

Summer break is here, but that means hunger for some kids

Pack the Cruiser to help end summertime hunger

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis 500 may be in the rearview mirror, but Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) is gearing up for another race ... the race to end summer hunger across Hamilton County.

Join HCHFB from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at designated Kroger stores for the ninth annual Pack the Cruiser Food Drive.

In partnership with Kroger, local law enforcement agencies, and HCHFB's Pantry and Program Network, this event supports children and families with food for the nine-week summer stretch.

How you can help

- **Shop for non-perishable foods** at your local Kroger stores, then Pack the Cruiser on site. Shopping after 2 p.m.? Drop your donation at a pantry nearest you. Check out



Photo provided
Don't forget to "Pack the Cruiser" this Saturday at Kroger stores around Hamilton County to help stock the shelves for kids' summer meal programs.

hchfoodbank.org for locations.

- **Purchase and donate Kroger food gift cards.** Leave cards with an on-site pantry or kids meal program representative.

- **Make a monetary donation** to the HCH Food Bank designated for kids' meal programs and pantry support. Just go to hchfoodbank.org/donate. Let's keep the momentum

going for neighbors in need this summer. Help Pack the Cruisers, stock the pantries, and support summer meals programs in Hamilton County – one bag at a time.

Multiple organizations join forces for action-packed Noblesville Race Weekend

The REPORTER

Several Noblesville organizations are joining forces for Noblesville's Race Weekend on Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31.

The fun kicks off on Friday with the 12th annual Darlington Bed Race, which has historically been the "kick off to summer on the square." Supporting the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) and Noblesville Parks & Recreation, the event will raise funds to support youth programs that take place during out-of-school times.

"We're very excited to be part of Noblesville Main Street's Race weekend!" BGCN Director of Club Operations Abigail Stutesman said. "Over the past decade, the Bed Race has raised over \$150,000 to fund scholarships for our youth programs. These scholarships provide positive, engaging activities for local kids and are needed now more than ever. Youth are needing the freedom and social connections that our organizations offer, and families are needing the financial assistance that events like the Bed Race make possible."

Since its inception, the annual Bed Race has been generously title sponsored by Darlington Snacks. Matteo's Trackside VIP Race Dinner provides the ultimate Bed Race experience to guests with their three-course meal and up-close seating.

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Reporter file photos
While it's not the Indy 500, the two Greatest Spectacles in Hamilton County Racing will take place this Friday and Saturday in downtown Noblesville.

President's executive orders put U.S. "in dangerous waters"

In the short time since President Trump began his second term, there has been a rapid-fire barrage of executive orders conducted in a chaotic and reckless manner, creating anxiety, confusion, and uncertainty.

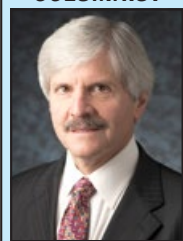
His executive orders have upended many aspects of the federal government including mass firings, layoffs, taking control of independent agencies, dismantling agencies, and making others dysfunctional. There is widespread anxiety in organizations dependent on the future of their threatened federal funding.

Health-related agencies have not been immune to these actions. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health have become dysfunctional. This dysfunction has only been exacerbated by the appointment of Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services who oversees these and other health agencies.

Policy development has been slowed or blocked. Vital programs at the CDC have been virtually eliminated or curtailed including the Office of Smoking and Health and the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Approval of CDC recommendations for new indications of existing vaccines has been delayed. Further, new vaccine approvals by the Federal Food and Drug Administration may be slowed by additional regulations including seasonal updates of the influenza and COVID vaccines.

Trump withdrew from the World Health Organization and directed the CDC, along with other health agencies, to cease communication with foreign health counterparts, hindering disease outbreak prevention and response.

COLUMNIST



RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.
State of Our Health

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Hamilton County launches website to help people in crisis

The REPORTER

Hamilton County unveiled a new online tool today designed to help efficiently connect people in crisis with local services.

NavigateHC can direct users to mental health support, substance use disorder treatment, food pantries, veteran services, foster care, and more.

"The website is designed to quickly direct community members to behavioral health and wellness resources," said Monica Greer, Executive Director of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. "Just plug in your ZIP code and select the services you need. The website will populate a list of free support services quickly and anonymously."

NavigateHC also allows users to request a local navigator – a real person well-versed on the resources available that can help guide them through the process. The website was unveiled at a live demonstration this morning for community leaders, partner agencies, and first responders this morning at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center.

"This app serves as a central clearinghouse of information – not just for individuals in need, but also for service providers, caregivers, and local organizations," County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said. "We're proud to invest in a solution that will serve all corners of our community."

The NavigateHC website cost \$67,800 to develop and launch and was funded through Opioid Settlement Dollars. To learn more, visit NavigateHC.org.



Greer



Heirbrandt

Hairbangers Ball to headline Noblesville Fourth of July Fireworks Festival

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The 2025 Noblesville Fireworks Festival committee has announced details for the free events on Friday, July 4 beginning at 4 p.m. with the Stars & Stripes Forever Parade through Downtown Noblesville.

The Noblesville Fourth of July parade, festival, and fireworks display is the longest continuously running celebration in central Indiana and an annual tradition in Noblesville since 1997.

"The Fourth of July is always a special day for my family, and so many families

throughout Noblesville and the city's festivities have become a summer tradition that brings our community together," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "Independence Day is a powerful reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and vision that built our nation. It's a time to reflect on the freedoms we cherish, the responsibilities they carry, and to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect them."

The day starts at 4 p.m. with the annual Fourth of July Parade through downtown Noblesville, presented by Gaylor Electric. Registration to participate in the parade is \$25

(nonprofits are not charged), and entries must be submitted by June 27. Forms are available at NoblesvilleFireworksFestival.com. The city will announce the parade Grand Marshal at a later date.

The Fireworks Festival, presented by IDI Composites International, will occur at Forest Park from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will include traditional park amenities such as trails, shelters, shade, playgrounds, and festival attractions like inflatables, balloon twisters, and face painters in the Kids Zone. The Teen Zone will also have age-appropriate inflatables like

the Spyder bungee jump and a rock wall. Hairbangers Ball will headline the main stage from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The festivities will culminate with the annual fireworks show, beginning at 10 p.m.

In addition to Gaylor Electric and IDI Composites International, additional sponsors include: Noblesville Boom, Republic Services, East Bank Apartments, Visit Hamilton County, American Structurepoint, CHA Consulting, EXOS, Context Design, and Meijer.

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Correction

In the “**Ravi Patel wins 2025 Start Me Up Cup with ‘RoboLuggage’ concept**” story published last Wednesday, May 21, Sophie Collier’s name was misspelled. The Reporter regrets the error.

Thanks for reading
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RACE

Onlookers are invited to attend this free downtown event to take in the action with the bed parade beginning at 6:30 p.m. and racing beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to support the event through a Text to Donate initiative by texting BEDRACE to 44-321 for a chance to win great prizes from supporters such as Cabela’s and Mat-

teo’s Italian Ristorante.

The Noblesville Main Street Duck Race, in partnership with the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, takes place at noon on Saturday, May 31 with festivities at the Noblesville Main Street Farmers Market at Federal Hill Commons from 8 a.m. to noon.

Duck Race participants can purchase one of 2,000 rubber ducks dropping from the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad train bridge and floating down

the White River to Logan Street Bridge. First place winner receives \$1,000, second and third place win \$500, and a chance to win assorted prizes from local businesses in historic downtown Noblesville.

“The Duck Race is a beloved event in Historic Downtown Noblesville,” Noblesville Main Street Executive Director Kate Baker said. “Noblesville Race Weekend is an incredible event that showcases Noblesville spirit by the collaboration of so

many remarkable organizations. We’re excited to continue our pay-it-forward donation program with CCHA Law, Johnston & Co., and the Turk Family who promise to donate any cash winnings to another non-profit of their choosing.”

Organizations that may benefit are the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, and The Cooper House.

[Click here](#) for further details.

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Graphics provided by City of Noblesville

The city has released the parade map (top) and the locations of various attractions during the festival (above).

Forest Park also features a limited VIP section where families and friends can purchase tables for the evening. These tables offer up-close seating to the live music performance, an exceptional view of the fireworks, separate bathrooms, and a great meeting place to gather and eat in between activities safely. VIP table groups may bring in their own food and drink, participate in a table-decorating contest, and get access to separate VIP restroom op-

tions. Tables seat eight people and cost \$160. Funds received for VIP section accommodations help with the costs of hosting the community event.

Public parking will not be available at the park. Parking permits for the Noblesville Aquatic Center are available for \$25 before July 4. Proper tags must be displayed to enter the north entrance from State Road 19 during the festival. The July 4 Planning Committee has improved traffic flow

to manage better end-of-event travel from Forest Park for motorists, pedestrians, and trolley riders. The Noblesville Fireworks Festival offers free shuttle routes throughout and after the event to assist guests in getting to Forest Park from designated off-site parking lots.

VIP Tables and parking passes may be purchased online at NoblesvilleParks.org or by calling the Noblesville Parks Department at (317) 776-6350.

ORDERS

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The Trump administration silenced essential clinical and public health guidance and vital epidemiologic and disease-outbreak information, including archival data and datasets regularly provided to U.S. health-care providers and public health professionals. It pulled some agency web pages altogether.

Trump’s orders have

suspended billions of dollars in biomedical research grants funded by the NIH and have withheld university research funding. NIH research dollars, for example, have been greatly reduced for Alzheimer’s and diabetes.

Agency censoring has targeted Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, health equality, climate change, pollution, disability, and other issues. Censorship also extends to other considerations like vaccine uptake and even to sexually transmitted disease-treatment guidelines. All mass external communications must be consistent with Trump’s executive orders. There is little regard for scientific evidence.

The journal *Nature* reported that some studies submitted to journals by CDC authors have been ordered to be withdrawn; authors working on publications with external researchers have been instructed to remove their names when articles use language inconsistent to Trump’s executive orders. For other studies, certain language used must

be stripped. Moreover, there are directives on what topics can be covered by research.

The Trump administration has resumed some communications and information regarding urgent public health needs, advisories, and regulatory and statutorily-required reports. Let’s hope that trend expands despite heavy administration oversight.

Underscoring these disturbing actions is a stunning editorial from the editors of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, condemning the assault on scientific integrity and rigorously conducted scientific inquiry and “the silencing of U.S. scientific discourse.” *JAMA* has vowed to proceed with the highest standards for scientific and editorial integrity regardless of political pressures – an impressive display of courage.

Our country has entered dangerous waters.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O’Bannon.

ART COVER CONTEST

Theme: Illustrate what “taste of community” means to you—through food, people, places, or shared memories.

ART WORK CRITERIA

- The joy of cooking or sharing food together
- Farmers markets, family tables, kitchens, or gardens
- A vibrant sense of culture, connection, or place
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WHAT TO SUBMIT

A high-resolution piece of original artwork that could be used as the cover of the Taste of Community anthology. Digital or scanned hand-drawn art accepted.

SIZE & SPECS

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HOW TO SUBMIT

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From visualization to action

Hamilton County's new Imagery Hub aims to educate, connect & power smarter communities

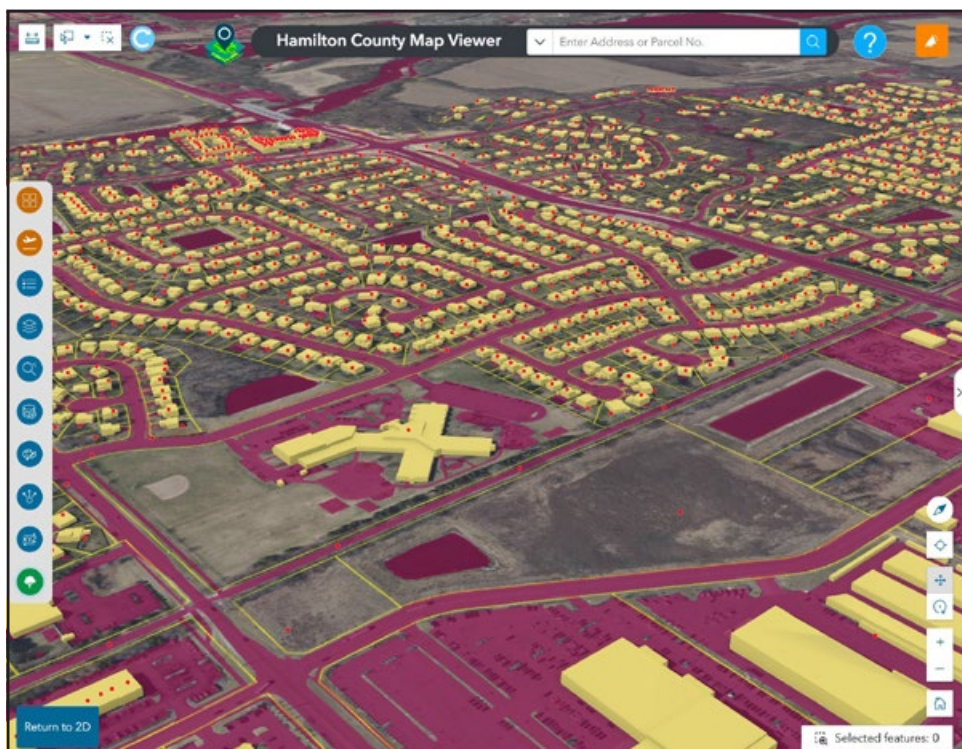
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Hamilton County has launched its new Imagery Hub, a centralized platform designed to provide seamless access to the county's newest and historic high-resolution aerial imagery and geospatial datasets.

This initiative underscores the county's commitment to transparency, innovation, and community engagement by sharing its authoritative geospatial data across county and city government agencies, with development professionals and citizens to provide the information they need to make informed, data-driven decisions.

“Our new Imagery Hub isn’t just a place to view aerial maps – it’s a key part of a broader initiative to provide an essential educational resource that helps users understand the specifications, accuracy, and real-world value of Hamilton County’s certified digital imagery,” County GIS Director Joan Keene said. “It’s a data engine for growth, equity, and sustainability.”

This new Imagery Hub works together with Hamilton County's upgraded Map



Carmel Education Foundation celebrates legacy & student achievement with 109 scholarships

Submitted

Last Tuesday, May 20, the Carmel Education Foundation (CEF), in partnership with presenting sponsor and CEF Community Partner Ascension St. Vincent, held its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Carmel High School.

During the event, CEF awarded 103 scholarships totaling more than \$143,000 to CHS seniors and underclassmen. The ceremony honored the culmination of years of dedication, growth, and achievement by Carmel Clay Schools students.

In total, CEF has awarded 109 scholarships in 2025: 100 to graduating seniors, three to underclassmen, and six to middle school students (presented separately earlier in the spring). These awards reflect CEF’s expanding commitment to supporting students throughout their academic journeys, marking a significant milestone in the Foundation’s nearly 60-year history.

“Our scholarship program is a powerful demonstration of what our community values: leadership, perseverance, service, and a belief in lifelong learning,” CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix said. “This ceremony was more than recognition – it was a celebration of the hard work students have invested throughout their time in Carmel Clay Schools and a testament to the community that stands behind them.”

The 2025 awards included newly established scholarships for students pursuing careers in architecture and health professions, as well as the Eagle Scout Leadership Scholarship, which recognized students who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

A particularly meaningful moment came with the presentation of a scholarship to a student graduating from the alternate diploma program in honor of Thomas Hunter, a 2023 graduate whose legacy continues to inspire inclusive support and opportunity for all learners.

More than 60 donors and community members participated in the ceremony, presenting awards in person or through virtual messages. CEF received 469 scholarship applications this year, representing over one-third of the CHS senior class. To maximize the reach of the program, each student was eligible to receive one CEF scholarship.

CEF Board Member and Scholarship Chair Amy Blume highlighted the thoughtful and thorough nature of the selection process.

“We’re grateful to the many volunteers who dedicated time to carefully reviewing each application,” Blume said. “Students were considered not only for their academic accomplishments, but also for how their experiences and contributions align with the intent of each scholarship. It’s a complex process, and one we approach with respect and care.”

The event was emceed by CHS teacher and 2012 Carmel Clay Schools Teacher of the Year, Jim Streisel. A pre-ceremony reception welcomed presenters, and the evening concluded with a dessert celebration for students and their families. Along with more information about the scholarships, along with more photos, can be found at ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships.

The Carmel Educa-



Photo by Johnny Gilbert



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(TOP LEFT) Members of the Corbin Family honor Ally Swearingen with the presentation of the Eugenie Corbin Memorial Scholarship. (From left) Andrew McAlliser, Swearingen, Kate Corbin, Claire McAllister, and Alex McAllister. Eugenie Corbin was a beloved Carmel Clay Schools teacher. (CENTER LEFT) Kiwanis Club of Carmel member Gayle Webb honors Asuka Hashimoto (left) and Asritha Chittimreddy (right) with the Koehler-Thompson Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship in recognition of their service in Key Club International. (ABOVE LEFT) The Eric Clark Family Scholarship was awarded to Ian Fuertges. Pictured are members of the Clark Family: Molly Clark Reuille, Deb Gangsted, Matt Clark, and Drew Clark. (TOP RIGHT) Principal Dr. Tim Phares greets Katherine Warren, recipient of the CHS Softball Backers Scholarship. (ABOVE RIGHT) Graduate Nina Federeci receives the Ashley Crouse Memorial Scholarship. Crouse was a leader of the CHS Student Government and CHS Riley Dance Marathon.

tion Foundation is the non-profit partner of Carmel Clay Schools and is governed by a volunteer board of directors. In addition to leading Indiana’s largest public education foundation scholarship program, CEF provides classroom and school grants and supports programs that prepare students for lifelong success. To learn more about establishing a scholarship, visit ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships or contact Stacey Hetrick at shetrick@ccs.k12.in.us or (317) 844-9961.

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Carmel celebrating Muslim heritage in city’s first EidFest

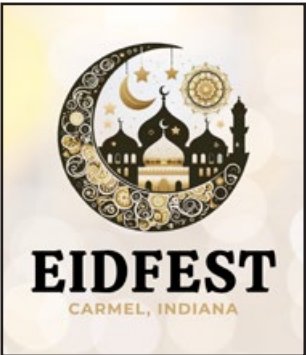
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Carmel will hold its first-ever EidFest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at Civic Square. EidFest promises to be a vibrant event of culture and community celebrating the rich tapestry of Muslim heritage from around the world.

This event is free and open to the public. Activities include cultural performances, the art of henna, delicious cuisine from local restaurants, and opportunities to expand professional networks and connections with local businesses.

Free parking is available in the following locations:

- Civic Square Garage, 50 Red Truck Road
 - Veterans Way Garage at Carmel City Center, 100 City Center Drive
 - The Center Public Parking at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, 819 3rd Ave. SW
 - Proscenium Garage, 1225 Veterans Way
- Please note that the road surrounding the fountain at Civic Square will be closed to vehicles. Bicycling to the event is encouraged.



Photos by Rocks Media House / Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield High School holds 132nd Commencement

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools held the 132nd Commencement Ceremony for Westfield High School last Friday, May 23.

The Class of 2025 includes 675 graduates. Among this accomplished group are recipients of the prestigious Lilly and Wells scholarships, as well as an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, demonstrating the academ-

ic strength and leadership within the class.

Graduates were offered an impressive \$33,831,096 in scholarship opportunities, with \$13,506,475 accepted. Westfield students also demonstrated academic excellence by taking 1,814 Advanced Placement (AP) exams, achieving an 85 percent passing rate and producing 124 AP Scholars to date.

In addition to academic success, students explored 31 career pathways in ar-

eads including engineering, business, communications, culinary arts, health sciences, construction, welding, and automotive technology. These programs equip students with hands-on experience, certifications, and real-world readiness.

Post-graduation, students will pursue college degrees, skilled trades, vocational training, apprenticeships, and direct entry into the workforce. Increasing numbers are pursuing

fields such as welding, cosmetology, and automotive technology, reflecting the diverse interests and strengths of the student body.

The WWS community is proud of their achievements in academics, athletics, the arts, and beyond. These graduates are prepared, confident, and truly Life-Ready. *Once a Rock, Always a Rock.*

[Click here](#) to see more photos from Commencement.



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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

What a Great Time to Live In Hamilton County

Hamilton County, Indiana, already one of the best counties to live in the USA, has the second (Carmel) and the fourth (Fishers) and the 50th top ranked city (Noblesville) within it’s borders and we are doing so much more that will help us lead the nation in not only caring for our Military Veteran Community but for all residents in Hamilton County!! May 2025 is not only a time for Racers and Pacers to kiss the bricks and kick the Knicks, it’s also time for building Stronger Veterans and Stronger Communities, which is exactly what we are doing.

Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition



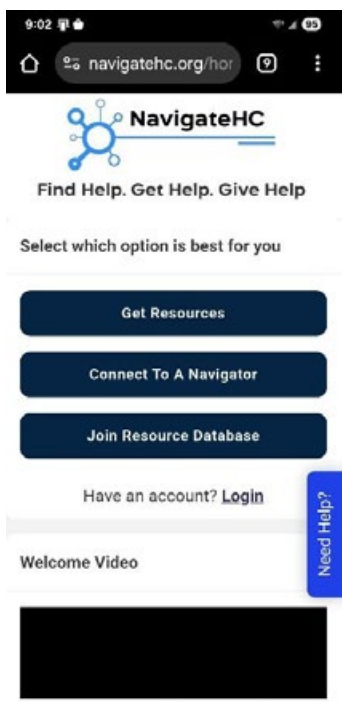
In 2020, the Hamilton County Health Department and our local leaders saw a spike in our Veteran suicide numbers so we started bringing together city, county and state departments, as well as people and organizations who wanted to step up and make a difference. We created the Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition (SVSC) for the prevention of suicide in our Military, Veterans, their families and caregivers. This new non-profit was created under A Healthier Hamilton County: Systems of Care with Kristen Ludeker-Seibert as our leader.

With the development of foundational leadership, who have ties all across the state, we developed partnerships and affiliations with many Veteran-serving and community-serving entities which has built a robust, ever-growing Coalition working to connect our Hamilton County Military Veteran community (MVC) and ALL residents to the resources they need in their time of that need. We know that to reach those of our MVC who are not connected – they don’t go to their American Legions or VFWs, they don’t wear Veteran related hats and they don’t know of the benefits, services they have earned – we need to reach into our whole community to inform all residents of what resources, services are here and how to connect with them so we all can get answers to our questions, needs and concerns. The hope is that as we all gain a better understanding of how to find the resources needed, we will also be more open with our neighbors, cousins, aunts and uncles so we may assist others in their time of need, thus creating stronger communities because we are creating stronger Veterans.....

Please check their website to learn more about the great things they are doing here in Hamilton County and see how you too may join this awesome coalition. Website is <https://hamiltoncountyinsvsc.org/> and contact is at info@hamiltoncountyinsvsc.org

Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities engages our Military Veteran community by keeping them connected, educated about local resources, and fostering bonds to a greater community where we all can live a more fulfilled life here at home, Hamilton County!

Hamilton County’s NEW Resource Connector Website www.navigatehc.org



Thanks to the partnership between our Hamilton County leaders and the Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition, Hamilton County is getting access to a FREE website called NavigateHC.org. It will connect all residents to the resources, services and benefits they hopefully will ever need or want. With NavigateHC.org, Hamilton County is going to lead the nation in creating a stronger more connected community, thus, we are all able to live a more fulfilled life here at home.

To reach our Veterans who were not connected who might be in that dark place, we decided to include the resources and services that all Hamilton County residents might need to resolve their issues, wants and concerns. By bringing these resources, services and benefits to every resident, the hope is we will share them with our family, friends and neighbors and help them get connected. To make this as simple as possible, with the help from Logic-Square, Tim Branyan and Silouan Green, we created a resource generator website that may be accessed on your computer or right on your phone. Something that you can search for and connect with the resource you needed immediately..., NavigateHC.org!!

May 28, 2025 Hamilton County is launching this great tool that you may share with your families, friends and neighbors. It brings all the local, state and federal resources, services and benefits that serve our residents here in Hamilton County to one site, and within 4 clicks you will be talking with the person who can answer your questions.

A screen shot of the phone version home page is to the left. From this screen you may select “GET RESOURCES” to select your zipcode (I select the all zipcode box) then select the resource group you need from the list and select SEARCH. It brings up a vetted list of all the resources with their information and how to contact them. If you would rather get assistance from a real person, select “CONNECT TO A NAVIGATOR”. Navigators are live and local for your assistance during the day or you may enter your info and they will contact you within 24 hours (If you or a loved one are in a crisis, dial 988). The third choice is for all our resources and services who wish to help our community, so they may enter all their information by selecting “JOIN RESOURCE DATABASE” where it will be vetted and added to our resource list.

So, for example, if you are a Veteran and need to connect with eligible services, VHA, VBA, housing, food pantry locations, support groups, local veteran clubs, mental health services, treatment services, housing, or employment, this site will be very beneficial for you. And did I mention,,, It’s FREE to all residents in Hamilton County!!

NavigateHC.org is still in the infant stage as we are building the resource lists and adding navigators. If your agency or organization helps our Hamilton County Indiana residents and you wish to be on the resource list, please click on the “Join Resource List” button to add your info. If you would like to help by signing up to be a navigator, please contact Monica Greer at monica.greer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov and she will set you up to be trained.

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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Meijer dropping prices on more than 70 summer grocery staples

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Meijer is dropping prices on more than 70 Meijer brand grocery essentials this summer to help customers who continue to feel the pinch of inflation.

Items included in the 10-week promotion, which offers discounts up to 60 percent off, include Meijer brand food and drinks popular with Midwest families during the summer months: hot dog and burger buns, potato chips, lemonade, freezer pops, ingredients to make s'mores, and canned goods for summer picnics like baked beans.

"Meijer understands customers are looking for value now more than ever before, especially during the summer months of cook-outs, camping, and kids home from school," said Don Sanderson, Chief Merchandising & Marketing Officer. "This promotion underscores our dedication to bringing 'more good to life' at great prices, ensuring families can find affordable and reliable options across every aisle."

Discounted prices are valid through July 19. A few of the Meijer brand items

included in the summer promotion include:

- Freezer pops, 24-pack: \$1.99
- Graham crackers: \$2
- Chocolate bar six-pack: \$4
- Marshmallows: \$1
- Quenchers enhanced water, one liter: \$0.69
- Hot dog and hamburger buns, eight-count: \$1.39
- Bottled purified water 24-pack: \$2.99
- Lemonade, 52 ounces: \$1.99
- Canned maple cured baked beans, 28 ounces, \$1.69

For additional savings, Meijer encourages customers to use mPerks, the Meijer app that allows customers to earn points on every dollar spent. These points can be redeemed for in-store coupons or used for additional savings on fuel at Meijer Express gas stations. Additionally, the mPerks program allows customers to earn savings on the products they purchase most in the "hand-picked offers" section of coupons in the app.

Customers can find all items included in the promotion at [meijer.com](https://www.meijer.com).

ATI presents *Titanic: The Musical* for two nights only

The REPORTER

The musical winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, *Titanic: The Musical* is being presented by Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) for two nights only: June 20 and 21.

This stunning musical, written by Maury Yeston and Peter Stone, follows the story of the "unsinkable" RMS *Titanic* and her ill-fated passengers.

From the poorest of immigrants, looking for a new life in America, to the elite members of upper-class society such as Guggenheim, Astor, and Straus, this epic production with its soaring score, captures moments of triumph, tragedy, and heart-breaking intimacy aboard "The Ship of Dreams."



Making the performance even more memorable, the Indy Arts Chorale and members of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra will join ATI for the evening.

For two nights only at the beautiful Payne & Mencias Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, this is a theatrical event not to be missed.

Get your tickets at ati-stage.org or by calling the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts' box office at (888) 684-3582.

Head under the sea for one of the best shows in years

Beef & Boards

Dinner Theatre continues its outstanding season with Disney's family-friendly *The Little Mermaid*. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's fantasy story from 1837 – the tale of mermaid

Ariel's transformation into a human – has been offered as an animated Disney film (1989) and as a live action remake (2023) as well as the Broadway musical version, which opened in 2008.

B&B's production is lavishly rendered by director Elizabeth Payne and her technical crew, including set designer Michael Layton, lighting designer Ryan Koharchik and costumes (magnificent costumes!) from MSMT Costumes. Sound design by Daniel Hasselbrock and projections by Rick Frendt complete the illusions for the piece.

A stellar cast is led by Sarah Daniels as Ariel, with Josh Alvarez as Prince Eric and Michael Ray Fisher as Sebastian. Ms. Daniels re-

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A Seat on the Aisle

vives her role from B&B's 2019 production and is perfect in her sweet portrayal while Alvarez, in his Beef debut, is the perfectly-matching prince. As a romantic couple, they are enchanting. Everything about them – their looks, voices, and actions are pleasing to watch and to hear. Fisher's Sebastian adds mirth and frenzy in a notable turn.

The supporting performers are delightful as well. Young Asher Ortman is a very polished Flounder, Chris Trombetta offers a comically flighty Scuttle, Joshua William Grees commands as King Triton, and Craig Underwood goes all out silly as Chef Louis. Eddie Curry adds a solid presence as Prince Eric's guardian Grimsby, while six very talented ladies perform as Ariel's sisters. The quality of vocal performances is high throughout the show, and Jill Stewart's musical direction is a strong contributor to that.

There are villains, of



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Ariel (Sarah Daniels) meets Prince Eric (Josh Alvarez).

course, and Chelsea Hooker is a wonderfully nasty Ursula, alongside her minions, the evil electric eels played by Riley Dominiak and Gabriel Kanai Nakata.

There are some terrific production numbers, sharply choreographed by Sally Scharbrough and Jennifer Ladner. "Under the Sea" is visually outstanding, much fun is shown by the gulls' tap-dance filled "Positooivity," and "Kiss the Girl" is a colorful blast of funny characters.

Bottom line: As family fare, this offering by B&B

is a big winner. The children around where I sat were entranced and excited by what they saw. Visually, musically and talent wise, I feel this is one of the best musical productions I have seen at Beef and Boards in the many years I have been attending shows there.

The Little Mermaid continues at B&B through July 13. Dates and times for performances can be found by calling (317) 872-9664 or by visiting [BeefAndBoards.com](https://www.BeefAndBoards.com).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](https://www.asota.wordpress.com).



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New season, new stars: a celebration of talent & timeless tunes in Carmel

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Spring is in full bloom, and summer is just around the corner. As students everywhere say goodbye to their classmates and celebrate graduation, The Great American Songbook Foundation welcomes a new

beginning of its own: the arrival of The Songbook Academy Class of 2025.

Hailing from 31 cities across 13 states, this talented group of rising stars is ready to take the stage.

- Helena Badiali, Doylestown, Pa., Central Bucks High School East
- Ava Baker, New Albany, Ohio, New Albany High School
- Lucy Bollier, Los Angeles, Calif., Calabasas High School
- Marth Glenn Bowers, High Point, N.C., Penn-Griffin School for the Arts
- Tiffany Chamberlain, Hatfield, Pa., Pennridge High School
- Sadie Cohen, Carmel, Carmel High School
- Morgan Grace Champ, Salt Lake City, Utah, Skyline High School
- Emily Grace Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif., Van Nuys High School
- Georgia Dadekian, Burbank, Calif., John Burroughs High School
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- Madeleine Delbridge, Pasadena, Calif., Polytechnic School
- Noelle Duncan, Kokomo, Ind., Kokomo High School
- Aarthi Eswaran, Westfield, Carmel High School
- Eliza Griffey, Seawane, Tenn., Saint Andrews-Seawane School
- Grady Griffin, Carmel, Carmel High School
- Isaiah Henderson, Carmel, Carmel High School
- Madeline Hogan, Winter Garden, Fla., Montverde Academy
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- Carly Rose Mulay, Portage, Mich., Portage Central High School
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- Rika Nishikawa, Chicago, Ill., Homeschool
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- Dylan Patton, Los Angeles, Calif., Van Nuys High School
- Mia Rettig, Indianapolis, Park Tudor School
- Connor Ruckman, Los Angeles, Calif., Van Nuys High School
- William Daniel Russell, Westwood, Mass., Westwood High School
- Phoebe Sidebottom, Zionsville, Zionsville Community High School
- Ikepo Soyinka, Braintree, Mass., Cats Academy Boston
- Kellyssa Rose Vincent, West Palm Beach, Fla., Oxbridge Academy
- Jacob Volker, Nashville, Tenn., Nashville School of the Arts

• Thomas Whitten, Noblesville, Whitten Homeschool

• Maddox Wood, Webb City, Mo., Webb City High School

• Journee Woodley, Westfield, Westfield High School

Get your tickets

Spring into action to reserve your tickets now for the public performances during Songbook Academy Week, held at the Payne & Mencias Palladium and available both in person and via livestream. Tickets are available now for these must-see events.

Songbook Showcase
Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

All 40 participants will each perform a solo on the Payne & Mencias Palladium stage. The evening also includes special performances by Michael Feinstein and guest mentor and Broadway star Nikki Renée Daniels.

• **Tickets:** Pay-what-you-can (minimum \$5 for in-person attendees)

• **Livestream:** Pay-what-you-can (no minimum)

Songbook Academy in Concert

Saturday, July 19 at 7 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

Michael Feinstein returns to the stage to emcee as all 40 singers perform choral numbers, small group ensembles and featured solos, celebrating their growth over the week and paying tribute to iconic composers and lyricists of the Great American Songbook.

• **Tickets:** Starting at \$25 for in-person attendees.

• **Livestream:** Pay-what-you-can (no minimum)

AI integration: friend or foe? (Spoiler: it’s mostly a friend)

Artificial Intelligence has officially graduated from buzzword status to workplace essential. Across industries, AI is boosting productivity, automating routine tasks, and freeing up time for teams to focus on what really matters, like thinking, collaborating, or finishing that second cup of coffee before noon. And while some worry about the impact on jobs, the bigger story is how AI is changing the nature of work, not canceling it altogether.

To stay ahead, workers should embrace AI as a helpful assistant, not a sneaky job thief. While AI tackles the repetitive,



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Patty's Point of View

click-heavy stuff, humans bring brainpower, critical thinking, creativity, and emotional intelligence, which truly move the needle. In short, AI isn't here to take your job ... just the boring parts you probably didn't love anyway.

So, is AI replacing jobs? Technically, yes. But it's also creating new ones. According to the World Economic Forum, AI is expected to eliminate 85 million jobs by 2025, but it's also projected to create 97 million new roles in their place. Tasks like data entry may be on the way out, but careers focused on strategy, leadership, and

human-centered problem solving are on the rise. A thoughtful approach to change management can help teams step into these new roles with confidence and maybe even a little excitement.

The future of work is shaping up to be less about busy work and more about big picture thinking. AI can analyze data, but it can't dream up the next big idea. It can answer questions, but it still can't lead a team meeting without accidentally scheduling it during lunch. And while it might be great at spotting patterns, only humans can give those patterns meaning.

One of the coolest things AI is doing? Making work more inclusive and accessible. With tools like

voice-to-text for smoother communication and smart office systems that adjust lighting and temperature for comfort, AI is making it easier for everyone to thrive. Even scheduling meetings has become less of a group sport thanks to intelligent tools that somehow find that one open slot no one else noticed.

AI isn't a foe, it's a tool. And like any good tool, it's all about how you use it. The teams that embrace the shift, keep learning, and lean into what humans do best will be the ones shaping the future of work.

Stay tuned for the next edition of "Patty's Point of View," where workplace trends are always made clear, current, and served with a side of fun – no snooze fests.

Delivering results for Hoosiers: real reform, real relief

With the passage of the state's next two-year budget, the 2025 legislative session come to a close late last month. Despite a projected \$2 billion revenue shortfall, we passed a balanced, fiscally responsible budget that protects taxpayers, strengthens public safety and invests in our future.

As your state senator, I'm pleased to share that several impactful bills I authored were signed into law, each designed to make life better for Hoosiers across our state.



GUEST COLUMNIST
SCOTT BALDWIN
State Senator

Ensuring responsible use of your tax dollars

To ensure your tax dollars are spent wisely, I authored [SEA 5](#) to increase legislative oversight and accountability in state government.

SEA 5 improves how state agencies spend tax dollars and manage federal funds, boosts workforce efficiency and reinforces a simple idea: government exists to serve Hoosiers – not itself.

Protecting Hoosiers from foreign influence

In today's ever-changing media environment, transparency is critical. That's why I authored [Senate Enrolled Act 1](#), the flagship property tax relief bill of the session. SEA 1 will save Indiana homeowners \$1.3 billion over the next three years.

Property tax relief

Rising local property taxes have burdened homeowners in recent years. That's why I authored [Senate Enrolled Act 1](#), the flagship property tax relief bill of the session. SEA 1 will save Indiana homeowners \$1.3 billion over the next three years.

Next year, two-thirds of homeowners will see a lower tax bill than they do today, and nearly all will pay less than they would have under previous law. Every homestead will receive up to \$300 in additional credits, with targeted relief for seniors, disabled Hoosiers, and veterans.

Just as important, SEA 1 adds transparency to the local budgeting process by requiring elected officials to publicly vote on local property tax rates each year.

This is meaningful, direct relief for working Hoosier families and retirees that still ensures our schools and communities remain well-funded.

This commonsense measure helps ensure that Hoosiers know who is behind the information they consume, strengthening the integrity of our state's media environment.

Improving support for our veterans

As a veteran, I understand the challenges many face when navigating benefits and support systems. I authored [SEA 433](#) to improve the training and performance standards of veterans service officers (VSOs) across Indiana.

Far too often, inconsistent local support has left veterans without the help they've earned.

This bill ensures that when veterans walk into a VSO office, they'll get the help they deserve.

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Merchants Bank welcomes Ronald Brown as new Mortgage Loan Originator

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank announced last Friday that Ronald Brown has joined the lending team as a Mortgage Loan Originator. He will be based out of the Bank's headquarters in Carmel.

Brown, an industry veteran, has dedicated nearly 30 years of his career to the residential mortgage lending industry, supporting clients throughout the purchasing, construction, and refinancing processes. Prior to joining Merchants, he served as a mortgage loan officer with BMO Harris Bank, and most recently, with Indiana Members Credit Union. Throughout



these positions, Brown heightened his expertise in conventional, VA, and FHA loan origination.

As a Mortgage Loan Originator with Merchants Bank, Brown will support a range of customers through each of their unique home financing needs. Whether working with first-time or experienced homebuyers, Brown's proficiency and commitment to customer care are clear



Brown

markers of a transparent and trusted advisor for any prospective client looking to take key steps toward homeownership.

"Ronald's background in Central and Northeast Indiana will prove to be crucial in our team's growth," said Ronald Berry, Senior Vice President of Retail Mortgage Sales at Merchants Mortgage, a division of Merchants Bank. "His exceptional understanding of the needs and demands of clients within these areas will improve our team's ability to meet them where they are and support them on the path to owning their dream home. He is a perfect fit for the team as we continue to grow our footprint and presence throughout the state."

Brown attended Purdue University Fort Wayne, formerly Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, where he pursued higher education in business management and communications.

To learn more about Merchants Bank, visit [BankMerchants.com](#).

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Go beyond the stage at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

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Explore these opportunities for education at Carmel’s Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets for these events, keep reading or go to TheCenterPresents.org. **Jungle Jams camp starts July 21**

Does your child have a knack for rhythm? Don’t they all? Youngsters ages 5 to 7 can cultivate those instincts into budding talents during the annual **Jungle Jams music camp**, which this year runs 9 to 11:30 a.m. July 21 to 25.

Led by instructor “Miss Lisa” (a.k.a. “Groove Lady”) of Bongo Boy Music School, campers are introduced to common instruments and basic musical concepts while enjoying fun physical activities and even making their own simple instruments to take home.

Here's a charming video recap from a few years back, and you can read more and register your camper [here](#).

Prism Project in the spotlight

Everyone has an artistic statement to make, and that’s the cool truth behind the **Prism Project**, the Center’s performing arts day camp for youth with a range of physical, sensory, and cognitive disabilities. Professional instructors and volunteer “Buddies” provide one-on-one guidance as the campers channel their talents and interests into an original stage production.

The third year of the Prism Project at Allied Solutions Center is getting underway, with the **culminating performance set for June 22** at the Studio Theater. *Carmel Monthly* magazine writer Janelle Morrison has a **story** about the origins of the program, as well as a quick tour of other education and outreach programs at Allied Solutions Center.

Behold the mighty four-string wonder

The seemingly humble ukulele can be a powerful, versatile, expressive instrument in the right hands*,



Photo provided

Although all spots for this year’s Prism Project have been claimed, you can still see the June 22 performance. Get your tickets at TheCenterPresents.org.

and it’s also a great starter ride for people who have never played music before. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of your friends and neighbors have joined Uke Nation (figuratively speaking, not an actual thing) through the **array of ukulele classes** offered here at Allied Solutions Center.

A **new section of Beginner Ukulele**, recommended for ages 14 and up, runs July 9 to Aug. 6 under the guidance of local singer-songwriter Meghan Cristeen Martin. Give it a shot, and if you have what it takes (fingers, etc.), you can move up to **General and Advanced** classes.

The “right hands” certainly include those of **Jake Shimabukuro, just announced as part of the upcoming season.*

In other news . . .

• **Stand-Up Comedy Practicum** is a four-week course for graduates of **Intro to Stand-Up Comedy**, and it’s proving just as popular. This summer’s session sold out almost immediately after going on sale. If you want a taste, the advanced students will present their graduation performance

Aug. 15 at the Studio Theater (on sale soon).

• **The Palladium Bookies** reading club will meet June 9 at the Payne & Menicias Palladium to discuss ***Shy: The Alarmingly Outspoken Memoirs of Mary Rodgers*** by the author/composer daughter of Broadway legend Richard Rodgers. Next up on Aug. 11 is ***Marjorie Morningstar*** by Herman Wouk, the tale of a young woman’s adventures amid the 1930s New York art and literary scene.



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Expanding opportunities for National Guard members

We took steps to better support the Indiana National Guard. New legislation expands educational and financial benefits for Guard members and their families, including broader education benefits that cover apprenticeships, workforce credentials and certifications – not just traditional college – expanded workers’ compensation eligibility and enhanced financial support for the families of those who die in service.

These reforms strengthen our Guard and help build a workforce to meet our state’s needs.

Responsibly lowering income taxes

Building on previous reforms, we passed a mechanism to further reduce Indiana’s already-low and lowering income tax rate beyond 2027. Starting in 2030, the rate will continue to drop incrementally – eventually to 2.75 percent – when economic conditions allow.

This ensures Indiana remains a top destination for families, entrepreneurs, and businesses looking to grow.

You can view a full list of the bills I authored and supported this session at iga.in.gov.

Although the legislative session has ended, my work on your behalf continues every day. I welcome your thoughts, ideas, and concerns. Please reach out anytime at IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Baldwin.

Thank you for the honor of serving you in the Indiana Senate.

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025, has been canceled.

The Atlanta Town Council will meet in an executive session at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. A special meeting will follow immediately after the executive session in the same location.

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA IN THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2025, the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the “Common Council”), adopted a resolution entitled “A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana Regarding the Amendment of an Economic Revitalization Area” (the “Declaratory Resolution”). You are further notified that the Common Council will hold a public hearing to consider confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

The Common Council previously adopted Resolution No. 19-121 on September 9, 2019, as subsequently confirmed by Resolution No. 19-125 adopted by the Council on October 14, 2019, following a public hearing, designating an area whose boundaries are located within the corporate boundaries of the City generally located on the northeast corner of 196th Street and East Street, Westfield, Indiana, to be an economic revitalization area under the Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1-1, et. seq., as amended (the “Act”), known as the Northpoint Business Park Economic Revitalization Area (the “Original Area”). The Declaratory Resolution designates an additional parcel adjacent to the Original Area (the “Expansion Area”) to be an economic revitalization area pursuant to the Act, in which property owners and lessees in the Expansion Area making application to the City pursuant to the Act, if subsequently approved by the Common Council pursuant to the Act, may receive real property tax abatement and/or personal property tax abatement pursuant to the applicable procedures of the Act. A copy of the Declaratory Resolution, which includes a description of the Expansion Area, is available for inspection in the office of the City’s Director of Economic Development and at the Hamilton County Assessor’s Office.

The public hearing will be held on June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly room of the Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074. At the public hearing, the Common Council will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons with respect to the Declaratory Resolution. After considering the evidence, the Common Council will take final action determining whether the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution. This determination will be final, subject to certain rights to appeal under I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-2.5.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA
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— ARCADIA —

Notice

The Arcadia Town Council will hold an executive session on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(D) the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties. This will be located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.

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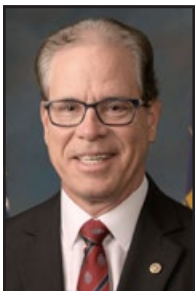
USDA approves Indiana’s waiver to remove sugary drinks from SNAP benefits

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun

Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Brooke Rollins has signed Indiana’s waiver to remove sugary soft drinks and candy from the taxpayer-funded nutrition assistance program, SNAP. “More taxpayer-funded SNAP dollars are spent

on sugary drinks and candy than on fruits and vegetables,” Gov. Mike Braun said. “Indiana is proud to lead the way in the Make America Healthy Again agenda by making this common sense move to return the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to its intended purpose: nutrition.”

Soda is the number one commodity purchased with SNAP benefits. Purchases of sugary drinks, desserts, and candy exceed the combined sales of fruits and vegetables on SNAP. Children enrolled in SNAP consume 43 percent more sugary drinks than non-SNAP recipients with similar incomes. Indiana was among the first states in the country to apply for this waiver to remove



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soft drinks and candy from SNAP benefits. At the event rolling out Governor Braun’s Make Indiana Healthy Again initiative, HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said: “I urge every governor across America to follow your lead by signing similar executive orders in their states to improve

nutrition standards in SNAP, increase transparency around food dyes and additives, implement physical fitness tests in schools, expand farm-to-school programs, and embrace the full scope of your transformative health agenda. Together, we can Make America Healthy Again.”

Learn to lead effective, efficient meetings with IU Kokomo microcredential

The REPORTER

Learn how to run an efficient, effective meeting – and earn a digital badge – with Indiana University Kokomo’s Achieve Improve Master (AIM) microcredential program. Join Edwin Faunce, adjunct instructor of communications, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 25 and June 26 to learn how to use Robert’s Rules of Order and basic parliamentary procedures to run meetings, take votes, keep minutes, and other skills. Registration is open until June 18 at [this link](#). Faunce said the skills learned will benefit people who serve on public boards

or nonprofit organizations, as well as those who attend board meetings and want a better understanding of how they function so they can participate more productively. “If you are on a board, you will understand why things are done in a certain way,” he said. “Having this knowledge protects you and gives you peace of mind that you did what you were supposed to do.” For those attending meetings – especially those who want to speak or ask questions – it provides an understanding of the procedures. “The system is there to help everyone have a

voice, but you have to do it within the rules,” Faunce said. “That’s what our democracy is: You get to say what you want within reason, particularly to those in power. There are certain ways to do that. Robert’s Rules are designed to guide fair discussion, nurture an environment where civil disagreements can thrive, and act as a group through votes and other mechanisms.” Faunce said the sessions will consist of a short lecture, followed by role playing in simulated meetings with an agenda and objective to practice the skills learned. “You will get a lot of experience from it,” he said. “If you’re doing 90 minutes of six- or seven-minute meetings, you’re working hard and will definitely learn from it.” The cost is \$125 for the two-day program. Participants who successfully complete the sessions will receive a verified skills



digital badge from IU Kokomo, which can be used on LinkedIn or in a digital portfolio. The session is part of IU Kokomo’s **AIM program**, which offers non-credit-bearing microcredentials called badges. Microcredentials are competencies or certifications in a topic area that can be used to up-skill and advance in interpersonal skills or technology, or to equip people to take on new roles or leverage new tools. IU Kokomo has previously offered microcredentials in faith community nursing and Essentials of Leadership. Leah Nellis, vice chancellor for inno-

vation and special projects, said additional microcredential programs are in development and are projected to be available by the fall 2025 semester. Individuals can enroll directly in existing microcredential programs. However, programs can also be created upon request to meet the needs of local businesses and organizations. Programs can range from brief programs to year-long or semester-long series. They can be delivered in person, by video conference, online, or in a hybrid format. For more information contact Nellis at lnnellis@iu.edu.



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Ralph “Pete” Mayfield

May 3, 1936 – May 26, 2025

It is with sincere sorrow that we announce the passing of Ralph “Pete” Mayfield, who left us on May 26, 2025.

Born on May 3, 1936, in Noblesville, Ralph lived a full life filled with love, labor, and laughter. A man of many talents, he was a proud member of the Jackson Central Class of 1953, and he spent many years as a dedicated construction worker, retiring from Dallman Construction. His strong hands helped shape the landscape of our beloved city, including the construction of the pyramids in Indianapolis.

Ralph was a man of simple pleasures. He loved flea markets, shopping with his dear sister Rachel, and indulging in his favorite treat, lemon pie. A true craftsman, Ralph built birdhouses that adorn homes throughout Hamilton County. His own house, situated by the train tracks, was always decorated for the train trips that came through Cicero, a testament to his welcoming nature. In his later years, you could always count on Uncle Pete at his big sister Rachie’s family dinners on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Ralph is survived by his sons, Tracey (Beth) Mayfield and Darrell (Andrea) Mayfield; brother, David Mayfield; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Ralph Mayfield; his son, Ralph Jr.; sisters, Phyllis Dill, Rachel Ross, Betty Kaiser, and Maryann Leach; and grandson, Christopher Mayfield. Each of these family members held a special place in Ralph’s heart, as he did in theirs.

Friends and family may pay their respects at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at Hartley Funeral Home with pastor Jody Brown officiating. Please join us to celebrate Ralph’s life and legacy.

In remembering Ralph, we invite you to share your favorite memories and upload photos to his memorial page. In sharing, we keep his spirit alive and honor the significant impact that Ralph had on our lives.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Randall Lee Graffis

November 2, 1944 – May 23, 2025

Randall Lee Graffis, 80, Carmel, passed away on Friday, May 23, 2025, at his home. He was born on November 2, 1944, to the late Everett and Kathryn (Bonges) Graffis in Ottawa, Ill.

Randall was an engineer for Eli Lilly Company. He enjoyed golfing, deer hunting, fishing, traveling, and playing with his grandchildren. Randall was a woodworker and an all-around fix-it man.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Graffis; daughters, Heather (Angelo) Polizos, Dawn Fernandes, and April (Andrew) Ozlowski; and his grandchildren, Niko Polizos, Peter Polizos, Alissa Ozlowski, Alec Ozlowski, André Ozlowski, and Aria Schofield.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7:30 p.m., with a Prayer Service beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

An additional visitation and service will be held at Mueller’s Funeral Home in Ottawa, Illinois, on Thursday, May 29, 2025, with a burial mass at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, on Friday, May 30, 2025, followed by burial at Ottawa Avenue Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson’s Awareness Association of Central Indiana, Inc., P.O. Box 19575, Indianapolis, IN 46219 (paaci.org).

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Murray Hirschhorn

July 22, 1958 – May 24, 2025

Murray Hirschhorn, 66, Westfield, passed away May 24, 2025. He was born in Bethpage, N.Y., on July 22, 1958, the son of the late Herbert and Marilyn (Smith) Hirschhorn.

As a 1976 graduate of East Islip high school, Murray continued his education at Long Island University, where he received his bachelor’s degree in accounting. He worked as an Insurance Examiner for the New York State Insurance Department for 35 years before retiring.

Murray enjoyed playing chess and was an avid reader, especially the Bible. He also spent time with fellow employees playing bridge. While living at Wellbrooke of Westfield, Murray would assist in helping new residents who were moving in and getting them adjusted to their environment. He truly had a tender heart and wanted to serve.

Survivors include his brothers, William (Emma) Hirschhorn and Ron (Lisa) Hirschhorn; nieces, Kristine, Deborah, and Rebekah Hirschhorn.

The Funeral Service to honor Murray’s life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 29, 2025, at Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel. Burial will follow in Carmel Cemetery.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Murray be given to the Community Bible Fellowship Church – Building Fund, 231 E. 161st St., Westfield, of which Murray was a member. Envelopes will be available at the service.

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

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE ORDINATION OF AARON AND HIS SONS

He then presented the other ram, the ram for the ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head. Moses slaughtered the ram and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. Moses also brought Aaron’s sons forward and put some of the blood on the lobes of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. Then he splashed blood against the sides of the altar. After that, he took the fat, the fat tail, all the fat around the internal organs, the long lobe of the liver, both kidneys and their fat and the right thigh.

Leviticus 8:22-25 (NIV)

Keith Wayne Garst

September 16, 1940 – May 21, 2025

Keith Wayne Garst, 84, Sheridan, entered this world in Tipton County on September 16, 1940. He passed away on the morning of Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at his daughter’s home in Tipton County, surrounded by his loving family.

His parents were James S. & Irene E. (Wright) Garst. Keith spent 66 years married to Betty Ann (Featherstone) Garst, whom he married on October 28, 1959, a union that would produce five children.

Keith joined his dad in the roofing business before he started farming in 1963. He worked for Don Kirby Farms for 53 years, retiring in 2016. Keith really enjoyed working on the farm. He was a member of East Union Christian Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge. Keith attended Jackson Central School in Arcadia. When time allowed, Keith enjoyed camping, but the most enjoyment he received was just spending time with his family.

Survivors besides his wife Betty (who everyone called Grandma) include their children, Richard A. Garst and wife Tammy, Sheridan, Patricia A. Rowland and husband Jack, Tipton, Donald W. “Donnie” Garst and wife Shelly, Arcadia, Kevin J. Garst, Atlanta, and Karen S. Handshoe and husband Earl, Lagrange. Keith also has four surviving siblings, Gerald Garst and wife Jan, Sheritta, Ariz., Alberta G. Whisler, Goldsmith, Dennis G. Garst, Tipton, and Margaret I. White and husband Glenn, Kokomo. Keith was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

Keith was preceded in death by one brother, Charles E. Garst, and one sister, Wuanitta G. Phifer, a grandson, Eric Garst, and two brothers-in-law, Gene Whisler and Dana (Ike) Lockwood.

Visitation and a funeral for Keith was held Tuesday, May 27 at East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th St., Atlanta, with Revs. Mark Knapp and Rex Dunning presiding. Burial was at Union Cemetery, Hamilton County.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Garst family. Online condolences for Keith’s family may be made on his obituary page at young-nichols.com.

Memorial contributions in Keith’s honor may be made to the East Union Christian Church.

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Softball

Millers top rival Royals, advance to sectional semifinals

Shamrocks fall after Eagles rally late

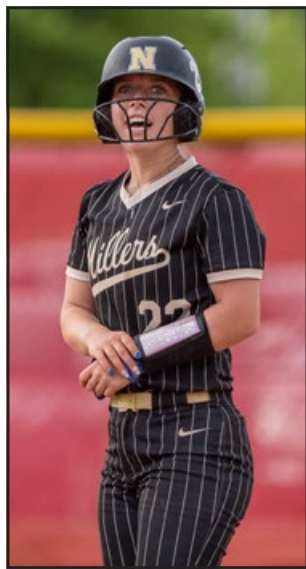
By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FISHERS – The Noblesville softball team arrived early for its Sectional 8 opener against rival Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers High School, and the Class 4A 10th-ranked Millers' offense followed suit.

Noblesville kicked off the bottom of the first with a leadoff triple from Delaney Rundle and Brookelyn Grayson laced an ensuing RBI double, as the Millers connected for 11 hits overall to eliminate defending state champion HSE, 9-4, on Memorial Day.

Class 4A third-ranked Zionsville won Monday's second quarterfinal matchup, 2-1, over Westfield (12-12), joining the Millers as sectional semi-finalists on Tuesday.

"Not what we were expecting. We knew coming in that we would have to get more than one (run)," Noblesville coach Deke Bullard said. "That was our



(LEFT) Noblesville's Brookelyn Grayson was perfect at the plate, going 3-for-3, during the Millers' sectional first-round win Monday over Hamilton Southeastern. Noblesville won 9-4. **(RIGHT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Tori Bricker throws the ball in from right field.

plan coming in. We wanted to get three. We knew they weren't going to go down without a fight."

Last year, HSE (17-8) defeated Noblesville, 5-2, in the sectional final en route to the program's third state championship and first since 2010.

During their regular-season Hoosier Crossroads Conference meeting Noblesville enacted some revenge with a 1-0 victory on May 6, but the HCC runner-up Millers had a sweep on their minds.

The Millers' primary focus was challenging HSE

ace Grace Swedarsky (12-5), who limited Noblesville to five hits and no walks while striking out eight earlier this month.

The Millers built a 2-0 lead after the first inning and broke a 2-2 tie with

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Golden Eagles fall to Tigers

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic dropped a 7-3 sectional first-round game on Monday to Class 3A Sectional 26 host Lebanon.

The Golden Eagles started off strong, leading 2-0 after the first inning. Anna Mauch batted in both runs with a center field single to score Madi Cain and Lucy Kemp.

The Tigers took control of the game in the fourth

inning by scoring four runs, then added two more in the fifth and another one in the sixth. Lauren Brady hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the seventh inning for Guerin Catholic, which was held to three hits.

Mauch and Kemp also had one hit. Ava Augustinovic pitched a complete game, striking out three.

The Golden Eagles finished their season 7-12.

Girls Tennis

Three county teams reach regional finals

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls tennis teams advanced to the championship of their respective regionals after Tuesday semifinal victories.

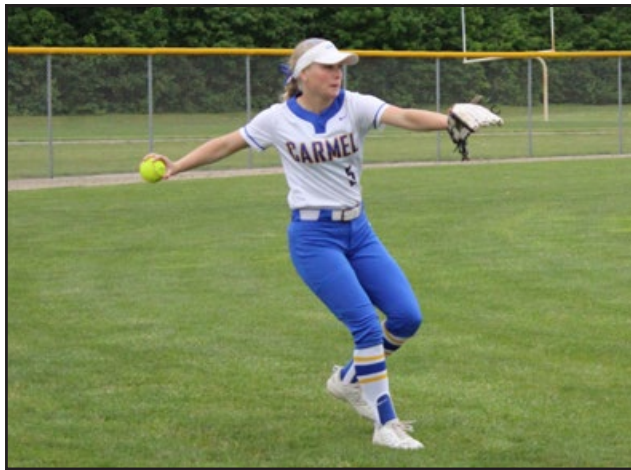
Fourth-ranked Westfield advanced to the Noblesville regional final after beating Alexandria 5-0. The Shamrocks dropped only two games among the five matches and will play No. 16 Delta at 4:45 p.m. today for the championship.

Carmel beat Crawfordsville to reach the Lebanon regional final. The sec-

ond-ranked Greyhounds will take on No. 1 Brebeuf Jesuit at 5 p.m. today for the title.

No. 6-ranked Fishers beat the host, No. 20-ranked Mt. Vernon 3-2 to advance to the final at that site. The Tigers play New Castle at 5 p.m. for the championship.

In individual play, University's Laurel Buttrick advanced at the Lebanon individual sectional by beating Covington's Malah Bridwell 6-0, 6-1 to improve to 18-3 on the year. Buttrick plays again this afternoon.



(LEFT) Fishers' Azstryd Alexander was one of five seniors on the Tigers' roster this season. **(RIGHT)** Carmel's Winni Owens fields a ball during warm-ups.

Millers beat Tigers, Hounds fall to Eagles

The REPORTER

Noblesville advanced to the Sectional 8 softball championship on Tuesday with a 4-0 semifinal win over host Fishers.

The Millers scored their first run in the first inning. Brookelyn Grayson hit a one-out double, then Haley Schatko sent her home with a center field hit.

Nevaeh Nash scored on an error in the third inning to give Noblesville a 2-0 lead. Addi Emerson got home in the fourth inning after Addison Retzinger hit a sacrifice bunt. In the fifth inning, Schatko again sin-

gled in Grayson with a left field hit.

Grayson was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, hitting a double each time. Schatko had two hits. Retzinger pitched a complete game, with five strikeouts against two hits.

Adrienne Cook had both of Fishers' hits. Kate Murray also pitched a complete game, striking out three.

The Millers improved to 18-7 heading into Thursday's sectional championship game with Zionsville, while the Tigers finished their campaign 15-11.

In the second semifinal,

Carmel fell to Zionsville 6-0. The Eagles scored a run in the second inning, four in the third and one more in the fourth inning. Zionsville pitcher Leah Helton

held the Greyhounds to two hits, a double for Mia Fleming and a single for Chelsea Bennett.

Carmel finished its season 6-17.

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Girls Track & Field

Hounds repeat as team champions, county boasts several state qualifiers

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The Carmel girls track & field team defended its regional championship Tuesday at Lafayette Jefferson.

The Greyhounds totaled 127 team points, including nine event victories, to win the team trophy. Carmel also qualified 12 to next weekend’s IHSAA state finals, which take place next Saturday, June 7 at North Central.

Emily Norris had a dominant day for the ‘Hounds, winning four events. Norris claimed the 200 dash and long jump, then joined Rebecca Belanger, Olivia Cebalo and Gabriela Grande Rosas for a victory in the 4x100 relay. At the end of the meet, Norris teamed with Grande Rosas, Cebalo and Sadie Foley to win the 4x400 relay.

Foley was a triple winner. She began the meet by joining Annabel Pollert, Anna Yoon and Larkin Taylor for a win in the 4x800 relay. Foley later placed first in the 1600 run.

Belagner also won the 100 dash, with Taylor triumphing in the 800 run and Pollert winning the 3200 run. Olivia Mundt placed third in the 1600 run and Cebalo was third in the 400 dash. Both qualified for state, as the top three in each event automatically advance to North Central.

Any student-athlete that reaches the state standard in

her event also qualifies for state. Amyla Holder placed fourth in the discus, but her best throw was right on the standard of 127 feet, 3 inches, so she is headed to state.

Hamilton Southeastern placed second as a team with 100 points. The Royals won three events and advanced 10 to state.

Elia Blackmore dominated the hurdle events, easily winning the 100 hurdles and leading a 1-2 finish in the 300 hurdles. Chloe Senefeld was second in the 300, advancing both to state. Blackmore and Senefeld also ran with Laila Ehr Gott and Kaleah McCarter) to place second in the 4x100, sending that relay on to state.

Anissa Lammie won the 400 dash and was part of two advancing relays. She joined Ciara Kepner, Ava Powers and Addison Smith to place third in the 4x800, then finished the meet by teaming with Smith, Senefeld and Kepner to place second in the 4x400.

Kepner took second in the 800 to qualify for state in that event. Elizabeth Butler placed second in the 1600 and 3200 runs to advance.

Noblesville finished fourth as a team with 54 points. The Millers had two state qualifiers: Ainsley Meinerding was second in the 200 dash, while Brinkley Cooper took third

in the 800 run. Noblesville also had some results that may earn callbacks to the state meet; those should be announced sometime today.

Fishers finished fifth by scoring 45 points. The Tigers advanced five to state, starting with Macey Miller, who took second in the discus. Mia Tobias placed third in the shot put.

The Fishers 4x100 relay team of Devyn Day, Ava Underwood, Rylan David and Zinnia Pineda finished third, with Pineda placing third in the 200 dash to qualify in that event. Isabella Murch was fourth in the 800, but her time of 2 minutes, 14.54 seconds was under the state standard and she qualified.

Westfield placed sixth with 33.33 team points. The Shamrocks will send both of its pole vaulters to state: Alexandra Hamilton was second and Ella Jenkins placed fourth, clearing the state standard of 11 feet, 3 inches. Westfield’s 4x400 relay team of Jordyn Landrum, Gracie Czubik, LeAsia Warren and LeBraya Warren placed third to earn a place at state as well.

Hamilton Heights finished ninth with 28 points. Norah Reiger leads the Huskies’ three state qualifiers, placing second in the 400 dash. Olivia Schiffler was third in the 100 dash while Waverly Woolever took third in the high jump.

Guerin Catholic’s Amelia Smith won the pole vault, clearing 12 feet and qualifying for state. The Golden Eagles were 12th as a team with 16 points.

Sheridan’s Nova Cross placed 10th in the 200 dash preliminaries, with a time of 26.71 seconds.

Top 12 team scores and top eight Hamilton County finishers in each event now follow.

Top 12 team scores: Carmel 127, Hamilton Southeastern 100, Noblesville 54, Harrison 51, Fishers 45, Westfield 33.33, Western 31, West Lafayette 29, Hamilton Heights 28, Kokomo 22, Crawfordsville 21.33, Guerin Catholic 16.

4x800 relay: 1. Carmel (Sadie Foley, Annabel Pollert, Anna Yoon, Larkin Taylor) 9:10.68, 3. Southeastern (Ciara Kepner, Ava Powers, Anissa Lammie, Addison Smith) 9:22.89, 4. Westfield (Alivia Lozier, Jordyn Landrum, Mackenna Condon, Maggie Naas) 9:26.40, 5. Noblesville (Riley Flynn, Kate Mumaw, Gretchen Graham, Brinkley Cooper) 9:28.21, 6. Fishers (Aaliyah Hayes, Caitlin Hawkins, Allie Belush, Isabella Murch) 10:00.49, 7. Guerin Catholic (Addyson Horvath, Taylor Traggesser, Eva Parr, Brinna Wolf) 10:09.06, 8. Heights (Anna Monnin, Allie Bushey, Madeline McKinney, Amira Leer) 10:16.48.

100 hurdles: 1. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 14.49, 5. Faith Tchuente Fotso (C) 16.08, 7.

Micaiah Bullock (HSE) 16.21.

100 dash: 1. Rebecca Belanger (C) 12.38, 3. Olivia Schiffler (HH) 12.62, 4. Mya Baker (N) 12.70, 6. Ainsley Meinerding (N) 12.73, 7. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 12.76.

1600 run: 1. Foley (C) 4:52.15, 2. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 4:57.67, 3. Olivia Mundt (C) 5:01.62, 4. Catey Campbell (HSE) 5:02.30, 6. Ansley Applegate (N) 5:05.82, 8. Flynn (N) 5:21.85.

4x100 relay: 1. Carmel (Belanger, Emily Norris, Olivia Cebalo, Gabriela Grande Rosas) 47.39, 2. Southeastern (Blackmore, Chloe Senefeld, Laila Ehr Gott, McCarter) 47.75, 3. Fishers (Devyn Day, Ava Underwood, Rylan David, Zinnia Pineda) 48.78, 4. Noblesville (Mallory Cahill, Baker, Aleigh Heavey, Meinerding) 49.44, 8. Heights (Gracie Bortone, Lizzy Smith, Brooke Cox, Schiffler) 50.41.

400 dash: 1. Lammie (HSE) 55.53, 2. Norah Reiger (HH) 56.70, 3. Cebalo (C) 56.76, 4. Grande Rosas (C) 57.71.

300 hurdles: 1. Blackmore (HSE) 42.94, 2. Senefeld (HSE) 42.98, 4. Day (F) 45.88, 7. Livi Miller (C) 46.60, 8. Majia Gilhooly (C) 47.04.

800 run: 1. Carmel (Larkin Taylor) 2:13.60, 2. Kepner (HSE) 2:13.97, 3. Cooper (N) 2:14.02, 4. Murch (F) 2:14.54, 6. Katie Kolb (GC) 2:15.86.

200 dash: 1. Norris (C) 25.05, 2. Meinerding (N) 25.79, 3. Pineda (F) 26.07, 7. McCarter (HSE) 26.46.

3200 run: 1. Pollert (C) 10:36.69, 2. Butler (HSE) 10:42.25, 4. Lozier (W) 10:49.31, 5. Hawkins (F) 11:01.39, 6. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:02.59, 7. Bushey (HH) 11:30.96, 8. Jayde Stamm (N) 11:35.66.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel (Grande Rosas, Cebalo, Foley, Norris) 3:49.29, 2. Southeastern (Smith, Senefeld, Kepner, Lammie) 3:49.90, 3. Westfield (Landrum, Gracie Czubik, LeAsia Warren, LeBraya Warren) 3:57.53, 4. Noblesville (Bell, Graham, Cooper, Alysia Lahee) 4:00.03, 5. Heights (Reiger, Macie Smith, Bortone, Waverly Woolever) 4:00.51, 7. Fishers (Scarlett Olson, Charlotte Lawrence, Murch, Pineda) 4:04.95, 5. Guerin Catholic (Brooke Bunnell, Horvath, Kolb, Claire Flannagan) 4:05.23.

Discus: 3. Mia Tobias (F) 129-8, 4. Amyla Holder (C) 127-3, 7. Ellie Cooley (C) 119-6.

Shot put: 2. Macey Miller (F) 41-11.5, 5. Nyla Young (N) 37-10.5.

Long jump: 1. Norris (C) 17-7, 4. Baker (N) 17-0.5, 5. Belanger (C) 16-8.5, 7. Meinerding (N) 16-5, 8. Natalie Arnold (HSE) 16-3.25.

High jump: 3. Woolever (HH) 5-5, 5. Jolie Miller (W) 5-0, 7. Aspen Rollins (N) 5-0, T8. Czubik (W) 4-10.

Pole vault: 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 12-0, 2. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-9, 4. Ella Jenkins (W) 11-3, 5. Riley Williams (HSE) 11-0.

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a monstrous seven-run bottom of the fifth, chasing Swedarsky after 4.1 innings. The junior right-hander struck out four, walked one and surrendered seven runs on nine hits.

“We all know Grace is a very good player, and she’s a very good pitcher, so she knew what she was up against, but once Noblesville got on, they just kept

going,” HSE coach Emily Pusti said.

With only a handful of starters back from last year’s state championship lineup, the young, ninth-ranked Royals left eight runners on base and logged four hits led by senior Leah Paris (1-for-1, 2 RBI) and junior Kaitlyn Burdick (1-for-1, RBI, double).

The Royals plated two more runs in the top of the

seventh, but a double play and a ground out halted their attempt at a late rally.

Sophomore Addison Retzinger (4-3) pitched 6.2 innings with six strikeouts, seven walks issued and two runs allowed to earn the win.

“Obviously, you lead off the game with a triple and to follow it up with a double that’s a good way to get going,” Bullard said. “The kids saw the ball well to-

night, but I don’t think that score is indicative of that team. Our bats just got hot.”

The Millers had five extra-base hits. Senior Addison Emmerson (2-for-4, 2 RBI) finished with a double in the fourth and a two-run home run in the fifth. Grayson (3-for-3, 2 RBI) and sophomore Maggie Kern (1-for-4, 3 RBI) added a double apiece.

“I feel like after our loss last year in the sectional championship we really had something to prove against HSE,” Emmerson said. “We knew what she was going to pitch us, and she’s a good pitcher, but we can hit her.”

The Westfield Shamrocks took a 1-0 lead over HCC champion Zionsville in the top of the third on a passed ball to score junior Sofia Easterhaus (2-for-3, double) and held the advantage into the sixth inning.

Westfield senior ace Chloe Tanner (1-for-3, double) carried a no-hitter into the bottom of the fourth before a single by senior Abbie Geib (1-for-3) ended her run.

Errors ultimately hurt the Rocks, however, with four overall, including one to open the bottom of the sixth, which sparked Zionsville’s two-run frame.

Zionsville junior ace Leah Helton scattered six hits over 7.0 innings with seven strikeouts. The Eagles beat the Rocks, 5-0, during their regular-season meeting on May 6.

“I really felt like we played them 2-1, 3-1 the first time we played them. We made a couple of mistakes that cost us outs, and they scored after what could have been three outs, and I told them, if we cleaned it up, we’d have a chance. And we had a chance,” Westfield coach Brian Revercomb said. “They just made a few more plays than we did to-night.”

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Baseball

Class 4A Sectional 8 preview

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

The majority of county schools (five) will be clumped together in arguably one of the toughest sectionals in the state, Class 4A Sectional 8.

The Westfield Shamrocks were the lone sectional champion in 2024, advancing all the way to the semi-state before bowing out to eventual state champion Lake Central.

Hamilton Southeastern Royals (12-17) vs. No. 4 Fishers Tigers (23-5), tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern got the monkey off its back in the final two regular season games last weekend, sweeping Franklin Central for their first two Hoosier Crossroads Conference wins. The Royals started off the season going 3-1 on a spring break trip in Tennessee.

HSE grabbed wins over Carmel (3-2) in mid-April, won at 2A No. 1 Lapel (8-6), dominated Lawrence Central (11-1), swept a doubleheader from Bloomington North (2-1, 11-2) and won at Lawrence North for their longest win streak of season at three.

The Royals went 1-8 against Sectional 8, including 0-2 against first-round opponent Fishers.

Fourth-ranked **Fishers** is riding high into sectional play after an outright HCC title, going 12-2 against the toughest conference in the state.

The Tigers began 7-0, taking their first loss on a neutral field at Taylor University against Homestead (5-3) in 8 innings. Soon after, they dropped a 6-2 contest at home to No. 2 Center Grove.

The Tigers were 8-1 versus Sectional 8, winning both against HSE (5-1, 6-1).

For 383 high school baseball teams, the quest for four state championships begins tonight and concludes on June 20 and 21 at Victory Field in Indianapolis. A total of 379 games will be played in a 25-day span. Hamilton County's nine schools will be featured in five different sectionals.

No. 9 Zionsville Eagles (18-8) vs. No. 14 Noblesville Millers (16-10), tonight following HSE/Fishers
Zionsville has won 5 of 6 heading into sectional play. The Eagles swept the HCC series with Noblesville to end the regular season, winding up 2nd in the league at 11-3.

The Eagles have quality wins over Cathedral, Plainfield, Lincolnway East (IL), Avon (3), Westfield (2) and Noblesville (2).

Zionsville posted a 6-3 mark against Sectional 8.

Noblesville had its 11-game winning streak snapped over the weekend, falling in two one-run games (4-3, 5-4) to first-round opponent Zionsville in an HCC series, landing them in 3rd place in the league.

The Millers hit a rut mid-season and were 5-8. They then won 11 consecutive, including HCC two-game sweeps over Franklin Central, Westfield, HSE and Brownsburg. They also have key wins over Hardin Valley (TN), Eagleville (TN), Avon, Fort Wayne Carroll, Greenfield-Central and Tri-West.

Noblesville was 4-5 against Sectional 8 opponents.

No. 11 Westfield Shamrocks (19-9) vs. No. 12 Carmel Greyhounds (18-8), second semifinal on May 30, follows HSE-Fishers/ Zionsville-Noblesville winner

Westfield got itself off to a 10-1 start, highlighted by a 4-1 trip to Tennessee during spring break. They also got wins over Cathedral, Brownsburg (2) and first-round opponent Carmel.

The 'Rocks also got quality wins over Pendleton Heights, Harrison, Columbus North, Fort Wayne Carroll. They also swept their HCC series against Franklin Central, HSE, Avon and Brownsburg.

The Shamrocks were 3-6 in playing Sectional 8 foes.

Carmel got through April with an 8-6 mark. The 'Hounds have put together a 10-2 month of May that has them 18-8 and primed to defend their home turf at Hartman Field.

After a May 1 loss at No. 2 Center Grove, the Greyhounds won four straight against Avon, Zionsville, Fishers and McCutcheon. They also pickled into their slate a trip to third-ranked Crown Point on May 10, losing 10-1 to the Bulldogs. Playing a split DH that day, Carmel won 4-0 against Homewood-Flossmoor (IL).

Winners of 6 out of 7 heading into the sectional, the Greyhounds beat defending state runner-up Mooresville, Mt. Vernon, Batesville, along with Harrison and Lawrence North (both in Greyhound Invitational) on May 24.

Carmel is 3-2 against the Sectional 8 field.

Class 2A Sectionals 39 & 42 previews

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

Class 2A Sectional 39 at Lapel in the north is where Sheridan plays. University plays in the south in Sectional 42 at Park Tudor.

Class 2A Sectional 39 at Lapel
Taylor Titans (1-19) vs. Tipton Blue Devils (7-15): tonight, 5:30 p.m.

Sheridan Blackhawks (10-13) vs. Frankton Eagles (13-10): tonight, to follow

The Blackhawks had a rough start, beginning the season 2-9. They have since turned their season around, going 8-4 down the stretch and have a chance to make some noise in Sectional 39 at Lapel.

Sheridan has quality wins over Western Boone, Clinton Central, Carroll, Delphi and Tri-Central.

The Blackhawks are 2-2 against Sectional 39 and more importantly, lost 18-5 to first-round opponent Frankton on April 28.

Semifinal #1 - Taylor/Tipton winner vs. Sheridan/Frankton winner: tomorrow, 5:30 p.m.

Semifinal #2 - Elwood Panthers (3-25) vs. No. 1 Lapel Bulldogs (25-2): tomorrow to follow

Championship game

- Semifinal #1 winner vs. Semifinal #2 winner: June 2, 5:30 p.m.

Class 3A Sectional 42 at Park Tudor

University Trailblazers (16-11) vs. Monrovia Bulldogs (10-12): tonight, 6 p.m.

University got off to a 3-1 start to its season with spring break wins over Wayne County (KY), Owensboro Catholic (KY) and Christian Educational Consortium (KY). After losing four consecutive, the 'Blazers took 4 out of 5 against Muncie Burris, Lewis Cass, Liberty Christian and Blackford.

The Trailblazers had numerous key wins, including Seton Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Lawrence North, Brebeuf Jesuit, Greenwood Christian Academy, Park Tudor and Eastbrook.

University went 2-0 in the regular season against Sectional 42 foes with wins over Cardinal Ritter and Park Tudor.

Semifinal #1 - Covenant Christian Warriors (17-11) vs. Park Tudor Panthers (13-9), Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Semifinal #2 - University/Monrovia winner vs. Cardinal Ritter (3-17), Saturday, to follow

Championship game - June 2, 6 p.m.

Class 3A Sectionals 24 & 25 previews

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown is where Hamilton Heights will play in the north. Guerin Catholic plays in the first sectional of the south in Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Class 3A Sectional 24 at Yorktown

Connersville Spartans (12-14) vs. Delta Eagles (18-9), tonight at 5:30 p.m.

Jay County Patriots (10-14) vs. New Castle Trojans (6-18), following Connersville/Delta

Semifinal: Connersville/Delta winner vs. Jay County/New Castle winner, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

Semifinal: Hamilton Heights Huskies (9-18) vs. Yorktown Tigers, following first semifinal

Hamilton Heights started off the first month of the season with a 5-9 record. Their four wins in May were spread out, but occurred in three of its final seven games heading into sectional action, including a late addition of a Memorial Day game on Monday against Clinton Prairie, coming out on top with a 12-2 win over the Gophers.

The Huskies got their first two wins in the second and third games of the season, defeating Jay County and Anderson at home. Heights snapped a six-game losing streak with a doubleheader sweep of Elwood (9-1, 11-0). Their fifth win was against Logansport at home (3-0) and then began May with an 8-5 win over Lawrence Central from the MIC.

On May 16, they made the long Hoosier Conference road trip to Rensselaer Central and came home with a 22-2 victory over the Bombers. Heights has wins over Alexandria and the aforementioned Clinton Prairie from Monday to hopefully gain some momentum heading into the semifinal with host Yorktown.

Heights went 1-0 against Sectional 24 opponents with a 5-4 win over Jay County on April 10.

Championship game - winner semifinal No. 1 vs. winner semifinal No. 2: June 2, noon

Class 3A Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Tri-West (Hendricks) Bruins (17-6) vs. Frankfort Hot Dogs (13-13): tonight, 5:30 p.m.

Danville Warriors (11-15) vs. Brebeuf Jesuit Braves (12-12): Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles (14-12) vs. Lebanon Tigers (4-24) to follow

Guerin Catholic began its season at the top of 3A with a 6-1 record. Since then, the Golden Eagles went 8-11

through the remaining two-thirds of its schedule. Drawing the bye in the sectional can be tough, especially in baseball. Guerin comes into the tournament on a four-game winning streak, taking down Greenfield-Central, Covenant Christian, Bishop Chatard and Danville.

The Golden Eagles have solid wins over Warren Central, Zionsville, Bishop Chatard (2), McCutcheon, Brebeuf Jesuit, Heritage Christian, Park Tudor and Lafayette Central Catholic.

Guerin has a 2-1 record against Sectional 25 opponents.

Semifinal #1 - Tri-West/Frankfort winner vs. Crawfordsville (11-12-1): June 2, 11 a.m.

Semifinal #2 - Danville/Brebeuf winner vs. Guerin Catholic/Lebanon winner: June 2, to follow

Championship game - June 2, 7 p.m.




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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 28

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel

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

Zionsville vs. Noblesville, 8 p.m.

Sectional 24 at Yorktown

Connersville vs. Delta, 5:30 p.m.

Jay County vs. New Castle, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Tri-West vs. Frankfort, 6 p.m.

Sectional 39 at Lapel

Taylor vs. Tipton, 5:30 p.m.

Sheridan vs. Frankton, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 42 at Park Tudor

University vs. Monrovia, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

State semi-finals at Noblesville

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Guerin Catholic, Westfield at South Knox Adam Schenk Invitational, 8 a.m. at Cypress Hills

Sheridan vs. Alexandria, noon at Golf Club of Alexandria

SOFTBALL

Sectional 24 at Delta

Connersville vs. Yorktown, 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights vs. Jay County, 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS REGIONALS

At Noblesville

Championship: Westfield vs. Delta, 4:45 p.m.

At Lebanon

Championship: Carmel vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.

At Mt. Vernon

Championship: Fishers vs. New Castle, 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 29

BASEBALL

Sectional 24 at Yorktown

Wednesday winners, 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights vs. Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit

Danville vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 5:30 p.m.

Guerin Catholic vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 39 at Lapel

Wednesday winners, 5:30 p.m.

Elwood vs. Lapel, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Westfield at Rock Hollow Invitational, 9 a.m.

Hamilton Heights vs. Sheridan and Lapel, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

Noblesville vs. Tipton, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees

SOFTBALL

Sectional 8 at Fishers

Championship: Noblesville vs. Zionsville, 6 p.m.

Sectional 24 at Yorktown

Championship, 6 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Boys regional, 6 p.m. at Lafayette Jefferson

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What a way to end the Month of May

I can't remember an Indianapolis 500 with more storylines or excitement than this year. There is so much to unpack from the last two weeks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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The Race

It was one of the crazier races in recent years. There was anxiety during pre-race ceremonies as raindrops began to fall. The rain was just heavy enough to delay the start by approximately 45 minutes.

As brighter skies prevailed and the track workers gave the thumbs up, cars were on track and coming to one to go when Scott McLaughlin lost control of his car warming up his tires and hit the inside wall of the front stretch. His day ended before the drop of the green flag.

After clean-up of the McLaughlin crash and coming to the green flag, Jack Harvey pushed Marco Andretti high going into turn 1. Andretti spun, hitting the wall, and his day was also done.

When the green flag dropped again there was finally sustained green flag racing.

Polesitter Robert Schwartzman could not maintain his qualifying magic. He struggled on handling and was never in contention for the lead of the race. Veteran, Takuma Sato, showed why he was a two-time Indianapolis 500 winner, dominating the early part of the race. However, a miscue on pit road caused Sato to fall through, dashing his hopes of a third Indy 500 title.

As the race reached the midway point, alternative pit strategy became a factor. Drivers on the primary strategy included David Malukas, Alex Palou, and Conor Daly. Drivers on the alternate strategy included Ryan Hunter-Reay, Devlin DeFrancesco, and Marcus Ericsson. With the laps winding down, one-off driver Hunter-Reay (2014 Indianapolis 500 winner) appeared to be in a great position to challenge for the win. His final pit stop cost him, as his car ran out of fuel entering the pits and he struggled to get the car refired. 2022 Indianapolis 500 winner, Marcus Ericsson, grabbed the lead of the race after his final pit stop. He was followed closely by Alex Palou.

With 13 laps remaining, Palou made a spectacular move, diving to the inside of Ericsson and taking the lead for the final time. Though Ericsson and Malukas were close to Palou, lap traffic in front of Palou made a pass for the lead nearly impossible.

Palou held off Ericsson and Malukas and took the checkered flag under yellow for his first Indianapolis 500, which also happened to be the first oval win of his career. With the win, Palou continues to elevate himself to INDYCAR greatness. He has now won five of the first six races in the 2025 INDYCAR season, a feat that has not been accomplished since A.J. Foyt did so in 1979. Palou has been utterly dominant and has an average finish of 1.17.

Kyle Larson

Kyle Larson's Month of May was one he would soon like to forget.

Two practice crashes at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. A dismal qualifying effort. A mistake on pit road. And ultimately a lap 92 crash that also collected Kyffin Simpson and Sting Ray Robb.

Much of Larson's woes seem to stem from the addition of the hybrid motor in the car. Many in the field struggled to find comfort with the addition of the hybrid, but Larson in particular. Larson was candid throughout practice and qualifying that he did not feel comfortable in the car and felt that the car this year was much more on edge of spinning out of control. His night did not get any better when he arrived in Charlotte for the NASCAR race as he spun from the lead and was caught up in a wreck later in the race.

The obvious question is whether Larson comes back next year. INDYCAR is anticipating having a new spec design for next year. That will have the advantage of incorporating both the aeroscreen and the hybrid into the design from the ground up. This should lead to a better-balanced car and may put him on more even footing with the other drivers.

On the other hand, the logistics between the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 continue to be difficult. With NASCAR refusing to give waivers for failing to start the Coca-Co-



Spain's Alex Palou won his first Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, holding off Marcus Ericsson and David Malukas for the victory. Palou won in front of a sellout crowd and seven million television viewers, an increase from last year.

la 600, a rain delay like Sunday would jeopardize a driver's ability to complete the Indy 500 and make it to Charlotte in time to start the Coke 600. If I had to guess, Larson is not back next year. Indianapolis got the better of him this year and I think it takes him a couple years to recover from that.

If Larson doesn't do the double, I would expect another NASCAR driver to step up and make an attempt. Kyle Busch, perhaps?

Conor Daly

Noblesville native Conor Daly continues to impress at Indianapolis. While his qualifying effort was ever-so-slow to miss out on the top 12, his race craft at Indy has been first-rate. Daly methodically moved his way up through the field, eventually making his way to second on a brilliant move to the outside of turn 1 on a restart. When the leader pitted for fuel, Daly assumed the lead.

With less than 40 laps to go, Daly was in front of both David Malukas and eventual winner, Alex Palou, in the perfect position to fight for the win. Seemingly out of the blue, however, excessive tire wear ruined his dreams of Indianapolis immortality, and he was relegated to eighth place, still the best of his season.

Over the past five years, Daly has become a threat at Indianapolis. Though his finish may not paint the full picture, this was the best Indianapolis performance of his career.

Penalties

If there was one word to describe the 2025 Indianap-



olis 500, it would be penalties. The 2025 Indianapolis 500 was saturated in penalties and none more seismic than the attenuator penalties handed out to Josef Newgarden and Will Power of Team Penske.

While we will never know the full depth of the attenuator crisis, its impact on INDYCAR will be significant. It appears that team owner, Roger Penske, who also owns Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the INDYCAR Series, will be looking to assemble an independent third-party to handle to regulation and enforcement of the rulebook.

This is the second time in as many years that Penske Racing has been penalties for violating INDYCAR rules. As a consequence, Newgarden and Power were sent to the rear of the 33-car field. Even more astounding, Team Penske parted ways with its long-time team president, Tim Cindric, and other top Penske personnel.

This is a wound that will cut Team Penske deep and could mean a dip in performance over the next several months.

The penalties did not end with Penske. After the race, it was announced that Marcus Ericsson, Kyle Kirkwood, and Callum Illott would lose their finishing positions and finish 31st, 32nd, and 33rd, respectively, for unapproved changes that were made to the car. For both INDYCAR and Ericsson, finishing second may have been a blessing in disguise. Can you imagine if Ericsson would have gone on to win only to have it taken away after inspection?

Television Rating

Finally, perhaps the best news of the weekend. Television rates were up nearly 40 percent over last year's numbers with more than seven million people tuning in to watch the largest single-day sporting event in the world. These television numbers show the impact

the FOX team is having on INDYCAR.

FOX pumped out celebrities such as Tom Brady, who rode in the two-seater prior to the race, Michael Strahan, who drove the pace car, and Rob Gronkowski, who was the grand marshal for the Snake Pit. FOX News also hosted its morning show at the track, paying special attention to all the festivities and traditions of the Indianapolis 500.

FOX has invested a great deal into the success of INDYCAR and it is beginning to pay dividends. I'm excited to see what next year brings.

Conclusion

Only 362 days until the 110th running of the Indianapolis 500. There was so much to digest from this year's race. I can't wait to find out what happens next year.

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