

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny, hot and humid. Isolated afternoon shower possible. Tonight: Spotty showers or storms in the evening, possibly severe. **HIGH: 86 LOW: 67**



Westfield senior recognized at Youth Service Awards Asha Adhikari awarded \$1,000 scholarship

The REPORTER

Westfield High School senior Asha Adhikari was awarded ty Youth Service Award Monday afternoon.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAOD). Adhikari was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

As founder of the Westfield High School Project Hope, Adhikari has led efforts to support the homeless while educating peers on the link between addiction, job loss, and housing insecurity. Her advocacy through Speech and Debate and personal experiences have deepened her understanding of addiction's im-

pact, reinforcing her dedication to sobriety and service.

Six other students were the 32nd annual Hamilton Coun- nominated for the Youth Service Award by their schools' counseling departments. The other nominees include Josh Cale from Carmel High School, Sloan Ferguson from Fishers High School, Madison Bowman from Hamilton Heights High School, Evan Lawhead from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Ryan Vetor from Noblesville High School, and Zachary Phillips from Sheridan High School. They will each receive a \$300 scholarship.

"We are continually inspired by the passion and dedication of these students," HCCOA-OD Executive Director Monica Greer said. "Each of the finalists mitment to service and living standing young leaders."



Asha Adhikari with Hamilton County Commissioners Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman, and Mark Heirbrandt.

has made a meaningful impact in drug-free is impressive. We're their community, and their com- honored to recognize such out-

Sheridan Community Schools congratulates outstanding retirees

Submitted by Sheridan **Community Schools**

At Monday's board meeting, six Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) retirees were commended for their hard work and dedication to the Sheridan Community. The following retirees were recognized:

Karen Christian

Karen Christian started Small Blessings Preschool in 1998 from her home. This







The power within

If there is anything that living with a disability has taught me, it is that we are all far more capable of what we allow ourselves to imagine. At times, presented with scenarios that are unexpected, where there is no way out, except for the power within.



Likely, you have found yourselves in these types of situations throughout your lifetime. When something happened to you, and the only way out was leaning on strength you did not know existed inside of you.

A few years ago, my parents were out of town, and I stopped by their house to take their mail inside for them. It had been misting that morning but had since stopped. Things were not overly wet. Nothing that would have made me think to be extra cautious as I walked.

I stepped out of my car and turned to shut the door. The next thing I knew, I was on the ground, my left leg twisted behind me and underneath the car.

At first, I was stunned, as again, there was nothing to cause concern of any impending danger for my walking that day. Next, came the panic, quickly followed by the searing pain in my knee.

At the time, I was driving a Ford Explorer, my phone left in the console, as I was just doing a quick drop off and then heading home. I frantically felt my wrist for my trusty Apple watch, bought for times like this. I had fallen before in my garage and laid there for a long time, unable to get up on my own. To my disappointment, my Apple watch was not on my wrist. I remembered I had taken it off after my workout to shower and must have forgotten to put it back on.

There are no neighbors that are all that close where they live, and certainly not within shouting distance. I thought, What am I going to do? I knew I did not have the strength to pull myself up into my SUV especially with a leg that was not functioning.

continued a long-standing tradition of Sheridan having its own community preschool. In 2014, SCS and Small Blessings formed a tremendous partnership and brought her program into Sheridan Elementary.

For the last 11 years, Christian ran Small Blessings under the SCS umbrella. She has even taught preschool for 27 years. Countless families have started their educational journey with her, and she has left quite the legacy.

Dianne Gentry

Dianne Gentry began her career with SCS in 2003 as a volleyball coach. Two years later, she started teaching.

Over the years, she has served primarily at Sheridan Middle School as a Reading/ Language Arts and Physical Education teacher. With a total of 34 years in education,



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

(From left to right, top to bottom) Congratulations to Karen Christian, Dianne Gentry, Gretchen Rafferty, Lisa Samuels, Charlie McCreery, and Rob Holman on their retirements from Sheridan Community Schools. Thank your for serving the students, teachers, staff, and community at large.

she has made a lasting impact vorite thing was about being a on countless students and coland service.

When asked what her fa- munity members."

Blackhawk she answered, "The leagues through her dedication long-lasting friendships made with SCS for 19 years, with $22\frac{1}{2}$ with the students, staff and com-

Gretchen Rafferty

Gretchen Rafferty has been

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Who's ready for cocktail hour? Get ready for Peony Happy Hour at Brunch & Blooms

By KELLY McVEY

President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

It's happy hour in Noblesville ... peony happy hour that is!

We have some awesome - and quite tasty - peony-themed cocktails and mocktails to showcase from some of our participating Brunch & Blooms locations. Whether you're popping in for brunch or grabbing a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) drink to go, we a special cocktail through the with dragon fruit, lime, and recommend trying these three crowd favorites to complete your peony experience.







(From left) The Dragon Blossom, The Peony Mimosa, and The McVey.

entire month of May to high- cucumber with a frozen culight the Peony Festival: The cumber flower as an ice cube. Dragon Blossom. This deli- Additionally, they'll be open

Courthouse Club will offer cious cocktail is vodka-based for brunch on the day of the festival and will have new outdoor seating to enjoy.

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Nick Weber takes helm as Carmel chief of staff

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced Wednesday that, effective immediately, Nick Weber will serve as chief of staff for

the City of Carmel. He will maintain his responsibilities as executive director of Economic Development for Carmel during this transition period.

With extensive executive leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, Weber will work



Weber

closely with the mayor, city council, and department heads to execute strategic initiatives and drive meaningful progress for Carmel residents.

'Nick brings a wealth of experience in public service and a deep commitment to our community that will be invaluable as we continue moving Carmel forward," Mayor Finkam said. "Nick's strategic thinking, collaborative approach and intimate understanding of Carmel's economic landscape make him the ideal person for this critical role. I have complete confidence that he will help our administration deliver on our promises to residents while leveraging his economic development expertise to enhance our city's prosperity.'

In his role as executive director of Economic Development for Carmel, Weber oversees the city's Redevelopment Department and Department of Community Services. On behalf of the mayor, he has spearheaded the city's focus on the economic development opportunities that are present along the U.S. 31 corridor. He led internal efforts to increase financial scrutiny of developer-requested incentives and he also increased community engagement in the Carmel Small Business Network.

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2 POWER

To give you some perspective of my limited strength, due to my muscular dystrophy, it is really difficult for me to lift even a three-pound weight above my head. I was working with little to no chance of pulling myself into the seat of my car. My legs are far weaker than my arms.

Fighting through the pain, of a surely broken bone, I gave myself a pep talk. This is your only way. Otherwise, you are sitting here for what could be hours until someone comes along and sees you. I prayed, "Lord give me strength that I do not have." Pleading while almost vomiting from the pain I felt.

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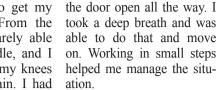
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The first challenge was me." Giving it another tug, moving my leg from its twist-I managed to get it cracked ed state. Forcing yourself to open. feel more pain is a challenging thing to do. I reached for then pushed the door open my leg, bracing for the pain, enough to try my next stratand pulled it around. You've egy. I needed to get my body got this, I told myself. I did turned more to get some it. Step one done. leverage to be able to push

Next, I had to get my car door open. From the ground, I was barely able to reach the handle, and I could not get on my knees because of the pain. I had to find the strength to pull it open from a seated position. I took a short break and gave it a tug. No success. I was beginning to feel hopeless. I prayed some more. "Please God, please help



I looked up from the ground and spotted my steering wheel. There was

I took another break, and

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years total in public schools. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education with a degree in Choral-General Music K-12 from Ball State University.

Following her graduation, she taught for three years at Shenandoah High School and Knightstown Middle/High School. She then spent eight years as a professional musician before spending another eight years in corporate sales.

Before she arrived at SCS, she had been a stay-athome mother for six years. Program. She has made At Sheridan, she taught K-8 General Music and choir for grades 4-12 and co-directed numerous musical productions. Over the years, she has taken countless students to the Indiana State Solo & Ensemble contest.

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would make me think that

grabbing my steering wheel

and pulling my entire body

weight up to stand on one leg would make any sense.

Yet, that is what I prayed to

tempts, but much to my sur-

prise I finally found myself

behind the wheel of my car.

the amazement that I had

done it dulled the pain for a

few seconds. I took in what

had just taken place over the

standing on one leg.

It took me several at-

As I finally was sitting

be able to do.

the SCS Teacher of the Year in 2018.

Lisa Samuels

Samuels started in 1998 as a teacher's assistant and in 1999 moved into the Elementary Media Center. She worked there until the 2006-07 school year, when she moved into the SMS Secretary position. In 2015, she moved into the bookstore and worked as the ECA Treasurer and Special Education Secretary.

els moved on to the newly family and enjoying the created role as leader of the Sheridan Youth Assistance Blackhawks.

CHIEF -

Prior to joining the city's team, Weber worked at Faegre Drinker advising public and private sector clients in Indiana and across the country on complex economic development matters, including site selection and more than \$1 billion in capital investment. He previousof Economic and Workforce and unique character that Development for Indianap-

course of about 30 minutes. There was no logical explanation for it. I had tapped into the power within myself to get out of a hopeless situation.

From there, I was able to make a phone call to my husband who rushed home to help me to the doctor. I had fractured my kneecap. I felt mer National Ambassador lucky that it was not worse than that.

Can you think back on a time in your life when you had a strength beyond what you thought yourself capable of?

SYAP an instrumental part

of the Sheridan community

as she has positively impact-

ed and assisted thousands of

students and families. She

has left an incredible lasting

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That experience served as a powerful reminder that when pushed to the edge, giving up is not the answer. For me, leaning on my faith is what lifted me up with a whole new confidence to face my next challenge.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a forfor the Muscular Dystrophy Association. disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram (a)ashinneman.

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Rob Holman

Rob Holman came on board at Sheridan High School in January 2023 after retiring from Carmel. where he had a long and successful career. He originally planned to only work one semester teaching business courses at SHS, but that quickly turned into several more semesters as he greatly enjoyed all SHS had to offer.

Several of the graduating seniors have noted Holman was one of the teachers who really made a positive impact in their education.

Holman retires As (again), he is excited to spend more time with family and working on his golf game

SHS has been blessed to have Holman as a member of the teaching faculty for the past two-and-a-half years.

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continuing to support the city's remarkable growth trajectory. I look forward to working alongside Mayor Finkam and our dedicated team to advance the administration's vision for a vibrant and economically robust Carmel."

Weber graduated from Indiana University and was recognized as a Forty Under 40 in the Indianapolis Business Journal. Rebecca Carl, who served as Chief of Staff, announced her resignation last month.



The Cicero Fire Department is currently accepting applications for the position of full-time Fire Chief. Applications can be downloaded from the Town of Cicero website www.ciceroin.org or picked up at the Utility Office located at 331 E Jackson Street; Cicero, IN 46034. Applications will be accepted until 6/2/25. The Town of Cicero is an Equal Employment Opportunity.

Benefits include:

 Bi-Weekly Salary · Longevity pay after the 1st year is available Paid Time Off Package · Health, Dental, Vision and Life insurance Certification and/or Degree Bonus Duties, Job Requirements, Difficulty of Work and Responsibilities, etc. can be found on the Town of Cicero's website at www.ciceroin.org.

Please contact

Emily Pearson at 317-370-2566 or epearson@townofcicero.in.gov or Rhonda Gary at (317) 984-4900 or rgary@townofcicero.in.org with any questions.

impact on the entire community. Rafferty was also named **Charlie McCreery** Charlie McCreery started in May 2018 as a fulltime member of the SCS grounds crew. He was always willing to learn something new, especially lining

the football field and preparing for games. Whether it was 3 a.m. salting of sidewalks or emptying trash after a football game, he has always had a smile on his face and was just a phone call away.

In June 2017, Samu- on spending time with his

Washington, D.C., and Indianapolis for former U.S. Sen. Richard G. Lugar. Early in his career, he worked in the administration of Indianapolis Mayor Stephen

Goldsmith.

McCreery says he plans

continued success of the

"Having worked closeincentive projects totaling ly with Carmel's business community and stakeholders, I've witnessed firsthand ly served as Deputy Mayor the tremendous potential makes our city special," olis. He also worked in both Weber said. "This new role presents an exciting opportunity to broaden my service to Carmel residents while

> Rosie's will offer both a peony-themed mimosa

> and a mocktail (they like to

call it a mim-less-a). Ros-

ie's will make their famous

sugar cookies and will offer

a variety of festival-themed

sugar cookie designs. Menu

specials this weekend will

include a peony-themed

brunch item. Stop in for a

mimosa or a breakfast sweet

treat before starting your

Noblesville, will offer "The

McVey" signature cocktail.

Chapter Book Lounge, a

day.

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This tasty cocktail is created in honor of Indiana Peony Festival Co-founders Kelly & Lindsey McVey. It's a pretty peony, negroni-lite that is as delicious as it sounds. Plus, Chapter Book Lounge will have 10 percent off of all non-fiction books for the entire weekend.

See the rest of downtown Noblesville's yummy peony themed drinks in this Instagram post.

For more information, new bookstore to downtown click here to see the full list of participants. We'll see you this weekend!

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Noblesville Schools named tops in nation for STEM

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday that it has been nationally recognized as a 2024 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished District for providing broad access to transformative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) learning opportunities for students.

Noblesville Schools is one of only 20 school districts in the nation to receive the honor, putting it in an elite, top 1 percent group nationally.

All 10 of the district's schools were also recognized as Distinguished Schools, with Noblesville High School and Noblesville East Middle School receiving the top national honor for the seventh year in a row

In addition to dozens of traditional math and science courses, Noblesville Schools offers 17 different PLTW courses across all grade levels with students exploring robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity, aerospace engineering, construction, energy, weather, and much more.

The Distinguished rec-



committed to increasing the programming. student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW STEM programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the ognition honors schools content and continuation in lights school districts for

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday that it has been named a 2025 Best Community for Music Education winner by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

The national music education recognition high-

their outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders in embracing music education as a part of the core school curriculum.

Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Districts were selected based on music funding, staffing of highly qualified music teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction.



Photo provided

In Hudson-Peralta's talk, presented by Allied Solutions Center and the City of Carmel, he will share some results from the audit and discuss his broader mission to foster a culture of accessibility in which inclusivity is no longer an aspiration but a reality.

Disability advocate to give free presentation

Ryan Hudson-Peralta promotes accessibility beyond ADA requirements

The **REPORTER**

A consultant who conducted an accessibility audit at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts will share ideas for accommodating people with disabilities in a free public presentation at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Born without hands and unable to walk, Ryan Hudson-Peralta hasn't let his disability stop him from becoming a father, husband, designer, inventor, actor, business owner, international speaker, and disability advocate for over 30 years. His consulting agency, Equal Accessibility, offers ideas and tools for

disabled guests and team members. Equal Accessibility recently conducted an audit for Allied Solutions Center, attending performances and

businesses to provide inclu-

sive experiences for their

inspecting the three-venue campus to assess how the organization can work beyond the basic requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure that every individual, regardless of ability, can enjoy a more equitable and enriched visitor experience.

Admission to the talk is free, but registration is required at TheCenter-Presents.org/RyanHudsonPeralta.



New this week at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Belichick Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

• Heartwood – Amity Gaige

• Naked Came the Pheonix – Nevada Barr • Part of Your World -

Abby Jimenez

• Summer in the City – Alex Aster

• Summer We Danced – Hope Holloway

• Swept Away – Beth O'Leary

Non-Fiction • Art of Winning – Bill Tracy Fredrychowski

• Outmaneuvered – James A. Warren

Russian-Ukrainian War 2023 – John S. Harrel

Garner • USS Arizona – David Dovle Lynne Gobioff • World War 2 Trivia

Book – Bill O'Neill **Inspirational Fiction**

• A Is For Amish – Shel-

ley Shepard Gray • Amish Baker Caper – Tracy Fredrychowski

• Amish Book Cellar – na Tysoe

ding to Remember – Hope Callahan

Children's

• ABC's of Love For • Sky's the Limit – Joe Mom – Patricia Hegarty • Bad Luck Kitty -

> Chicka Chicka I Love Stephen Mom – Bill Martin Jr.

• Day I Had a Bulldozer -Ashlev Wall

• Explore the Ocean -Pinkfong

• Great Puptective – Ali-

• Happy Father's Day • Easton Island: A Wed- From the Crayons - Drew Daywalt

> • Happy Mother's Day From the Crayons – Drew Daywalt • Most Amazing Thing -

Ian Hayward Robinson • Smelly Peggy – Helen

• Song of the Poison Dragon – Tracey West

• VeggieTales Bible Storybook **Movies**

Petty-Andretti com

• Sonic 3



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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







Opinion & News

From the desk of Hamilton Heights AG Rokita warns: Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood don't get lapped by

Update No. 150 Last week, Dave Post's Engineering class became the first in the state to offer Purdue University's 5S workshop as part of their Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP).

Representatives from Purdue University were on site to observe this groundbreaking achievement and to present the certifications.

5S is one of several Lean Manufacturing tools and is a globally recognized methodology focused on structured, team-based problem-solving to improve organizational processes and increase productivity.

Used by over a million businesses worldwide, it empowers individuals with the tools to analyze, refine, and optimize workflows. For students, integrating 5S principles into academics and daily life provides a forward-thinking mindset that strengthens critical problem-solving skills valuable both in education and future professional pursuits.

Earning this certifica-

COLUMNIST DR. DEREK ARROWOOD Heights Superintendent

student's proficiency in identifying risks, reducing errors, and driving efficiency, skills highly sought after in industries committed to excellence. This mile-

stone marks an exciting step for Hamilton school's dedication to innovation and real-world learning opportunities. * * *

In other exciting news, both the high school and elementary schools join the middle school in earning the prestigious ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). They are among an elite group of 190 schools across 29 states to have earned this honor. This distinguished five-year recognition underscores the district's unwavering commitment to a comprehensive school counseling program aligned with the ASCA National Model, which emphasizes a proactive and preventative approach to fostering academic, career,

tion signifies a and social-emotional development for every student. * * *

> The IMPACT Awards Dinner, hosted by the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program, is now in its eighth year of honoring exceptional Heights' students for their perseverance and resilience in overcoming personal challenges.

Hamilton Held at Heights, highlighting the Heights Middle School, the celebration welcomed 170 attendees, including students, families, school personnel, and community representatives. The program recognizes at least one student per grade (K-12), nominated by staff for demonstrating strength and determination in the face of adversity.

> This event is a true celebration of the accomplishments and triumphs of these remarkable students, many of whom have overcome significant challenges in their lives. The grit, perseverance, and unwavering spirit of these students serves as an important reminder that challenges do not define success - resilience does.

> > May is Mental Health

Awareness Month. While this is a good reminder for us to prioritize well-being, it's also a time to reflect on the profound impact of public education – not just as a foundation for learning, but as a pillar of community, growth, and support. Schools are more than classrooms; they are spaces where students discover their potential, build lasting connections, and learn the values of compassion and resilience.

Every day, educators, families, and community members come together to ensure that each child feels valued, empowered, and supported in their journey. By uplifting one another through kindness, encouragement, and understanding – we create an environment where every student can thrive, and where seeking help is never seen as a weakness, but as a step toward strength and success.

Together, we are shaping a future where education not only equips students with knowledge but also nurtures the skills to lead with empathy, persevere through challenges, and build a brighter world for all.

#WeAreHuskies

Indy 500 scammers

Rokita

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

As Hoosiers and outof-state visitors prepare to spend money on good times

at the Indy 500, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is waving the caution flag encouraging fans to beware of con artists.

"Scammers are getting sophisticated enough to trick even veter-

an track-goers," AG Rokita said. "All fans should take some basic safeguards before purchasing tickets, paying for parking, or making online reservations."

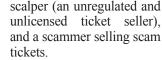
Many counterfeit passes and tickets appear to be authentic, but Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) staffers can spot fakes right away. In the past, race fans have made it all the way to the gate before getting turned away for fake parking passes or tickets.

AG Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams during this year's race activities:

• Remember that if deals sound too good to be true, they usually are.

· Purchase items directly from IMS whenever possible.

• Consider your source. Know the difference between a professional ticket broker (a legitimate and accredited reseller), a ticket



• Know the refund pol-

icv. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.

 Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a

credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.

• Call ahead or confirm hotel reservations directly.

• Check the reviews for the hotel or wherever you're staying.

 Look for warning signs, like prices that seem a little too low or website addresses that seem odd.

· Get email confirmations for all reservations and tickets.

• Be mindful of QR codes, which can be placed by scammers to enable them to gain access to electronic devices.

Be wary of online accounts that do not use multi-factor authentication.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General to report any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint by visiting IndianaConsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516.



Pasto Italiano

More changes ahead for I-465 & U.S. 31 interchange on north side

By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana Department of Transportation is asking for the public to share opinions on the Level Up 31 project as plans come together to redesign the Interstate 465 and U.S. 31 interchange again.

The goal is to improve the safety and the usability of the interchange on the border of Carmel and Indianapolis as the population surges in the area. INDOT said more than 104,000 cars travel on U.S. 31 in both directions daily.

INDOT said the final

interchange on the horizon, but concerns were raised about the usability during the project, and the volume of changes happening in the area

Elizabeth Weber is a Carmel resident who uses the area around the interchange primarily as a pedestrian but also as a driver.

"I think the plans are good," Weber said. "I'm not real excited about the stoplight. As a Carmel person, I am very much used to roundabouts and free-flowing."

Weber is a runner. She fairly good in this area, and ramps there at 465 and 31, provide a safer smoother she wants to keep it that way. with some improvements closures and the detours as modifications at nearby I plan for my races and my 106th Street," Garrett said. training," she said. INDOT representatives showed people at the meeting how traffic from I-465 to U.S. 31 will be more efficient with the changes. Phase 1 includes a clo-

sure of westbound and eastbound I-465 ramps to southbound Meridian Street for up to 30 days. There will also be a 30-day closure on southbound U.S. 31 to the 106th Street ramp and a 60-day closure on eastbound 106th Street at U.S 31.

Level Up 31 displays were shared Tuesday night. INDOT has additional documents on the Level Up 31 website.

Natalie Garrett is the strategic communications director for INDOT.

said pedestrian features are work is widening of the goal is to combat that and "I'm concerned with the on 31 southbound and some

eration to the traffic issues the projects cause.

Garrett said construction is expected to begin this summer or fall and continue through 2027, with the majority of traffic impacts in 2025 and 2026. This interchange was recently redone but, designers determined, population growth caused changes to be necessary again.

"There was unprecedented growth in the area: increased population, higher traffic volumes," Garrett "The majority of the said. "So, this project, the

design and environmental impact approval is set for this spring. Construction would then start in summer or fall of this year. The project would wrap up in late 2027.

Many people at a Tuesday night gathering at a Carmel hotel were happy to see an improvement for the

The project will be completed over five phases.

Some people told News 8 off-camera that too many projects happening in the area, and the INDOT project is happening without consid-

Daggy added.

While

commute. INDOT continues to accept feedback through its

customer service channels

for this project. This story was origpublished inally bv WISH-TV at wishtv. com/news/local-news/ indv-465-us-31-interchange-redesign-2025.



Submitted

The Boone County Preservation Group is applauding recent developments indicating that the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) may be reconsidering the scope of its ambitious LEAP Research and Innovation District project.

This shift aligns with the Preservation Group's longstanding concerns about the project's impact on local farmland and natural resources, as well as the lack of transparency with the community.

In a significant turn of events, IEDC has placed two houses and their associated land back on the market - potentially at a financial loss. These properties were purchased as part of the LEAP project.

"This move suggests that the anticipated economic returns from the project may not materialize as expected," Group Member Brian Daggy said. "It's been more than three years, and the only confirmed LEAP tenant is Lilly. The fact that these properties are back on the market indicates a shift may be happening."

Additionally, Governor Mike Braun has ordered a forensic audit of the IEDC and its affiliate, Elevate Ventures, in response to al-



and spending by the IEDC Foundation has been responsible, and respectful suspended.

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"The Boone County Preservation Group and other community members have long raised concerns regarding the LEAP project and the lack of transparency around its finances," Group Member Jim Love said. "Reckless growth also creates a strain on taxpayers of existing utilities. The Preservation Group has consistently advocated for responsible land development that prioritizes the preservation of the area's agricultural heritage and natural resources. These recent developments suggest that the state is beginning to acknowledge the validity of these concerns."

These recent events reinforce the Group's belief that the government should not act as a property developer, and is not capable of the task.

"Fiscal responsibility and fiscal accountability are not built into the current IEDC model of development,"

ues are upheld. the About the Boone County

Preservation Group supports thoughtful economic growth, its members advocate for development that is transparent, fiscally

of Boone County's farmland, natural resources, and community identity – and will continue monitoring the situation to ensure these val-

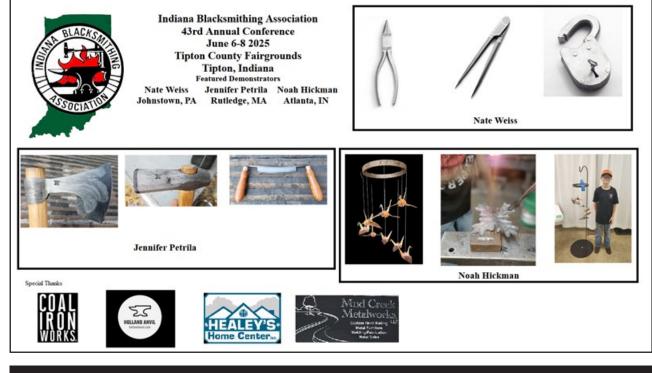
Preservation Group Boone County Preservation Group's mission is to create a unified community

voice as it strives to preserve area farmland and natural resources. The organization's objective is to support responsible land development in Boone County. You can follow the Boone County Preservation Group on Facebook or find out more at preserving-boone-county.org.



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8 **Carmel Symphony Orchestra** musicians visit Sycamore School

As part of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra's educational initiatives, three of its musicians visited some first-graders at the Sycamore School in Indianapolis for an instrument "Petting Zoo," where the students could learn more about string instruments. Students were able to take turns playing each of the instruments, which were half- to quarter-size versions to accommodate younger children. Joining the students last Friday, May 9, were Jan Brill, assisting with the cello, Karen Hutchins helping with the viola, and Kris Zaloudek sharing the violin. It is CSO's hope that this early childhood exposure to these instruments may spark a lifelong love of classical music for these children. (Photos provided)







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Hamilton County Military Veteran

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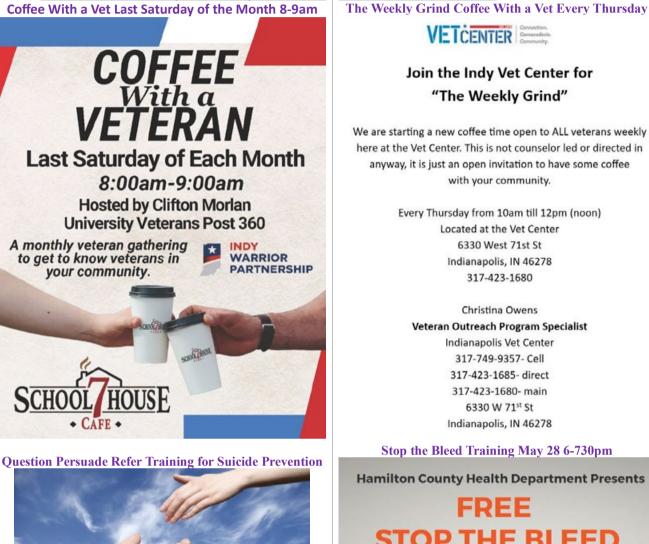
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Hamilton County Veterans Corp P.O. Box 503 Noblesville, in 46061 secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for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

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June 6th Hamilton County Community Resource & Health Fair at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds **Emphasizing Veteran's Services**



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Tasty Saturday in Noblesville

Local author and Hamilton County Reporter Columnist Pooja Thakkar was spotted at last weekend's Noblesville Farmers Market at Federal Hill Commons. During the time our photographer was present, she spoke with numerous marketgoers about Taste of Community, her upcoming anthology celebrating the role of food in fostering human connection. You can always read Pooja's foodie reflections in our Saturday edition, and if you have a story, recipe, or other food- and community-related stories to tell, you can reach her directly at **tasteofcommunity25@gmail.com**. Who knows? Maybe your contribution will find its way into her new book! (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)





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CSO League elects new officers



Photo provided The Carmel Symphony Orchestra League has elected its officers for the 2025-2026 Season. The CSO League supports the symphony with volunteer initiatives and fundraisers throughout the year. If you want to be a part of this fun group, email Welcome@CarmelSymphony.org and let them know of your interest. (Front row, from left) Tricia Damler (Treasurer), Barbara Crawford (President), Glenda Pilcher (Past President) and Linda Johnson (Orchestra Hospitality). (Back row, from left) Sandra Pirkle (League Hospitality), Shari Nienow (Corresponding Secretary), Pat Killen (Membership), Susie Briscoe (2nd Vice President), Leslie Shuster (Orchestra Hospitality and Recording Secretary), and Kathy Heatland (1st Vice President).

Indiana Orthopedic Institute surgeon performs groundbreaking knee procedure on fellow colleague

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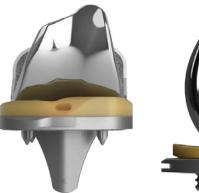
Dr. Michael Meneghini, a nationally recognized leader in joint replacement and the CEO and founder of the Indiana Orthopedic Institute (IOI), which has a Noblesville location at 14065 Borg Warner Drive, recently performed a partial knee replacement using the Enovis EMPOWR Partial Knee - a device he co-designed.

What made this procedure especially meaningful was the patient: Dr. Brian Palumbo, a fellow nationally renowned hip and knee surgeon based in Florida, who also contributed to the

Development Officer at HOPCo. "Being entrusted with the care of a fellow orthopedic surgeon is one of the highest professional honors and speaks volumes about the quality of care we provide at Indiana Orthopedic Institute."

IOI is nationally recognized for its evidence-based care pathways, specialized physician leadership and exceptional patient outcomes. Dr. Palumbo's decision to travel to Indiana for his surgery reflects IOI's growing reputation as a destination tion and replacement care.

Knee implant aims to pro-



process, which can reduce hospital stays and recovery time.

for advanced joint preserva- treatment options, I gained a whole new perspective The EMPOWR Partial on what our patients go through, said Dr. Palumbo, Orthopedic Surgeon at Florida Orthopedic Institute and President of Actuos Med. "When the injections stopped working, I knew I was a good candidate for a partial knee replacement and I began to question who I trusted to do it. Choosing the best option for my own health mirrored the decisions I help my patients make every day. Now, being back in the gym and not constantly thinking about my knee, I realize this experience has given me a fresh perspective. I believe it's made me a better hip and knee surgeon."



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diana Orthopedic Institute's advanced joint replacement services or to schedule an appointment, call (317) 620-0232.

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Conner Prairie & Corteva announce partnership on agriculture innovation

The REPORTER

Conner Prairie has announced a landmark partnership with Corteva to launch a multi-year collaboration designed to support the future of agriculture education and innovation.

As the new presenting partner of the Food, Farm, and Energy Experience (FFEE), Corteva's support will enable Conner Prairie to enrich guest engagement through immersive exhibits, hands-on experiences, and dynamic storytelling.

This transformative partnership brings together two organizations committed to celebrating the legacy of American agriculture while advancing the next generation of innovation in food, farming, and energy.

Corteva, headquartered in Indianapolis, is a global, pureplay agricultural technology company that invests nearly \$4 million every day to help farmers solve some of the world's toughest challenges, including food security.

"This partnership honors Indiana's agricultural roots while planting seeds for a more sustainable future," Conner Prairie President and CEO Norman Burns said. "Together with Corteva, we are creating a space where guests can engage in the future of agriculture and the ways our lives intersect with this rich heritage every day." The multi-dimensional

partnership will include: · Corteva's continued annual sponsorship of beloved seasonal activations, includ-

ing the Corn Maze and Sunflower Field, offering interactive learning opportunities and fun, educational outdoor experiences for all ages from 2025 through 2036.

• The launch of a new immersive Corteva-sponsored agriculture exhibit inside Conner Prairie's reimagined Museum Experience Center, featuring interactive storytelling and digital activations - expected to be open to visitors from 2026 to 2028.

 Corteva taking an integral role in shaping the future FFEE Conservation Campus, a flagship destination focused on agricultural education and showcasing innovation in food, farming and energy production – which is in the planning stages and will come to life in the years ahead.

"Conner Prairie is an Indiana treasure and we're so proud to help support their mission and growth while giving visitors new and unique experiences," said Audrey Grimm, senior vice president and chief people officer at Corteva. "It's important that everyone understand where their food comes from and the vital role agriculture innovation plays in sustainably feeding our world."

This collaboration affirms Indiana's leadership in agricultural innovation while establishing a national benchmark for how museums and industry leaders can work together to drive education, engagement, and environmental stewardship for future generations.

development of the implant that was used.

Co-developed with Enovis, the EMPOWR Partial Knee represents a major advancement in personalized joint replacement technology. Dr. Meneghini's dual role as designer and surgeon underscores IOI's deep commitment to innovation, clinical excellence, and advancing the field of orthopedics.

"This experience was more than just a surgical procedure; it was the culmination of years of research, design, and clinical expertise," said Dr. Meneghini, CEO of Indiana Orthopedic Institute and Chief Market

vide a less invasive option for knee replacement. It's designed to replace only the damaged part of your knee, preserving as much healthv bone and tissue as possible. This approach helps maintain more of the patient's natural knee function and can lead to a quicker recovery. The implant is shaped to mimic the natural contours in the knee, allowing for smoother motion and a more natural feel. It uses a special plastic blended with vitamin E to reduce wear and tear over time, enhancing the implant's longevity. The design allows for a streamlined surgical

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Humane Society for Hamilton County to host \$10 emergency adoption day

By MICHAELA SPRINGER WISH-TV | wishtv.com

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The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) needs your help finding homes for several animals in urgent need, and they are making the process a little easier by holding a \$10 emergency adoption day.

The emergency event runs from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

HSHC leaders say this comes as a result of an ongoing crisis: "Dogs in their care are deteriorating mentally and emotionally after months – and in some cases, over a year – of waiting for homes."

With this crisis, HSHC says they are faced with an "unthinkable decision" – euthanizing adoptable animals.

Click here to meet some of the animals in urgent need of adoption.

"With intakes surpassing adoptions and space long exhausted, the shelter now faces an unthinkable decision: the euthanasia of adoptable animals – not because they are unsafe or because HSHC is giving up on them – but because some of these animals have wait-



Photos provided by Humane Society for Hamilton County (From left) Chloe Cat, Piper, and Tyson are three animals in need of urgent adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

ed so long for someone to come that THEY are giving up," they said in a release.

HSHC President Rebecca Stevens says dogs at the shelter are waiting 70 to 80 days on average for a home, but some wait much longer.

"Some of the longer, and most at-risk, residents have been living for months – 24 hours a day, seven days a week – bombarded by stress, noise, fear, and yes, the depression that comes with losing the people they loved," Stevens said.

Stevens says she sees the community coming together for emergency situations like this as a life-changing opportunity, for both family and animal. The event begins at noon

Saturday at the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers.

The \$10 fee isn't the only benefit of the event. All adoptions will include:

• Spay/neuter surgery

Microchip

• Age-appropriate vaccinations and deworming, flea, and tick treatment

• A wellness exam at a participating vet

• A starter bag of food • Post-adoption support and resources

If you hope to find your next best friend during Saturday's event, here are HSHC's suggested preparations:

• Preview adoptable animals and apply early at **hshcadoptions.com**.

• Bring your dog to meet adoptable dogs.

All household members must be present.
Renters must bring pet

policy documentation.

• Government-issued ID required.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/ news/local-news/hamilton-county-humane-society-to-host-10-emergency-adoption-day.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING THE GUILT OFFERING

"'The same law applies to both the sin offering and the guilt offering: They belong to the priest who makes atonement with them. The priest who offers a burnt offering for anyone may keep its hide for himself. Every grain offering baked in an oven or cooked in a pan or on a griddle belongs to the priest who offers it, and every grain offering, whether mixed with olive oil or dry, belongs equally to all the sons of Aaron.

Leviticus 7:7-10 (NIV)

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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Meeting Notices

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The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2025.

A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County ISS Board will meet to discuss ISSD projects at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. A virtual meeting will also be

held via Microsoft Teams; Meeting ID: 218 289 984 103, Passcode: 7an2xo3Z. You can also call in (219) 225-8177 and enter Conference ID 950 781 886 #.



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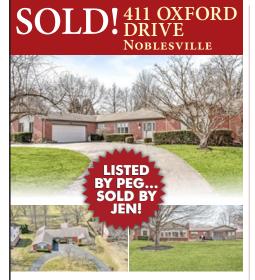
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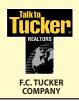


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Boys Volleyball-Rocks, Tigers, Blazers sweep in sectional openers

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – The first-ever IHSAA boys volleyball sectionals are taking place this week around the state.

Three Hamilton County teams are among those making history by winning their first matches on Wednesday. At Sectional 8, Westfield and host Fishers both won in straight-set sweeps to advance to the Saturday morning semifinals.

The Shamrocks went first and won their match over Carmel 25-18, 25-21, 25-18.

"I thought we played well overall," said Westfield coach Pat McAndrews. "We started a little slow with the first set." McAndrews said his team "made some serving errors that slowed our momentum," but the 'Rocks settled in toward the end, and the coach said the second set "was much better, as well as the third."

Carlo Huisden led Westfield's offense with 14 kills and led the defense with 10 digs. C.J. Fox had 12 kills and two blocks. Nick Gerow put down six kills and had four blocks, while Graham France made three blocks. Graham Weddige dished out 22 assists and Evan Huhn handed out 13 assists.

Chase Thorpe, Jack Kovak, Will Lloyd and Eli Philistin-Lynch all had six kills for the Greyhounds. Griffin Holdcraft collected 10 digs, while Shepard Spidel provided 26 assists.

The Shamrocks are 20-8, while Carmel finished its season 13-12-1 with a young team. * * *

ers in the Saturday morning semifinals. The Tigers swept Hamilton Southeastern 25-16, 26-24, 25-14 in the second match of the evening Wednesday.

Fishers steadily built its lead in the first set, and a kill by Ethan Luenemann finished the set. The Tigers went up 11-2 in the second set before the Royals came back to within 13-10. Fishers went on another run to lead 17-10, then went up 22-15.

Southeastern came storming back, winning eight of the next nine points to tie the match at 23-23. The score was tied again at 24-24 before Fishers got the next two points to win the set.

The Royals led 7-5 in the third set, but Fishers took over after that. An ace from Aaron Pifer clinched the match.

"We took care of business when we had the opportunity," said Tigers assistant coach Jordan Guler. "We passed well, we controlled the game for pretty much the entire match."

Nate Fitzwater hit 16 kills and three aces and made six blocks. Nick Tomlinson put down 11 kills, while JT Guler dished out 42 assists. Fishers improved to 27-4 with the victory.

Brandon LeJeuen hit seven kills, while Cash Untersee had six kills. Sean Carmona served two aces for Southeastern, which finished its season 14-14.

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Over at the Pike sectional, University swept Cardinal Ritter 25-19, 25-21, 25-21 on Wednesday to advance to the Saturday morning semifinals. The Trailblazers will play Brebeuf Jesuit at 10 a.m. Sat-Westfield will play Fish- urday in the first semifinal.







Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(TOP LEFT) Westfield's Carlo Huisden hit 14 kills and collected 10 digs during the Shamrocks' win over Carmel. (TOP RIGHT) Carmel's Eli Philistin-Lynch (left) and William Lloyd react after the Greyhounds win a point. (ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Sean Smart prepares to serve. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Nate Fitzwater had 16 kills and three aces during the Tigers' win over Hamilton Southeastern.

Unified Track & Field-Noblesville wins county Unified track meet

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL - The Noblesville Unified track meet won the Hamilton County meet, which took place Wednesday at Carmel Stadium.

The Millers scored 125 points to finish in first place for the third consecutive year. Fishers was the runner-up with 101 points, while the host Greyhounds scored 97 points. Hamilton Heights placed fourth (92 points), Hamilton Southeastern took fifth (87 points) and Westfield placed sixth (74 points).

Noblesville had several student-athletes win their divisions, with all of them scoring 10 points. The Millers that placed first in their divisions were: Aiden Brewer in the 100 dash, Aiden Perez and Channing Brown in the 400 dash, Camille Rollins in the long jump, and Jrue Kanté and Barrett Zoeller in the shot put.

"It feels great to see the kids so happy," said Millers coach Mike Johnston. "That's the best part about it all is seeing them happy."

Fishers won the girls 4x100 relay; team members were Ava Sharp-

Samantha Gregory in the long jump.

Heights' Aidan Unger



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Noblesville Unified track team won the Hamilton County meet for the third consecutive year on Wednesday. The Millers scored 125 points.

Jones, Emmaline Akers, won his 400 dash divi- Cade Joniec won his 400 Brandon Price won his Full results will run in Mira Warnick and Leah sion, while Southeastern's dash division. Westfield's shot put division. a later edition.



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Thursday, May 15

BASEBALL Sheridan at Tipton, 5:30 p.m. Brebeuf Jesuit at University, 6 p.m. Hamilton Heights at McCutcheon, 6 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 6 p.m. Mooresville at Carmel, 6 p.m. Franklin Central at Fishers, 6:30 p.m. Noblesville at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE**

Avon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. GOLF

Noblesville vs. Zionsville, 2:30 p.m. at Golf Club of Indiana Taylor at Sheridan, 4:30 p.m.

> SOFTBALL Brownsburg at Noblesville, 6 p.m. Lawrence North at Westfield, 6 p.m.

TENNIS Fishers at Carmel. 5 p.m. Mt. Vernon at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m. Shortridge at University, 5 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD County boys meet, 5:30 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern UNIFIED TRACK Brownsburg, Pendleton Heights at Westfield, 5:30 p.m. Hoosier Conference meet, 6 p.m. at Twin Lakes

> VOLLEYBALL SECTIONALS At Fishers Guerin Catholic vs. Noblesville, 6 p.m. Peru vs. Kokomo, 8 p.m. At Pike North Central vs. International, 5:30 p.m. Park Tudor vs. Bishop Chatard, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 16 BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Zionsville, 6 p.m. Roncalli at Carmel, 6 p.m. Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Hoosier Conference playoff, TBA

GIRLS LACROSSE INGLA Playoff quarterfinals Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 7 p.m.

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

Hamilton County meet, 3 p.m. at Pebble Brook SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Western Boone, 5:30 p.m. Bloomington North at Noblesville, 6 p.m. Terre Haute North at Carmel, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Heights hosts Hoosier Conference playoff, TBA **TENNIS**

> Westfield at Park Tudor, 6 p.m. UNIFIED TRACK

Hamilton Southeastern at Jim Brown Invitational, 6 p.m. at Fishers

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Baseball Blazers, Hawks get big wins

The REPORTER

The University baseball team took care of Anderson Prep Academy 12-2 in a five-inning Wednesday Pioneer Conference game at RoundTripper Academy.

The Trailblazers put up seven runs in the first inning, then scored one in the fourth and four in the fifth to end the game. Cam Rady was perfect at the plate, going 3-for-3 and

driving in three runs.

Phillip Jacobs hit a double and batted in two Cooper Burnett runs. scored three runs, while Ryan Castetter scored twice. Laine Spears got the pitching win.

The Trailblazers are fourth inning. 12-10 and host Brebeuf Jesuit at 6 p.m. tonight. * * *

Taylor 17-4 in a five-inning away Hoosier Heart- four runs and scored three.

Tuesday.

The Blackhawks put up eight runs in the first inning, then added one run in the second and two more in the third. Sheridan scored six runs in the

Caleb Alexander went 3-for-4 at the plate, driving in two runs and scoring an-Sheridan cruised past other two. Braelan Bochner had two hits, batted in

land Conference game on Jack Oland and Chance Spencer both had two RBI, with Oland, Braden Whisman, Jacob Hall and Gavin Schwerdtfeger all scoring two runs. Whisman hit a double.

Oland pitched 4.2 innings for the win, striking out eight and allowing three hits. Keegan Stout pitched the final out.

Sheridan is 7-10 and plays at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon at Tipton.

Softball **Royals beat Rocks in HCC game**

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern added another Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory on Wednesday, beating Westfield 3-1 in a home all-county game.

The Royals scored all three of their runs in the second inning. Tori Bricker sent a two-run hit into right field, bringing in Maya Valenta and Natavia Wright. Lilly Palmer scored the third run on Chloe Smith's RBI groundout.

The Shamrocks scored their run in the third inning. Makayla Watson singled in Annika Lawrence with a left field hit.

Valenta, Wright and Bricker all had one hit for Southeastern. Grace Swedarsky pitched a complete game, striking out 12.

Watson had two hits for Westfield, including a double, with Ava Kainrath and Lawrence getting one hit. Chloe Tanner pitched a complete game, with four strikeouts.

conference play and 15-6 overall. Southeastern travels to Fort Wayne Carroll to play games against South Bend St. Joseph at noon and Boone. the host Chargers at 2 p.m.

The 'Rocks are 3-3 in the HCC and 10-9 overall, and host Shelbyville at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

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Guerin Catholic rolled past Pike 13-1 in a five-inning home game on Wednesday.

The Golden Eagles scored seven runs in the first run each in the second and inning and steadily added to their total from there. Ava Augustinovicz, Izzy Phillips and Lucy Kemp each hit a double, with Kemp collecting two hits.

Anna Mauch, who recently signed to play softball at West Point, drove in two runs and scored two more. Jillian Davis scored three runs, with Madi Cain and Kemp also scoring two runs

The Royals are 4-2 in complete game. She struck Kate Murray hit a two-run out 11 and allowed only two homer in the sixth inning, walks and one hit.

Guerin Catholic is 7-9 and plays Friday at Western

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Fishers cruised past New Palestine 10-4 in a Wednesday home game.

The Tigers scored two runs in the first inning. Adrianne Cook singled in Azstryd Alexander, then Cate Summerfield batted in Kendall Jordan.

The Dragons scored one third innings to tie the game, but Fishers put up four runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead for good. Anna McGrath batted in Jordan with a right field hit, then Brooke Clayton cracked a three-run home run, also scoring Summerfield and McGrath.

Kennedy Shockley sent a two-run hit into center field in the fifth inning, bringing in Grace Walter-Augustinovicz pitched a mann and Summerfield.

also scoring Cook, who had just singled to get on base and finish a 3-for-3 night at the plate.

Summerfield was 3-for-4, while Murray and Clayton both had two hits. Murray pitched a complete game, tossing three strikeouts

The Tigers are 13-7 and play two home games on Saturday. Fishers welcomes McCutcheon at 10 a.m. and plays Cascade at 1 p.m.

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Hamilton Heights dropped a 4-0 Hoosier Conference home game to Logansport on Wednesday.

Kamryn Rhoton had two hits, with Hailey Hall and Melanee Forrester both getting one hit. Heather Crays pitched a complete game, striking out five.

The Huskies are 10-9 and host the Hoosier Conference playoff game on Friday, with the opponent to be determined.



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Sports

Umthum commits to Taylor



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Jackson Umthum has committed to the Taylor University men's golf team. (Front row, from left) Justin Umthum (father), Jackson Umthum, and Christie Umthum (mother). (Back row, from left) Mason Umthum (brother), Harrison Umthum (brother), and Carson Umthum (brother).

Glander commits to Logan College



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics Noblesville's Joseph Glander has committed to the John A. Logan College baseball team. (Front row, from left) Kelly Glander (mother), Joseph Glander, and C.J. Glander (father). (Back row, from left) Scott Henson (Noblesville Baseball Assistant Coach), Justin Keever (Noblesville Baseball Head Coach), and Zac Glander (brother).

Wood Wind Golf Course: the only public golf course in Westfield

By MARLEE THOMAS WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Wood Wind Golf Course in Westfield is participating in the WISH-TV GR8 Golf Card promotion. It's a great house in Westfield and it opportunity to enjoy local golf courses in the area. If you purchase the Gr8 Golf Card, you'll get one round of golf at each participating golf course. A total of 26 golf courses are participating.

Wood Wind Golf Course is one of the locations you'll be able to play at. It's the only public golf course in Westfield.

Elliot Elger is the PGA Head Golf Professional and says customer service is their number one priority.

"It's a very up and coming area here in Westfield," Elger said. "I've been here for almost seven years and when I got here it was nothing but farm land. The influx of residents has been

absolutely great for Wood Wind."

Elger says Wood Wind is an old course with a historic clubhouse.

"It was an old farmdeveloped in 1990," he said. "It's been purchased by the city of Westfield as of October of last year, so we're really excited for our new partners."

With Wood Wind being a public course, Elger says everyone is welcome.

"We do have rental sets if you're a beginner," he said. "But if not, just bring your clubs and a good attitude."

If you would like more information about Wood Wind, go to WoodWind-Golf.com.

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