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Magazines  
vs. reality

Hamilton County Youth Service  
Awards scheduled for May 12

**The REPORTER**

The 32nd annual Hamilton County Youth Service Awards ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. Monday, May 12 at the Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville.

The ceremony is sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAOOD) as part of its ongoing effort to recognize outstanding

service by youth in the community.

"Every year, I'm amazed by the passion and resilience of these young leaders," HCCOAOOD Executive Director Monica Greer said. "Their dedication to service and their stand for a drug-free lifestyle are powerful reminders of the positive future being built right here in Hamil-



Greer

ton County."

This year's nominees showcase a stellar lineup of young achievers. Among the outstanding nominees are Josh Cale representing Carmel High School, Sloan Ferguson from Fishers High School, Madison Bowman from Hamilton Heights High School, Evan Lawhead from Hamilton Southeastern

High School, Ryan Vetur from Noblesville High School, Zachary Phillips from Sheridan High School, and Asha Adhikari from Westfield High School.

The selection process is overseen by a dedicated committee of employees. While one exceptional individual will be honored with the prestigious \$1,000 scholarship, every finalist will receive a \$300 scholarship in recognition of their exemplary service.

I was so pleased to give my car a good cleaning inside and out a couple of weeks ago. I make it a point to do this every spring and fall, although of course I run it through the car wash more often than that.

Then I remembered what I read in a magazine once ... that we're supposed to do this thorough vehicle cleaning EVERY WEEK. I chuckled softly to myself.

What we see and read in magazines is often so far from reality. Take, for instance, washing and drying bed sheets. I make it a point to do this during the last week of every month. Yes, just once a month. But a certain magazine I won't name (with the initials R.S.) says we need to do this chore once a week.

I understand that this may be necessary for those living in a hot climate, battling night sweats, showering in the morning, etc. But we all sleep separately from one another, shower in the evening, and are blessed to have good air conditioning. And thankfully, my body wakes me up before menopause comes knocking at night with a hot flash.

Another recommended magazine task is to separate your laundry by color. As someone who does a load of laundry every day, once again, I break this rule and ... gasp ... don't separate anything. Mind you, if something is brand-new and red, or delicate, or a new pair of dark wash jeans ... absolutely I separate items. But day to day? Nope.

We've only had one pink sock and shirt debacle in the decades I've been doing this. Granted, none of us dress in business attire during the week or dress up often, so our clothes aren't fancy. It all works for us.

And don't get me started on how magazines think our homes should look. Whenever I see a newly renovated, spotless home with 100 percent modern, updated interiors, and landscaping made by angels in a magazine, I tell myself, "This isn't real ... this isn't real ... this isn't real." Well, it's not real for probably 99 percent of us.

A fellow Reporter columnist always says "don't mind our house, we live here" whenever I visit her. Her house is always lovely inside and out. But yes, there are signs that - gasp - she and her husband actually live there, with books and newspapers scattered in the living room and a few dishes out in the kitchen. I love it all, just like I love her.

COLUMNIST

AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

Carmel High School swimmers  
honored with House Resolution

**Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez**

Carmel is "Swim City, USA," and Carmel High School is a big reason why. The girls and boys swim teams have enjoyed historic runs and the Greyhounds have become a national powerhouse in the sport.

This year's athletes delivered more of the same success. The girls won their 39th consecutive state championship while the boys notched their 11th straight, unprecedented, and sustained domination, as well as a national record for consecutive years of success.

On Wednesday, State Representative Danny Lopez visited the school to surprise these incredible student-athletes with a special acknowledgment: a House resolution he spearheaded during the 2025 Legislative Session to recognize the teams' achievements.

Swim City, USA has become more than a moniker for the Carmel community. The immense talent Carmel



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**State Rep. Danny Lopez and State Rep. Victoria Garcia-Wilburn joined Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Tom Oestreich, Carmel High School Swim Coach Chris Plumb, Carmel High School Principal Tim Phares, and Carmel High School Athletic Director Jim Inskeep for a presentation and Q&A session with students.**

High School teams have produced over the years - including Olympians Alex Shackell, Drew Kibler, and Jake Mitchell - have brought international attention to the city for four decades, helped shape local identity, and even generated measurable investment and return on investment.

Later this year, for example, Carmel will play host to the first leg of the 2025 World Aquatics Swimming World Cup, bringing 750 athletes from 50 countries, their families and friends, and their coaches to the city, resulting in a significant economic impact.

Congratulations to Coach Chris Plumb, the swimmers, and the entire Carmel High School community on this incredible achievement.

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Hamilton Heights CTE students showcase  
skills at "The Sandbox" demonstration event

**The REPORTER**

The energy was high at Hamilton Heights School Corporation's Sandbox recently as students in the Construction Trades Education (CTE) program stepped into the spotlight.

The hands-on outdoor learning space, designed to provide students with real-world experience using heavy equipment, served as the perfect stage for an impressive demonstration of their technical skills, industry knowledge, and future career potential.

The event was more than just a showcase - it was an educational opportunity for teachers from other subjects to gain insight into the trades pathway and the dedication it takes to excel in this field. Through live demonstrations, students illustrated the complexities of operating heavy machinery, the precision required for construction work, and the valuable certifications they can earn during high



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**EDUCATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM:** Hamilton Heights High School CTE students step up to show what it takes to thrive in construction and engineering fields. They exhibit the skills that will prepare them for high-paying careers straight out of high school.

school - all under the expert guidance of CTE instructor Kevin Sheets.

Senior Kendall Flanders enjoyed sharing his knowledge with other teachers to help them better understand what takes place in the Civil Engineering class.

For Ethan Miller, a sophomore, it was an opportunity to show his excellent hands-on skills at running equipment and to demonstrate how he is excelling in this area.

"Programs like this one are important to offer to make sure we are giving HHHS students the opportunity to prepare for a successful future career," Media Center Specialist Lori Hippensteel said. "The HHHS trades program offers students the

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REALITY — SANDBOX —  
from Page 1

My husband and I work full-time, and we do the best we can to keep our house picked up, repaired, decluttered, and clean. We do have a little help from my friend Alyssa, who comes to deep clean every three weeks, and our son Jacob. It's perfect imperfectly and probably always will be even when (or "if," in my case) we retire.

I'd love to see magazines move closer to reality. Wouldn't it be great to see a cobweb in a photo, or toys scattered about, or a few weeds in a front yard? We could all breathe a sigh of relief and know that we're not alone in our imperfections.

Until that happens, I'd love to have you stop by our home. Just remember that we "live here" and are grateful to do so ... day in and day out.

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**Thanks for reading  
The REPORTER**

opportunity to learn skills needed in the workplace and earn licensures and certifications that can be immediately used in the workplace. Education is about watching students smile and enjoy being outside the traditional building, learning and growing in a trade. We want them to find something they love and find a way to apply that love to their future career."

Academic Intervention Teacher Kelly Smith said, "Working in The Sandbox was such a great PLC for all of us as teachers. Not only was it a cool and unique experience, but it gave us all a chance to see some of the amazing things that come out of Kevin's program. It is really exciting to see the kids who may not be as into the academic side of school learn skills and trades that are going to set them up for life! I loved having students from the program show me flawlessly how to run machinery with effortless ease and seeing them get a chance to shine!"

Hamilton Heights High School Principal Whitney Gray said, "It was a great experience. Fun for our staff to see what our kids in the construction pathway get to experience. Several students



Photo provided

gave up their time teaching us how to operate these machines, and that was the coolest part. They were excited to share what they had learned, and they did a great job teaching!"

"I think this was important to show the teachers that may not be familiar with the program or did not know what they were actually doing out there how much actually goes into running a piece of heavy equipment," explained Chris Wooldridge, who works for Bobcat of Indy and is a familiar face and resource

for Heights' CTE students. "Some people (not just teachers, but anyone) may think they are just taking the class to go and play with skid steers, but in reality they are getting tools that could easily land them a very good paying job straight out of school. We at Berry Companies and Bobcat of Indy are happy to invest in our local communities with programs like this where we can be of assistance."

"The whole afternoon showed our staff how the trades play a part in our overall curriculum," said

Kevin Sheets, who loved seeing how many educators attended this special event. "For some of the educators, it was their first time at the Sandbox, and they were blown away by what they saw the students do. Former Heights CTE teacher, Eric Fisher, now the Director of Talent Development for Indiana Constructors Inc., was also on hand to support the effort and build a story for his platform. It was a great day!"

By bridging classroom education with career-oriented training, the pro-

gram empowers students with practical experience that translates directly into workforce readiness. Wednesday's showcase reinforced the importance of skilled trades and celebrated the students' achievements, leaving educators with a deeper appreciation for the impact of CTE career pathway at Heights.

Hamilton Heights continues to lead the way in preparing students for future success, ensuring that hands-on programs like this one remain a cornerstone of their educational mission.

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# Downtown alley activations & more ahead of Indiana Peony Festival

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

We are 10 days out from a spectacular, peony-filled weekend! Whether you're planning to attend our **fifth annual festival** or our **brunch and retail crawl**, there's an activity for every one next Saturday.

While we're on the topic of activities, we wanted to share all the activations we'll be offering in downtown Noblesville on May 17. Save this as your list of alleyways to visit.

**North Alley**

See one of our most popular alleyways featuring our beloved Indiana Mural. Andy Schomburg will play live music for all. We'll offer tables and chairs for a break in your busy day. It's the perfect spot to grab a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) drink at any participating locations and walk to the alley. Make sure to check out the show-stopping floral installation we'll have featured at the entrance, too.

**East Alley**

Matteo's will cover this alleyway and offering a spe-

cial (alcoholic) Peony Spritz. Grab a glass of bubbly and watch Sean Moore perform while admiring the famous floral mural in the East Alley. We'll have a beautiful floral installation and tables and chairs set up for resting between shopping.

**South Alley**

Bar Ellis plans to take over the South Alley and extend their restaurant hours on Festival Day. They will have peony drink specials, bar carts, and lots of peonies to adore. Tina Rose & The Locals will perform, so make sure to stop in.

**9th Street Alley**

9th Street Bistro opens its alleyway by offering a limited menu of their fresh brunch items. Kelli Yates will perform and peonies will be scattered throughout to transform the alley. This is a must-see in your day.

**Maple Avenue Alley**

Located on Maple Avenue between 9th and 10th streets, you'll find our newest peony mural. This mural is a new addition to the downtown and we think it's perfect for Noblesville's storytelling. This alleyway will be a designated rest area filled with tables, chairs,

and a place to recoup.

**Courthouse Lawn**

We'll have numerous activities available on the courthouse lawn this year. **Harmony Homes**, a woman owned and operated design and build firm dedicated to creating homes that are as functional as they are beautiful, will be set up on the northeast side of the lawn to offer a photo booth next to a small bistro set with a styled floral display. This makes for a beautiful photo op for social media sharing. They'll have a small DIY craft area where guests can create and decorate Polaroid photo frames using petals and florals. All furniture vignettes will feature furniture and decor for sale.

On the south side of the courthouse lawn, we've partnered with 46 & Spruce and Syndicate Sales to offer two live floral demonstrations. One class will be held at 11 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. These demonstrations will be led by Syndicate Sales' lead floral designer and educator, Derek Woodruff.

Woodruff joined the floral industry at the age of 16 where he began learning floral design in vocational school and working for

a local florist. Since then, he has continued to study through institutes such as Michigan State University, Great Lakes Floral Association, and the American Institute of Floral Designers. In 2008, he launched his own business, Floral Underground. He is a captivating speaker who specializes in "today's consumer," connecting and engaging them through different types of media including demonstrations, subscription services, and hands-on workshops.

In addition to being an educator, Woodruff is considered a "National Floral Design Champion" spending many years polishing the practice of live floral design competition which has won him numerous awards of note, including second runner-up on the televised reality show *The Arrangement*, the 2016 Sylvia Cup, and the 2024 Floriexpo Iron Designer.

Make sure to stop into all the alleys and the corners of the courthouse lawn to experience the beauty of festival weekend.

For even more information ahead of Festival Day, go to [IndianaPeonyFestival.com](https://IndianaPeonyFestival.com).

# Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's April Timesheet



Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, April work included: a Board of Commissioners public meeting, a Regional Development Commission meeting, reviewing a Central Indiana Water planning meeting notes, and watching a Noblesville Town Council meeting.

The personnel committee met in person where we addressed salary reclassifications for prosecutors and job description changes for the Sheriff. The finance committee did not meet in April. The Insurance committee met where we reviewed an update on the performance of Riverview Clinics for County Employees.

This month I received nine constituent service requests and communications.

One request was regarding the cleanliness of the County Sheriff's vehicles. The constituent expressed concerns over how the cruisers looked and wanted to understand what the county did to wash the vehicles and keep them looking sharp. I did some investigating and looped the sheriff's department in for questions and learned that the county doesn't have a contract with any car wash service companies. Rather, we have a car wash bay that deputies, staff, and command staff can use anytime to wash their county owned vehicles. This was a purposeful decision rather than incur an estimated \$30,000 to \$50,000 annual cost for washing vehicles.

The second request was regarding the county property tax revenue annually and how much those figures have changed since 2022. The answer required some research, but the revenues were \$66 million, \$76 million, and \$87 million in 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively. The constituent was researching property tax revenue growth over these past few years.

The third request was concerning the sentencing of convicted criminals in Hamilton County Courts, specifically how Hamilton County jurists sentence persons convicted of burglary and robbery against the state sentencing guidelines. This one is ongoing with research as I've communicated both with the prosecutor's office as well as a Judge to better understand. To date, the research indicates that there are recommendations but no hard and fast guidelines. The constituent's concern is that we have become too

soft as a county and they feel as though the system is not punishing people, especially repeat offenders in line with the State of Indiana's recommendations.

The fourth constituent's inquiry had to do with their tax bill. This taxpayer experienced a substantial increase in their assessed valuation and wanted help to understand how it was arrived at and if it was accurate. Like most requests of this type, research with the assessor's office is required and we discovered that in their situation the difference consisted of a new outbuilding and the increased value of a second outbuilding. I also encouraged the taxpayer to schedule time with the assessor's office and go through their tax bill in detail asking for an explanation.

The balance of emails, messages, and conversations were regarding the HCRUD (Hamilton County Regional Utility District) and its implication on Jackson Township. This included questions about the new development being considered in Jackson Township, reorganization and included comments expressing support for and opposition to the Utility district in general.

Noteworthy items from April include working with Commissioner Heirbrandt and the County Attorney, to look for ways to help offset the costs of testing to opt out of connection with the sewer if required. Also, meetings with Chief Mann and Deputy Chief Whitesell to get an update on constituents' crime concerns.


The most noteworthy topic from April continues to be Property Tax reform. To be clear we need property tax reform. Potential changes in revenue require purposeful planning. For now, until we understand the final impact on Hamilton County, my position remains to pull back on long-term spending commitments that have not already been funded. Early in May, I will be briefed in detail as to the expected impact on the county's 2026, 2027, and 2028 budgets.

It was an honor to represent you this month at the Invest Hamilton County: Child Care Action Investment Kickoff meeting, the National 911 Dispatchers Week celebration, the Hamilton County 4-H Expo Building Renovation Sneak Peak Event, and at the "Role of Indiana's Leaders in ending hunger" film screening and conversation.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during April 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.


Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.



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# Papa Poteet pops up in Pendleton

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Your Hometown Meteorologist Paul Poteet spoke to classes at Pendleton Intermediate Elementary School last week.

Mister Weatherman was part of career day presentations on May 1. He spoke of his childhood interest in radio and weather, which ended up expanding to television. (And newspapers, eventually!)

Poteet’s grandson Hunter is a fourth grader at the school. His class put on a “Famous Hoosier Wax Museum” the next day. Students picked personalities with an Indiana connection and used props, clothes, and a prepared speech to bring the character to life when visitors approached. Hunter’s pick was Papa Poteet. The real thing showed up, also with a shirt and tie.



(ABOVE) Papa Paul peers (apparently pleased) at the performance of Poteet 2.0 projected on the prodigious screen. (RIGHT) Uh ... uhm ... well ... unable to tell them apart we are just going to quote Foreigner for a moment, “Fill my eyes with that double vision. No disguise for that double vision. Ooh, when it gets through to me, it’s always new to me. My double vision gets the best of me.”



## Westfield accepting bulk trash this Saturday

The REPORTER

Westfield’s Spring Bulk Trash Day will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10 at Westfield City Services, 2728 E. 171st St.

This event provides residents an opportunity to dispose of items not accepted as part of their weekly garbage or recycling pick-up, including air conditioners,

carpet, furniture, microwaves, select electronics, and more. Proof of residency – such as a utility bill or driver’s license – is required to participate in Bulk Trash Day; you must be a resident of Westfield or Westfield Washington Township to take part.

[Click here](#) to view the full list of accepted items and FAQs.

## Public input needed on Brookshire Golf Course

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation and Brookshire Golf Course are working together to develop a business plan, and they need your input to help shape how the course operates and better understand what amenities, programs, and experiences are most desired by the community.

Please take a few minutes

to **complete a short survey**, which should take about 10 to 12 minutes. Thank you for your time and input.

At the end of the survey, please enter your email address or phone number for a chance to win a foursome with carts valued at \$300 that can be redeemed through Oct. 31. Five winners will be notified by email or text on June 15.



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Pancake Mix/Syrup/Oatmeal packs	Pasta Sauce –cans preferred/Pasta Boxes	Granola Bars or Microwave Popcorn



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

See a full list of local pantries at: [HCHfoodbank.org/locations](http://HCHfoodbank.org/locations)

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# Summertime favorites return to Westfield’s Grand Junction Plaza

**The REPORTER**

Westfield is bringing a full line-up of summer events to Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., offering fun activities for people of all ages. From outdoor fitness classes to hands-on nature programs and games on the lawn, there’s something for everyone to enjoy under the sun.

“Our city is fortunate to have a park and venue as fantastic as Grand Junction Plaza,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “My family and I are looking forward to getting out to enjoy the beautiful weather and support local businesses at our great events, and I hope yours will too.”

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

1. If coming from U.S. 31, exit the Poplar Street/Shamrock Boulevard roundabout to the south and park at the temporary parking lot near Poplar and Park Streets.
2. If accessing heading north, take South Union

Street to Mill Street.

Attendees are encouraged to review traffic flow updates regarding the 32 Connects project impacting travel on State Road 32 before planning their visit. For access to suggested detour routes, [click here](#).

**Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy**

The city’s popular summer market runs from 5 to 8 p.m. each Thursday through Sept. 4 (excluding July 3), and will feature local meat sellers, cheese-makers, produce farmers, unique artisan vendors, food trucks, and fun for the entire family. To view an updated list of vendors each week, [click here](#).

**Creek Stomps**

Beat the heat in Grassy Branch Creek. All are invited to participate in this staffed exploration opportunity from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays from June 5 to July 31 (except July 3) where attendees will learn about watersheds, invasive species, ecosystems, and wildlife native to the area. All stompers will

receive a small bucket and net to take home for further exploration.

An adaptive and accessible Creek Stomp experience, made possible by Colt Moving, will be available with water tables containing creek samples located near the creek for everyone to explore.

Space is limited, so advanced registration is encouraged. Tickets are \$5 per person. To learn more or reserve your spot, [click here](#).

**Jams at the Junction**

The city’s premier outdoor concert series returns on June 6 with the upbeat sounds of Doogie Hazzard. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Food trucks will be available, but attendees are also encouraged to grab carryout from any of the city’s local restaurants near the park in an effort to Brave the Barri-cades.

A free parking shuttle will be available from the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd., to Grand Junction Plaza. Shuttle services will span from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

**Jams at the Junction Schedule**

- June 6: Doogie Hazzard
- June 27: The 1985
- July 25: Groovesmash
- Aug. 8: The Flying Toasters
- Aug. 15: Fleetwood Gold

**Kids Summer Series**

The kids take over Grand Junction Plaza on Tuesday mornings. Every Tuesday in June and July (excluding July 1), kids of all ages are invited to the Plaza to dance and sing along with fun music, get their faces painted, play on the playscape, and more. The fun starts at 10 a.m. and is free for all.

**Kids Summer Series Schedule**

- June 10: Mr. Mik – Jump for Joy
- June 17: Mr. Dan the Music Man
- June 24: TAG Art Dinosaurs
- July 8: Mr. Dan the Music Man
- July 15: Mr. Mik – Jump for Joy
- July 22: Magician Rusty Ammerman

- July 29: Mr. Mik – Jump for Joy

**Movies in the Plaza**

Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and your favorite take-out from a local restaurant or food truck to enjoy a movie under the stars. Gather your friends to watch a fun, family-friendly film on the Great Lawn at Grand Junction Plaza. Each screening begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.

**Movies in the Plaza Schedule**

- May 28: Cars
- June 25: Moana 2
- July 30: Despicable Me 4
- Aug. 27: Star Wars: The Force Awakens

Public parking is available in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Poplar Street and Park Street, and in designated on-street spots along Union Street and Mill Street.

**Workout Wednesdays**

The Westfield Parks & Recreation Department is teaming up with The Yoga Studio and Jazzercise for Workout Wednesdays on select Wednesdays throughout the summer.

- July 9 at 6 p.m.: Jazzercise – Move to the Music program

**Wiffle Ball at the Plaza**

Get ready to swing for the fences at Wiffle Ball at the Plaza, a series of free, family-friendly clinics hosted by the Westfield Parks & Recreation Department at Grand Junction Plaza on June 11, July 9, and July 23 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Perfect for all ages and skill levels, each session includes light stretching, basic skill-building, and a lively game of wiffle ball on the Meadow Lawn Field, located just next to the playground. Whether you're brand new to the sport or a seasoned backyard pro, this is a great way to stay active and have fun outdoors with the community.

Advance registration is free and encouraged. [Click here](#) to reserve your spot.

**Owl Pellet Dissection at the Plaza**

Ever wonder what owls really eat? Find out at Owl Pellet Dissection at the Plaza, a hands-on educational program happening from 10 to 11 a.m. June 18 and July 16 at Grand Junction Plaza.

This unique event gives children ages 5 and older the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of barn owls through guided pellet dissections. Each participant will receive an owl pellet, gloves, and all necessary tools to examine real evidence of an owl’s diet.

This is a great interactive opportunity for families to learn about local wildlife and ecosystems. The program takes place indoors at the Pavilion building, located along Jersey Street at Grand Junction Plaza.

Advanced registration is required. Tickets are \$5 per pellet. [Click here](#) to purchase your ticket.



**Indiana Blacksmithing Association**  
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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Community Page Survey

**We need your help** to improve your Hamilton County Veteran Community Page 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](https://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 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt  
Noblesville, in 46060  
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p  
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

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

### VFW Posts

**Carmel Post 10003** Darin Bibeau  
12863 Old Meridian St  
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11  
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm  
Su-Sa 11a-11p.  
**Restaurant – Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p  
**Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

**Hamilton County Veterans Corp**  
P.O. Box 503  
Noblesville, in 46061  
[secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website  
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>  
has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

**Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29**  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10<sup>th</sup> St Noblesville

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
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Indiana Recovery Council Survey 2025

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**Would you like to improve recovery in Indiana?**

Take the survey and make sure your voice is heard!

The IRC will never sell your information. The information you provide via this survey will remain anonymous. Thank you for helping improve mental health, substance use and problem gambling services in Indiana. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/irc-survey-2025> or scan the QR Code to take the survey.

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## Activities & Events

Veteran Job Fair May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Marion Campus Gym 10am till 1pm

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Veterans and their families can learn about VA benefits and meet with local employers from a variety of industries.

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Christmas In June Care Package Drive  
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**"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

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

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

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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

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

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Photo provided  
Formerly the site of the Humane Society for Hamilton County, the building has been completely renovated and will house three county departments.

# Ribbon cutting set for new Pleasant Street Offices

## Three county departments to move into remodeled Humane Society building

**The REPORTER**  
Hamilton County will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday, May 12 to celebrate the opening of the Hamilton County Pleasant Street Offices, a newly renovated county facility at the southwest corner of Pleasant Street and State Road 37 in Noblesville.

The 12,000 square-foot building, formerly home to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, has been completely gutted and repurposed to house three county departments: Household Hazardous Waste, the Soil & Water Conservation District, and Weights & Measures.

“The buildings on this campus were all built in the 1940s as part of the original Hamilton County Airport. They are all well past their prime,” County Commissioner Steve Dillinger said. “Repurposing the old Humane Society building, demolishing the old buildings, and placing these departments under one roof will help them function more efficiently.”

The building served the Humane Society for Hamilton County from 2006 to 2021 before the organization relocated to a new shelter in Fishers.

The public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting event.



Dillinger

# Meijer Simply Give hunger relief program reaches \$100M donation milestone

**The REPORTER**  
Meijer announced on Wednesday its Simply Give hunger relief program has donated an incredible \$100 million to help alleviate hunger in the Midwest since the program's inception in 2008. During that time, the Meijer Simply Give program has provided nearly 900 million meals to communities in partnership with hundreds of local food pantries across its six-state footprint.\*

“For the last 17 years, the Meijer Simply Give program has fueled the missions of food pantries for countless communities across the Midwest, ensuring neighbors in need have access to nourishing food,” Meijer President and CEO Rick Keyes said. “Reaching this milestone is more than a number – it's a testament to the critical partnerships between our stores and local food pantries, the generosity of our customers, and the dedication of our team members. It's proof that when we come together with a shared purpose, we can make a profound and lasting impact in the neighborhoods we call home.”

To celebrate this achievement and express its gratitude, Meijer will make a special contribution of \$1.5 million to the hundreds of Simply Give pantries that continue to serve as essential lifelines for individuals and families facing food insecurity across the Midwest.

In Hamilton County, local Meijer locations are the proud partner of the following organizations:

- White River Food Pantry
- Come to me Food Pantry
- Open Doors of Washington Township
- Carmel United Methodist Food Pantry
- St. Louis de Montfort Food Pantry

The Meijer Simply Give hunger relief program has been able to drive such an

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Experience the beauty of nature on the historic Nickel Plate rails. The Forest Park Rail Adventure is a 7-mile railbike ride through scenic Northern Hamilton County.

**White River Family Cruise**  
Join us for the White River Family Cruise, a delightful, short rail bike adventure departing Hobbs Station. This family-friendly journey takes you on a charming ride over the tranquil White River and into the heart of Downtown Noblesville. Bike time on this ride is very short at 15-20 minutes plus a 1-hour layover in Downtown Noblesville.

**Twilight Rail Ride**  
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# Power of Hope fundraiser raises money to help others



Photos courtesy Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana

Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana held its Power of Hope event Thursday morning at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. The inspiring event and philanthropic initiative supports individuals in the community facing significant challenges by raising awareness and money to provide essential services such as housing, healthcare, and human services. This event featured breakfast and remarks from President and CEO of Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana John R. von Arx III, as well as two people who have been supported by the organization, Greg and Annie. Learn more about the organization at [voaohin.org](http://voaohin.org).

## Cicero Fire invites you to pancake breakfast

Submitted by **EMILY PEARSON**

The Cicero Fire Department Community Organization will hold its annual community breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Fire Department.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit, coffee, and orange juice. There will be a free-will donation.



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impact in part because of customers' shared desire to fight hunger. Customers are invited to continue supporting their communities by adding a \$10 Simply Give card to their cart, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to the local food pantry partner associated with that store's community.

"Our food pantry partners are truly the heartbeat of our Simply Give program, and we are thrilled

to celebrate this impressive milestone with them," said Melissa Conway, Director of Community Partnerships & Giving at Meijer. "On behalf of Meijer, we'd like to thank all our pantry partners for the tremendous care, commitment, and compassion they demonstrate every day in providing meals and comfort to families in need."

In addition to its year-round customer efforts, the Meijer Simply Give pro-

gram offers special opportunities for contributions to go further, including the campaign's Double Match Days, the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, and other gifting initiatives.

*\*Meal calculation is based on the approximate*

*average cost of a meal from select food pantry partners across the Meijer footprint. From 2008 to 2023, this was calculated at 10 cents per meal, then was adjusted in 2023 to the present meal calculation rate of 25 cents per meal.*

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**Thanks for reading  
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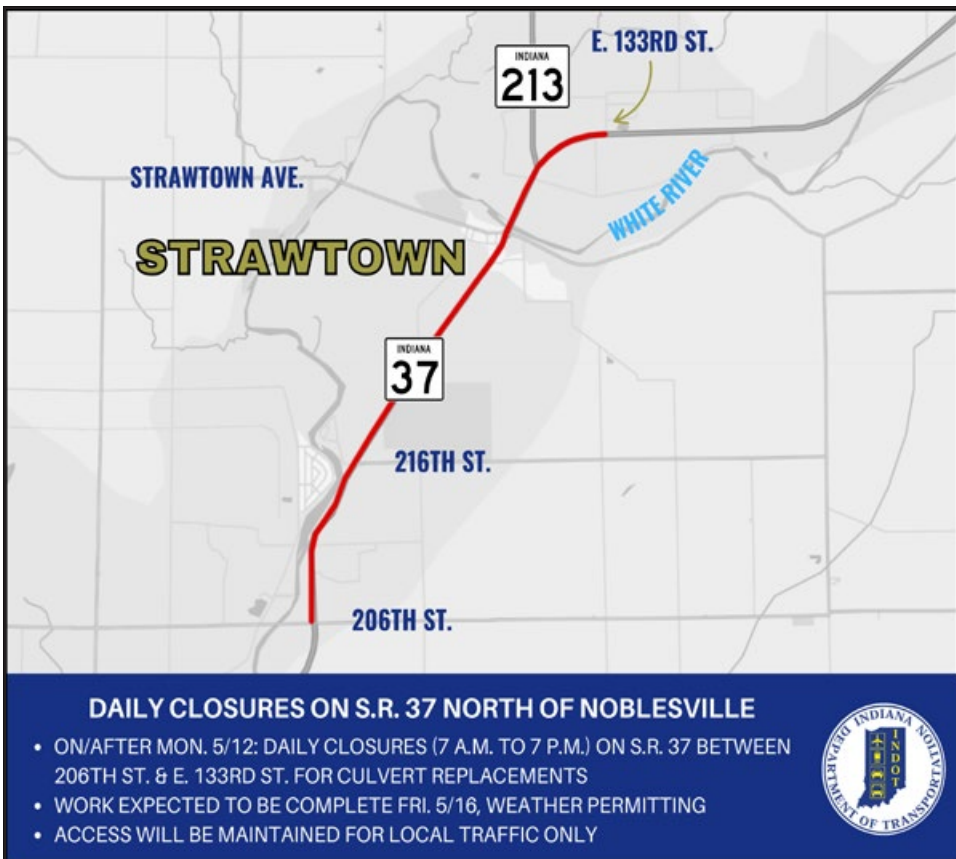
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# ACCURATE BALANCED LOCAL NEWS



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# IU Kokomo to hold community conversation on AI in Noblesville

Join Indiana University Kokomo experts to discuss how to use and understand AI tools at a free community conversation from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4 at Bier Brewery, 1618 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Registration is requested here.

“From the Taproom to the Tech Boom: What AI Means for Hoosiers” will be led by Patrick Motl, dean of the School of Sciences and professor of physics, and Paul Cook, professor of English. The program will explore the rapid rise of AI, from how large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT work, to what these tools mean for our everyday lives, workplaces, and communities. Cook and Motl will discuss the science and engineering behind AI, as well as the many complex cultural questions it raises about ethics, education, commerce, faith, freedom, and the future.

Cook called AI a game-changer, and said people are still figuring it out.

“There is no bigger story in the world right now than AI,” he said. “It touches everything: education, culture,



politics, technology, society, governance, business, healthcare, commerce, and more. We are in the earliest stages of an AI revolution that will move faster and cut more deeply than even the digital revolution.”

He said as an institution of higher education, IU Kokomo has an intellectual and ethical obligation to prepare students for it, as well as a responsibility to community members as good stewards of the region.

The varying points of view of experts from technology, science, business, and humanities will all contribute to the discussion.

“Humanities scholars in language, literacy, communication, and rhetoric are busy figuring out how this is going to change how we use language, learn, live, and love,” he said. “Folks in

the sciences and technology fields are critical partners because they can help us understand how these technologies work. Those like me are there to guide how we should use them and track their social and cultural impacts.”

Motl, on the science side, will talk about what AI is capable of, its impacts, and what it may grow into in the future.

"It is probable that generative AI will transform most aspects of how we work, learn, live, and grow," he said. "Facing these changes from an informed position will help us make better decisions."

Whether you're a business owner, educator, parent, or simply AI-curious, this event will offer practical insights and thoughtful conversations.

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# Indianapolis 500 medical team gears up for race day emergencies

By **TIM SPEARS**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The intensity on the track during the **Indianapolis 500** just might be matched inside the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway's** Infield Medical Center.

"I think there's lots of jokes about emergency physicians out there," IMS Medical Director Julia Vaizer said. "[Being] adrenaline junkies is one of them that floats around."

When the IMS draws more than 350,000 people for the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing," Vaizer says this the Infield Medical Center becomes the busiest emergency department in Indiana.

Vaizer says the most common issues for fans in the stands are cuts, bruises, and dehydration, while the race crews can need attention for anything from a common cold to a multi-car crash.

"A lot of times on race day, people think 'Oh, you just have intoxicated people there,' but we see patients with any kind of medical emergency," said Laura Stasila, assistant clinical



Inside the Infield Care Center at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. WISH photo by Tim Spears

operations manager at Infield Care Center.

The 18-bed clinic is split, separating the fans from the drivers and race teams receiving treatment. The drivers' side is also equipped with a X-ray machine, ultrasound, and stocked with blood reserves.

IU Health, which operates the center, also has a helicopter on standby.

First built in the 1940s, Vaizer considers the Infield Medical Center at IMS to be one of the top motor-sports medical facilities in

the country.

The 200-plus member medical team working the Indianapolis 500 are also deployed in key areas across the track, staff first aid centers, and follow **IndyCar** to keep teams healthy on the road. It includes a mix of professionals: nurses, residents, emergency medicine physicians, and specialists, such as a trauma surgeon and a neurosurgeon.

On race day, Stasila says the medical team often arrives in the morning, with some staying at the track already waiting for care.

While the end of the race usually brings a rush of race team members who waited until the event ended to get something checked out.

But no matter how quiet or intense it gets, the goal remains the same: safety.

"When you get this many people in one place, there's bound to be any kind of emergency that would happen," Stasila said.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/monthofmay/indianapolis-500-medical-team-gears-up-for-race-day-emergencies](http://wishtv.com/monthofmay/indianapolis-500-medical-team-gears-up-for-race-day-emergencies).

### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

#### THE GRAIN OFFERING

“These are the regulations for the grain offering: Aaron’s sons are to bring it before the Lord, in front of the altar. The priest is to take a handful of the finest flour and some olive oil, together with all the incense on the grain offering, and burn the memorial portion on the altar as an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Aaron and his sons shall eat the rest of it, but it is to be eaten without yeast in the sanctuary area; they are to eat it in the courtyard of the tent of meeting. It must not be baked with yeast; I have given it as their share of the food offerings presented to me. Like the sin offering and the guilt offering, it is most holy. Any male descendant of Aaron may eat it. For all generations to come it is his perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the Lord. Whatever touches them will become holy.”

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Baseball

Millers beat Royals in series opener

The REPORTER

The Noblesville baseball team won Game 1 of a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series over Hamilton Southeastern 3-1 Thursday at Ken Seitz Field.

The Royals scored their run in the first inning, when Clark Bucher singled in Jackson Bixler. The Millers tied the game in the top of the third inning; Trevor Corbett doubled in Aiden Ramsey.

Noblesville scored two runs in the fifth inning to take control of the game. Adam Gaskill brought in Aiden Reynolds with a sacrifice fly, then Trevor Miller singled in Corbett, who earlier hit his second double of

the game.

Miller and Luke Hagelskamp also had two hits, with Hagelskamp hitting a double in the fourth inning. Beckett Doane pitched six innings for the win, striking out 10. Ethan Kang pitched a perfect seventh inning for the save.

Parker O'Steen had two hits for Southeastern. Michael Hoog pitched a complete game, tossing two strikeouts.

Noblesville is 6-3 in HCC play and 12-8 overall, while the Royals are 0-9 in the conference and 9-13 overall. The two teams finish the series at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Noblesville's Luke Hagelskamp had two hits, including a double for the Millers during their 3-1 win Thursday at Hamilton Southeastern. (RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Parker O'Steen had two hits for the Royals.

Hounds increase win streak to four

The REPORTER

The Carmel baseball team moved its win streak to four games on Thursday, beating McCutcheon 2-0 at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds scored a run in the first inning, when Parker Heaney singled in Jay Stein. Max Walkey scored a fifth inning run after Stein hit a sacrifice fly.

It was a pitcher's duel, as Carmel had four hits to the Mavericks' two. Nolan Sundahl won the duel, striking out three in a complete-game effort. Nate Steele hit a double in the sixth inning for the 'Hounds, with Stein and Jackson Harris both getting one hit.

The 'Hounds are 12-7 and host Mooresville next Thursday.

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University dropped an away game to Cathedral 6-4 on Thursday.

The Irish led 6-0 after five innings. The Trailblazers got on the board with two runs in the sixth inning: Parker Jacobs scored on Charlie Ranek's RBI fielder's choice, then Cooper Burnett doubled in Cooper Cammack.

University kept fighting, scoring two more runs in the seventh with two outs. Cammack doubled Griffin Wright home, then Beckett Suh drove in Cammack with a left field hit. A strikeout ended the game.

Cammack and Burnett both had two hits. Cole Stocker pitched five innings, with five strikeouts.

The Blazers are 11-9 and host Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday.

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Westfield fell to Zionsville 11-5 in a Thursday HCC game at the Eagles' field.

Zionsville scored eight runs in the first inning and another one in the second. Caden Lindsey got the Shamrocks on the board in the third inning by stealing home plate, then Beck Jordan scored on an error in the

fourth inning.

The Eagles led 10-2 after four innings. Westfield scored three in the fifth: Caden Lindsey was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, bringing in Nick Fero. Anthony Cimini scored on an error, then Johnny Ewing scored when Ethan Colling hit a sacrifice fly.

Jordan had two hits, while Colling hit a double in the fifth inning.

The 'Rocks are 4-5 in conference play and 12-7 overall. They host Zionsville at 6 p.m. tonight to complete the series.

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Fishers lost its first HCC game of the season Thursday, falling to Avon 7-0 in an away game.

The Orioles held the Tigers to three hits. Zander Carnahan hit a triple in the fourth inning, with Luke Cherry and Justin Brown both getting one hit.

Hayden Werner pitched 4.1 innings, throwing five strikeouts.

Fishers is 9-1 in conference play and 17-4 overall. The Tigers host New Castle at 6:30 p.m. tonight.

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Hamilton Heights lost an away game at Lapel 10-3 on Thursday.

The Huskies scored the first runs of the game, with two in the top of the third inning. Kaden Lawson singled in Logan Hickman and Nick Hulen with a right field hit. The Bulldogs tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the third.

Heights took a 3-2 lead in the fourth inning; Tyson Upchurch scored when Luke Davis reached on an error. But Lapel scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth and held the lead from there.

The Huskies were held to four hits, including Josh Newton's sixth-inning double. Hulen and Hickman both had one hit.

Heights is 6-11 and plays tonight at Shelbyville. First pitch is 6 p.m.

Softball

Royals win top 10 battle

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern softball team got a walk-off win Thursday in a battle of top 10 teams.

The host and Class 4A No. 8 Royals beat 2A No. 4 Lapel 3-2. The Bulldogs scored two runs in the top of the third inning, but Southeastern answered back with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Maya Valenta got home on Madison Burlingame's RBI fielder's choice, then Carly McCall scored on Maggie Jenkins' RBI groundout.

The game stayed at 2-2 until the bottom of the seventh inning. Leah Paris hit a one-out single into center field to score Addison Richmond and give the Royals the victory.

Richmond and McCall both had two hits, including a double for McCall. Natavia Wright also hit a double. McCall got the pitching win, throwing 4.2 innings and striking out four.

Southeastern is 12-6 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Southeastern's Carly McCall slides into home plate during the fourth inning of the Royals' win over Lapel on Thursday.

Conference game at 6 p.m. tonight at Brownsburg.

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Noblesville won a road game at Kokomo 16-0 in five innings on Thursday.

The 4A No. 7 Millers led 4-0 after two innings, then put up 11 runs in the third inning. Brookelyn Grayson was 3-for-3 at the plate, driving in two runs and scoring two more.

Izzy Zapp, Haley Schatko and Faye Hostetler all had two hits, including a double for Hostetler. Roslyn Ervin hit a two-RBI double in the third inning, after Alie Thompson had a three-

RBI hit in the same inning. Delaney Rundle scored three runs, while Schatko scored two.

Ervin pitched all five innings, striking out four and allowing one hit and no walks.

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Boys Volleyball

Millers sweep Lawrence North

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys volleyball team swept Lawrence North on Wednesday, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22.

Anas Sakkah led the Millers' offense with 17 kills, followed by Gael Esqueda with 12 kills. Sakkah also collected 15 digs, followed by 13 for Sam Wolf and 11 for Esqueda. Wolf dished out 33 assists.

Five different Noblesville players made two blocks: Elijah McNamara, Wolf, Esqueda, Ben Sandahl and Nathan Lamantia.

The Millers played at Hamilton Southeastern on Thursday for their regular-season finale. A score from that match was unavailable at press time.



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Noblesville's Sam Wolf (9) and Elijah McNamara (3) both had two blocks for the Millers during their win over Lawrence North on Wednesday.

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## Ninete commits to Ball State



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Noblesville's Chloe Ninete has committed to the Ball State University women's dance team. (Front row, from left) Malcom Ninete (father), Chloe Ninete, and Jenna Ninete (mother). (Back row, from left) Bailey Mann (Noblesville Dance Head Coach), Micah Ninete (Brother), Cody Ninete (Brother), and Beth Glaub (Noblesville Dance Assistant Coach).

## Livingston commits to Purdue Fort Wayne



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Bradyn Livingston has committed to the Purdue University Fort Wayne men's cross country and track & field teams. (Front row, from left) Andrew Livingston (father), Bradyn Livingston, and Courtney Livingston (mother). (Back row, from left) Bill Kenley (Noblesville Cross Country Head Coach), Cale Livingston (brother), and Jake Fresco (Noblesville Cross Country/Track & Field Assistant Coach).

## BATTLE

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Noblesville is 15-5 and travels to Center Grove this evening to face the 4A No. 2 Trojans.

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Westfield nearly made a comeback on Roncalli, one of the No. 1 teams in 3A on Thursday before the Royals held on for an 8-7 win.

Roncalli led 6-0 after three innings. The Shamrocks scored four in the top of the fourth: Ava Kainrath doubled in Makayla Watson, then Reese Mahannah smacked a three-run home run over the center field fence, scoring Annika Lawrence (running for Kainrath) and Chloe Tanner. The Royals added a run

in the bottom of the fourth to lead 7-4. Cam Pulice singled in Lawrence in the top of the sixth, and Roncalli answered that with an RBI double in the bottom of the sixth, making the score 8-5.

Westfield scored two runs with two outs in the seventh inning; Lawrence and Watson both got home after Kainrath reached on an error. The 'Rocks had the bases loaded, but a groundout finished the game.

Watson, Kainrath and Pulice all had two hits.

Westfield is 9-7 and hosts Mt. Vernon at 6 p.m. tonight.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 9

#### BASEBALL

Hamilton Heights at Shelbyville, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Zionsville at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Avon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.  
New Castle at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Catholic Classic, 7:30 p.m. at Lafayette Central Catholic

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Avon at Fishers, 7 p.m.  
Carmel at Cathedral, 8 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 8 p.m.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

INGLA playoffs first round  
Noblesville at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.  
Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Center Grove, 7 p.m.  
Evansville Memorial at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:45 p.m.

#### GOLF

Sheridan vs. Bethesda Christian, 4:45 p.m. at Cool Lake

#### SOFTBALL

Danville at Fishers, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.  
Mooreville at Carmel, 6 p.m.  
Mt. Vernon at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Center Grove, 6 p.m.

#### TENNIS

Hoosier Conference meet at Logansport, 5 p.m.

#### TRACK & FIELD

Hoosier Conference meet, 5:30 p.m. at West Lafayette  
Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 5:30 p.m. at Carroll

#### VOLLEYBALL

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Fishers Midwest Battle, 6 p.m.

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## HCC Boys Track & Field Meet

### County teams get several event wins

#### The REPORTER

Hamilton County's Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys track teams traveled to Avon Thursday for the conference meet.

The host Orioles won the team championship with 128.5 points, with Brownsburg scoring 99 points for runner-up honors. Noblesville was the top county team, taking third with 83.5 points.

The Millers won three individual events, beginning with the 4x800 relay. The team of Isaiah Vohs, Jack Rush, Bode Barnes and Jack Shinneman finished the race in 7 minutes, 54.12 seconds. Banner Barnes led a 1-2 finish in the 800 run (1:54.20), with Bradyn Livingston placing second. John Libs was first in the 3200 run (9:14.07).

Hamilton Southeastern picked up two victories. Christian Ortiz won the 200 dash in 21.18 seconds, while Evan Senefeld cleared 14 feet to take the pole vault.

Fishers' Konrad Haynes soared to a win in the high jump, with a best leap of 6 feet, 8 inches. Westfield's 4x100 relay team of Mai-

son McCray, Caleb Terril, Cayden Gearhart and Cato June placed first in that event, in a time of 41.59 seconds.

Team scores and county top eight finishers in each event now follow.

**Team scores:** Avon 128.5, Brownsburg 99, Noblesville 83.5, Franklin Central 72, Hamilton Southeastern 67, Fishers 67, Westfield 66, Zionsville 39.

**4x800 relay:** 1. Noblesville (Isaiah Vohs, Jack Rush, Bode Barnes, Jack Shinneman) 7:54.12, 2. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Luke Moulden, Carson Ackley, Caleb Haney) 7:55.31, 3. Southeastern (William Henning, Omar Elsayed, Liam McNiven, Mason Schmitz) 7:56.04, 7. Fishers (Dylan Wolf, Bryson Slagle, Grant Yount, Grant Fasnacht) 8:15.22.

**110 hurdles:** 3. Logan Tuck (W) 14.99, 4. Sam Long (HSE) 15.12, 5. Rowen McGee (F) 15.13.

**100 dash:** 2. Angel Wilson (N) 10.80, 4. Carsen Eloms (F) 11.00, 5. Cato June (W) 11.01.

**1600 run:** 2. Jack Strong (N) 4:16.39, 3. Banner Barnes (N) 4:18.04, 4. Liam Powers (HSE) 4:18.51, 6. Slagle (F) 4:22.57, 7. Will Snedeker (W) 4:24.81.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Westfield (Maison McCray, Caleb Terril, Cayden Gearhart, June) 41.59, 5. Fishers (Kayden Myers, Vincent Rozzi, Carter Schaaf, Austin Mattio) 42.52, 7. Noblesville (Barry Abijide, Austin Donahoe, Xavion Bond, Wilson) 45.40.

**400 dash:** 2. Rocky Duplessis (F) 49.29, 5. Poirier (W) 50.30, 7. Michael Mott (HSE) 51.38, 8. Kallen Hoeft (HSE) 51.62.

**300 hurdles:** 2. Long (HSE) 39.75, 7. Ethan Feliciano (N) 42.36.

**800 run:** 1. Ba. Barnes (N) 1:54.20, 2. Bradyn Livingston (N) 1:55.00, 5. Declan Mohr (F) 1:56.70, 7. Snedeker (W) 1:58.40, 8. Henning (HSE) 1:59.50.

**200 dash:** 1. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 21.18, 3. Terril (W) 21.65, 4. Wilson (N) 21.66, 7. Duplessis (F) 23.04.

**3200 run:** 1. John Libs (N) 9:14.07, 2. Isaac Smith (HSE) 9:16.14, 3. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:22.29, 4. Powers (HSE) 9:29.75, 6. Ronnie Neal (N) 9:37.26, 8. Nate Thomas (F) 9:47.73.

**4x400 relay:** 3. Westfield (Terril, Poirier, Haney, Snedeker) 3:22.93, 5. Noblesville (Nathaniel Leach, Strong, Bo. Barnes, Livingston) 3:31.22, 7. Fishers (Darian Gorton, Gage Sturgill, Mohr, Duplessis) 3:33.94.

**Discus:** 4. Jev Hutton (F) 148-5, 6. Job Mavrick (W) 143-5, 8. KJ Mallett (HSE) 134-8.

**Shot put:** 5. Mason Cantwell (F) 51-2, 7. Mason McDermott (N) 46-7.5, 8. Mavrick (W) 46-6.5.

**Long jump:** 4. Dylan James (HSE) 22-1, 7. Donahoe (N) 20-11.5, 8. Braxton Gardner (F) 20-1.

**High jump:** 1. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-8, 3. Robert Campbell (W) 6-2.

**Pole vault:** 1. Evan Senefeld (HSE) 14-0, 2. Alex Wilson (W) 13-0, 3. Colin Swain (F) 13-0, 6. Max Wambach (N) 12-0.

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