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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.



HIGH: 75 LOW: 52



Atlanta, start your engines



Photo provided by Jennifer Farley, Atlanta Town Clerk-Treasurer
 The ribbon is cut, the tanks are full, and Atlanta's first gas station is ready to serve customers. Located next to the Dollar General at 29459 State Road 19, the BP station opened Friday. We expect them to do stiff business during the upcoming Atlanta New Earth Festival this September. See more photos on Page 2.

Summer of fun

As a teacher, this is the time of year you think about constantly. These are the days you dream about and long for during the grind of the busy school year. With two little ones and hectic work schedules, the carefree days of summer are truly cherished times.



How often do we wait for what feels like forever and then the time comes, and it passes by so quickly? I often find that my favorite memories and greatest laughs come from mundane things and not the highly anticipated moments.

My goal as I start this summer with my two kids and husband is to just enjoy this time. I want to press pause in my mind and soak up all their littleness. I want to relish this time with them and be OK that we don't have to have a plan every single day. Sometimes that plan is that we stay in our pajamas and just enjoy our home. Another day it might be we walk across the street to play at the playground and enjoy a picnic. I want to teach my kids that they don't need an agenda or cruise director to fill every single moment of their summers. I know people who schedule their kids with camps and fun things throughout the summers, which is great, but by the end of summer, do those kids even feel like they had a break?

I always feel it around the holidays, too, where you plan so much "fun" that by the time it's over, you're so tired and it's a blur. Sure, you had a good time, but some of the best memories were the simple things you did, and the time spent together. The best part of Christmas break is when all the "fun" is over and you get to stay home the week between Christmas and New Year in your pajamas and just hang out with your family.

As I head into our vacation this summer at our favorite place, South Haven, Mich., I want to just relax and have fun. When I think back to our vacation last year, some of my favorite times were spent on the front porch swing at our vacation home just talking as a family, enjoying the bakery, and eating a hot dog on the picnic table at the beach. It is the simple pleasures that truly are the most memorable.

There is a Winne the Pooh quote I've always loved and reminds me of this time of year: "We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun." I hope this is one of those summers I look back on and feel like we rested, laughed, had fun, and made memories.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

Westfield Library Foundation names three Book Writing Contest winners

Nine writers recognized for standout submissions

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) has announced the winners of the 2025 Children's Book Writing Contest. The contest, held in April as part of Library Appreciation week, was open to youth, teens, and adults in Westfield. This year's creative theme was "A Night at the New Library."

In the Adult Category, third place was awarded to *A Night in the Library* by Maggie Hoover. Second place went to *Raccoon Raucous* by Samuel and Mindi Glenn. The first-place winner was *Psst! William Bret, Over Here!* by Karen Reist.

"We are blessed to have such a gem at our disposal," Reist said of the library. "I wanted my story to celebrate this treasure, so I wove a variety of characters into my story, hoping they'll evoke

memories of readers' favorite books and remind readers that our imaginations are limitless."

In the Teen Category, third place went to *Rolling Through the Library* by Kinleigh Bounds. Second place was awarded to *What Happens at Night When the Library is Closed* by Veronica Amaya. The first-place winner was *The Reading Harbor* by Ainsley Hensel, a student at University High School in Carmel, who said, "I wanted to capture the feeling of books being a safe place and the idea that the magic of books is eternal."

In the Children's Category, third place was awarded to *The Library Never Sleeps* by Cole McCrory. Second place went to *A Magical Night at the Library* by London Reichel. The first-place winner was *A Night at the New Library* by Anna Rabadi, a



Photos provided
 (LEFT) Karen Reist won the Adult Category with *Psst! William Bret, Over Here!* (CENTER) Ainsley Hensel won the Teen Category with her book, *The Reading Harbor*. (RIGHT) In the Children's Category, Anna Rabadi won with *A Night at the New Library*. Congratulations to all three authors.

fifth grader at Westfield Intermediate School.

"I was surprised and excited when I heard the news. It was really fun writing my story," Rabadi said.

All three winners in each category will have their books published. In addition to publication, first-place winners will also receive a cash prize. A shelving ceremony will be held to commemorate their work once printed copies are available.

Celebrate cuisine, art & culture at Westfield International Festival

Submitted by City of Westfield

Travel the world without leaving Westfield. Experience the flavors, traditions, art, and more from cultures across the globe at the Westfield International Festival, presented by Centier Bank, from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

Formerly known as Cuisine, Connect, Culture, the newly reimagined Westfield International Festival will feature main stage performances from ICCCI (Lion Dance

and Chinese Folk Dance), Sewa International (Indian Folk Dance), Epiphany Dance Collective (African Dance), and Fuego Nuevo (Tierra y Libertad, Viva la Revolucion). All performances are free and open to the public.

New this year, attendees can embark upon a flavor-packed journey with the Savor & Snack Pass, which unlocks five exclusive tastings from participating food trucks



Willis

and vendors. The Savor & Snack Pass is available online for \$15 in advance or for \$20 at the event.

"Westfield would not be the community I know and love without the rich diversity of the people who have chosen to call it home," Mayor Scott Willis said. "I'm proud to see our city shine as a place where all cultures are welcomed and celebrated."

Children of all ages can enjoy the brand-new, free Explor-

er Zone on the Meadow Lawn, featuring crafts, a global animal adoption station, hands-on cultural activities from the Indianapolis Children's Museum spotlighting Peru, and an exciting live llama meet-and-greet.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in games, crafts, and other cultural traditions, as well as enjoy the marketplace showcasing vendors selling goods from across the globe.

To learn more about the Westfield International Festival or to purchase your Savor & Snack Pass, [click here](#).

Three Heights students earn DoE's certificate of multilingual proficiency

Submitted by Leanne Wood

Three Hamilton Heights High School students, Adrianna Kauffman, Victor Hernandez, and Zayra Pena, have achieved the Indiana Department of Education's Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency. This certificate verifies students' ability to communicate effectively in the professional workplace in both Spanish and English.

To demonstrate their language abilities, students needed to reach at least an intermediate high level in ACTFL's rigorous test of speaking, listening, reading, and writing, as well as a sufficient score on the SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing portion.

Hamilton Heights is very proud of these students and their accomplishment.



Kauffman



Hernandez



Pena

Carmel council forms committee to investigate Christkindlmarkt operations

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

The Carmel City Council on Monday night voted to establish an investigation committee to look into the operations of the annual Christkindlmarkt. The vote was 8 to 0.

This comes as the former

CEO of the market, Maria Adele Rosenfeld, resigned from her role. She says that the board that oversees the market was excluding her from important decisions.

Then, a member of the board, Susan McDermott, filed a lawsuit against the city's mayor. McDermott claims she

and one other member were forcibly removed from the board last year to give more power over the market to the city.

Councilors hope the investigation will give them a better understanding what's going on behind the Christmastime tradition.

Several councilors noted Monday night that the Christkindlmarkt will go on as planned this year.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/carmel-city-council-christkindlmarkt-investigation-committee-formation](#).

May is all about fuel & now so is Atlanta



Photos provided by Jennifer Farley, Atlanta Town Clerk-Treasurer
The store was barely open before happy customers lined up to indulge in the simple joy of purchasing fuel – and snacks, of course – without driving 10 minutes up or down State Road 19. Now if they could just get a couple pizza delivery options . . .

Riverview Health earns recognition as AchieveWELL 5-Star Designated Company

The REPORTER

Riverview Health has received the 5-Star AchieveWELL designation through the Wellness Council of Indiana. The Wellness Council of Indiana developed the AchieveWELL program to assist employers in creating a corporate culture that encourages and supports employee health through workplace wellness efforts. "Our employees' health and well-being are a top priority because our people are our greatest asset, and we recognize that a healthy, happy and committed workforce is vital to our success," said Amy Sheller, Director of Retail Pharmacy

Services and Chair of the Riverview Health Wellness Committee. "Our goal is to promote good health and provide resources to foster a culture of belonging where everyone feels valued and respected."

AchieveWELL meets organizations where they are and guides them to the next level of well-being by using tools, templates and personal coaching to help deliver comprehensive and consistent workplace well-being efforts. AchieveWELL is divided into three levels: 3-Star, 4-Star, and 5-Star. Each level requires a set of standards to be achieved before an organization can



qualify. Riverview Health will be recognized at the 2025 Indiana Wellness Summit, taking place Sept. 11 at Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville.

"Riverview Health's mission is to improve and preserve the health and well-being of those we serve," said Dustin Mikesell, Associate Vice President of Employer Partnerships and member of the

Riverview Health Wellness Committee. "The Wellness Council of Indiana's prestigious 5-Star AchieveWELL designation is a testament to our efforts in recognizing our employees as a crucial part of that mission."

To learn more about the AchieveWELL process, visit wellnessindiana.org. For more information about Riverview Health, visit riverview.org.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer ponders possibility of upcoming recursive investigation loop in Carmel

Dear Editor:

The Carmel City Council on Monday voted itself into an investigative committee to investigate an investigative committee it had previously set up.

Originally, the council created the Affiliate Review Committee "to evaluate nonprofit corporations and community development corporations that are affiliates of the City of Carmel."

It began its work by shutting down the money-losing All Things Carmel and Promote Carmel organizations.

When it appeared ready to investigate how taxpayer funds were used by Christkindlmarkt, the fur flew.

Four officials of the market resigned and gossip had it that big financial shenanigans were being uncovered.

Monday the city council decided to investigate the investigators it had told to investigate waste, fraud and abuse DOGE-like in Carmel.

Next month the council might appoint an investigative commission to investigate the investigative committee investigating the review committee.

And an endless daisy-chain will ensue.

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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Noches Calientes!: classical & contemporary Latin music from Indiana Wind Symphony

The REPORTER

Experience an enthralling concert, *Noches Calientes!*, that artfully weaves together classical and contemporary pieces crafted by acclaimed Latin composers and offers diverse musical genres and styles.

The concert concludes with Dennis Llinás' captivating composition, "Un Cafecito." This piece is more than just a simple pick-me-up; it's an intense

double shot of pure musical espresso that will leave you invigorated.

In addition, the prestigious James B. Calvert Outstanding Music Educator Award will be presented during this concert, recognizing exceptional contributions to music education.

Click here to get your tickets for this 4 p.m. show on Sunday, May 18 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel.

DRIVE 2 DETECT

In partnership with the CheckIt4Andretti Foundation and in honor of its founder, John Andretti, join us for Riverview Health's Drive2Detect! A night of exotic cars, local cuisine and great race-themed experiences, all in a unique atmosphere. Help us in our mission to increase colon cancer awareness and raise funds to provide no-cost colonoscopies and post-diagnosis support to those who cannot otherwise afford it.



Tickets are now available! Simply scan the QR code or visit drive2detect.com to reserve your place. A limited number of VIP Access tickets to meet Jarett Andretti are available only while they last!

May 17, 2025

6:00 to 11:00 P.M.

Motor District Garage Condos
Westfield, IN



Indiana Peony Festival's own lager crafted by Bier Brewery

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

We're just over a week away from the prettiest weekend of the year! We can't wait to see the city of Noblesville bloom into a peony oasis.

Speaking of blooming, we've got more Brunch & Bloom stops to share with you, which are part of our brunch and retail crawl event, held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17. Up next is one of our favorite places to visit, and a friendly neighbor to Seminary Park ... Bier Brewery.

Bier Brewery is located just a hop and skip south of Seminary Park, where the festival calls home. They have been family-owned and operated since 2010. Darren Connor (son) had the passion for brewing and Jerry Connor (dad) believed in him. The Connors started with a small brewing set up, which quickly led to a large brewing set up. Fast forward to now, with almost 100 awards later, Bier Brewery has three locations: 65th Street in Indianapolis, Carmel, and Noblesville.

Fun fact: the Noblesville location has central Indiana's largest two-acre biergarten. This spacious backyard features open seating, fire pits, playgrounds, and even a dog park. What's not to love?

This month, Bier Brewery and the Indiana Peony Festival are thrilled to unveil an exclusive, limited-edition 10th Street Lager can in celebration of the fifth Indiana



Graphic provided

Peony Festival. With both the festival and Bier Brewery calling 10th Street home, it's only fitting to commemorate the occasion with this exclusive release.

Starting Friday, May 16, the limited-edition cans will be available for purchase at the Noblesville location. So while you're on your Saturday Brunch & Blooms crawl, make sure to swing by this stop for an ice-cold lager while you complete your map.

The excitement doesn't stop there. Bier Brewery will play host to the official after-party to the Indiana Peony Festival. From 4 p.m. to close, Bier Brewery will celebrate our sweet state flower with live music, 10th Street Peony Lagers, a decked-out biergarten, and of course – peonies! Pencil this location in as a must-see on May 17, and you won't regret it.

Keep up to date on the latest festival news at IndianaPeonyFestival.com.

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Hamilton County food pantries feed over 32,000 food insecure friends and neighbors in our community.

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Canned Chicken and/or Tuna	Chef Boyardee with meat cans	Helper Mixes
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Canned Fruits	Peanut Butter and Jelly -small jars preferred	Individual Packed Fruit and/or Applesauce Cups
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Oatmeal packs	Pasta Sauce -cans preferred/Pasta Boxes	Granola Bars or Microwave Popcorn

See a full list of local pantries at: HCHfoodbank.org/locations

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Donate food directly at your own mailbox on Saturday May 10th. Donated food will be picked up by your postal carrier that day.

Letter to the Editor

Cicero Fire Chief thanks community for coming to first 'push-in' ceremony

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Cicero Fire Department, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for our Fire Truck Push-In Ceremony on Saturday, May 3, 2025. This marked the first event of its kind for our community, and it was made truly special by the overwhelming support we received.

We were honored to welcome more than 90 attendees, including residents, families, and friends who came out to celebrate this proud moment with us. We are especially grateful to our town officials, county officials, and our neighboring fire departments for their presence and continued partnership. Your support reinforces the strong bonds that make our Cicero community exceptional.

This tradition – a ceremonial “push” of a new fire truck into the station – symbolizes a new chapter for our department and honors the long-standing customs of the fire service. We are excited to place this apparatus into service, ready to respond whenever we are needed.

Thank you again for standing with us and showing your pride in our department. We are proud to serve such a supportive and engaged community.

A special thank you to the Cicero Fire Department Community Organization for providing refreshments for the event. Don't miss out on their annual pancake breakfast on May 10, 2025, from 7 to 11 a.m.

On behalf of our department,

Lance Overholser
Fire Chief
Cicero Fire Department

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Carmel students win awards for Alzheimer's initiative

By BRITTANY NOBLE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Every month, WISH-TV highlights a local school district with "The Morning Bell," a conversation focused on new or exciting programs and accomplishments within Indiana schools.

On Monday, three Carmel High School students joined *Daybreak* to share how they've turned personal pain into purpose after one student, Caiden O'Connell, lost his grandmother to Alzheimer's last August. Now, O'Connell, Wells Wright, and Will Spence are being recognized both in Indiana and on an international stage their powerful project supporting Alzheimer's research.

"My grandmother battled Alzheimer's for over seven years, and in August she passed away," O'Connell said. "As I was going through that, we decided to kind of fight back and make a real impact in the community."

That fight back took the form of a car detailing busi-

ness, which the students launched last June. They spent the summer working with local companies, offering car detailing services to employees and donating 100 percent of the proceeds to the Alzheimer's Association.

"We were just detailing cars, you know, with each other and working hard," Wright said. "Eventually we donated all of it. Then we started spreading awareness about our project as well."

Corporate sponsors stepped in along the way, supporting both financially and with outreach efforts. The students also volunteered at a local memory care center to deepen their connection to the cause.

All their efforts paid off. The team raised an impressive \$20,000 for the Alzheimer's Association.

"We were fortunate enough to raise about \$20,000," Spence said. "We're extremely grateful to everyone who donated to our cause."

Their work caught the attention of DECA, a national organization focused on

business and leadership development for students. The team placed second at DECA's International Career Development Conference in Orlando, which drew more than 25,000 students from around the world.

"We spent a lot of time on our presentation and our paper. We were lucky it went so well," Wright said.

The students participated in "The Longest Day," a signature fundraising initiative of the Alzheimer's Association that leads up to the summer solstice on June 20. The effort is meant to symbolize the long days caregivers and patients endure while fighting the disease.

"It's honestly really easy to get involved," O'Connell said. "We detailed cars. You could run a race. Just do something you care about and use that to make a difference."

What started as a coping mechanism for O'Connell has become something greater for all three students. "It was kind of a way of

coping and getting through it," he said. "But after spending time with other people battling Alzheimer's, it really felt close to home."

Now, the students are preparing to head off to college - O'Connell to Indiana University, and Wright and Spence to Purdue - but they say their commitment to the cause isn't ending.

"Hopefully we can stay connected and still find ways to give back despite our distance," Wright said. "I know me and Will will continue to fight at Purdue."

Their message to others is simple: don't wait for the perfect plan.

"When we started, we never thought we would get \$20,000," Spence said. "Our goal was just a couple hundred. But it snowballed into something bigger."

With heart, hard work, and a few good friends, even high school students can make a global impact.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/education/carmel-students-almzheimer-initiative.

Titanic the Musical: two nights only at the Payne & Mencias Palladium

The REPORTER

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Book, this stunning musical, written by Maury Yeston and Peter Stone, follows the story of the "unsinkable" RMS Titanic and her ill-fated passengers.

From the poorest of immigrants looking for a new life in America, to the elite members of upper-class so-

ciety such as Guggenheim, Astor, and Straus, this epic production with its soaring score captures moments of triumph, tragedy, and heart-breaking intimacy aboard "The Ship of Dreams."

Presented by Actors Theatre of Indiana, *Titanic the Musical* plays for two nights only at the Payne & Mencias Palladium at 7:30 p.m. on June 20 and 21. [Click here](#) for tickets.

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AG Rokita revs up Hoosiers to claim unclaimed property

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

As the engines roar and the excitement builds for the 109th Indianapolis 500, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is waving the green flag for Hoosiers to race over to IndianaUnclaimed.gov and check for unclaimed property. Just like the thrill of crossing the finish line, discovering unclaimed funds can be a victory worth celebrating.

"Let's put Hoosiers in the driver's seat this Indy 500 to reclaim what's rightfully theirs," AG Rokita said. "With hundreds of millions still waiting to be claimed, you might find

enough to buy a round of milk in Victory Lane. Start your engines and search IndianaUnclaimed.gov today!"

AG Rokita offers these tips to keep your assets from going off track:

- Keep a record of all bank accounts and update your address with businesses when you move
- Cash all checks promptly no matter how small and record utility deposit.
- Talk to loved ones about safe deposit boxes or stock certificates to ensure



Rokita

they're claimed Hoosiers can take a pit stop at IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search for their name, family, or business. The process is safe, secure, and simple, with no cost to claim what's yours.

AG Rokita recommends Hoosiers get in the driver's seat and check for these types of property that might go unclaimed:

- Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safety deposit box

contents

- Savings and checking accounts
- Refunds
- Overpayments such as credit card balances, cell phone bills, and DMV payments

Don't let your hard-earned money sit in the pits. Race to see what you could be missing at IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business and you could be the next Hoosier to wave the checkered flag.

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Mario & the Mayors live on stage



Reporter photo

Tuesday night's Hamilton County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner at Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville was very nearly a standing room only event. While "Fireside Chat" is not the debut album by a new band named Mario & The Mayors, this newspaper might be willing to pay for some studio time if they want to at least cut a demo.



Reporter photos

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton County's four mayors gave a "fireside chat" on the progress of their cities, which was moderated by Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman Mario Massillamany. (From left) Chris Jensen of Noblesville, Sue Finkam of Carmel, Massillamany, Scott Fadness of Fishers, and Scott Willis of Westfield. (ABOVE RIGHT) Following the mayors, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz introduced economist Steve Moore as the keynote speaker.



Reporter photos

Among the many smiling faces at Tuesday evening's Lincoln Day Dinner were (top left) Indiana Treasurer Chief of Staff & Legislative Counsel Abhi Reddy and Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott, (center left) Fishers City Councilwoman Tiffany Ditlevson and Hendricks County Republican Party Chairman Philip Clay, (bottom left) County Councilwoman Sue Maki and attorney Ashley M. Ulbricht, (below left) Gaylor Electric CFO Jim Crews, (below center) columnist Melba Kiser, and (below right) real estate broker Matt Witsken.



Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Community Page Survey

We need your help to improve your Hamilton County Veteran Community Page by informing our Military Veteran community on what is going on and how to connect to the resources we need to live a more fulfilled life here in Hamilton County. If you are a member of our local VFW or American Legion Posts, please get your Post information for your events, activities, fundraisers, menu or operating hours, etc to us via this survey 10-14 days in advance so your community may attend. 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

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa 8a-11p,
Su 8a-8p.
Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p,W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F eat in or carry out

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.
Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 9-12, Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5 Su

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p
Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p

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

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm
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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29
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Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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Christmas in June Care Package Drive Bring Your Gifts to the Fishers American Legion to be Wrapped and Packed May 10th at 5pm



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

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

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

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

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Sheridan's Tree of Hope dedication plaque.

Sheridan's Tree of Hope stands tall

By **STEVE MARTIN**
Sheridan Historical Society

Back in 2016, Nick Svendsen, an Eagle Scout, had a project that involved planting an "Indiana Bicentennial Tree of Hope" in a public park in each Hamilton County city or town.

In Sheridan, this young man planted a beautiful tulip tree in our Veterans Park. As you can see from the pictures accompanying this article, what began as a six-foot sapling has so far grown up to be a 30-foot-tall young tree. Not bad for a nine-year growth spurt. In time, we hope the tree may reach 75 feet tall and live to the ripe old age of several hundred years.

Sheridan's "Indiana Bicentennial Tree of Hope," dedicated in April 2016, as a living legacy for future generations, was planted in close proximity to the restored George Boxley Cabin so the Sheridan Historical Society has taken it upon ourselves to be the tree's steward. We give it nutrient supplements in the spring and fall, and drinks of water during dry spells and thanks to that loving



Photos provided by Sheridan Historical Society

care the tree has flourished and adds beauty and shade to our Boxley Cabin and the surrounding park.

The Sheridan Historical Society wants Svendsen to know we still appreciate his gift, and we are doing our best to give it a good, safe, and healthy home. If you are reading this article, Nick, we would love to have

you come back to Sheridan sometime and stop by our museum for a chat and let us take you up to the park for a tree visit. Our museum is located at 315 S. Main St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of greater Hamilton County and we are open on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Ascension St. Vincent Carmel earns 'A' Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group

New grade for Spring 2025 is a national recognition for commitment to patient safety

Submitted

Ascension St. Vincent Carmel earned an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, an independent national nonprofit focused on patient safety. Leapfrog assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 22 performance measures reflecting accidents, errors, injuries and infections, as well as the systems and protocols hospitals have in place to prevent them.

Nearly 78 percent of all Ascension facilities scored by Leapfrog earned either an "A" or "B" Hospital Safety Grade. Additionally,

the composite grade point average for Ascension facilities with Leapfrog grades is 3.1, as compared to the Leapfrog national average of 3.0.

"This recognition by Leapfrog is an acknowledgment of our dedicated caregivers and their steadfast commitment to live out our mission of delivering safe, high quality and compassionate care for all," Ascension St. Vincent Carmel President Chad Dilley said. "We are proud of our team and the exceptional care they provide for our patients, every single day."

"Achieving an 'A' Hospital Safety Grade reflects

enormous dedication to patient safety," The Leapfrog Group President and CEO Leah Binder said. "I extend my congratulations to our Ascension St. Vincent Carmel team, including our leadership, clinicians, staff and volunteers for creating a culture where patients come first."

Leapfrog's Hospital Safety Grade program is a national rating focused exclusively on hospital safety, preventable medical errors, infections and patient injuries. This program is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

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Noblesville Schools announces 2025 Teachers of the Year

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools has named four educators as 2025 Teachers of the Year. The teachers were nominated by their principals and were selected for the honor by a committee of administrators.

The winners are:
Taryn Hassler
Teacher Librarian, Noble Crossing Elementary Elementary winner & overall district winner

Known for creating magical, transformative learning experiences that impact every student and family in her school, Hassler extends learning far beyond the classroom. Her powerful creativity, boundless energy, and passion for interactive learning shine whether she's creating an archaeology dig, leading journeys around the world, planting gardens, transforming her space into a museum, hosting an opera performance, or giving a cooking demonstration. She has reimaged the power of the library to excite students, inspire curiosity, and make connections with the community.

Tricia Schreck
Fifth-grade Teacher, Stony Creek Elementary Elementary winner

Passionate about improvement, Schreck consistently challenges herself and her students to grow in all ways. A collaborative leader and lifelong learner inside and outside her classroom, she is the go-to colleague at her school for advice, support, friendship, and innovative ideas. Relationships matter to her, and when she's not in her classroom building them, she can be found leading 4-H, cheering on students in their extracurricular activities, and being recognized by former students as a favorite teacher.

Dean Mueller
Math Teacher, Noblesville East Middle School Middle school winner

A highly respected leader, when Mueller speaks everyone listens. He masterfully blends math expertise with genuine care and connections to his students, resulting in powerful learning outcomes. He is full of energy, focuses on solving problems, and is quick to try

new professional learning in his classroom and throughout the math department he chairs. When not in the classroom, you can find him greeting students throughout the school or coaching athletic teams, always with a smile on his face.

Samatha Orr
Special Education Teacher, Noblesville High School High school winner

In Orr's classroom every student feels valued, respected, and supported. She serves some of her school's most challenging learners, creating an environment where students can thrive regardless of background or ability. She uses hands-on activities, innovative technology, and creative problem solving to push her students to grow both academically and personally. Whether coaching Unified Sports, working with struggling students, implementing new teaching strategies, or collaborating with colleagues, she approaches every situation with determination and creativity.

The four educators were



Photo illustration provided by Noblesville Schools

This year's Noblesville Schools Teachers of the Year are Taryn Hassler (top right), Tricia Schreck (above left), Dean Mueller (above center), and Sam Orr (above right).

selected to represent different academic levels, with two teachers chosen at the elementary level to reflect the fact that 50 percent of Noblesville Schools teachers are in elementary schools.

One of this year's elementary school winners, Taryn Hassler, was further distinguished as the overall Noblesville Schools district winner.

Selection focused on master teachers who excel at putting Noblesville Schools' mission and vision into action and whose accomplishments align well with the Indiana Department of Education's state Teacher of the Year criteria.

The winners regularly demonstrate the highest levels of quality instruction

for their students and leadership among their peers. They will be honored at a Noblesville Schools recognition dinner in May.

As the overall district honoree, Hassler will also participate in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 700 teachers.

HSE Schools honors top educators to kick off Teacher Appreciation Week

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools kicked off Teacher Appreciation Week by celebrating the district's top educators.

Each year, all 22 schools and three district programs select a Teacher of the Year. From this group, a selection committee reviews the honorees, representing more than 1,200 educators districtwide, to name three level finalists and one HSE District Teacher of the Year.

"These outstanding educators were nominated by their peers for their dedication to academic excellence and for creating classrooms where students feel safe, challenged, and inspired," HSE Superintendent Pat Mapes said. "Great teaching isn't just about delivering lessons – it's about sparking curiosity, building confidence, and forming connections that help students grow in every way.

This year's honorees exemplify those qualities and more. On behalf of HSE, congratulations to each of you on this well-earned recognition."

District and building administrators helped surprise the level finalists at their schools, and a special assembly was held Monday at Fall Creek Intermediate to announce the 2025 HSE District Teacher of the Year.

Get to know this year's finalists through short video spotlights that showcase their passion for teaching and the difference they make every day.

- **Elementary Finalist: Dorothy Wellman**, fourth grade teacher at Sand Creek Elementary
- **Intermediate/Junior High Finalist & HSE District Teacher of the Year: Michael Teal**, fifth-grade STEM teacher at Fall Creek Intermediate
- **High School Finalist: Matt Dunham**, Math Teacher at Hamilton Southeastern High School

Teachers of the Year by building	
BSE:	Casey Gumina, Resource Teacher
CRE:	Callie Owens, Kindergarten Teacher
DCE:	Erin Kivett, First Grade Teacher
FCE:	Andrea Fenchak, Kindergarten Teacher
FES:	Shelby DeBaun, 2nd Grade Teacher
GES:	Stephanie Kelber, 1st Grade Teacher
HPE:	Bethany Williams, Counselor
HRE:	Kayla Schnaus, 1st Grade Teacher
LRE:	Carrie Billman, Art Teacher
NBE:	Ashley Robinson, Kindergarten Teacher
SCE:	Dorothy Wellman, 4th Grade Teacher
SES:	Lori Cushman, Teacher-Librarian
TCE:	Sarah Griffey, 4th Grade Teacher
FCI:	Michael Teal, 5th Grade STEM Teacher
RSI:	Ann Marie Lotridge, 6th Grade STEM Teacher
SCI:	Ben Waltz, Music Teacher
HIJ:	JoyAnn Boudreau, Teacher-Librarian; Lindsey Bradshaw, 7th Grade Science Teacher
FCJ:	Stephanie Dalton, 7th grade ELA Teacher
FJH:	Jennifer Oskay, Resource Teacher
RJH:	Kelsey Acker, Essential Skills ELA Teacher
HHS:	Matt Dunham, Math Teacher; Amanda Cole, Science Teacher
FHS:	Jessica White, Math Teacher; Andrew Jones, Social Studies Teacher
HSA:	Mandy Scott, Student Services Coordinator
PRE:	Allison Funk, CFL Teacher
FOCUS:	Brandy McDowell, Junior High Teacher

Teal will now represent HSE Schools in the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition. He also received a \$500 award from the Hamilton Southeastern Educa-

tion Foundation in recognition of his achievement. Congratulations to all the building-level and program Teachers of the Year for 2024-25. Your dedication, passion, and impact are felt far beyond the classroom.

Sheridan Community Schools celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) believes in the power of transforming lives through education. At the heart of that transformation are the teachers.

During Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5 to 9) SCS is honoring those who inspire, guide, and encourage the students every day.

Teachers are the heart of every school. They spend countless hours committed to student growth, whether they come in early to prepare a lesson or stay late to grade. Teachers are mentors, role models, and leaders in every community.

There are the elementary teachers who plant the seed for learning, the middle school teachers who help that seed sprout, and

then the high school teachers who lead it to a beautiful blossom. Each chapter plays a crucial role in the lives of our young people.

During Teacher Appreciation Week, SCS recognizes not only the hard work of its teachers, but also the heart work. Teachers create safe spaces for students to take risks, be themselves, and celebrate victories.

SCS is grateful for all the dedicated teachers and staff that dedicate their days to shaping the future. The impact of teachers extends beyond the classroom as they are molding the minds of the young people in the district.

Thank you to all teachers for your patience, passion, and persistence. The world is better because of you. Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

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Westfield High School journalists take on Seattle



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Four students from Westfield High School's *The Station* yearbook staff attended the Spring National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle, Wash., last month. The event, hosted jointly by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association, welcomed nearly 3,500 students from across the globe to attend sessions led by media professionals. (ABOVE, from left) Dani Montgomery, Teagan Trent, Victoria Webb, and Lilia Doran made school history as WHS's first-ever group to attend the semiannual event. All four earned Honorable Mention in their individual National Media Contests, placing in the top 10 percent of 873 competitors. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding performance and for representing Westfield on a national stage.

Indiana American Water participates in Drinking Water Week 2025

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water has joined communities across North America in an annual celebration of **Drinking Water Week** (May 4 to 10), a more than 40-year tradition led by the American Water Works Association, highlighting continuous investment into our water systems and providing educational resources to help ensure resilient water and wastewater infrastructure for our customers. "Indiana American Water highlights Drinking Water Week by celebrating our continued commitment to investments that help us provide safe, clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water to our customers," Indiana American Water President Barry Suites said. "Throughout the week, we encourage customers to help protect critical water and wastewater infrastructure through simple measures like rethinking what

you put down your drains, making wise water choices, and more. Using water efficiently can also help reduce water bills."

Suites added that, "Indiana American Water remains committed to effectively addressing local water and wastewater infrastructure challenges, but we can't do it alone. We are proud to work with communities, regulators and all key stakeholders to create a better tomorrow for our customers."

Indiana American Water provides educational resources to customers about topics such as **watershed/source water protection**, conservation and safe disposal of fats, oils and grease through community events and partnerships, bill inserts, and its website under **Water & Wastewater Information**. Indiana American Water customers can also learn more about the quality of their local water by [clicking here](#).

Drinking Water Week FAQs

Where does my drinking water come from? Public drinking water comes from **source water**, which can be surface water, which flows on top of land within a watershed, or groundwater, which is from underground aquifers.

What impacts the quality of my local source water? The quality of your source water depends on local watershed conditions, such as climate, topography, and land use. Here's how you can help **protect the watershed**.

What's being done to safeguard our source water? Regulations and proper land use practices serve to reduce the impact of potential compounds. **Protecting our shared water sources** is a community effort.

Take action during Drinking Water Week

Learn about your local water supply: Understand where your water comes from and the process required to reach your home.

Support conservation: Small actions at home and at work, like reducing water waste and fixing leaks, can have a big impact on preserving resources.

Get involved in community water initiatives: Whether through volunteering or supporting local conservation efforts, every action counts.

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Early morning Noblesville fire contained thanks to smoke detectors & quick action

The REPORTER

Shortly before 4 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, units from the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) were dispatched to the 300 block of Hall Court in response to a reported residential fire.

The homeowners reported being awakened by smoke in their home and were alerted to the fire by smoke detectors sounding in the basement. Upon discovering the source of the smoke, they safely evacuated the home and called 911.

Hamilton County Communications dispatched units from the Noblesville Fire Department, White River Township, and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Upon arrival, first responders observed smoke coming from the front door of the residence. Crews entered the walkout basement and quickly located the fire, which was extinguished shortly thereafter.

Thanks to early detection and the swift response of the homeowners and emergency crews, there were no injuries to civilians or firefighters, and fire damage was limited.

The Noblesville Fire Department reminds all res-



Photos provided by Noblesville Fire Department

idents of the importance of working smoke detectors. Early detection saves lives and limits property damage. If you need assistance with checking or replacing your smoke detector batteries, please contact NFD at thash@noblesville.in.gov.

Senator Jim Banks introduces Veterans Opportunity Act of 2025

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

Last week, U.S. Senators Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) introduced the Veterans Opportunity Act to streamline VA programs that help veterans achieve economic success after serving in the U.S. military by establishing an Under Secretary for Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition.

The Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration would reorganize existing VA employees and programs, not expand the size or scope of VA. It would manage employment, vocational rehabilitation, educational assistance, home loan, transition, and other economic opportunity programs formerly

housed in the Veterans Benefits Administration.

"From their years of service, veterans bring leadership, discipline, and highly transferable skills to civilian employment, they're ready to succeed from day one," Sen. Banks said. "This bill helps veterans transition into civilian life and ensures our heroes have access to the educational and financial resources they've earned."

"Economic opportunity is a key pillar of a successful transition and long-term well-being for veterans," Student Veterans of America National President and CEO Jared Lyon said. "We



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this bill is a vital step in that direction."

Senators Rick Scott (R-Fla.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-N.M.) are original cosponsors of the bill.

Key provisions

- Reorganizes VA to create a new Administration led by a Senate-confirmed Under Secretary dedicated to economic opportunity and transition programs.

thank Senators Banks and Hassan for their continued leadership and urge the advancement of this important legislation. Veterans deserve a VA that champions their full potential, and

like vocational rehabilitation, GI Bill education benefits, VA home loans, and the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) under one roof.

- Requires annual reporting to Congress on performance metrics like claim volume, processing times, and outcomes.

- Includes safeguards that the reorganization will not increase bureaucracy or reduce services to veterans.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

Community News

Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church invites you to gospel concert

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

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

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

Kroger prepares to open new Fishers fuel center

The REPORTER

Kroger will soon offer a new level of convenience to customers in Fishers and an easier way for them to enjoy their Kroger Fuel Points. The grocer will formally open its newest fuel center, an addition to the new Kroger Marketplace on Allisonville Road.

"We invested \$2.7 million and are thrilled with the results," Division Fuel Manager Shenevelyn Ross said. "We're sure, with the new design, Kroger customers will feel the same way. This new Fishers fuel center will be more accessible than the one it replaces, across the street, giving Kroger customers an easier way to save money on fuel and convenience products whenever they're in the neighborhood."

The official grand opening will be at 8 a.m. today, May 7, beginning a week of reduced prices for fuel center customers. From that day through

Tuesday, May 13, those using their Kroger loyalty accounts will receive an additional 20 cents off, beyond savings they have already earned.

Earning Kroger Fuel Points is easy with your digital account or a Shoppers Card.

- Earn one fuel point on each dollar spent on most groceries. Special promotions may boost the available points.

- Earn 25 fuel points for qualifying prescriptions filled by Kroger. (See Kroger pharmacist for details.)

- Loyalty program members are eligible to receive a discount when not using fuel points. Simply scan your loyalty card or enter your Alt-ID to receive a discount of 3 cents per gallon.

The new fuel center at 11673 Allisonville Road will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., offering regular, midgrade, and premium gasoline plus diesel fuel.





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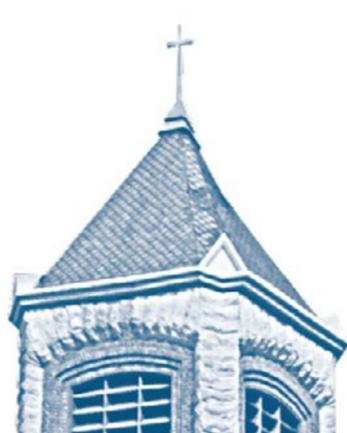
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Spartz: we will fail to fix health care if we don't strengthen both Medicare & Medicaid

Submitted by Office of Rep. Victoria Spartz

U.S. Representative Victoria Spartz introduced legislation on Tuesday to put everyday Americans back at the center of health care by stopping Medicare waste and abuse exploited by large oligopolies for far too long.

"Congress needs to grow a backbone for a change and start remembering who we serve," Rep. Spartz said. "Courage and common sense are not typical traits in Washington, D.C., but we need them now. We must stop money-laundering in Medicare and Medicaid to save health care and the fiscal future of our nation."

The SMART Health Care Act (Stopping Medicare Abuses to Restore Trust in Health Care Act) has five parts:

1) Tackles Medicare Advantage overbilling by large insurers.

Multiple investigations have found large insurers "game" the system to up-code on patients, making them look sicker than they are and costing American taxpayers billions. Expanding risk-adjustment to two years of data (instead of one) can give us a fuller picture of beneficiary risk. Medicare Advantage abuses of quality bonuses and "double bonus counties" could be

some other areas in need of tightening the legislative framework. The Department of Justice recently sued insurers offering Medicare Advantage plans for hundreds of millions of kickbacks.

2) Stops overbilling of Medicare by large hospitals.

Dishonest Medicare billing by hospitals is a major contributor to skyrocketing health care prices. In short, hospitals buy up independent physician practices and then charge patients significantly more for the same services at the same locations, dishonestly billing hospital facility fees. One woman saw her bill going up more than 10 times after her doctor's office was acquired by a hospital. This practice leads to further provider consolidation, decreased clinician independence, greater physician burnout, and higher prices for the same or lower quality. As a result, a majority of physicians are now employed by hospitals. Ironically, under obscure Obamacare prohibition, physicians cannot even own hospitals themselves. The issue of over-billing was partially dealt



Spartz

with by Congress in 2015 by equalizing billing for new outpatient off-campus locations. However, it led to hospitals bringing new outpatient services on campus and significantly reducing access to care, especially in rural areas. This bill addresses this loophole by equalizing all outpatient payments for non-rural hospitals and saving Medicare billions.

While nonprofit, tax-exempt hospital CEOs are making millions of dollars as a reward for growing their "empires" through health care consolidation and the institutions they run pay no taxes, millions of Americans are in collections for medical debt. According to a recent study, 80 percent of nonprofit hospitals are spending less on community benefits like financial assistance than what they are estimated to receive in tax breaks.

Earlier this month, the Congresswoman also introduced a legislative package to combat hospital monopolies, including the Holding Nonprofit Hospitals Accountable Act to bring more transparency to the community benefit standard for tax-exempt hospitals.

3) Improves access to care for Medicare patients in rural areas.

This bill lifts the Obamacare prohibition for the physician-owned hospitals to provide medical care to Medicare and Medicaid patients in rural communities, which is badly needed to improve access to high-quality care.

4) Requires 340B providers not to upcharge patients for prescription drugs.

The 340B program began in 1992 to help providers serving patients who struggled to afford their prescription drugs. The program has grown significantly since its inception with limited program oversight and significant lack of transparency. Providers, like large hospitals, now use the program as a "cash cow" rather than help the most vulnerable. This bill also directs the HHS Secretary to post data and adjust properly Medicare reimbursements for drugs to these stakeholders.

5) Improves quality of care at the skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

This bill increases the floor from 2 percent to up to 5 percent in Medicare payment reductions for poorly managed skilled nursing facilities. [Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

James Russell Gilster
August 24, 1928 – May 4, 2025

James Russell Gilster, 96, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on August 24, 1928, to the late Russell and Edna (Gametter) Gilster in St. Louis, Mo.



Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri where he was a member of Lambda Chi Fraternity. Jim worked at the Pentagon in military intelligence during the Korean War. His career was as a sales manager for medical diagnostic equipment.

Jim was an avid sports fan from when he was young. He followed St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis teams.

Jim was a member of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati and St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. He had a servant's heart; Jim loved to raise money for non-profit organizations. He served as executive director for Joseph House in Cincinnati, where he raised nearly \$1 million (in support for veterans in Cincinnati, Ohio). He was an inaugural board of directors member for Same As U, where he actively served in honor of his granddaughter, Jessica (Same As U serves adults with disabilities), and was active in Servants at Work at St. Luke's UMC.

He is survived by his wife, Bertie Jean Gilster; sons, John (Susan) Gilster, Bruce Gilster, and Timothy (Terry) Gilster; stepdaughters, Lisa (Art) Taylor and Jennifer (Kerry) Sell; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Chaplain Peggy Mindrebo will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Same As U, 19201 Promise Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (sameasu.org). Condolences: randallroberts.com

Jerry Dale Hamilton
July 8, 1942 – May 1, 2025

Jerry Dale Hamilton, 82, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at his home. He was born on July 8, 1942, to Dale and Carol (Thomas) Hamilton in Butler, Ind.



Jerry proudly served in the United States Air Force as a radio operator from 1967 to 1971, serving in Italy and Alaska. He had an accounting degree from Indiana Business College and worked at Muncie Broderick Company as purchasing agent; at West Shore Community College in Michigan, as accountant; at Central Rubber & Supply Company in Indianapolis as accountant; at DoAll Central Company as sales engineer in Indianapolis; in Cleveland Ohio as President and District Sales Manager for DoAll Cleveland Company, with his last job at Ball State University as the Veteran Affairs Officer.

Jerry grew up in the Methodist Faith and was married in the First Baptist Church in Muncie, Ind., in 1967 to Beatrice Elaine Patterson. He enjoyed volunteering for Habitat for Humanity as an assistant truck driver, for Riverview Hospital as a transporter, and for Conner Prairie as a delivery driver for Stuckey's apples to the Conner Prairie Apple Store.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy Janette Sproal; sister, Lila Jeanne Rono and husband, Pomo Rono; brother, Don Michael Hamilton and wife, Donna Hamilton; sister, Kay Ellen Ziegler and husband, Lamar Ziegler; and brother, Jack Philip Hamilton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Elaine (Patterson) Hamilton; and brother, Jonathan Mark Hamilton.

The Hamilton Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Jerry's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muncie Mission Ministries Inc, 1725 S. Liberty St., Muncie, IN 47302 (munciemission.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Patty Ruth Pass Stratton
September 10, 1935 – April 29, 2025

Patty Ruth Pass Stratton, born September 10, 1935, in Noblesville, passed from this life on April 29, 2025, in Pensacola, Fla.

Patty was employed as an Office Manager in Naples, Fla., for many years before retiring. She played the piano at the Church of God for 30 years and for The Stoney Brooks Singers, having played at many venues and churches. She was self-taught and didn't read music, but played beautifully by ear, in any key. Patty and Mitch raised their four children in Noblesville before moving to Naples in 1973.

Patty was preceded in death by her husband, Mitchell Pass, and husband, William Stratton.

Patty is survived by her four children, Paul Pass (Pam) of Bonita Springs, Fla.; Sue Peters (Dean) of Bonita Springs, Fla.; Karen Cooley (Tom) of Pace, Fla.; Mitchell Pass (Janine) of Roswell, Ga.; seven grandchildren, Christopher, Jennifer, Brian, Brittney, Stephen, Alex, Kyla, and Mitchell; as well as seven great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at Lewis Funeral Home Milton Chapel, 6405 Highway 90 West, Milton, FL 32570, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. Patty will be buried alongside Mitchell in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla., at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14.

Lewis Funeral Homes in Milton, Fla., is in charge of the arrangements.

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Julie Lee Grimes

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Julie Lee Grimes, a loving and resilient soul, passed away on April 29, 2025, at the age of 65. She was born in Tipton, Ind., on July 24, 1959, to Eugene and Mary Alice Henderson.

A dedicated wife to her late husband, Patrick Grimes, and a generous and caring mother to her children, Julie's spirit will forever be cherished. As the American author, Maya Angelou said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Julie made everyone around her feel loved and valued.

Julie, a lifelong resident of Indiana, was a woman of many talents and interests. She worked diligently as an office manager before retiring, demonstrating her thoughtful and caring nature. She was also a proud business owner, operating PJ's Cafe in Frankton with her beloved Pat. Julie's love for the outdoors was evident in her hobbies that included camping, fishing, gardening, and boating. She also loved riding motorcycles and keeping up on NASCAR with her late husband. Julie attended the Atlanta Christian Church when she could, but was always a woman of strong faith. Her true passion was for her friends and family, especially her children and grandchildren, which always shone through.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and resilience in her surviving son, Amos Benefiel, and her daughters, Elizabeth "Nikki" Benefiel and Maggie Salazar. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kameron Courtney, Gabriel Taber, Hayden Benefiel, Olivia Benefiel, Brinley Benefiel, Nora Salazar, Amelia Benefiel, and Francesca Salazar; brother, Matt Henderson; and sister, Gaye (Don) Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Mary Alice Henderson; her husband, Patrick Grimes; her grandson, Elijah Benefiel; and her siblings, Tom, Joe, Jon, Edna, and Faye.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at Hartley Funeral Home. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Place, 123 E. 10th St., Anderson, IN 46016.

We encourage friends and family to share their memories and upload photos of Julie to the memorial page. Such tributes will serve as a testament to the love and affection that Julie shared with everyone she met.

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Karl Dean Miller

January 10, 1933 – April 21, 2025



Karl Dean Miller passed away peacefully at home in Carmel on April 21, 2025, three weeks after the passing of his beloved wife, Marie Thérèse Miller. Karl was born on January 10, 1933, in Thomas, Okla., son of the late Fred James Miller and Lillian Cooke Miller. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Fred James (Jim) Miller.

As a young boy, Karl and his family moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he grew up. He enlisted in the Army and was stationed in New Orleans during the Korean War, which ended just before he was scheduled to be deployed overseas. After his service, he graduated from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla with a degree in Ceramic Engineering.

In 1959, Karl married the love of his life, Marie Thérèse. They moved to Kokomo to begin their life and family together. In Kokomo, they built a close-knit circle of friends, a tradition they continued wherever they lived.

Karl's career with American Standard and Gerber Plumbing Fixtures took the family from Indiana to New Orleans, New Jersey, and Connecticut, before eventually returning to Kokomo. In retirement, Karl and Thérèse enjoyed living in Sarasota, Fla., before relocating to Indiana to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Karl loved golf, the St. Louis Cardinals, music, and proudly being a "Girl Dad" long before the term existed. He was actively involved in civic and community organizations in every place he called home.

He is survived by his daughters, Christiane Miller (Charles Petty), Karen Demerly, and Kathryn Moon; grandchildren, Danielle Schafer (Jared), Tyler Moon, Nathan Moon (Olivia), and Jessica Moon (Jake Treida); and one great-grandson, Jack Karl Schafer. Other survivors include his nephews, Dale Miller (Marilyn) and Alan Miller (Kathy), and their families.

Nothing brought Karl greater joy than being surrounded by his family. He established enduring friendships throughout his life and will be remembered for his humor, kindness, and generous spirit.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Karl's memory to a favorite charity of one's choice.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE GUILT OFFERING

The LORD said to Moses: "If anyone sins and is unfaithful to the LORD by deceiving a neighbor about something entrusted to them or left in their care or about something stolen, or if they cheat their neighbor, or if they find lost property and lie about it, or if they swear falsely about any such sin that people may commit—when they sin in any of these ways and realize their guilt, they must return what they have stolen or taken by extortion, or what was entrusted to them, or the lost property they found, or whatever it was they swore falsely about. They must make restitution in full, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the owner on the day they present their guilt offering. And as a penalty they must bring to the priest, that is, to the LORD, their guilt offering, a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value. In this way the priest will make atonement for them before the LORD, and they will be forgiven for any of the things they did that made them guilty."

Leviticus 6:1-7 (NIV)

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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.

Submit obituaries under 500 words online at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.

Meeting Notices

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates for the remainder of 2025. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at the library, located at 103 W. First St.
 May 12
 June 9
 July 14
 Aug. 1
 Sept. 8 (2026 budget hearing)
 Oct. 13 (2026 budget adoption)
 Nov. 10
 Dec. 8

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

The Noblesville Park Board meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025 has been canceled.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future meeting.

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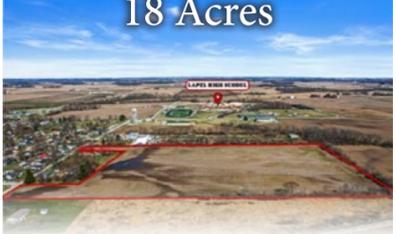


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CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

Softball



Photo provided

The Westfield softball team honored the Wagner family prior to its Monday game with Hamilton Heights. Marc Wagner, a longtime coach and umpire with Westfield Youth Sports Inc. (WYSI) and a champion of Shamrocks softball, is battling brain cancer. The Shamrocks invited his family to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Westfield softball team honors Wagner Family

Submitted

The Westfield softball team didn't just play a softball game on Monday. The Shamrocks honored a legacy.

Before the first pitch of our Westfield's varsity game with Hamilton Heights, the 'Rocks welcomed Scottie and Avery Wagner, alongside their incredible mom, Heather, to the mound. They threw the ceremonial first pitch in honor of Marc Wagner — their father, husband, coach, mentor, and one of the most

faithful champions of Westfield softball.

Marc has spent nearly two decades coaching and umpiring in Westfield Youth Sports Inc. (WYSI), always showing up with encouragement, wisdom, and that famous bucket — the one he said left a permanent ring on his khaki shorts from catching for countless pitchers. His love for the game runs deep, but his love for people runs even deeper.

On Oct. 5, 2024, Marc

was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Over the past six months, he has endured surgeries, chemo, radiation, and long hospital stays — all with strength, grit, and grace. As of April 10, Marc has chosen to pause treatment and soak in time with his family and friends.

On Monday, Westfield honored that strength. The Shamrocks honored the legacy he's built on the field and in the hearts of so many.

Scottie and Avery — both proud WYSI alum,

WHS grads, and lifelong softball players — stood tall tonight in tribute to the man who's poured so much into this community. Avery, a former varsity standout and current college grad, and Scottie, who now works in neurology, continue to honor their dad's journey in powerful, personal ways.

The Wagners have given so much to Westfield. On Monday, the 'Rocks got to give just a little bit back.

You can donate to the Wagner Family at [this link](#).

Millers edge out Royals

The REPORTER

Noblesville won an all-county game between two of Class 4A's top 10 teams on Tuesday.

The No. 7-ranked Millers edged out No. 8 Hamilton Southeastern 1-0 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at the Noblesville field. The Millers scored their run in the fourth inning when Reese Newsom got home on a wild pitch.

Noblesville collected five hits, including two from Delaney Rundle. Haley Schatko hit a fourth-inning double. Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game, with 11 strikeouts.

The Royals had four hits, with Maya Valenta going 2-for-3, including a double. Chloe Smith also hit a double. Grace Swedarsky also threw a complete game, tossing eight strikeouts.

The Millers are 4-1 in the HCC and 12-5 overall. No-

blesville plays Thursday at Kokomo. Southeastern is 2-2 and conference play and 11-6 overall. The Royals host 2A No. 4 Lapel on Thursday.

Carmel dropped a 6-1 road game at No. 2 Center Grove on Tuesday.

The Greyhounds scored their run in the fifth inning when Taylor Vietch doubled in Megan Pike. Mia Fleming had two hits, including a double.

Carmel is 5-13 and hosts Cathedral at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Fishers lost an HCC game at Avon 11-1 in six innings Tuesday.

The Tigers scored their run in the fourth inning when Kendall Jordan doubled in Hailey Kinder. Jordan was 2-for-3 at the plate.

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Softball sectional pairings announced

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced the sectional pairings last Sunday for its annual state tournament.

Hamilton County's Class 4A schools will compete in Sectional 8 at Fishers during the week of May 26. Hamilton Southeastern and Noblesville will play each other in the first round, followed by a game between Westfield and Zionsville.

Fishers plays the HSE-Noblesville winner in the first semifinal, while Carmel will take on the Westfield-Zionsville winner in the second semifinal.

In Class 3A, Hamilton Heights plays in Sectional 24 at Delta. The Huskies received a bye into the second

semifinal and play the winner of a first-round game between Jay County and Delta. New Castle and Yorktown play the first opening-round game, with the winner taking on Connersville in the first semifinal.

Guerin Catholic will compete in Sectional 25 at Lebanon. The Golden Eagles play the host Tigers in the first round, with the winner to play Frankfort in the first semifinal. Crawfordsville and Brebeuf Jesuit will face off in the second opening-round game, with the winner taking on Danville in the second semifinal.

Sheridan was to play in Class 2A Sectional 39 at Elwood, but has withdrawn from the tournament.

Boys Volleyball

IHSAA announces sectional pairings

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced the sectional pairings for its inaugural boys volleyball state tournament last Sunday.

The tournament will be in a one-class format. The majority of Hamilton County schools will compete in Sectional 8 at Fishers. Action begins next Wednesday, May 14 with two first-round games.

Westfield takes on Carmel in the opener, scheduled for 6 p.m. That will be followed by a Mudsock rematch between the host Tigers and Hamilton Southeastern at 8 p.m.

First-round games continue on Thursday, May 15. Guerin Catholic and Noblesville will face off in the first contest at 6 p.m., with Peru and Kokomo playing at 8 p.m.

Semifinals take place the morning of Saturday, May 17. The Wednesday winners play each other in the first match at 11 a.m., with the Thursday winners facing off in the second semifinal at 1 p.m. The championship



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Fishers will host Sectional 8 in the IHSAA's inaugural boys volleyball state tournament next week. The Tigers will play Hamilton Southeastern in a rematch of last Thursday's Mudsock match. Fishers won in straight sets. Pictured for the Tigers is JT Guler. Pictured for the Royals is Sean Smart.

match is set for 7 p.m.

University plays at Pike

University will play in Sectional 9 at Pike, a nine-team site. The Trailblazers take on Cardinal Ritter in a quarterfinal match at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14,

following a 5:30 p.m. contest between MTI School of Knowledge and Brebeuf Jesuit.

Bishop Chatard and the host Red Devils play the opening-round match at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The winner of that match plays Park Tu-

dor in a quarterfinal match at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15. North Central and International play each other in a 5:30 p.m. quarterfinal.

Semifinals take place Saturday morning beginning at 10 a.m., with the championship set for 5 p.m.

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Westfield splits early games

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The Westfield softball team split a pair of games to start the week.

On Monday, the Shamrocks won an all-county game at Hamilton Heights 8-4. Makayla Watson scored the game's first run in the first inning after Chloe Tanner reached on an error.

Westfield extended its lead with three runs in the second inning. Sofia Easterhaus led off with a triple, then got home on Watson's base hit. Ava Kainrath came up next and sent a home run into left field to give the 'Rocks a 4-0 lead.

Tanner singled in Watson in the fifth inning to put Westfield ahead 5-0. The Huskies got on the board in the fifth inning when Karmyn Rhoton hit a two-run double, bringing in Audrey Cain and Taya Trospen.

The Shamrocks added three runs in the seventh inning. Easterhaus led off with a double, then moved to third base on Watson's center field double. Kain-

rath singled in Easterhaus, then Avery Kurth came in to run for her. Tanner came up next and her center field single got both Watson and Kurth home.

McKenzie Jackson hit a two-run homer for Heights in the seventh, also scoring Hailey Hall. Trospen followed that with a center field double and advanced to third base on a sacrifice fly, but a groundout ended the game.

Watson and Tanner both batted 3-for-4, while Easterhaus and Kainrath both had two hits. Tanner got the pitching win. Rhoton finished with two hits.

Heights is 10-7 and plays next Tuesday at Logansport.

Westfield hosted Zionsville in a Tuesday Hoosier Crossroads Conference game and lost 5-0. The 'Rocks were held to one hit, a fourth-inning double by Watson.

Westfield is 3-2 in HCC play and 9-6 overall. The Shamrocks play Thursday at Roncalli.

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Baseball

Carmel holds off No. 3 Fishers

The REPORTER

On Monday night at Hartman Field in Carmel, the Greyhounds hosted the Class 4A third-ranked Fishers Tigers in an all-county matchup that kept fans from both sides compelled throughout.

A couple of three-run innings helped Carmel to separate from Fishers and hold on for a key home win, 8-7.

Fishers scored the first run in the top of the first when Trevor Hall hit an RBI single to score Zander Carnahan.

The Greyhounds tied it in the bottom of the inning. Gabe Mathison reached on a fielder's choice and then stole both second and third. Mathison scored when Parker Heaney hit into a fielder's choice to make it 1-1.

The Tigers grabbed a 2-1 lead on a Carter Strole base hit, scoring Jase Ruggles.

Carmel went up by two with a three-run bottom of the second. Four singles and a pair of doubles put the 'Hounds up 4-2 through two. They padded their lead on a Silas Neal sacrifice fly, scoring Carson Mace for a 5-2 score.

Fishers climbed right back into it to begin the fourth. Carter Strole hit a one-out double and was driven in for 5-3 on a Brady Carman grounder to center. Deagan Repp walked for two on. Carman scored on Mayo Fernandez's hit to right, cutting it to 5-4.

Carnahan's double to center scored Repp, knotting it 5-5.

The 'Hounds jumped back out in front for good. Three walks and another couple base hits, including a two-run single from Nate Steele pushing Carmel out to an 8-5 lead through five innings.

Hall reached on an error to start the top of the seventh, moving to second on the same error by Evan Vogt at third. Ruggles sent Hall home narrowing it to 8-6. Collin Hebert got on from the Vogt's second error of the inning, also getting to second on the throwing error. Ruggles scored on a ground out by Strole. That was the closest the Tigers got, as the Greyhounds turned a double play to end the game.

Ruggles, Carnahan and Strole all three had two-hit

performances, while Strole led Fishers with two RBIs.

Fishers (16-3, 8-0 HCC) continues a busy schedule this week and right back to Hoosier Crossroads Conference play at home tonight against No. 9 Avon (13-6, 6-2 HCC) at 6:30 p.m. The Tigers conclude the series tomorrow night at Avon and host New Castle (5-11) on Friday night.

Nate Steele led with a 3-for-3 night and two RBIs, while Neal (three RBIs) and Tyler Walkey both collected two hits apiece.

Carmel (11-6) continues its week tomorrow night at 6 p.m. against the McCutcheon Mavericks (6-7) at home. The Greyhounds head north to face No. 6 Crown Point (15-3) at 4 p.m. Saturday.

IHSAA announces sectional pairings

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Last Sunday, the IHSAA held the annual baseball sectional draw to determine the matchups for the state tournament. Four classes, 64 sectionals, 383 schools and it all comes down to four state champions on June 20 and 21.

This year will be different from years past. Traditionally, sectional week takes place during the week leading up to Memorial Day with the sectional championship played on Memorial Day. A tradition in Indiana high school baseball that will change this season, as sectional games start on May 28 and conclude

on Monday, June 2.

Here is how the sectional draw fared for the nine Hamilton County teams. Times are listed for Sectional 8, all others are to be announced:

Class 4A Sectional 8 at Carmel

Wednesday, May 28

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers, 5:30 p.m.

Zionsville vs. Noblesville, to follow

Friday, May 30

Semifinal: HSE/Fishers winner vs. Zionsville/Noblesville winner, 5:30 p.m.

Semifinal: Westfield vs. Carmel, to follow

Championship game: Monday, June 2, 6 p.m.

Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown

Connersville vs. Delta

Jay County vs. New Castle

Semifinal: Connersville/Delta winner vs. Jay County/New Castle winner

Semifinal: Hamilton Heights vs. Yorktown, to follow

Championship game: Monday, June 2

Class 3A Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Tri-West (Hendricks) vs. Frankfort

Danville vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, to follow

Guerin Catholic vs. Lebanon

Semifinal: Crawfordsville vs. Tri-West/Frankfort winner

Semifinal: Danville/Brebeuf Jesuit winner vs. Guerin Catholic/Lebanon

winner, to follow Championship game: Monday, June 2

Class 2A Sectional 39 at Lapel

Taylor vs. Tipton

Sheridan vs. Frankton Semifinal: Taylor/Tipton winner vs. Sheridan/Frankton winner

Semifinal: Elwood vs. Lapel

Championship game: Monday June 2

Class 2A Sectional 42 at Park Tudor

University vs. Monrovia

Semifinal: Cardinal Ritter vs. University/Monrovia winner

Semifinal: Covenant Christian vs. Park Tudor

Championship game: Monday, June 2

Monday: Westfield wins at No. 8 Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

Westfield hit the road on Monday for a tough battle in Madison County with Class 4A No. 9 Pendleton Heights. After five consecutive losses, the Shamrocks came away with a 5-2 win over the Arabians.

Nick Fero walked to lead off the second and scored the first run on a single to left from Ian Wilson.

Pendleton Heights tied the game at 1-1 on Ty Frakes double to right.

The 'Rocks took a 2-1 lead in the fourth. With Caden Lindsey at the plate, Lincoln Hoffman scored on wild pitch.

Ethan Colling and Matt Drozlek were both hit by pitches consecutively to start the fifth. Beck Jordan doubled to center, scoring Colling's courtesy runner Jake Russell to make it 3-1. Fero hit a sacrifice fly to center, scoring Drozlek for a 4-1 advantage.

Colin Axel-Adams cut the Westfield lead in half at 4-2 with a single that scored Frakes.

The Shamrocks added an insurance run in the top of the sixth. Ian Wilson scored on a wild pitch for the final of 5-2 with Colling up to bat.

Pendleton Heights was

held in-check over their final two innings at the plate, securing the road win for Westfield.

Ian Wilson had two of the four hits for the 'Rocks. Wilson, Fero and Jordan each had an RBI.

Hamilton Southeastern picked up a Monday victory at Lawrence North 4-2.

The Royals got on the board with two runs in the third inning. Trey McManama led off with a double and scored on Maddux Bach's RBI groundout. Jackson Bixler later scored on a passed ball.

The Wildcats got a run

back in the fourth inning, but Southeastern let them get no closer. The Royals added two runs in the top of the fifth: Parker O'Steen doubled in Bach, then Michael Hoog's center field hit brought in Bixler.

O'Steen had two hits, while Cy Cole smacked a fourth-inning triple. Johann Dierker pitched 5.2 innings for the win, striking out five. Nate McGrath and Spencer Mohr finished the game with no hits.

Southeastern is 9-12 and hosts Noblesville Thursday to begin an HCC series with the Millers. First pitch is at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Blazers beat Huskies for all-county win

The REPORTER

The University baseball team won an all-county game 7-0 at Hamilton Heights on Tuesday.

The Trailblazers started with two runs in the third inning. Ryan Castetter doubled in Phillip Jacobs, then Cooper Cammack's right field hit sent Castetter home.

Sterling Davis hit a two-run double in the sixth inning, scoring Owen Kingery and Beckett Suh. Caleb Stocker came in to run for Davis, and he was sent home by a Castetter single. Castetter scored after Griffin Wright reached on an error to make it 6-0.

Stocker scored University's seventh run on an error in the seventh inning. Castetter and Suh both had two hits. Cam Rady pitched a complete game,

allowing just one hit against nine strikeouts, including a strikeout of the fourth-inning side.

Dillon Pitts hit a one-out double in the seventh inning for the Huskies' lone hit. Nick Hulen pitched 5.1 innings, striking out 12.

The Blazers are 10-8 and host Lawrence North at 5:30 p.m. today at RoundTripper Academy. Heights is 6-10 and plays Thursday at Lapel.

Westfield took care of Harrison 5-0 in a Tuesday home game.

The Shamrocks got on the board early with two runs in the first inning. Drew Law doubled to center field to score Ethan Colling, then Lincoln Hoffman singled in Law. Colling scored Jake Russell in the fourth inning with a center field hit to give

Westfield a 3-0 lead.

Beck Jordan added a run in the fifth inning by getting home on a passed ball. Kasen Jessup complete the scoring in the sixth inning when he got home on another passed ball.

Colling and Russell both had two hits, with Russell hitting a double. Owen Swinford pitched two innings, striking out five.

The 'Rocks are 12-6 and travel to Zionsville on Thursday to begin a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series.

Guerin Catholic lost a 2-1, eight-inning game Tuesday at North Central.

The Panthers scored a run in the second inning. The Golden Eagles tied the game in the fourth when Grant Beard singled in Ben Canada with a center field hit. North

Central scored the winning run in the eighth inning on a sacrifice fly.

Carson Kail was 3-for-3 at the plate for Guerin Catholic, including two doubles. Tate Troxell pitched six innings, throwing eight strikeouts and allowing only one hit.

The Golden Eagles are 8-8 and host Park Tudor at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Sheridan dropped a Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Rossville 10-1 on Tuesday.

The Blackhawks scored their run in the sixth inning; Chance Spencer singled in Caleb Alexander. Spencer finished the game with two hits.

Sheridan is 4-10 and hosts Carroll this afternoon for another conference game.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 7

BASEBALL

Carroll at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
Lawrence North at University, 5:30 p.m.
Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Avon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Center Grove at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Kentucky Country Day at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.

GOLF

Noblesville, Westfield vs. Zionsville, 3:30 p.m. at Prairie View
Fishers vs. Hamilton Heights, 4:30 p.m. at Purgatory GC

SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral at Carmel, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

University at Covenant Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Carmel at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Carmel, Noblesville at Warren Central Invitational, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Noblesville at Lawrence North, 7 p.m.
University at Lafayette Jefferson, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

BASEBALL

Mooreville Christian Academy at Sheridan, 5 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.
University at Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
McCutcheon at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Bloomington North at Noblesville, 8 p.m.

GOLF

Carmel vs. Pendleton Heights, 2 p.m. at Sagamore GC
University at Park Tudor, 4:15 p.m.
Hamilton Heights vs. Lapel, 4:30 p.m. at Edgewood GC

SOFTBALL

Lapel at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
Roncalli at Westfield, 5:45 p.m.
Noblesville at Kokomo, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 4 p.m. at Zionsville
Guerin Catholic at Bishop Chatard, 4:30 p.m.
Hoosier Conference meet at Logansport, 5 p.m.
Carmel at Center Grove, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Carmel girls at North Central, 5:30 p.m.
North Central at Carmel boys, 5:30 p.m.
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 6 p.m. at Avon

UNIFIED TRACK

Hamilton Heights at New Palestine, 5:30 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Decatur Central at University, 6:30 p.m.
Lafayette Jefferson at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

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MILLERS

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Fishers is 1-4 in HCC play and 11-7 overall. The Tigers are back home on Thursday to host Danville.

Guerin Catholic lost 15-3 Circle City Conference game to 3A co-No. 1 Roncalli in six innings Tuesday.

The Royals, who share the top ranking with New Palestine, scored six runs in the fifth inning and eight in the sixth. The Golden Eagles scored their first run in the third inning when Lucy Kemp batted in Kate Brady

with a left field hit.

Guerin Catholic's Izzy Phillips smacked a left field home run in the sixth inning, also scoring Ava Augustinovicz, who got on base with a double. Augustinovicz was 3-for-3 at the plate, with Natalie Eiler getting two hits. Anna Mauch hit a double.

Augustinovicz pitched 5.1 innings, striking out four.

The Golden Eagles are 6-7 and play at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon at Covenant Christian.

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Track & Field

Fishers boys, HSE girls win Mudsock track meet



The Mudsock track and field meet took place last Friday at Fishers. (TOP) The Tigers boys won the meet with a final team score of 69-63 over Hamilton Southeastern. (ABOVE) In the girls meet, Southeastern won by the score of 73.5-58.5.

Photos provided

Southeastern wins HCC girls track meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field team triumphed at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place Tuesday at Fishers.

The Royals scored 109 points, comfortably ahead of runner-up Zionsville's 83 points. Southeastern won five individual events, including a triple victory for Anissa Lammie. She was part of HSE's first-place 4x800 relay team, joining Elizabeth Butler, Anaya Lammie and Ciara Kepner, then went on to win the 400 dash. Anissa Lammie finished the meet by teaming with Addison Smith, Chloe Senefeld and Kepner to win the 4x400 relay; this made Kepner a double winner. Elia Blackmore swept the 100 and 300 hurdles events.

Noblesville got a win from Brinkley Cooper in the 800 run. Fishers picked up two field event victories: Macey Miller in the shot put and Scarlett Olson in the pole vault. Westfield's Alivia Lozier won the 3200 run.

Team scores and top eight county results now follow.

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 109, Zionsville 83, Brownsburg 78.5, Avon 78.5, Noblesville 75, Fishers 71, Franklin Central 66.5, Westfield 61.5.

4x800 relay: 1. Southeastern (Elizabeth Butler, Anissa Lammie, Anaya Lammie, Ciara Kepner) 9:26.93, 2. Noblesville (Riley Flynn, Kate Mumaw, Gretchen Graham, Brinkley Cooper) 9:32.72, 3. Westfield (Jordyn Landrum, Maggie Naas, Alivia Lozier, Mackenna Condon) 9:35.98, 4. Fishers (Aaliyah Hayes, Caitlin Hawkins, Allie Belush, Isabella Murch) 9:37.30.

100 hurdles: 1. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 14.28, 7. Taylor Tarter (F) 17.54, 8. Makena Schwerin (W) 17.81.

100 dash: 5. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 12.69, 7. Ainsley Meinerding

(N) 12.80, 8. Mya Baker (N) 12.92.
1600 run: 2. Butler (HSE) 5:00.69, 4. Catey Campbell (HSE) 5:08.24, 7. Caitlin Hawkins (F) 5:15.32.

4x100 relay: 2. Southeastern (Blackmore, Chloe Senefeld, Laila Ehrgott, McCarter) 48.04, 4. Noblesville (Mallory Cahill, Baker, Aleigh Heavey, Meinerding) 49.82, 5. Westfield (LeBraya Warren, Ella Jenkins, Melody Miller, Gracie Czubik), 7. Fishers (Mia Cardozo Nunez, Rylan David, Ava Underwood, Kylee Black) 50.39.

400 dash: 1. Ani Lammie (HSE) 55.09, 3. Alyssa Lahee (N) 59.45, 4. Rylan Bell (N) 59.76, 6. Addison Smith (HSE) 1:00.95.

300 hurdles: 1. Blackmore (HSE) 44.07, 2. Senefeld (HSE) 44.71, 3. Katelyn Eblen (W) 48.61, 5. Charlotte Huffman (F) 51.32, Eugena Wilson (N) 51.83, Schwerin (W) 52.53.

800 run: 1. Cooper (N) 2:16.16, 2. Kepner (HSE) 2:16.93, 6. Murch (F) 2:20.91, 8. Ava Powers (HSE) 2:21.25.

200 dash: 8. McCarter (HSE) 26.55.

3200 run: 1. Lozier (W) 10:55.16, 5. Ansley Applegate (N) 11:22.00, 8. Abby Lotter (F) 11:46.37.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Smith, Senefeld, Kepner, Ani Lammie) 3:53.18, 2. Noblesville (Bell, Graham, Cooper, Lahee) 3:59.28, 3. Westfield (Naas, LeAsia Warren, Landrum, LeB. Warren) 4:00.18, 4. Fishers (Charlotte Lawrence, Murch, Brianna Geren, Zinnia Pine-da) 4:02.61.

Shot put: 1. Macey Miller (F) 41-0, 3. Nyla Young (N) 36-9.5, 6. Mia Tobias (F) 35-7, 7. Katie Wood-en (HSE) 34-2.

Discus: 2. Tobias (F) 124-7, 3. Miller (F) 113-3, 4. Amelia Kring (N) 111-3, 5. Young (N) 111-3.

High jump: 2. Lawrence (F) 5-2, T3. Czubik (W) 5-2, 7. Elise Beckner (N) 4-10, 8. Ainsley Powers (F) 4-10.

Long jump: 2. Czubik (W) 16-10.75, 3. Meinerding (N) 16-10, 5. Natalie Arnold (HSE) 16-4.75, 6. EJ Shults (HSE) 16-4.25, 7. Madison Paciorek (F) 16-3.

Pole vault: 1. Scarlett Olson (F) 11-6, 2. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-6, 3. Jenkins (W) 11-0, 4. Riley Williams (HSE) 10-6, 8. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 10-0.

Thanks for reading The Reporter



(weather permitting) Upcoming Broadcasts

- Sat May 3 - Baseball**
1:00 pm Lebanon vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports
- Mon May 5 - Baseball**
6:30 pm Oak Hill vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports
- Tues May 6 - Softball and Volleyball**
6:00 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | IHSAA Softball | HCTV Sports
7:15 pm Roncalli vs Hamilton Southeastern | Boys Volleyball | Southeastern Sports
- Wed May 7 - County Council**
7:00 pm Hamilton County Council Regular Meeting | Hamilton County TV
- Thu May 8 - Baseball**
6:30 pm Noblesville vs Hamilton Southeastern | Baseball | Southeastern Sports
- Fri May 9 - Baseball**
6:30 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports
- Sat May 10 - Lacrosse**
3:45 pm Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern | Boys Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports
- Mon May 12 - Softball**
5:30 pm Yorktown vs Noblesville | IHSAA Baseball | HCTV Sports

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

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

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

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

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