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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Spotty showers possible, especially in the early morning and late afternoon.  
 Tonight: Scattered showers possible.  
 HIGH: 72 LOW: 56



# Iconic Westfield superintendent is ready to Rock his retirement

**Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools**

On Tuesday May 27, the Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) community came together in joyful celebration to honor Dr. Paul Kaiser, who is retiring after an extraordinary 44-year career in education.

The event was filled with heartfelt stories, laughter, and admiration for a leader who has left an unforgettable mark on WWS schools and staff, as well as the entire state.

Dr. Kaiser joined WWS in 2021, stepping out of retirement to help lead the district through a period of rapid growth and challenge. In just four years, he guided the district with calm resolve, deep wisdom, and a clear vision for the future. Under his leadership, the foundation has been solidly laid to support not only today's 10,100 students, but also the many more to come.

His leadership style – rooted in grace, integrity, and genuine care for others – has inspired educators and community leaders alike. Whether navigating complex decisions or encouraging a new teacher, Dr. Kaiser led



**GROUP OF SUPERS:** (From left) Dr. Tina Bennett, Clarksville Community Schools Superintendent; Patrick Mapes, Hamilton Southeastern Schools Superintendent and Indiana State Board of Education Board Chair; Dr. Laura Hammack, Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent; Dr. Paul Kaiser; Dr. Michael Beresford, Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent; and Dr. Jeff Butts, MSD of Wayne Township Superintendent. (Editor's note: Maybe they're a ... Supergroup?)

with both strength and heart.

Dr. Kaiser began his career as a teacher at Kokomo Haworth High School, became an assistant principal at Eastern High School in Greentown, and was principal

at Decatur Central High School in Indianapolis. He also held the assistant superintendent role at Noblesville Schools before being named superintendent of Monroe-Gregg Schools in Mon-

rovia. Kaiser served as superintendent of Beech Grove Schools for 13 years before he took the job with WWS.

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# What a wonderful YOU you are!

We women are so funny about our hair. Most of us fight with it all our lives. If it's curly, we want it to be straight. If it's straight, we want it to be curly. We're constantly spending time and money to fight/change its color, texture, length, etc.

As a teenager, I spent well over 30 minutes each morning curling, teasing, and spraying my hair. I had to get the '80s perm every six months, which took well over two hours at the beauty salon.

In the '90s, I continued with the perms, but slowly blew it dry with a diffuser – a bowl-shaped contraption that you attach to a hair dryer to "spread out" the air to keep the curl. That took 30 minutes, too. I also decided to experiment with different hair colors.

I finally gave up the perms/coloring in the late '90s but then went back to the curling iron routine every morning. When I entered my 30s and became a mom, that went out the window. Those were the ponytail days ... or should I say, years.

When my boys became more independent, I entered the blowout era, where I would use a blow dryer every morning to make my hair super-straight with a big round brush. But as I approached my mid-40s, I read some articles about how damaging heat styling is for middle-aged women. I decided to wash my hair at night and style it when it was damp by looping it into scrunchies and headbands to make it curly when I woke up. This also took up a lot of time.

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**AMY SHANKLAND**  
Perfectly Imperfect

# Beaman named April Husky Hero

**Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation**

Erika Beaman, a dedicated fourth-grade Instructional Assistant at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, has been named the Husky Hero for April.

In just a few short years, Beaman has built meaningful connections with her students, creating a supportive and engaging learning environment. With her calm demeanor, great sense of humor, and unwavering commitment to student success, Beaman goes above and beyond to help her students thrive both academically and socially.

Here's what some of the nominators had to say about Beaman:

Miranda Wagner: "Erika goes about and beyond for her students. She never stops thinking of ways to be supportive. She is someone who will give up her lunch break to sit and listen to a student who is struggling. Erika has been



**Erika Beaman, Hamilton Heights Elementary School Instructional Assistant, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of April.** (From left) Craig, Amber, and Laken Bowen (FC Tucker), Erika Beaman, Amy Prater (Hamilton Heights Education Foundation), and Julie Griffey (Hamilton Heights Elementary School Principal).

known to lay on the cold, wet ground with a struggling student because they needed to be met where they were. Erika stepped up when I went into labor early and there wasn't a

maternity sub in place at that time. She never missed a beat, and the students were able to have a sense of normalcy. Erika truly makes a difference in our community. Past students

and parents still look to Erika because she builds relationships and is genuinely invested in her students."

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# County reorganizing Emergency Services

*Hubbs & Knecht promoted in latest changing of the guard*

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County is reorganizing the management structure of its emergency services.

As part of the process, the County Commissioners have promoted two respected public safety leaders – Mike Hubbs and Chad Knecht – while laying the groundwork for a more streamlined and collaborative Emergency Operations Department.

Hubbs, Executive Director of Communications and Director of the Hamilton County 911 Center, will become the county's new Director of Administration, replacing Lee Buckingham, who is retiring after more than three decades of public service.

At the same time, Knecht, currently the Executive Director of Emergency Management, will assume oversight of both EMA and the 911 Center under the umbrella of a coordinated Emergency Operations Department.

The County will name new directors for each department as the reorganization takes shape.

"This transition marks a new era for how we manage emergency services in Hamilton County," County Commissioner Christine Altman said. "We are creating a more unified Emergency Operations Department, and we're fortunate to have strong leaders in place to guide that transition. I look forward to working with both Mike and Chad as we move in this exciting new direction."

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**Hubbs**



**Knecht**



**Buckingham**



**Altman**



**Heirbrandt**

# Water quality in Noblesville, Fishers & Sheridan meets Indiana American Water service standards

**The REPORTER**

Indiana American Water's most recent 2024 Water Quality Reports are now available for all service areas under the **Water Quality tab** on its website.

The company's **Noblesville Operations Water Quality Report** covers Noblesville and portions of Fishers, and a separate **Sheridan Operations Water Quality Report** were recently posted online for customers to view.

The company reports that once again, the drinking water provided to the 1.5 million customers across Indiana meets or surpasses both state and federal water quality standards for all regulated substances, including lead.

"At Indiana American Water, our mission is to provide safe, clean, reliable, and affordable water to our customers," said Christina Gosnell, Senior Manager Water Quality and Environmental Compliance at Indiana American Water. "Our

annual reports inform customers about their water quality and include details about their water, such as the specific water source and information on the importance of protecting our drinking water sources."

The 2024 annual water quality report, also known as a "consumer confidence report," details the quality of water the company provides to its customers using data collected from water quality testing in its local systems between January and December 2024.

It highlights the compounds detected in treated drinking water in comparison to the compliance standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

To enhance education and transparency, the report also includes results of tests conducted on certain unregulated compounds in areas where



Photo provided by Indiana American Water

they are present.

Gosnell added, "We take pride in the work our team does every day to deliver high-quality water. Our water quality reports are one more way we demonstrate our commitment to our customers."

Customers can access the Water Quality report specific to their area by visiting the **Water Quality tab** on Indiana American Water's website and searching for their report by

ZIP code. Printed copies of the report are also available to customers who do not wish to access it online. Customers can call the company's customer service center at 1-800-492-8373 to request a hard copy of their local report.

To learn more about Indiana American Water's commitment to water education, environmental stewardship, and quality service, visit [indianaamwater.com](http://indianaamwater.com).

# Meating the Need can only help local families if you help



Reporter file photo

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank needs your monetary support for “Meating the Need,” a joint project with Hamilton County 4-H. Help provide LOCAL protein to LOCAL food pantries. To learn more, contact [stonycreekangus@gmail.com](mailto:stonycreekangus@gmail.com). You can donate today by mailing a check payable to “Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank” to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, P.O. Box 881, Noblesville, IN 46061. You can also donate anytime online at [hchfoodbank.org/donate](http://hchfoodbank.org/donate). Be sure to designate “Meating the Need” with your donation. All donations of \$250 and above received by June 15 will be included on this year’s banner at the 4-H Fair. (ABOVE) Noblesville attorney and Reporter Owner Ray Adler (center) presents a donation check to then-HCHFB Executive Director Anita Hagen for the 2024 Meating the Need program during the 4-H Fair.

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## Thanks for reading!

## HERO

Maryn Morris: “Erika has stepped up in a major way for her students. She is an IA in our resource department and her lead teacher went on maternity leave much earlier than expected. Erika didn’t miss a beat and kept up with every student’s needs while the school tried to find a sub for Mrs. Wagner. Mrs. Beaman actually works with my son daily. So, I can speak from experience what a difference she has made!”

Brittany Jones: “She always goes above and beyond to help the special ed team at the elementary school. She really stepped up while Mrs. Wagner was on maternity leave. My son Ian does not do well with change in his schedule, but Mrs. Beaman has been there to help the

## WONDERFUL

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Thankfully the knowledge of air-dry styling gels and mousses caught up with me in my 50s – along with me starting to feel more accepting of not just my hair, but who I was as a person. I discovered that if I just used these products with a layered haircut, my hair would naturally have some nice waves as it air-dried.

By finally letting my hair do what it wanted to do, I spent less time on it. I learned to embrace the gray coming in, which I began to call my natural “highlights.” Now I no longer fight my hair, but let it do its thing.

As I pondered all this the other day, I realized it’s a good analogy for how we feel about our own personalities. How many of us fight to change our traits as we’re growing up? We try to be extroverted when we’re introverted. We follow the popular crowd to do the things they do, when deep inside we know we’d rather take a completely different path.

Once we do become adults, we often still don’t accept ourselves for who we are, and sometimes other people don’t help. I had a boss tell me 10 years ago that she didn’t care for my cheerful personality and how I asked how her evening, weekend, or day was. In fact, she told me to stop

asking altogether.

I walked home for lunch that day wiping away tears, wondering if I needed to change who I was. Thankfully, that feeling lasted about 24 hours, and my boss and I didn’t stay in our roles for much longer.

If we’re not hurting others, but instead living good lives, helping and lifting people up in our jobs, volunteer work, and other ways ... why should we change who we are? The world needs ALL types of people. I’m glad I finally realized that in this middle-age stage of life. When you embrace who you truly are, you save so much time, effort, and pain.

I once said to my dog Elli, “You’re just you, and what a wonderful YOU you are.” While this isn’t grammatically correct, it sums up this concept well for us humans.

I love seeing different hairstyles on people ... and different personalities as well. I’m glad people are embracing their natural hair more often these days. I hope they’re embracing their true selves as well!

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last few weeks and throughout the year. We could not have gotten through the last few years of elementary school without her.”

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“Being selected as a Husky Hero means so much to me,” Beaman said. “I’ve never won an award before, so this recognition feels incredibly special. I’m truly honored to be acknowledged for my hard work and dedication to our students. It’s a privilege to work in a place where staff are genuinely seen and appreciated.”

For Beaman, her job has brought a deep sense of purpose to her life.

“I was a bit of a lost soul in school myself, but I had some incredible teachers who made me feel loved and seen,” she recalled. “I carry that with me every day and strive to leave that same lasting impact on every student I meet. One of the most meaningful parts of this work is the lasting relationships I get to build. I often see former students

who rush over to give me a hug and share updates about their lives. Those moments are reminders of the connection and trust we’ve built – and that means everything to me.”

Beaman added, “This award will have a lasting impact. There are times when you wonder, ‘Am I really making a difference?’ This recognition quiets those doubts and reassures me that I am. I’m incredibly grateful to be seen, and to know I’m making a difference in the lives around me.”

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at [bit.ly/hhschuskyhero](http://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero). The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

## EMERGENCY

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Hubbs brings decades of experience to the role, having previously served as Director of the Marion County 911 Center in Indianapolis, a commander with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office, an Indiana State Trooper, and a U.S. Secret Service agent.

“Mike’s leadership has always been centered on people,” County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said. “Emergency dispatch is a stressful environment to work in, but the way Mike supports his staff and the

level of service they deliver is top-notch. He’s exactly the kind of leader we need in administration.”

Retiring Director of Administration and former County Prosecutor Buckingham’s last day will be Friday, May 30. Hubbs and Knecht will start in their new roles upon Buckingham’s retirement. Further announcements regarding the leadership of Emergency Management and the 911 Communications Center are expected in the coming weeks.



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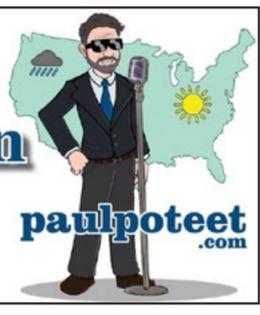
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At his retirement celebration, it was clear just how far his influence has reached. Among the many in attendance were Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, District 39 State Representative Danny Lopez, Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent and President of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents Dr. Laura Hammack, former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett, and educators from across Westfield and the state of Indiana. Many shared stories of how they were mentored, supported, and uplifted by Dr. Kaiser throughout their careers.

A highlight of the evening was a very special moment led by Dr. Laura Hammack, who shared the following on behalf of Governor Mike Braun:

“On behalf of the Governor of the State of Indiana, I am privileged to present Dr. Kaiser with the Distinguished Hoosier Award – one of the highest honors the Governor bestows, reserved for those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the people of our State. We offer you this commemoration

paired with deep gratitude from all of us who have had the privilege to work with and learn from you.”

Adding to the evening’s honors, District 39 State Representative Danny Lopez personally presented House Resolution 27 to Dr. Kaiser, recognizing his remarkable career and enduring legacy in public education.

“Paul has been a strong leader of our community schools over the last four years,” State Rep. Lopez said. “With his leadership and dedication to education, he has made a lasting impact on the students, families, and staff. I wish him success in his well-deserved retirement.”

Co-authored by District 24 Representative Hunter Smith and District 32 Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn, the resolution underscored the deep respect and appreciation Dr. Kaiser has earned, not only within Westfield but across the state of Indiana.

What sets Dr. Kaiser apart most is his ability to connect people, schools, and communities. His ability to bring individuals together, to inspire a shared purpose, and to lead with humility is rare and deeply



Photo provided by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

(ABOVE LEFT) State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel, left) honored retiring Superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools Dr. Paul Kaiser with House Resolution 27, passed during the 2025 legislative session. (ABOVE RIGHT) Dr. Laura Hammack (left) and Dr. Paul Kaiser. Hammack presented the Distinguished Hoosier Award on behalf of Governor Mike Braun.

appreciated.

Now, as he prepares to embrace retirement once again, Dr. Kaiser looks forward to spending time with his daughters, grandchildren, and enjoying his favorite pastime: fishing. The decision to retire in

2024 also carries personal significance: 44 years in education matches the jersey number he wore while playing basketball at Cathedral High School and Ball State University.

Dr. Paul Kaiser leaves a legacy of excellence and

service that will continue to guide and inspire us for years to come. We celebrate not just his remarkable career, but the extraordinary impact he has had on so many lives.

Thank you, Dr. Kaiser, for your incredible con-

tributions to WWS. Your leadership will ensure that “All Rocks are Life Ready.” And we hope you always remember – “Once a Rock, Always a Rock!”

In your words and your legacy, we’ll continue to strive to “Win the Day.”



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Westfield Chamber Board Member Keith Pemberton, Dr. Paul Kaiser, Westfield Chamber CEO Courtney Albright, and Corky Houston of Houston Electric. (ABOVE CENTER, from left) WWS Board President Mike Steele, Board Vice President Rebecca Ogle, Board Secretary Bill Anderson present retiring Superintendent Paul Kaiser with a commemorative Shamrocks jersey bearing the same number Kaiser wore while playing basketball at Cathedral High School and Ball State University. (ABOVE RIGHT) Dr. Kaiser with his awards and his special Rocks basketball jersey.



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Andy Hilton, Tiffany Buzan, Dr. Paul Kaiser, Carla Bulorac, and Sarah Zack. (ABOVE CENTER) WWS Associate Superintendent Dr. John Atha and retiring Superintendent Dr. Kaiser. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) State Representative Dany Lopez, Dr. Kaiser, and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis.

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# Westfield Chamber presents four scholarships



Photos by Rocks Media House

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Board Member Greg Delagrane presented scholarship awards to four highly deserving Westfield High School seniors at the 2025 Senior Awards Night. Congratulations to Ava Britton-Heitz, Kailyn Mercer, and Quinn Provost for winning the Westfield Chamber Graduating Senior Scholarships and to Isabel Galan, who was presented with the Dr. Paul Kaiser Continuing Education Scholarship. Best of luck to these graduates in their future endeavors.

# Westfield receives exemption waiver for special early census

**Submitted by City of Westfield**

The City of Westfield has announced the resumption of its special census efforts, which were temporarily put on hold earlier this year due to a federal hiring freeze.

Thanks to an exemption waiver secured through the efforts of U.S. Senators Todd Young and Jim Banks and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, the Census Bu-

reau is now able to proceed with hiring enumerators and move forward with the process. This special census is a critical step for ensuring that Westfield receives accurate funding and resources based on its rapidly growing population.

“Westfield has experienced tremendous growth in recent years, and waiting for the 2030 decennial census would delay vital resources that our city needs,” May-

or Scott Willis said. “Certain tax distributions and permits, which are allocated based on population, are essential to supporting infrastructure and public services. By conducting this special census now, we’re ensuring that our city gets the representation and revenue it should.”



Willis

Given Westfield’s growth over the past five years, the city is currently underrepresented in population counts, which affects the distribution of state and federal funds. According to city officials, waiting for the 2030 decennial census would delay access to vital resources,

including funding for infrastructure, public safety, and other essential services. The special census is expected to generate \$1.6 million in additional annual revenue for the next five years, enabling the city to continue meeting the needs of its growing population and maintaining the high level of services that residents rely on.

The Census Bureau will hire temporary workers to assist with the enumeration

process. For those interested in applying, job applications will be available soon. To be notified when the job portal goes live, residents can visit [westfieldin.gov/jobs](http://westfieldin.gov/jobs).

The special census date has been set for mid-September, which indicates that the internet self-response period will begin in August 2025. More information will be communicated as the special census date approaches.

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# Mason Alexander's family, prosecutors push for adult court for teen suspect in fatal crash

By JAY ADKINS  
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Family members of a former Hamilton Southeastern High School football star who died in a crash are arguing that a teen suspect should be waived to adult court.

Judge Valorie Hahn took the arguments under advisement in Hamilton Superior Court 6. A ruling is expected by Friday, according to Deputy Prosecutor Josh Kocher.

On March 1, around 9:03 p.m., a BMW driven by the teen suspect and occupied by Mason Alexander, 18, was traveling southbound on Florida Road, near Geist Park and 113th Street. The BMW moved into the northbound lane to pass another vehicle while a Toyota RAV4 was coming northbound at the same time.

The BMW and the Toyota swerved to avoid a collision. Both vehicles drove off

the east side of the road. The Toyota hit a mailbox, while the BMW hit a tree and caught on fire. Alexander died at the scene.

On Thursday, Hahn listened to testimony and arguments about whether the teen suspect should be waived to adult court to face felony charges.

The teen suspect, who has been in juvenile custody since early May, is facing charges of reckless homicide, reckless driving, and carrying false government identification, according to the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office.

The teen suspect's identity will not be made public, unless he is charged in adult court.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/mason-alexanders-family-prosecutors-push-for-adult-court-for-teen-suspect-in-fatal-crash.*

# You too can hike to help with mental health this weekend



Photo provided

The first-ever Indiana Construction Hike for Hope will take place this Saturday, May 31, at Hub & Spoke, 8100 E. 106th St., Fishers. Check-in and activities for this free family-friendly event begins at 10 a.m., with the program starting at 11 a.m. The hike will immediately follow. The Indiana Construction Hike for Hope is a statewide event meant to engage the construction industry on the importance of mental health and suicide prevention. According to the CDC's data on suicide risk within occupational groups, the construction and extraction industries were found to have the highest rate of suicide in the United States. Participants who raise \$150 by the day of the hike will earn a shirt. Visit [afsp.org/inconstruction](http://afsp.org/inconstruction) for more information and to register.

# Less than two weeks to go until Janus' Helping Lives Bloom event

**The REPORTER**  
Help support Janus Developmental Services by attending and supporting the organization's fifth annual Helping Lives Bloom.

The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at the Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville.

Meet some of the Janus staff and clients and learn more about the organization and its plans for the future. Other activities include a

Wine Pull and Silent Auction in a casual atmosphere for a fun evening. Janus partners with the For the Love of Janus Guild for the Silent Auction. The money they raise is used for Participant Birthday Parties each month, Summer Fest, Halloween Party and Christmas Party. This is Janus' biggest Fundraiser of the Year with many great baskets to bid on.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers



and one complimentary drink wine/beer/soft drinks (cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild.

Affordable sponsorships for both individuals and businesses are available. Just click the link above. If you have any questions, please email or call Jerry Jamison at [jjamison@janus-inc.org](mailto:jjamison@janus-inc.org) or (317) 773-8781 ext. 100.

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# Humane Society for Hamilton County hopes to break fundraising record

Matching Campaign will double every dollar to help Hoosier animals

**Submitted**  
The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) will soon kick off its Annual Matching Campaign. From June 1 to 30, every donation made to the shelter is matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling the community's impact when you contribute to help animals in need.

During the campaign, HSHC's generous donors will match donations up to \$115,000. They aim to raise \$230,000 to provide essential care, medical treatment, and shelter for the 4,000 animals that rely on HSHC each year. Because many HSHC animals wait weeks - or even months - for their forever homes, the success of this initiative has become essential to ensuring that the shelter can contin-

ue to give every animal the chance to live, love, and be loved.

According to HSHC, more than 20 donors have already pledged matching dollars, including County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt and Deb and Mike Bush. Other donors have so far chosen to remain anonymous.

"At HSHC, we are committed to finding a loving home for every animal, no matter how long it takes. But we cannot keep that promise on our own," explains Emma Nobbe, Community Engagement Manager. "Our current longest resident has been waiting nearly 900 days to find a home, and there are at least 50 more who have waited over 200 days to find loving homes. By donating



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during the Annual Matching Campaign, you are offering these animals an even greater chance to find their happily ever after - no matter how long it takes."

**How to participate**  
• **Donate online:** Visit [HamiltonHumane.com/Matching](http://HamiltonHumane.com/Matching) to make a secure online donation.

• **Mail a check:** Send your contribution to 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN

46038, noting "Matching Campaign" in the memo.

• **Visit in person:** Drop by the shelter during operating hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily) to make your donation in person.

For more information about HSHC's Annual Matching Campaign or to learn more about how you can help, please visit [HamiltonHumane.com/Matching](http://HamiltonHumane.com/Matching).

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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 with the second (Carmel), fourth (Fishers) and the 50<sup>th</sup> top ranked city (Noblesville), but we are just beginning to bring the resources to our community. You have already read the Reporter from May 21<sup>st</sup> talking about the new Rely Urgent Care Center coming to the ASPIRE Campus, which is where they also have the Aspire Mobile Crisis Team. To access the mobile crisis team, please contact Aspire's Crisis line at (317) 574-1252 or call 988. Between these local crises care units, Hamilton County is better served to meet people where they are – when in crisis – and giving them the compassionate care and connections they need to recover. With this and what we are bringing below, we are becoming more poised to lead the nation in not only caring for our Military Veteran Community but for all residents in Hamilton County as we build Stronger Veterans and Stronger Communities.

## Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition



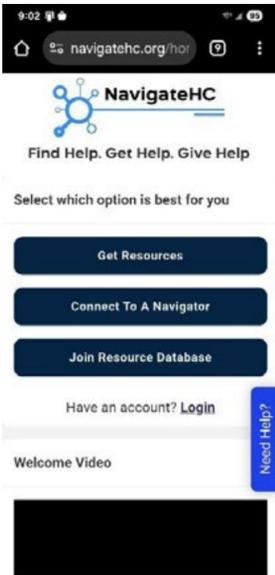
In 2020, the Hamilton County Health Department and our local leaders saw a spike in our Veteran suicide numbers so we started bringing together city, county and state departments, as well as people and organizations who wanted to step up and make a difference. We created the Stronger Veterans Stronger 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 our development of foundational leadership, who have ties all across the state, we created 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 them 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](mailto: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](http://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 launched 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 zip code (I select the all zip code 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](mailto:monica.greer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) and she will set you up to be trained.

### Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

#### Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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 CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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 Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

#### Weekend Breakfast - Carmel American Legion



### Hamilton County Military Veteran Coffee With a Vet Last Saturday of the Month 8-9am



### Activities & Events

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# Hamilton County Tourism awards inaugural BEST Funds to four local tourism projects



**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Tourism named the first round of recipients to receive investment dollars from the Business of Entertainment, Sport and Tourism (BEST) Fund.

The BEST Fund was established in 2024 to support transformative, tourism-related projects that generate new visitation, foster business growth and enhance community vitality.

Following a thorough assessment process by the BEST Review Committee, the Hamilton County Tourism Commission voted to award grants to the following four projects:



Radcliff

- **Conner Prairie Museum Experience Center:** Funding for museum renovation and installation of a permanent exhibit by The Curious Life – the only one in the Midwest.

- **Koteewi Run Tubing Hill Expansion:** Funds for improved snow-making equipment and a people-mover system.

- **Fishers Event Center:** Support for the new event

center located in Fishers, which opened in November 2024.

- **The Arena at Innovation Mile:** Support for the new event center located in Noblesville, which is slated to open Summer 2025.

“Our first four BEST Fund recipients exemplify the goals of this program in creating top-tier experiences that attract new visitors and generate lasting, positive

impact,” Hamilton County Tourism President & Chief Executive Officer Karen Radcliff said. “Each project supports our mission to grow opportunity and quality of experience through tourism for our community and visitors.”

For more information about the BEST Investment Fund, go to [VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Grants/Best-Investment](http://VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Grants/Best-Investment).

## Latest updates from Carmel Symphony Orchestra

**The REPORTER**  
**CSO elects new officers**

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) has elected officers for its new season, which runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This is an important season leading into next year’s 50-year celebration. New fundraising initiatives, finalizing the upcoming season and long-range planning have been the board’s focus as they seek to broaden their audience of classical orchestral music lovers. Another top priority is inspiring the next generation of musicians through CSO’s education programs.

- Chair: Nancy Sutton
- Vice Chair: Adam Campagna
- Secretary: Kiley Wanecke
- Treasurer: Mike Bogers

**James Caraher to conduct at CarmelFest**

Excitement is building for this year’s 4th of July CarmelFest Celebration at the news that Conductor



James Caraher will lead the CSO at the Gazebo on the lawn of City Hall. The program will begin at 8 p.m. and lead up to one of the state’s best fireworks displays.



Caraher

Make sure to arrive early to set up your blanket and chairs to ensure the perfect viewing for both the concert and the fireworks. Carmel Rotary will present CarmelFest on July 3 and 4 this year. For more details about the two-day event, visit [CarmelFest.net](http://CarmelFest.net).

**About James Caraher**

Conductor and pianist James Caraher began his career as a rehearsal accompanist for Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, N.Y. Within a few years, he held the position of Music Director for the opera companies of Syracuse, N.Y., Memphis, Tenn., and Indianapolis, and was a frequent guest conductor for many other regional opera companies, including Nashville Opera, New Jersey Opera, Opera

Saratoga, and The Opera Company of Philadelphia.

Since his departure from Indianapolis Opera after 33 years in April 2014, he now devotes his time to guest conducting, coaching, recital accompanying, and teaching.

He is currently Music Director for the Opera Program at Butler University in Indianapolis and in the past has served as Artistic Director/Conductor for The International Opera Performing Experience, a summer opera-language program located in Mercatello sul Metauro, Italy, as well as served as principal guest conductor for the Imperial Symphony Orchestra in Lakeland, Fla., for 20 years.

Awards include Sagamore of the Wabash, Indiana’s most prestigious civic award, Distinguished Citizen of the City of Indianapolis, and Hamilton College’s Alumni Medal for significant contributions to the performing arts.

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## Anderson Museum of Art to open *Mélange* exhibit, A.R.T.S vendors, children’s activities

**The REPORTER**

The Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) invites the public to the opening night

View the stunning work of Shannon Arnstein

- **Children’s Activity** – Creative fun for young artists

- **Complimentary Refreshments** – Light snacks and drinks provided

- **First Friday Vendors, part of A.R.T.S (A Reason to Shop)** – Explore unique local makers downstairs



Arnstein

Known for her use of color, texture, and storytelling, Arnstein’s textile art invites viewers into layered narratives stitched with intention and soul. This exhibition presents a fresh and expressive look at the evolving world of fiber arts.

**Event highlights**

- **Exhibition Debut** –

This free public event is part of Anderson’s First Friday celebration. Whether you’re an art enthusiast, a family looking for a creative outing, or simply curious, this is a perfect chance to connect, explore, and be inspired.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

**Thanks for reading!**

# Gov. Braun celebrates public safety wins to protect Hoosier families

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun held a ceremonial signing on Wednesday for two major public safety bills: **Senate Enrolled Act 324** and **House Enrolled Act 1014**.

“Keeping Hoosiers safe is our top priority, and we’ve secured several wins for public safety this session,” Gov. Braun said. “These bills will increase the penalty for pushing fentanyl on our streets, help keep police officers safe, and make our communities safer for Hoosier families.”

SEA 324 increases the penalty levels of crimes related to fentanyl and provides that a court shall consider requiring certain persons charged with a crime of domestic violence to wear a monitoring device as a con-

dition of bail. Gov. Braun thanked bill author Senator Aaron Freeman and bill sponsor Representative Chris Jeter.

HEA 1014 is a suite of solutions on public safety and common sense:

- The law makes being in the country illegally when you commit another crime an aggravating sentencing factor, as well as having distributed a controlled substance.

- The law makes clear that governments shouldn’t be organizing sexually ex-



Braun



Jeter

PLICIT performances at taxpayer expense.

- The law protects police officers by making clear that force is never justified against a law enforcement officer while trying to resist arrest for a crime.

- The law also incentivizes treatment for substance abuse disorders by making successful completion of those programs a mitigating factor in sentencing for certain crimes.

Gov. Braun thanked bill author Representative Alex Zimmerman and bill sponsor Senator Sue Glick.

# Merchants Capital appoints Conway to Tax Credit Equity Platform

Submitted

Leading financial services provider **Merchants Capital** announced Wednesday the appointment of Brandon Conway as Executive Vice President of Tax Credit Equity Asset Management.

The addition reflects the growth of Merchants’ tax credit equity platform, which has raised more than \$2.1 billion in capital since its inception in 2021. Conway will be based in Merchants Capital’s Carmel headquarters.

Conway brings more than 20 years of low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) asset management experience, including seven years of special assets and dispositions experience to his role. Most recently he

served as Senior Vice President at CREA, LLC, where he established a new department to resolve complex asset management issues.

“Brandon’s deep experience and expertise in navigating the entire life cycle of a LIHTC transaction is a huge asset to our platform,” said Julie Sharp, Executive Vice President of Tax Credit Equity at Merchants Capital. “We could not be more proud to have him lead our asset management division into the future.”

In January, Merchants announced the closing of \$1.08 billion in fund investments across multi-investor, proprietary and state credit offerings for the year ended Dec. 31, 2024. The company was recently ranked No. 4 Affordable Housing Lend-

er of 2024 by **Affordable Housing Finance**.

To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit [merchants-capital.com](https://merchants-capital.com).



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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	8.5" x 11" (portrait orientation), 300 dpi, JPG or PNG.
HOW TO SUBMIT	Email to - <a href="mailto:TasteofCommunity25@gmail.com">TasteofCommunity25@gmail.com</a> or <a href="https://forms.gle/4jSzyz58kgpKTaFSA">https://forms.gle/4jSzyz58kgpKTaFSA</a>

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## Two local students recognized for 'exceptional scholarly efforts' at Franklin College

### The REPORTER

The spring semester at Franklin College culminates in several awards ceremonies to honor students for their exceptional scholarly efforts during the 2024-25 academic year.

Two students from Hamilton County were recognized with merit awards and scholarships at the an-

nual Spring Honors Convocation, held April 2.

• **Jamie L. Schlieper, Carmel**, received the George J. Cady Award in the Economics, Business & Accounting category.

• **Isabella S. Neiling, Cicero**, received the Psychology Department Senior Academic Excellence Award in the Psychology category

### — TIPTON —

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF TIPTON PLAN COMMISSION CTI-DP-17-25 HARE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tipton Plan Commission, on the 12th day of June 2025, at 6:00 p.m., will hold a public hearing in the Tipton City Building, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

CTI-DP-17-25 Jason Hare, petitioner, Purple Ace Properties, LLC, owner, requests approval of a development plan to construct a 1,558 square foot addition to the property located at 425 E. Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana.

The property is more fully described as:

Seventy-Two (72) Feet off of The Whole East Side of Out Lot Forty-Eight (48) in the City of Tipton, Cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana, Being all of Said Out Lot Except 126 Feet off the Whole West Side Thereof.

More commonly known as 425 E. Jefferson Street, Tipton, IN.

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

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

Tipton Plan Commission

R6246

5/30/25, 6/2/25

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF TIPTON PLAN COMMISSION CTI-DP-18-25 SCHMIDT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tipton Plan Commission, on the 12th day of June 2025, at 6:00 p.m., will hold a public hearing in the Tipton City Building, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

CTI-DP-18-25 Gary Schmidt, petitioner, Midwest Sheets Company, LLC, owner, requests approval of a development plan to construct a 1350 square foot partially enclosed accessory structure on the property located at 815 Industrial Drive, Tipton, Indiana.

The property is more fully described as:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 21 North, Range 4 East of the Second Principal Meridian in Cicero Township of Tipton County, Indiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West (Assumed Bearing) a distance of 2226.00 feet from the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 3; thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West 105.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 88 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds West 520.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 85.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 11 minutes 19 seconds West 135.32 feet; thence North 88 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West 517.90 feet; thence North 01 degrees 58 minutes 04 seconds East 679.01 feet; thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes 23 seconds East 831.67 feet; thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 07 seconds East 295.72 feet; thence South 87 degrees 37 minutes 53 seconds East 147.86 feet; thence South 12 degrees 10 minutes 31 seconds East 290.51 feet; thence South 9 degrees 02 minutes 43 seconds East 617.31 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 17,699 acres more or less.

More commonly known as 815 Industrial Dr., Tipton, Indiana, 46072.

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

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

Tipton Plan Commission

R6247

5/30/25, 6/2/25

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF TIPTON PLAN COMMISSION CTI-ZO-19-25

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tipton Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room of Tipton City Hall, 216 South Main Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the City of Tipton Zoning Ordinance concerning additions or changes to Appendix A, entitled "Schedule of Fees," under the category of Buildings, Miscellaneous. Specifically, the amendment is intended to add or change fees charged by the City of Tipton Plan Commission.

This amendment will apply to the entire jurisdiction of the City of Tipton Plan Commission.

The proposed amendment may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendment, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

City of Tipton Plan Commission

R6248

5/30/25, 6/2/25

### — WESTFIELD —

#### ADVERTISEMENT CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on April 21, 2025, adopted its Resolution No. 16-2025 (the "Resolution"). In accordance with this Resolution, Indiana Code Section 5-23 et seq (the "BOT Statute"), and the Request for Qualifications and Proposals to be issued by the Commission (the "RFQP"), Statements of Qualifications and Proposals by interested bidders (the "Proposers") to develop, build, operate, and maintain a multi-sheet ice facility located in Westfield, Indiana (the "Project") will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, ("Owner") as noted below.

Statements of Qualification ("SOQ") submissions will be received until twelve o'clock Noon local time, on July 11, 2025, at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. Any SOQ received after the designated time will be returned unopened. The submissions should be addressed to Jenell Fairman, Director of Economic Development and clearly marked "Westfield Ice Facility - Statement of Qualifications" and will not be publicly opened or announced. Proposers must submit one (1) original unbound hard copy and five (5) bound hard copies of the SOQ submittal that includes all information in the format outlined in this RFQP. In addition, an electronic copy or link to such copy of the submittal saved in PDF format should also be submitted on a thumb drive labeled with the company name by the date and time set forth above.

After reviews of the SOQ's, the Commission may then identify a shortlist of Proposers that are best qualified to further participate in the RFP part of the selection process. If Proposers are shortlisted, the Commission may elect to have the Proposers supplement their SOQs with additional information as required by the Commission in its sole discretion.

The Project includes development of a new facility to accommodate multiple sheets of National Hockey League ("NHL") regulation ice sheets, future potential expansion, concession and kitchen space, physical therapy & retail space, office space, restrooms and support space.

Copies of the solicitation documents can be obtained from the Reprographix online E-planroom at <https://eplanroom.reprographix.com/cgi-bin/planroom/> for a non-refundable fee and can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. All submissions must comply with the RFQP requirements. Interviews may be conducted at the Commission's discretion based on the conditions set forth in the RFQP documents. Further supplementation of the SOQs may be required by the Commission in its sole discretion, as set forth in the RFQP documents.

Proposals shall be reviewed on the basis of the best qualified submission's qualifications, experience, financial stability and capability, and ability to deliver best value over the life of the Project. In the discretion of the Commission, the Commission may also consider any concept plan or additional information required by the Commission as set forth in the RFQP.

Upon review and selection, the Owner will either enter into an agreement with a selected Proposer or reject all SOQs. The Owner reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all SOQs, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Commission. The Owner also reserves the right to waive irregularities in any SOQ, and to accept any SOQ which is deemed most favorable to the Owner.

Submissions are not public documents and will not be made available to other Proposers or members of the public during the selection process but will be provided to the public upon selection as required by the BOT Statute. The identity of Proposers is public information and will be disclosed during the selection process.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R6250

5/29/25, 6/2/25, 6/6/25, 6/9/25

# New laws in Indiana to enhance rules for bail, criminal sentencing

### By TIM SPEARS

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Gov. Mike Braun on Wednesday highlighted a pair of public safety laws in a ceremonial bill-signing.

**Senate Enrolled Act 324**, which will take effect July 1, will stop charitable bail groups from paying bail for anyone accused of violent crimes or is a repeat violent arrestee. The law also will target domestic violence cases.

Under SEA 324, the court will consider ankle monitoring devices as a condition of bail if a person is charged with a domestic violence crime, has a prior

unrelated conviction for a violent offense, and has at least one prior conviction for invasion of privacy.

One of the people attending Braun's event, Michelle Hennessee, **lost her sister, Jessica Stoebeck**, to domestic violence. Stoebeck's ex-husband snuck into her house a week before Christmas 2023 and murdered her. Hennessee hopes Indiana strengthening bail restrictions can save lives like her sister's.

"They just need some kind of warning," she



Braun

had to go through with her."

Braun also ceremonially signed **House Enrolled Act 1014**, which also will take effect July 1. It will make being in the country unlawfully an aggravating factor during sentencing. It also will ban any government entity from hosting or

said. "They need some kind of protection. My sister only felt safe when (her ex-husband) was in jail. I don't want any family, or any woman or man to go through what we

funding "obscene performances" and says people can sue agencies breaking that law.

Braun said in his brief remarks, "When communities are safe, families can grow and the economy can thrive."

The Republican governor did not take questions.

He later ceremonially signed eight additional pieces of legislation. [Click here](#) to see a full list of bills signed into law by the governor this year.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/indiana-criminal-sentencing-bail-laws-change-2025](http://wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/indiana-criminal-sentencing-bail-laws-change-2025).*

## First Farmers Bank & Trust welcomes Shelby Bowen to board of directors

### The REPORTER

First Farmers Bank & Trust has announced the appointment of Shelby Bowen to its Board of Directors. With this appointment, Bowen joins a distinguished group of 11 board members who help guide the bank's strategic vision and long-term success.

A Marion, Ind., native and former Division I baseball player at Indiana State University, Bowen earned his law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2005. He began his career at Pedcor Com-

panies, where he played a role in the \$300 million redevelopment of downtown Carmel. He later led economic development efforts for the City of Fishers and then served as Vice President at Envoy Companies.

In 2017, Bowen founded Rebar Development, an Indiana-based real estate firm focused on public-private partnerships. Under his leadership, Rebar has developed more than \$397



Bowen

million in projects across Indiana, securing \$122 million in public incentives and \$77 million in private equity. Bowen's connection to First Farmers extends beyond business. Following the tragic loss of his brother, SFC Collin J. Bowen, in Afghanistan in 2008, Shelby partnered with First Farmers to establish the SFC Collin J. Bowen Memorial Scholarship and the Indiana Freedom Memorial Foundation. These organizations honor Collin and seven other fallen soldiers from Grant County. This partnership reflects the

deep, personal ties between Bowen and the First Farmers family.

"I'm incredibly grateful to the Board of Directors and Shareholders for this opportunity to serve the bank and its customers," Bowen said. "I've had a great relationship with First Farmers Bank & Trust for nearly two decades and am excited to now be a part of their extraordinary team."

As a board member, Bowen will help oversee business operations, guide strategic initiatives, manage risk, and support the bank's mission of serving its customers and communities.

To learn more about First Farmers Bank & Trust, visit [fbt.com](http://fbt.com).

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# Indiana Historical Society names 2025 “Living Legends”

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) has announced Michael Browning, Cathy Langham, Myra Selby, and Greg Gibson are being recognized as its 2025 Indiana Living Legends. This year’s class of Living Legends will be honored at the annual gala on Friday, Aug. 15, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis.

Each year, IHS recognizes extraordinary Hoosiers for their local, statewide, and national accomplishments in a variety of areas and disciplines. The gala is IHS’s signature fundraising event and helps IHS fulfill its mission to collect and preserve Indiana’s unique stories by supporting its statewide programs and services.

In addition to the generous corporate sponsorship of Lake City Bank and Ice Miller, individuals and companies are welcomed to support IHS by attending the event. Event Benefactor Sponsorships are available for \$10,000 and include a table of 10 with priority seating, a listing in the evening program and additional benefits. The entire cost of this level is a tax-deductible gift in support of IHS statewide educational programs. Individual Benefactor tickets are available for \$1,000.

The black-tie gala will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m., followed

by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m. It will be followed by coffee and desserts, during which time all attendees will have the opportunity to congratulate the honorees. Scott Sander of WISH-TV will serve as master of ceremonies.

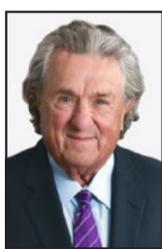
A selection committee of civic and corporate leaders performs the difficult, but rewarding, task of choosing the recipients. For additional information, or to purchase tickets to the 2025 Indiana Living Legends Gala, please call (317) 233-5658 or visit.

**About Michael Browning**

Michael Browning is founder and principal of MGB Holdings, LLC and former Chairman of Browning, both real estate development and construction companies. They have developed distribution centers, office buildings, multi-family residences, and many significant master planned projects.

Developments include the North Meridian Office Corridor; the NCAA Headquarters; Main Street and Aerospace Park at Purdue University, 16 Tech Innovation District; All Points and Airtech Park; the remodel of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Elanco headquarters, DowAgro Sciences Research Laboratories, and Velocity 65 Park in Shepherdsville, Ky.

Browning is Chairman



**Browning**



**Langham**



**Selby**

of Duke Energy-Indiana and former Lead Director of Duke Energy Corporation. He is Chairman of Visit Indy, a not-for-profit which promotes Indianapolis for meetings, conventions, sporting events and tourism. He is a former Chairman of Indiana Sport Corporation and served on organizing committees for many events, including the Pan Am Games and the 2012 Super Bowl. He has significant community engagements with The Boy Scouts of America, Marian University, Butler University, and the Graduate School and Student Athlete Advisory Councils at University of Notre Dame. His many awards include Notre Dame Man of the Year, Honorary Doctorates from Marian University and Martin University, Junior Achievement Hall of Fame, Midwest Real Estate Hall of Fame, the Thomas W. Moses Good Scout Award, the Charles S. Whistler Award, and the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governors Holcomb, Daniels, Kernan, and Bayh.

Browning served in the U.S. Army in Washington,

D.C., and the Republic of Vietnam and was awarded a Bronze Star. He finds joy in his six children and 21 grandchildren.

**About Catherine Langham**

Catherine Langham is a distinguished business leader with extensive experience in business growth, strategic advancement, and team development. As Founder and CEO of Langham Logistics, Inc., she has grown the company into a more than \$100 million global transportation and warehousing enterprise, offering comprehensive supply chain management services to clients worldwide.

Langham holds a B.S. from Indiana University and has received its Distinguished Entrepreneur Award. Her board experience spans industries including sports, retail, and grocery, where she has held significant roles. She currently serves on the boards of Penske Entertainment and Indiana University.

In addition to corporate achievements, she has been actively involved in state and industry organizations.

She has held leadership positions such as Vice Chairperson of the Superbowl 2012 local organizing committee and Chairperson of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership and the Indiana Economic Club.

Langham has been recognized with awards like the E&Y Entrepreneur of the Year, the Sagamore of the Wabash (twice), and induction into the Indiana Business Hall of Fame. She enjoys golf, boating, exercise, reading, and family time, reflecting on a balanced approach to life and work.

Throughout her career, she has applied her logistics expertise across various industries, including pharmaceutical/life sciences, food and beverage, automotive, and retail. Her strategic insights and ability to navigate complex supply chains have made her a valuable asset to business leaders. As a contributor to the Butler University Supply Chain Board, she continues to mentor the next generation of logistics and supply chain leaders.

**About Myra Selby**

Myra Selby, former associate justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, serves as Ice Miller’s Chief Equity & Inclusion Officer, spearheading the firm’s far-reaching diversity, equity, inclusion, and access (DEIA) initiatives, collaborating closely with firm leadership to coordinate efforts that

strengthen the legal community and enhance relationships with law schools to positively impact the recruitment and retention of legal professionals.

Selby has the distinction of being both the first woman and the first African American to serve as an associate justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, participating in several landmark decisions of the Court. While on the Court, she drove efforts to increase its accessibility to the public by expanding education and outreach activities, and, in 1999, the Indiana Supreme Court appointed her to chair its Commission on Race and Gender Fairness. She continues her service to the commission to this day as a current member.

She continues to maintain active practice with a focus on appellate practice, compliance counseling, complex litigation and arbitration, risk management, and strategic and other legal advice. Prior to her appointment to the Court, she was the director of health care policy for the state of Indiana, where she was responsible for policy development and the execution of state health care programs, including Medicaid managed care.

Selby received a Bachelor of Arts from Kalamazoo College in 1977 and a juris doctor from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1980.



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**Michael J. Ernest**

*April 7, 1978 – May 28, 2025*

Michael J. Ernest, 47, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on April 7, 1978, to Arnold “Frenchie” and Elsie “Sandie” (Drake) Ernest in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Michael proudly served in the United States Air Force and Army, and retired from the Army in August 2024 after 23 years of service. He was deployed twice, serving in Iraq and serving as company commander of his unit in Kuwait. Michael was a realtor for Team Endicott, where his co-workers felt like family. As a pilot, he liked flying and traveling. Michael enjoyed coaching his children’s football teams, mowing his yard and grilling for the whole family. He married Maggie on June 20, 2011, in Dothan, Ala., and was an amazing husband and father who loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 14 years, Maggie Ernest; children, Jacob, Madeline, Andrew, Charlie, and Max Ernest; brother, Keith (Donnetta) Ernest; father and mother-in-law, Mike and Melody Richardson; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Buddy (Rachel Kelly) Richardson, Carson (Claire Getz) Richardson, and Suzie (Holly Bina) Richardson; nieces and nephews, Harlan, Evelyn, Madi, Hunter, and Ashton; and many longtime, close friends who were very special to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to a trust that will be set up in his children’s names.

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*On the eighth day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel. He said to Aaron, “Take a bull calf for your sin offering and a ram for your burnt offering, both without defect, and present them before the Lord. Then say to the Israelites: ‘Take a male goat for a sin offering, a calf and a lamb—both a year old and without defect—for a burnt offering, and an ox and a ram for a fellowship offering to sacrifice before the Lord, together with a grain offering mixed with olive oil. For today the Lord will appear to you.’”*

*They took the things Moses commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the entire assembly came near and stood before the Lord. Then Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded you to do, so that the glory of the Lord may appear to you.”*

*Moses said to Aaron, “Come to the altar and sacrifice your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and the people; sacrifice the offering that is for the people and make atonement for them, as the Lord has commanded.”*

*So Aaron came to the altar and slaughtered the calf as a sin offering for himself. His sons brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger into the blood and put it on the horns of the altar; the rest of the blood he poured out at the base of the altar. On the altar he burned the fat, the kidneys and the long lobe of the liver from the sin offering, as the Lord commanded Moses; the flesh and the hide he burned up outside the camp.*

*Then he slaughtered the burnt offering. His sons handed him the blood, and he splashed it against the sides of the altar. They handed him the burnt offering piece by piece, including the head, and he burned them on the altar. He washed the internal organs and the legs and burned them on top of the burnt offering on the altar.*

*Aaron then brought the offering that was for the people. He took the goat for the people’s sin offering and slaughtered it and offered it for a sin offering as he did with the first one.*

*He brought the burnt offering and offered it in the prescribed way. He also brought the grain offering, took a handful of it and burned it on the altar in addition to the morning’s burnt offering.*

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### Softball

# 'Do It For Lutz': Inspired Millers win sectional title in coach's honor

By **RICHARD TORRES**  
For The Reporter

**FISHERS** – Before the first pitch on Thursday night at Fishers High School, the Noblesville seniors gathered with a blue Sharpie in hand and spelled out their pregame inspiration on the underside of their right forearms.

Written in bold capital letters, the name "LUTZ" served as a reminder for the seniors, and every Miller underclassman followed their lead in unity.

The Class 4A tenth-ranked Millers' Sectional 8 championship matchup against third-ranked Zionsville wasn't just a game or a chance at a ninth title in program history.

The Millers were playing for Craig Lutz, 53, their former assistant softball coach and friend, who passed away due to a sudden medical emergency on Jan. 8 in Indianapolis.

"Every time there's two balls, two strikes and two outs, you'll hear the girls say, 'In Two.' On the back of their helmets, it says, 'Deuces, get'em hot,' because that's what he would always say," Noblesville coach Deke Bullard said. "They had 'Lutz' on their forearms tonight. They decided to do that."

A 1990 Noblesville graduate, Lutz helped coach baseball for nine years at the school and was starting his 11th season with the softball program before his tragic passing from an aortic dissection.

This season, the Millers wore warmup shirts in Lutz's honor with the mantra "Do It For Lutz" printed on the front and "More Than Just a Game" on the back along with the school's "N" logo positioned inside a golden softball.

On Tuesday, Lutz was undoubtedly present with his beloved Millers, as they upset the Eagles, 9-4, for the team's first sectional title since 2022.

"I coached with him for 10 years. I knew him for 20. He was a friend, so it's hard. It's hard on the girls, and we miss a lot of the silly things he says. We have a little extra incentive, and that's what we're trying to do," Bullard said.

"I felt like he's been here a few times this year. A couple times things would happen, and you just go, 'Alright, he liked that.' So yeah, I felt like we had a lit-

tle extra help tonight. It certainly makes it more meaningful."

The Millers' road toward a seventh 4A sectional crown all-time required fortitude.

Noblesville began their postseason journey by besting junior ace Grace Swedarsky, a Virginia Tech commit, and defending state champion No. 9 Hamilton Southeastern, 9-4, on Memorial Day.

On Tuesday, the Millers pushed past No. 13 Fishers, 4-0, and senior ace Kate Murray, a Butler recruit.

Against Zionsville (21-5), their third straight Hoosier Crossroads Conference foe, the Millers (19-7) faced Indiana University commit Leah Helton, and the same result unfolded.

Noblesville plated four runs in the top of the first, two in the second and three more in the fifth with 13 hits overall and three walks.

"I know people say they have tough sectionals, but we have absolutely the toughest sectional. We had to face three Division-I pitchers, who are all legit in every which way, and you have to have some luck. You have to have some good timing on things, and our bats came alive," Bullard said. "They came alive Monday, continued on Tuesday and continued tonight."

Western Michigan recruit Haley Schatko (2-for-3), a junior, kick-started the Millers' offense with a first-pitch, two-run double in the first and upped the lead 6-1 in the second with a two-run home run.

In the sectional tournament, Schatko went 4-for-9 with six RBI, two home runs and two doubles.

Senior Brookelyn Grayson was 3-for-5 in the title game, lacing her fifth double in the sectional during Noblesville's nine at-bat top of the first and finished the week 9-for-11 with three RBI.

"Today before the game when we were writing on our arms, we knew there was going to be a bunch of pressure, but we knew he was with us. We just wanted to do it all for him today," Grayson said. "When there are two balls, two strikes and two outs, we all do his little (hand gesture). We're just always thinking about him, and he's helping us get through this."

Senior Delaney Rundle, a Marian commit, went

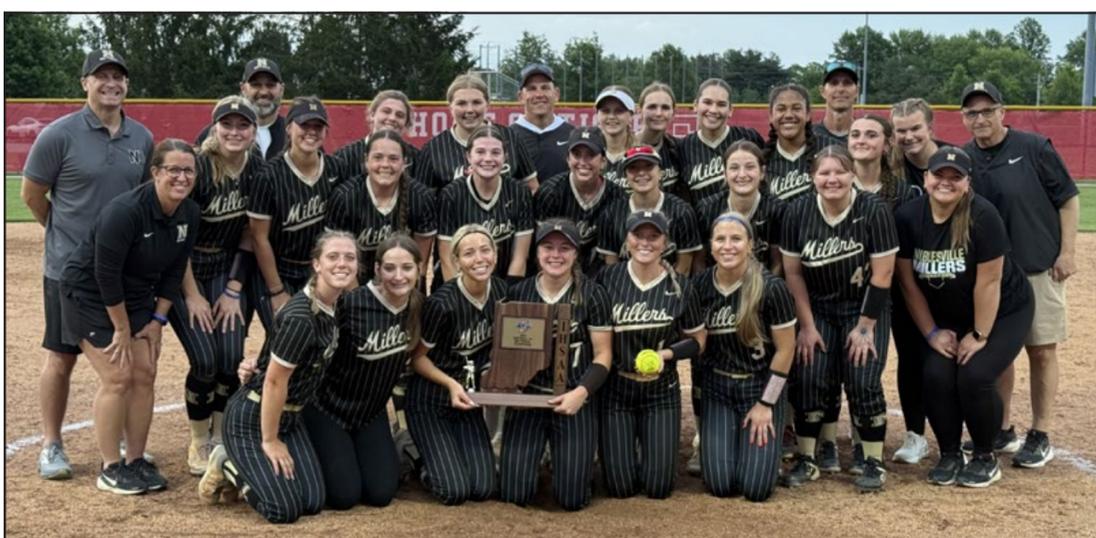


Photo by Richard Torres

The Noblesville softball team won its first sectional championship since 2022 on Thursday. The Millers beat Zionsville 9-4 at Fishers.

2-for-5 and reached base with a single to lead off the championship. The Millers' lineup drove in eight runs with eight different batters recording at least one hit.

"Last year was obviously a disappointment losing to HSE in the sectional championship. We really worked hard in the offseason, and I'm so proud of my girls for coming back," Rundle said. "Our plan was to attack and get on her early. Obviously, she's a great pitcher, but we just had to stick to what we know."

They stayed unified in their purpose, and despite falling short of a HCC title by one game to Zionsville (6-1 HCC) this year, the Millers (5-2 HCC) achieved their larger goal.

"Do it for Lutz. That's what all this is for. It's for a bigger cause. It's for a family that deserves so much. We obviously miss him so much. It's all for him," Rundle shared as tears filled her eyes.

"That's all we've been thinking about all season. He was one of my best friends on the coaching staff. He really did everything for us, and I really miss him, but I know he's watching down on us and being so proud of us right now. We're going to continue to play for him."



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville pitcher Addison Retzinger threw 11 strikeouts. (ABOVE RIGHT) Brookelyn Grayson was 3-for-5 at the plate. (BELOW) Noblesville played its season in memory of assistant coach Craig Lutz, with the Millers players writing his name on their arms. Pictured is Nevaeh Nash.



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### Boys Track & Field

# Millers claim first regional trophy in 20 years

#### The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys track & field team broke a long regional championship drought on Thursday.

The Millers soared to the team title at the Lafayette Jefferson regional, scoring 84 points for their first regional title since 2005. Noblesville won four events and also had nine qualifiers to the IHSAA state meet, which takes place next Friday, June 6 at North Central.

The Millers surged ahead in the team standings after an incredible performance in the 800 run. Noblesville swept the top three places in that race, which scored 24 team points and put the Millers in front for good. Banner Barnes won the race, followed closely by Bradyn Livingston in second and Isaiah Vohs in third. The top three in each event qualify for state.

Barnes also led a 1-2 finish in the 1600 run, with Jack Strong placing second. Angel Wilson was another double winner for the Millers, placing first in the 100 dash and 200 dash.

John Libs took second in the 3200 run to advance to state. Livingston anchored Noblesville's 4x800 relay, which also placed second and qualified. Jack Rush, Jack Shinneman and Ronnie Neal also ran on that relay.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 69 points to take second place. The Royals won two events and totaled seven state qualifiers.

Christian Ortiz had a part in both of Southeastern's wins. He finished first in the 400 dash, then ran on the Royals' winning 4x400 relay, with Jaxson Wanza, Deacon Lewis and Omar Elsayed.

Southeastern had four third-place finishes, all heading to state. Sam Long placed third in both hurdle events (110 and 300), while Liam Powers took the bronze in the 3200 run. Evan Senefeld placed third

in the pole vault.

The Royals' 4x800 relay team of Will Henning, Elsayed, Liam McNiven and Tate Watson placed fourth, but its time of 7:55.79 was under the state standard, automatically qualifying HSE for state.

Fishers placed a strong third as a team, with 67 points. The Tigers also won two events and qualified seven for state.

Sam Quagliaroli won the 3200, clocking in at 8:59.30. Konrad Hayden won the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 6 inches.

Jev Hutton placed second in the discus. The Tigers had two relays finish in third place: the 4x800 relay team of Reece Torres, Bryson Slagle, Dylan Wolf and Declan Mohr, and the 4x100 relay team of Vincent Rozzi, Reid Spittler, JonAnthony Hall and Carsen Eloms.

Hall also placed third in the long jump, sending him to state. Rocky Duplessis also punched a ticket to North Central by taking third in the 400 dash.

Westfield placed fourth with 66 team points. The Shamrocks began the meet with a 4x800 relay victory; Maxim Poirier, Will Snedeker, Carson Ackley and Caleb Haney covered that distance in 7:50.58.

Westfield totaled six state qualifiers. That included second-place finishes in the other two relays: Caleb Terril, Cayden Gearhart, Cato June and Logan Tuck got the silver in the 4x100, while Ridge Wallerstedt, Haney, Poirier and Snedeker were second in the 4x400.

The Shamrocks' other three state qualifiers were outside the top three, but advanced by bettering the state standard. Tuck was fourth in the 110 hurdles (14.77 seconds), June was fifth in the 100 dash (10.95 seconds) and Job Mavrick was fifth in the



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The Noblesville boys track & field team won the Lafayette Jefferson regional on Thursday. It's the first regional title for the Millers since 2005.

discus (163 feet, 5 inches).

Carmel scored 51 points for sixth place. Ozzy Pollard won the discus with a best throw of 183 feet, 10 inches. He will be joined at state by Theo Thurmond, who took third with a top throw of 171 feet. Isaac Nelson placed second in the 100 dash, also advancing to state.

Guerin Catholic had three state qualifiers. Hayden Cler was second in the 400 dash, then joined James Moody, Trevor Maccey and Aidan Horn to place third in the 4x400 relay. Moody was fourth in the 200 dash, but met the state standard (22.06 seconds) to advance.

Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan placed third in the discus to qualify for state.

Sheridan's Damon Winston tied for fifth in the high jump, clearing 6 feet.

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

**Team scores (top 10 and all county):** 1. Noblesville 84, 2. Hamilton Southeastern 69, 3. Fishers 67, 4. Westfield 66, 5. Harrison 52, 6. Carmel 51, 7.

Lebanon 38, 8. Kokomo 36.5, 9. McCutcheon 21, 10. Guerin Catholic 20, 19. Hamilton Heights 6, 23. Sheridan 3.5.

**4x800 relay:** 1. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Will Snedeker, Carson Ackley, Caleb Haney) 7:50.58, 2. Noblesville (Jack Rush, Jack Shinneman, Ronnie Neal, Bradyn Livingston) 7:52.40, 3. Fishers (Reece Torres, Bryson Slagle, Dylan Wolf, Declan Mohr) 7:52.63, 4. Southeastern (Will Henning, Omar Elsayed, Liam McNiven, Tate Watson) 7:55.79, 6. Carmel (Cooper Szotek, Kiefer Jay, Josh Cale, Jack Capes) 8:01.39.

**110 hurdles:** 3. Sam Long (HSE) 14.74, 4. Logan Tuck (W) 14.77.

**100 dash:** 1. Angel Wilson (N) 10.72, 2. Isaac Nelson (C) 10.76, 5. Cato June (W) 10.95, 8. James Moody (GC) 11.21.

**1600 run:** 1. Banner Barnes (N) 4:17.19, 2. Jack Strong (N) 4:18.14, 4. Carter Buhr (C) 4:19.07, 5. Jay (C) 4:21.02, 6. Luke Moulder (W) 4:22.85, 8. Parker Melling (F) 4:32.11.

**4x100 relay:** 2. Westfield (Caleb Terril, Cayden Gearhart, June, Tuck) 42.08, 3.

Fishers (Vincent Rozzi, Reid Spittler, JonAnthony Hall, Carsen Eloms) 42.64, 4. Southeastern (Liam Boyd, Tyler Tholen, Jaxson Wanza, Christian Ortiz) 42.65, 5. Noblesville (Xavion Bond, Austin Donahoe, Dymonta Collier, Wilson) 43.17, 8. Carmel (Andrew Moss, Beau Snarr, Josh Ott, Griffin Rothenberger) 43.48.

**400 dash:** 1. Ortiz (HSE) 48.69, 2. Hayden Cler (GC) 49.31, 3. Rocky Duplessis (F) 49.33, 5. Deacon Lewis (HSE) 49.69, 8. Ryd Wallerstedt (W) 51.20.

**300 hurdles:** 3. Long (HSE) 39.47, 7. Kortez Foster (F) 40.99, 8. Hadi Tebanja (HSE) 41.14.

**800 run:** 1. Banner Barnes (N) 1:54.92, 2. Livingston (N) 1:55.74, 3. Isaiah Vohs (N) 1:55.84, 4. Snedeker (W) 1:55.86, 5. Mohr (F) 1:56.09, 6. Mason Schmitz (HSE) 1:57.07, 8. Slagle (F) 1:58.07.

**200 dash:** 1. Wilson (N) 21.88, 4. Moody (GC) 22.06, 5. Gearhart (W) 22.23.

**3200 run:** 1. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 8:59.30, 2. John Libs (N) 9:07.45, 3. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:09.88, 4. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:11.41, 7. Jonah Kaul

(C) 9:17.03, 8. Ty Conner (W) 9:18.67.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Southeastern (Ortiz, Wanza, Lewis, Elsayed) 3:22.56, 2. Westfield (Ridge Wallerstedt, Haney, Poirier, Snedeker) 3:22.73, 3. Guerin Catholic (Moody, Trevor Macey, Cler, Aidan Horn) 3:24.00, 5. Carmel (Noah Yoon, Knox Leimer, Myron Pack, Miles Wiley) 3:25.64, 7. Noblesville (Nathaniel Leach, Donahoe, Henry Reno, Bode Barnes) 3:28.57.

**Discus:** 1. Ozzy Pollard (C) 183-10, 2. Jev Hutton (F) 181-4, 3. Theo Thurmond (C) 171-0, 5. Job Mavrick (W) 163-5.

**Shot put:** 3. Will Duncan (HH) 55-2.5, 5. Mason Cantwell (F) 53-6, 7. Pollard (C) 52-3, 8. Thurmond (C) 52-1.5.

**Long jump:** 3. Hall (F) 22-1.5, 4. Dylan James (HSE) 21-4.75, 6. Braxton Gardner (F) 20-5.75.

**High jump:** 1. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-6, 4. Robert Campbell (W) 6-2, T5. Damon Winston (S) 6-0.

**Pole vault:** 3. Evan Senefeld (HSE) 14-3, 4. Alex Wilson (W) 14-0, 6. Lucas Bland (W) 13-6.

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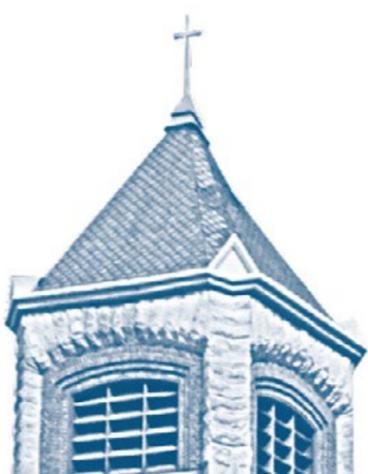
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## Baseball

## Huskies beat Yorktown, reach final

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights baseball team advanced to the Sectional 24 championship game at Yorktown on Thursday with a 4-3 win over the host Tigers.

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning, when

both teams put up two runs. Playing as the visiting team, Heights scored its first run when Kaden Lawson got home after Nick Hulen hit a sacrifice fly. P.J. Wright singled in Logan Hickman for the Huskies' second run.

Josh Newton put

Heights ahead for good in the seventh inning, blasting a two-run home run into left field that also scored Levi Chandler. Yorktown scored a run with one out in the bottom of the seventh, but Hulen threw two strikeouts to finish the game.

Wright had two hits for the Huskies. Hulen pitched a complete game, totaling nine strikeouts.

Heights is 10-18 and plays Delta in the championship game at noon Monday. The Eagles beat Jay County 10-0 in the first semifinal.

## Golden Eagles breeze past Lebanon

## The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic rolled into the semifinals of Sectional 25 at Brebeuf Jesuit on Thursday, beating Lebanon 13-0 in five innings.

The Golden Eagles scored two runs in the first inning; Carson Kail singled in Ben Canada, then Karson Smith scored when Grant Beard hit a sacrifice fly. Guerin Catholic added three runs in the third in-

ning. Beard doubled in Ian Taylor, then later scored on an error. Luke Gremelspacher sent another double into center field to bring in Liam Zorger.

The Golden Eagles wrapped the game up with eight runs in the fifth inning. Nolan Ratcliff doubled in Tate Troxell, then scored on an error. Smith batted in Canada to give GC an 8-0 lead.

Smith got home when Beard drew a bases-loaded walk, then Troxell smacked a double to score Taylor and Brody Cain. Frankie Ryan singled in Beard and Troxell for the final two runs.

Taylor hit a double in the fourth inning as one of two hits. Canada and Smith also had two hits. Three Golden Eagles pitchers combined for a no-hitter: Tate Troxell had four strikeouts in

two innings, then Gremelspacher threw the next two innings, with one strikeout. Finn Holden finished the game with two strikeouts in the fifth inning.

Guerin Catholic is 15-12 and plays the host Braves at 1 p.m. Monday in the second semifinal, following the first semifinal between Crawfordsville and Tri-West. Brebeuf beat Danville 5-3 in the other Thursday game.

## Hawks fall to Tipton in high-scoring game

## The REPORTER

Sheridan fought to the end in its Sectional 39 semifinal game with Tipton Thursday at Lapel, before the Blue Devils beat the Blackhawks 15-11.

Tipton came out swinging, with eight runs in the top of the first inning. Sheridan got a run back in the bottom of the first; Braelan Bochner scored on Chance Spencer's RBI groundout.

The Blackhawks then

put up three runs in the second inning to cut the Blue Devils' lead to 8-4. Brayden Whisman got home on Gavin Schwerdtfeger's RBI groundout, Caleb Alexander singled in Keegan Stout, then Bochner scored on a passed ball.

Tipton scored a run in the third inning, then added five runs in the fourth for a 14-4 lead. Sheridan came back again with five runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Jack Oland and Schwerdtfeger scored when Spencer reached on an error, then Dayne Voege singled in Spencer. Jacob Hall got his turn, batting in Voege with a left field hit. Stout later singled Hall home, getting the Hawks within 14-9.

Voege singled in another run in the fifth inning, sending Oland home to cut Tipton's lead to 14-10. The Blue Devils scored a seventh-inning run to go

up 15-10. Oland scored his third run of the game in the bottom of the seventh after Spencer reached on an error, but the Blue Devils held on to win.

Voege had three hits in the game. Alexander, Oland, Whisman and Stout all had two hits, with one of Stout's hits a double. Stout pitched three innings, striking out four.

Sheridan finished its season 11-14.

## Softball

## Yorktown runs away from Hamilton Heights

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team saw its sectional run come to an end Thursday, as the Huskies fell to Yorktown 14-3 in the final of Sectional 24 at Delta.

The Tigers scored three runs in the top of the

third inning. Hannah Dent smacked a solo home run in the bottom of the third to get Heights on the board.

Yorktown scored in a run in the top of the fourth, and the Huskies again answered in the bottom of the inning. Melanee Forrester

batted in Audrey Cain with a center field single.

Hailey Hall blasted a one-out homer in the fifth inning, cutting the Tigers' lead to 4-3. But Yorktown took over after that, with back-to-back RBI doubles in the sixth inning. The Ti-

gers overwhelmed Heights in the seventh inning with eight runs, including three homers.

Hall was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Forrester went 2-for-3.

The Huskies finished their season 12-12.

## Boys Golf

## Rocks set new record at Rock Hollow

## The REPORTER

The Westfield boys golf team set a new school record while winning the Rock Hollow Invitational on Thursday.

The Shamrocks finished with 276, going 12 under par as a team. Westfield had one eagle and 24

birdies during the tournament.

Will Harvey was the individual medalist with a four under 68. Hudson Kutchma and Mitchell Keene tied for second with 69s, while Jake Cesare took fourth by scoring 70. Ryan Cesare tied for ninth with 75.

Thanks for reading!

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 30

## BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel  
Fishers vs. Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.  
Westfield vs. Carmel, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 31

## BASEBALL

Sectional 42 at Park Tudor  
Cardinal Ritter vs. University, 9 a.m.  
Covenant Christian vs. Park Tudor, 11:30 a.m.

## GOLF

Westfield at Legends of Providence tournament, 1 p.m. at Champions Pointe GC  
Carmel, Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson Classic, 2 p.m.

## TENNIS SEMI-STATES

Westfield at Homestead, 11 a.m.  
Fishers vs. Bishop Chatard, noon at Center Grove

## UNIFIED TRACK

Regional at Kokomo, 11 a.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

State finals at Purdue University  
Lake Central vs. Cathedral, 11 a.m.  
Roncalli vs. Fishers, 1 p.m.  
Championship, 6 p.m.

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