North 39° 53’ 11” West 440.04 feet, through a clockwise central angle of 30° 04’ 48”; thence South 89° 05’ 36” West 591.31 feet; thence North 02° 18’ 00” West 639.96 feet along the West line of said East Half to the point of beginning, containing , 13.84 acres, more or less.

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. Additionally, comments or objections may be submitted in writing in the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

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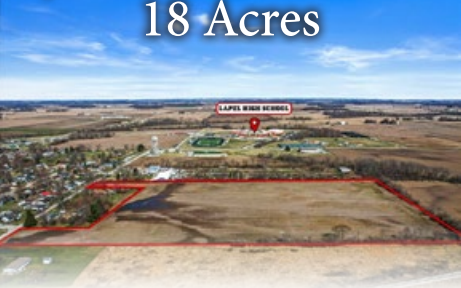
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Girls Lacrosse



(ABOVE LEFT) Guerin Catholic's Gabby Deer scored five goals for the Golden Eagles during their 15-3 win over Brebeuf Jesuit on Thursday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Jane Cline had four goals for the Golden Eagles.

Photos by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic wins on Senior Night

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team won its Senior Night game on Thursday, beating Brebeuf Jesuit 15-3, clinching the Circle City Conference

championship.

Gabby Deer scored five goals for the Golden Eagles, followed by Jane Cline with four goals and Caroline Ford with three goals. Natalie Laughon,

Camy Carter and Ella Capofari all scored one goal.

Deer and Ford both dished out two assists, with Carter, Cline and Capofari each providing one assist. Deer, Ford

and Sophia Galvin all collected four ground balls, with Ford getting seven draw controls. Galvin had three forced turnovers. Audrey Papay made three saves.

Guerin Catholic is 14-1 for the season. The Golden Eagles host Cathedral on Monday, then travel to Culver Academies on Tuesday to finish the regular season.

Westfield-Fishers girls tennis match rained out



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The stage was set for a competitive girls tennis dual meet on Thursday, as No. 6-ranked Fishers traveled to No. 4 Westfield. Unfortunately, the weather got in the way. A rogue lightning strike delayed the meet for nearly half an hour, then a rain shower halted the meet and forced it to be postponed. The two teams will reconvene at Westfield on Monday afternoon. Pictured are the No. 1 singles players for each team, Mischa Briggs of Fishers (above left) and Alexandra Grilloit of Westfield (above right).

Baseball

Tigers beat Royals, stay perfect in HCC

The REPORTER

The Fishers baseball team beat Hamilton Southeastern 6-1 in a Thursday home game for its fourth Hoosier Crossroads Conference sweep of the season.

The Tigers scored two runs in the first inning. Luke Cherry singled in Huston Dunn, then Zander Carnahan scored on an error. The Royals got a run back in the bottom of the first; Michael Hoog led off the inning with a home run.

Fishers scored two runs in the third inning. Deagan Repp got home when Carnahan reached on an error, then Carnahan scored on Jase Ruggles' sacrifice fly. The Tigers added two more runs in the fifth inning; Dunn got home on Trevor

Hall's RBI groundout, then Mayo Fernandez singled in Carnahan.

Dunn and Fernandez both had two hits; Dunn had doubles both times and Fernandez hit one double. Hayden Werner pitched a complete game, striking out eight.

Hoog and Chase Bradle each had two hits for Southeastern, with Hoog and Kian Kelly both getting one double.

Fishers is 8-0 in conference play and 14-2 overall. The Tigers play road games at Lawrence North at 10 a.m. Saturday, then travel to Harrison for a 6 p.m. game. The Royals are 0-8 in HCC play and 6-12 overall; HSE plays a doubleheader Saturday at Bloomington North.

Millers beat Rocks in HCC series' first game

The REPORTER

Noblesville beat Westfield 11-4 in an HCC game at Don Dunker Field.

The Millers led 5-1 after two innings, then scored three runs each in the fourth and fifth innings to take further control of the game. Christopher Martz hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning. Tanner Miller was 3-for-3 at the plate and drove in four runs, while Cole Schott had two hits, a double and a single, batting in four runs and scoring three.

Aiden Reynolds scored three runs and hit a double. Joe Glander had two hits and pitched five innings for the win, striking out 11. Trevor Corbett threw two no-hit innings to finish the game.

Matt Drozlek had two hits for the Shamrocks, while Ethan Colling drove in two runs. Owen Swinford struck out five in two innings.

Both teams are 4-3 in conference play and continue the series today at Westfield. The Millers are 9-8 overall and the Shamrocks are 10-5.

Hamilton Heights came back to beat Lawrence Central 8-5 in a Thursday home game.

The Bears led 4-0 midway through the second inning before the Huskies began their comeback. Heights scored a run in the bottom of the second: Josh Newton hit a one-out triple, then was batted in by Kyle Michael.

In the third inning, Nick Hulen tripled in Owen Roney, then Levi Chandler hit another triple to score Hulen. Chandler got home on a wild pitch, tying the game at 4-4. Heights went ahead in the fourth inning; Logan Hickman scored after Chandler reached on an error.

Michael batted in Newton for a fifth-inning run that gave the Huskies a 6-4 lead. Lawrence Central scored a run in the sixth inning, but the Huskies got two in the bottom of the sixth: Colt Johnson scored on a wild pitch, then Chandler singled in Hulen.

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Two county student-athletes return to IHSAA Student Advisory Committee

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County high school student-athletes are among the 18 from across Indiana that will serve next year as members of the 2025-26 IHSAA Student Advisory Committee.

University senior Bella Miller Krigger and Fishers senior Grier Swaim are two of the nine seniors beginning their second year with the group. They will be joined by nine juniors; all will receive hands-on leadership experience through

several IHSAA-sponsored events as well as serve as a voice to the IHSAA staff.

Each year, the IHSAA received nominations from school principals on behalf of student-athletes from IHSAA member schools. From that group of nom-

inations, 21 are selected for interviews by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee and returning members of the SAC. From those interviews, nine incoming junior are invited to join the group of nine returning seniors.

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Chandler, Newton and Michael all had two hits. Cohen Boyd hit a double. Kaden Lawson pitched four innings for the win, allowing three no-hit innings for the save, striking out four. Heights is 6-9 and plays at Daleville Saturday.

University defeated Cardinal Ritter 10-0 in a five-inning game Thursday at RoundTripper Academy. The Trailblazers led 3-0 after one inning, then scored four runs in the second and two in the third. University ended the game in the fifth inning when Caleb Stocker scored after Cooper Cammack hit a sacrifice fly. Castetter and Cammack both had two hits, including a triple for Cammack, who drove in three runs. Castetter scored three runs. Charlie Ranek had two RBIs and Beckett Suh hit a double. Finn Steiner and Laine Spears combined for a no-hitter; Steiner got the win with seven strikeouts in three innings. Spears pitched two innings and

struck out four. The Blazers are 8-8 and play a Pioneer Conference game against Seton Catholic this evening. The game starts at 6 p.m. and will be played at McBride Stadium in Richmond. Carmel fell to Center Grove 8-5 in a Thursday away game. Gabe Mathison singled on Jay Stein for a first-inning run, then Jackson Harris batted in Silas Neal in the second inning to give the Greyhounds a 2-0 lead. The Trojans scored a run in the third inning, but the Greyhounds came back with three in the top of the fourth: Stein batted in Nate Steele, Mathison singled Stein home and Parker Heaney brought in Carson Mase with a base hit. That gave Carmel a 5-1 lead, but Center Grove came back with four runs in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth. Stein, Mathison and Heaney all had two hits, with Stein hitting a triple. The Greyhounds are 8-7 and host Avon Friday.

Boys Volleyball

Carmel sweeps Chatard

The REPORTER
The Carmel boys volleyball team swept Bishop Chatard 25-22, 25-17, 25-16 on Wednesday. Sophomore Thomas Kuehl and senior Will Lloyd both hit nine kills, while sophomore Jack Kovak put down eight kills. Kovak also made four total blocks. Junior Shepard Spidel dished out 38 assists. Freshman Max Millay collected six digs. The Greyhounds are 10-7-1 and have won their last three matches. They play at McCutcheon Monday.



(ABOVE) Carmel's Will Lloyd hit nine kills for the Greyhounds during their Wednesday win over Bishop Chatard. (BELOW) Westfield's Carlo Huisden had seven kills and 14 digs for the Shamrocks during their Tuesday match with Cathedral.

sweep, 25-11, 25-10, 25-21. Stats were not available at press time. Noblesville is 7-17 and plays tonight at Southport. The Shamrocks are 15-5 and host North Central on Tuesday.



SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 2

BASEBALL

Sheridan at Covenant Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Westfield, 6 p.m.
University vs. Seton Catholic, 6 p.m. at McBride Stadium
Carmel vs. Avon, 7:30 p.m. at Victory Field

BOYS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 8 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Sheridan vs. Clinton Central, 5 p.m. at Grand Park
Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Cascade, 6 p.m.
Zionsville at Fishers, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Circle City Conference meet, 5:30 p.m. at Guerin Catholic
Carmel boys at Max Truex Invitational, 6 p.m. at Warsaw
Hamilton Heights at Tipton Invitational, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights, Noblesville girls, Westfield at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
University at Park Tudor Invitational, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Kokomo at University, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at North Central, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Southport, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Lincoln Way East (Ill.) tournament, TBD

Saturday, May 3

BASEBALL

Sheridan at Elwood, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Daleville doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Bloomington North, 11 a.m.
Carmel at Zionsville, noon
Lebanon at Noblesville, 1 p.m.
Fishers at Harrison, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Crown Point at Westfield, 11 a.m.
Culver Academies at Carmel, 11:30 a.m.
Lexington Catholic at Guerin Catholic, 1 p.m.
Evansville North at Noblesville, TBA
Fishers at Bishop Dwenger, TBA

GIRLS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.

GOLF

Fishers at Canterbury Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at Chestnut Hills
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Ulen Invitational, 9 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Decatur Central at Noblesville, 10 a.m.
Plainfield at Noblesville, noon

TENNIS

Hamilton Southeastern at Delta Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Carmel at Homestead Invitational, 9 a.m.
University at Whiteland Invitational, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 10 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Carmel at North Central "Sling Em Invite," 10 a.m.
Carmel girls, Noblesville at Kokomo Relays, 11:30 a.m.
Sheridan at Shenandoah, 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit Round Robin, 9 a.m.
Noblesville at North Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
Fishers at Lincoln Way East (Ill.) tournament, TBD

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WISH-TV’s Athlete of the Week: Westfield’s Jake Cesare

By JOSH BODE
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Westfield boys golf’s Jake Cesare was the individual runner-up at state last year and has finished in the top ten at state in each of the past three seasons.

Westfield has a team has been runner-up at state in each of the last three seasons.

This year, both Cesare and Westfield are looking to get to the top of the podium.

“I just want to grow my game,” Cesare said. “I just want to get to that next level, become a professional golfer. Not just that, I just want to become a better person in general. Just show the younger people that you can make it.”

The Cesare family is a big golf family too. Jake’s younger brother Ryan is on the Westfield team this season. Next season, Jake will join his brother Alec, playing for IU on the Hoosiers

golf team.

The bond he’s built with his siblings over golf is something that he cherishes.

“It’s really special,” Jake Cesare said. “It’s really rate to have three guys who are competing at the top of the top game. Alec and Ryan, they both push me to be the best I can be. It’s just really cool.”

“Jake has obviously been in our lineup from day one arriving at Westfield, which is pretty unique,”

Westfield boys golf coach Josh Bryant said. “We don’t have many four-year starters, just with kind of the depth we’ve had.”

Westfield has their next meet at the Ulen Invite on Saturday.

For more on Jake Cesare, watch the video at the following link.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/high-school-the-zone/westfield-boys-golf-jake-cesare-athlete-of-the-week.

Softball—Fast start sends Millers to victory

The REPORTER

The Noblesville softball team got off to a fast start, and that helped send the Millers to a 7-5 win over Pendleton Heights in a Thursday home game.

Noblesville went up 3-0 in the first inning. Delaney Rundle scored the first run on a passed ball, then Reese Newsom singled in Brookelyn Grayson and Addi Emmerson.

The Arabians took a 4-3 lead in the top of the third inning, but the Millers answered with three runs in the bottom of the third. Emmerson tied the game with a run, Grayson scored on a single by Haley Schatko, who scored later in the inning to put Noblesville ahead 6-4.

Pendleton hit a home run in the top of the fifth inning, and Izzy Zapp hit her own homer for the Millers in the bottom of the fifth. Noblesville totaled 11 hits, including three for Grayson and two for Newsom. Addison Retzinger pitched 4.2 innings for the win, totaling seven strikeouts against two hits.

Noblesville is 10-4 and hosts its own invitational on Saturday, playing Decatur Central at 10 a.m. and Plainfield at 12:30 p.m.

Carmel used a strong offense in the early innings to beat Tri-West 12-8 in a Thursday road game.

The Greyhounds scored four runs in the top of the first inning. The Bruins answered with five runs in the bottom of the first, but Carmel put up six in the top of the second inning and was in control from there.

Jayden Kleiner was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and a single. Mia Fleming also hit two doubles as part of a 3-for-4 night. Winni Owens and Megan Pike also hit one double. Carmel had 14 hits as a team.

Kleiner, Fleming, Owens and Avery Klein all batted in two runs. Katherine Warren had two hits. Kleiner scored three runs with Taylor Vietch scoring two. Emily Smith pitched five innings for the win, tossing four strikeouts.

Carmel is 4-12 and hosts Guerin Catholic this evening for a 6 p.m.

all-county game.

Fishers took care of Mt. Vernon 16-4 in six innings on Thursday.

The Tigers led 2-0 after one inning, then put up six runs in the second inning. Fishers had 23 hits and seven doubles, including two for Adrienne Cook as part of a 4-for-5 night at the plate. Cook also drove in six runs. Anna McGrath also went 4-for-5 at the plate, while Cate Summerfield had three hits.

Frankie Jackson, Kendall Jordan, Azstryd Alexander, Rylee Bast and Addie Jones each hit one double. Summerfield, Jordan, Abby Shannon and Cook all scored two runs. Jackson went five innings for the pitching win.

Fishers is 11-5 and hosts Zionsville at 6 p.m. tonight.

Sheridan dropped a 10-7 game to Tri-Central Thursday at Grand Park.

The Blackhawks totaled 22 hits, with eight different players getting at least two hits. Adria Jump was 4-for-5 at the plate, all of them doubles. Mac Smith, Amiyah Doss, Ali Pickard and Lainey Mendenhall all collected three hits, including a double for Mendenhall.

The Trojans led 5-1 after two innings and were up 10-3 in the fifth inning. Sheridan made a comeback in the sixth inning with four runs, but Tri-Central held on for the win.



The ‘Hawks are 1-7 and host Clinton Central this afternoon at Grand Park.

Westfield fell at Yorktown 9-4 on Thursday.

The Shamrocks led 3-1 midway through the third inning. Chloe Tanner hit a two-run home run, also scoring Sofia Easterhaus, then Cam Pulice followed that with a solo homer. Pulice hit a second home run to lead off the sixth inning, putting Westfield up 4-3. But the Arabians scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to win the game.

Sydney Jordan also had two hits, including a double. Mackenzie Delph pitched 3.2 innings, striking out five.

Westfield is 7-5 and hosts Bishop Chatard at 5:30 p.m. today.



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