

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025**

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



**Today:** Partly sunny morning, with less humidity. Scattered showers and storms in the afternoon.  
**Tonight:** Scattered showers and storms.  
**HIGH:** 79 **LOW:** 63



# Huskies explode with joy, ready to enter the world



Hamilton Heights High School held its commencement ceremony last Saturday, May 31. The Class of 2025 – its 60th graduating class – stands proudly in the history books, ready to shape the future. See more photos on Page 4.



## The summer that carried a legacy

Summer has its own kind of magic. It arrives with sunshine and slowness, laughter and lemonade, fireflies and festivals. It gives us permission to pause, to step outside of routines and create memories that glow a little brighter than the rest of the year. For me, every summer holds a little joy, a little adventure, and a lot of family – but this year's summer is something else entirely. This year, summer became larger than life.

**COLUMNIST**



**POOJA THAKKAR**  
Taste of Community

You see, my dad is visiting Canada. It may sound like a simple sentence, but for our family, it's a milestone. My dad – my superhero, our storyteller, the keeper of our family's laughter and values – is visiting my brother here in Canada. That means for the first time in what feels like forever, we get to experience something rare and beautiful: togetherness across generations, across borders, in real-time and real hugs.

For many years, our memories with Papa have been created through phone calls, video chats, or short, rushed visits. But this summer, I get to sit beside him instead of seeing him on a screen. I get to watch my daughters share jokes with their grandfather. I get to sit at the dinner table and hear

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# Westfield Washington Public Library invites you to take community survey

Residents have until June 30 to share thoughts about services, facilities & programs

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) is inviting residents to participate in a community survey open now through the end of June. The survey is part of the library's strategic planning process and seeks input on experiences with library services, programs, staff, and facilities.



**Westfield Washington PUBLIC LIBRARY**

had a library card, your feedback is important to us," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. "This survey is an opportunity for everyone in our community to have a voice in the future of their library."

The survey takes approximately eight minutes to complete. All responses are strictly confidential, and no identifying information will be shared. The survey is available online at: [survey-monkey.com/r/WWPLCommunity](http://survey-monkey.com/r/WWPLCommunity).

Residents are encouraged to complete the survey by June 30.



Sollars

# Sold-out night of fun at Hamilton East Public Library's adults-only event

**The REPORTER**

On Friday, May 30, more than 200 community members gathered for an unforgettable evening at Hamilton East Public Library's adults-only, after-hours event: A Night in the Stacks.

Held at the Noblesville Library and presented by the newly established Hamilton East Public Library Foundation, this 21-and-over celebration officially launched the library's 2025 Summer Reading Program – with a twist.

Attendees explored the library like never before, enjoying a lineup of nostalgic and high-energy activities designed just for adults. From silent disco and laser tag to book speed dating, crafts, trivia, video games, and even a bounce house, the night was packed with playful fun. Tickets, priced at \$20, included one drink ticket, with additional food and beverages available for purchase.

"The Foundation was proud to sponsor this sold-out event," said Lisa Longo, Director of the Hamilton East Public Library Foundation. "Adults of all ages came to the library to have fun and participate in activities that adults usually step aside and leave for the kids. This is one of the many ways the library brings the community together, connects us, and reminds us of the value and joy a library can foster. We will continue to add



Photos provided by Hamilton East Public Library

When the kids are away (i.e. not allowed in at a paid event) the adults will play ... with their books and wireless headphones at the local library.

events that strengthen the fabric of our community and raise funds to support library programs."

Guests were also able to get a jumpstart on Summer Reading

Program registration, browse the Friends of the Library Bookstore during special extended hours, and spin the prize wheel for a chance to win fun giveaways.

"We were so excited to host such a great party at the Library," said Amber Wright, Director of Public Services.

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## Connect with other women Veterans at Clay Township Military Library & Museum

**The REPORTER**

Are you a woman who has served in the U.S. armed forces?

Celebrate Women Veterans Day on Thursday, June 12 at Hamilton County's only public military library and museum: the Clay Township Military Library and Museum, a place dedicated to honoring your service, sharing your stories, and connecting you with fellow women veterans. The museum is located at 10801 N. College Ave., Carmel.

Women Veterans Day marks the anniversary of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act, a groundbreaking moment that gave women a permanent place in our nation's military. This day is more than a commemoration – it's a celebration of your courage, resilience, and the unique contributions you and your sisters-in-arms have made throughout history.

Gather for an afternoon of camaraderie, recognition, and inspiration. Enjoy meaningful fellowship, share your experiences, and help honor "HER story" – the legacy of women who have paved the way and those who continue to serve today. Whether you'd like to share your story, be recognized for your service, or simply connect with others who understand your journey, your presence will make this observance truly special.

As a nonprofit, volunteer-run museum, the Clay Township Military Library and Museum is committed to preserving and sharing the stories of local veterans, especially the remarkable women who have served. Come as you are, bring a fellow veteran, and celebrate the power of your service together.

Be part of honoring HER legacy. Your story matters.



Thanks for reading The Reporter!



**Indiana Blacksmithing Association**  
43rd Annual Conference  
June 6-8 2025  
Tipton County Fairgrounds  
Tipton, Indiana  
Featured Demonstrators  
Nate Weiss   Jennifer Petrila   Noah Hickman  
Johnstown, PA   Rutledge, MA   Atlanta, IN



Nate Weiss



Jennifer Petrila



Noah Hickman

Special Thanks



## LIBRARY

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“Everywhere you turned, people seemed to be having a blast exploring the traditional library space in new ways. The atmosphere from the very start through last call was one of absolute fun. The feedback on the night of the event and since has been loud and clear: this is an event people are looking

forward to seeing again!” With its first event a resounding success, the Hamilton East Public Library Foundation is already looking ahead to what’s next. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to experience the library in exciting, unexpected ways – all while supporting a great cause.

## LEGACY

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his stories – the same ones we’ve heard a hundred times – but this time, I don’t roll my eyes. I lean in. I treasure them. Because some stories are meant to be told a hundred more times when they’re passed from one generation to the next.

This summer, I realized that memory-making isn’t just about snapping a perfect photo or planning the grandest outing. Sometimes, it’s watching your dad slowly sip his morning tea while humming an old song. It’s walking together to the local market, pointing out how the produce looks different here than back home. It’s noticing how he still folds his handkerchief just so, or how he always remembers to offer the last bite to someone else before taking it himself.

Summer gave me that. It gave me a front-row seat to rediscover my dad – not just as my father, but as a human being with his own quiet rituals and childhood dreams, as a man who’s lived through decades and still manages to greet each new day with patience and grace.

And my daughters? They’ve been soaking up their grandfather’s presence in a way that no screen could replicate. They ask him to retell family stories, beg for homemade recipes, and giggle when he tries to keep up with their dance moves. He, in turn, lights up with a joy I haven’t seen in years – as if being here, being surrounded by his children and grandchildren, has added a new spark to his step.

Sometimes, we wait for the “big” moments to define our lives – the trips, the ceremonies, the celebrations. But this summer, I’ve realized the biggest moments can be incredibly simple: a shared meal, a spontaneous backyard



Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

cricket match, the warm silence of a shared sunset.

We often say time flies, but this summer, I wanted time to linger, to stretch its arms and stay a little longer – just like my dad has. Because I know when the leaves start turning and the cool breeze returns, so will the distance. But this season? This chapter? It’s ours.

In a world that moves so fast, summer reminded me to slow down and savor. To savor stories, flavors, laughter, and presence. To celebrate the now. And this summer – this magical, memory-making, legacy-laced summer – gave me a gift I will never forget: the chance to be a daughter again, to be a bridge between generations, and to create a moment larger than life.

Because some memories aren’t just made – they are lived.

And this summer? We lived it fully.

*Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.*





**TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18**  
4:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
**GRAND PARK SPORTS**  
**CAMPUS LOT F**  
**19000 GRAND PARK BLVD**  
presented by Centier Bank

Touch-A-Truck gives kids a **FREE** chance to explore big trucks, honk horns, and sit in the driver’s seat!  
**The first hour is sensory-friendly with no horns or loud sounds.**

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**The Flying Toasters**  
**June 13**



**Cool Creek Park**  
 2000 E. 151<sup>st</sup> St., Carmel

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or by going to [myhamiltoncountyparks.com](http://myhamiltoncountyparks.com).



## Carmel's water quality meets EPA & state standards

**The REPORTER**

To comply with Indiana Department of Environmental Management state regulations, Carmel Utilities issues an annual Water Quality Report (also called Consumer Confidence Report) that details the quality of the city's drinking water.

The purpose of this report is to raise understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect the city's drinking water sources.

Carmel Utilities reports that the city's tap water met all Environmental Protection Agency and state standards in 2024. Read the 2024 Water Quality Report at [carmelutilities.com/water-quality](http://carmelutilities.com/water-quality).

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Jaimie Foreman, City of Carmel Utilities Drinking Water Regulatory Compliance Supervisor, at (317) 571-4144.



Photos provided by Carmel Police Department

## Carmel invites you to celebrate Supt. Beresford's retirement

**The REPORTER**

Congratulations to Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford on his upcoming retirement. During his tenure, CCS has consistently upheld its status as one of the very best public school systems in the nation, providing unparalleled

opportunities for students. You are invited to celebrate Dr. Beresford's retirement from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 9 at the CCS Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.



Beresford

Dr. Beresford, best wishes on a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

# Carmel PD packs cruisers with 3,722 pounds of food

**Submitted by Carmel Police Department**

The results from this year's Pack the Cruiser are in, and the public's generosity made it an overwhelming success.

Cash donations collected totaled \$2,829. That alone is outstanding, but it didn't stop there. Here's what Carmel

police officers packed into their cruisers:

- Peanut butter: 483
- Boxed mac & cheese: 1,083
- Canned black beans: 352
- Chicken noodle soup: 397
- Applesauce pouches: 1,158
- Cereal boxes: 256
- Granola bars: 180

- Miscellaneous food: eight cases
- Total food collected: 3,722 pounds

Carmel police officers are proud to serve such a compassionate and giving community. These donations will make a meaningful impact for families in need.

# Noblesville Lions Club

## Grillin' on the Square

**Under the Big Tent  
Pork Chops, Chicken,  
Dogs, and Extras**

**Friday - June 6, 2025**  
Lunch/Dinner  
11:00AM to 8:00PM  
\$15 Advance \$17 At the Door  
\$8 Hot Dog

**SATURDAY, June 7, 2025**  
Breakfast  
7:00AM to 11:00AM  
\$10 Adults \$6 Kids Free Under 2 Yr

Advance tickets available from any Lion

## Huskies forging into the future

*Hamilton Heights' 60<sup>th</sup> graduating class ready to start their lives*

**Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation**

Hamilton Heights High School's 60th graduating class has reached a pivotal milestone, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

The commencement ceremony, held last Saturday, May 31, was a testament to perseverance, transformation, and hope – qualities that define this remarkable group of graduates. Having begun high school during a period of global uncertainty, they now step forward into a world that needs their brilliance, compassion, and integrity more than ever.

Their collective achievements underscore the power of public education, shaping individuals who will leave a lasting impact on the world. We are inspired not only by what they have accomplished but also by the incredible potential they have yet to unlock. Their resilience, determination, and dedication have paved the way for promising futures.

As we celebrate our students' success, we extend our deepest gratitude to the educators, staff, families, and our community whose



Photos by Bob Cross / FotoCross Photography & Hamilton Heights School Corporation  
(ABOVE) Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood presents graduate Elizabeth "Lizzy" Smith, Student Body President and a member of the Class of 2025 Top 10 percent, with her diploma. (BELOW LEFT) Valedictorian Jessica Steffen. (BOTTOM LEFT) Salutatorian Rebekah Beechler. (BELOW RIGHT) Nick and Sophia Hulen, members of Hamilton Heights High School's Class of 2025, are pictured as they prepare to receive their diploma.



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The Nickel Plate Express operates on 12.5 miles of the former Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Atlanta. Excursions board in Noblesville at 825 Forest Park Drive.

## Railbike Season

### Forest Park Rail Adventure

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

### White River Family Cruise

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

### Twilight Rail Ride

Take an evening rail bike ride and enjoy the sights and sounds of twilight. Bikes will depart from Hobbs Station in Noblesville for a 7-mile round trip ride.

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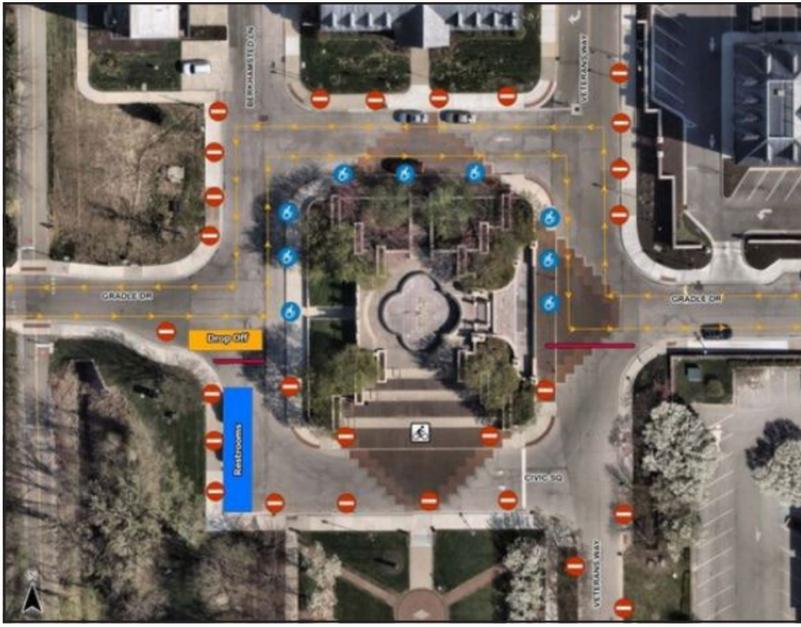
# Changes in traffic pattern on Carmel Gazebo concert nights

Submitted  
City of Carmel

The City of Carmel has established a new traffic pattern to assist with the flow of traffic on the evenings of the **Summer Family Concert Series** at the Gazebo at Civic Square.

From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights, now through Sept. 10, traffic between Range Line Road and 3rd Avenue SW will use Gradle Drive only. Veterans Way will be closed and there will be no vehicular access to the south side of the fountain.

The yellow area on the west side of the fountain indicated in the photo shows accessible drop-off. Bike parking is available on the south side of the fountain.



Graphic provided by City of Carmel



Photo provided by City of Westfield

## Touch-a-Truck returns to Grand Park Sports Campus on June 18

Submitted by  
City of Westfield

Get ready to start your engines at Touch-a-Truck, presented by Centier Bank. Join Westfield Welcome at Grand Park Sports Campus (Lot F) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18 for the return of Touch-a-Truck, offering little ones the chance to climb up into the driver's seat of trucks, emergency vehicles, and construction vehicles that keep our city moving.

"Touch-a-Truck is one of those rare events that's as fun as it is educational," Mayor Scott Willis said. "I'm glad our kids will have the chance to sit in the driver's seat while connecting with the people and vehicles that help keep Westfield moving in the right direction."

The first hour of Touch-

a-Truck will be a sensory friendly hour for children who need a quieter but equally fun experience. During this time, honking horns, flashing lights, blaring sirens, or loud sounds will not be permitted. After 5:30 p.m., free ear plugs will be available for those who still wish to participate in the fun but wish to have a quieter experience.

Vehicles that will be on display include a fire truck, police cruiser, SWAT vehicle, semi-truck cabs, a garbage truck, and more. Additional activities will include lawn games, a bounce house, and sports-themed games.

Admission and parking are free, and the event is open to families of all ages. Join us for an unforgettable evening of hands-on fun! For more information about this event, [click here](#).

# Community First Bank expands local team with four strategic hires

Submitted

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) has announced the addition of four accomplished professionals to its team: Bryan Mitzelfelt, Rana Sayre, Scott Stars, and Whitney Steltenkamp.

These key hires reflect the bank's continued growth and investment in excellence across Retail Banking, Human Resources, Commercial Lending, and Mortgage Services.

### Elevating customer experience in retail banking

Bryan Mitzelfelt joins as Vice President, Retail Sales Administrator, bringing 17 years of banking experience and a strong track record in sales and branch leadership, particularly in Hamilton County. A graduate of Indiana University Bloomington, he says he is passionate about creating meaningful customer relationships.

"I want every person who walks into our branches to leave with a great experience – one they'd recommend to friends and family," he said.

Mitzelfelt's focus on service excellence aligns with CFB's commitment to delivering personalized, community-centered banking.

### Building a people-first culture

As Vice President, Director of Human Resources, Rana Sayre brings nearly four decades of HR expertise spanning talent management, training, benefits, and organizational develop-



Mitzelfelt



Sayre



Stars



Steltenkamp



ment. Another IU Bloomington alumna, she holds both SHRM and HRCI certifications.

"People are an organization's greatest asset," she said. "I'm excited to help CFB attract top talent and create the right environment for employees to thrive."

Sayre's leadership will help shape a workplace where people grow, contribute, and feel valued.

### Fueling local business growth

With 18 years in lending – 14 of those in commercial – Scott Stars steps into the role of Vice President, Commercial Lender. A graduate of the University of Phoenix, he has supported small businesses nationwide with loans ranging from \$100,000 to \$30 million. Now focused on serving Hamilton County, he's eager to help local entrepreneurs succeed.

"I strive to be a trusted advisor to business owners, helping them scale and reach their goals," Stars said.

### Expanding personalized mortgage solutions

Joining as Vice President, Residential Mortgage Sales Manager, Whitney Steltenkamp brings 27 years of industry experience, with deep expertise across every stage of the mortgage process. A graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University, Steltenkamp is also a dedicated community leader, serving as Treasurer of the Home Builders Association of Howard County since 2019 and as a Commissioner for the Kokomo Housing Authority since January 2025.

"I'm passionate about building strong, service-driven mortgage teams that grow alongside the families they serve," she said. "From the excitement of a first home to the transitions of retirement, our team is here to guide and support every step of the way."

Steltenkamp will lead a team of local lenders offering flexible, people-first mortgage solutions across

Howard, Hamilton, and Marion counties.

### About Community First Bank of Indiana

Community First Bank of Indiana was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has eight offices throughout Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Bank mission: "We partner with you to build a better future." Additional information can be found at [CFBIndiana.com](#). Member FDIC.

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by Margaret Edson

Directed by Eric Bryant and Becky Schlomann

## May 29th – June 8th, 2025

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30 pm, Sunday Shows at 2:30 pm

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220 North Union St., Westfield, IN - (317) 402-3341  
For reservations visit our website: [www.basilewestfieldplayhouse.org](#)

## PLUMBERS FOR TECHPRO MECHANICAL

### Job Summary

TechPro Mechanical is looking for a professional, organized plumber to help in its plumbing division. Candidate must have plumbing experience. TechPro is a commercial Plumbing/HVAC company with major, well-known accounts throughout Indiana. This is an exceptional opportunity to join a team of very qualified technicians in a very high growth company.

### Responsibilities and Duties

- Installation and service of our commercial plumbing systems
- Diagnose plumbing issues and resolve those issues
- Interact with commercial customers to meet their plumbing needs

### Qualifications

- Good decision-making abilities
- Communication and customer service skills
- Works well with others, can work in a team setting

**Job Type: Full-time**

Pay: Very competitive pay based on experience and quality of candidate.  
Benefits:

- Dental insurance
- Health insurance
- Paid time off
- Vision insurance

**Experience:**

- Plumbing: 2 years (Preferred)

**License/Certification:**

- Journeyman Plumber (Preferred)
- Plumbing License (Preferred)

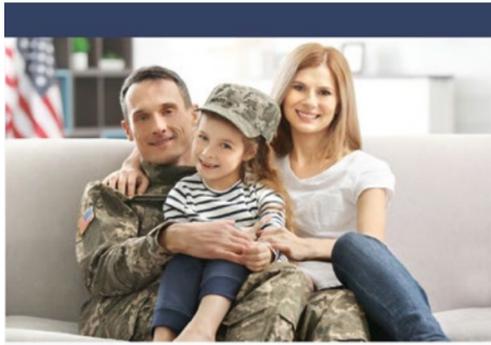
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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## 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.

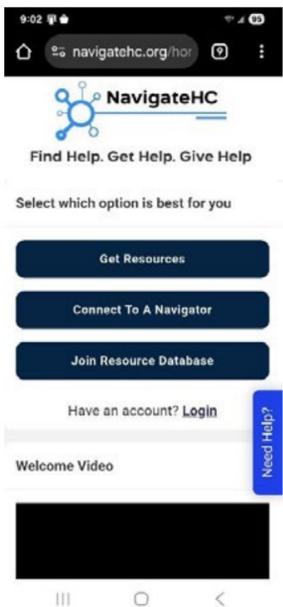
With our development of foundational leadership, who have ties all across the state, we created partnerships and affiliations with many Veteran-serving and community-serving entities which has built a robust, ever-growing Coalition working to connect our Hamilton County Military Veteran community (MVC) 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

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
 CVSO – Tom Logan  
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 Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz  
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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 Class for Military Veteran Families to Understand & Help Their Service Member- Starts June 4

**NAMI Indiana Homefront**  
 National Alliance on Mental Illness  
 Online Classes Wednesdays from 6-8pm June 4th to July 9th

For loved ones of Military Service Members and Veterans

What is NAMI Homefront?

- A 6-session education program for families, caregivers, and friends of Military Service Members and Veterans who experience symptoms of a mental health condition, offered free of charge to participants
- Designed to help loved ones understand and support their Service member
- Taught by trained family members of Service Members and Veterans who experience symptoms of a mental health condition

This program offers practical information about mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and substance use/abuse. You will learn problem solving techniques, coping strategies, and communication skills in a confidential, supportive setting.

For questions please contact David Hutson, Military and Veteran Support Program Manager at [dhutson@namindiana.org](mailto:dhutson@namindiana.org) or 765-685-2067

To sign up for a class or interested in becoming a Teacher visit [www.namindiana.org/programs/homefront](http://www.namindiana.org/programs/homefront) or scan the QR code below

### Activities & Events

June 6, 12pm to 4pm Hamilton County Community Health & Resource Fair – Over 100 Resources Including the VA, VHA, VBA All In One Place

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# Hospitals combat workplace violence in health care

Indiana Governor Mike Braun proclaims June 6 as 'Hospitals Against Violence Day'

**The REPORTER**

Health care workers are five times more likely to experience an injury due to workplace violence than workers in other industries, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The actual total could be as much as three times higher given the likelihood that most incidents are never formally reported.

That's why the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) recognizes June 6 as Hospitals Against Violence Day – a National Day of Awareness launched in 2016 to combat workplace violence.

In conjunction with IHA's efforts, Indiana Governor Mike Braun issued a proclamation to recognize Hospitals Against Violence Day, calling out the severe consequences that violence inflicts upon the entire health care system, making it more difficult for nurses, doctors, and other clinical staff to provide quality patient care.

This troubling trend has seen an uptick in incidents here in Indiana and around the world.

The International Association for Healthcare Safety and Security's 2023 Healthcare Crime Survey reports that incidences of simple assault per 100 hospital beds went up 105.6 percent over a 10-year period, and has steadily grown, particularly from 2020 through 2022.

"Simply put – any acts of violence cannot be tolerated," said Larry Tracy, President of Memorial Hospital in South Bend, which is part of Beacon Health System, and Chair of IHA's Council on Quality and Safety. "Our caregivers dedicate their lives to healing others and deserve a workplace where they feel safe and secure while performing their life-



saving duties. We welcome and appreciate Gov. Braun issuing this proclamation and standing with all Hoosier hospitals to help prevent further violence."

Hospitals throughout the state are raising awareness so residents understand how violence can impact the care they receive in any health care setting and in any community, large or small. The key to responding to violence is in preparation, training, and reporting.

"Workplace violence can take many forms – and can happen anywhere in our buildings, whether it's in the emergency department or on a patient floor," said Jennifer Hendrickson, Emergency Operations and Safety Manager for Reid Health in Richmond, which experienced a nearly four-hour lockdown in April in response to an active shooter threat.

The threat was eventually determined to not be on campus, allowing operations to resume while a lockdown remained in place, yet the team at Reid demonstrated the importance of its proactive training and other safety protocols put in place by the hospital.

"At Reid Health, we're fortunate to have the support of our administrative team as we implement a workplace violence prevention program," Hendrickson said. "This is a marathon, not a sprint. It can't be viewed as just the latest trend. It requires a lot of attention and support to maintain, and hospital leadership

must be involved."

Crissy Lough, Risk, Regulatory, and Patient Safety Officer and Associate CNO at Eskenazi Health in Indianapolis, said violence in that health care facility has also increased in recent years at a steady rate.

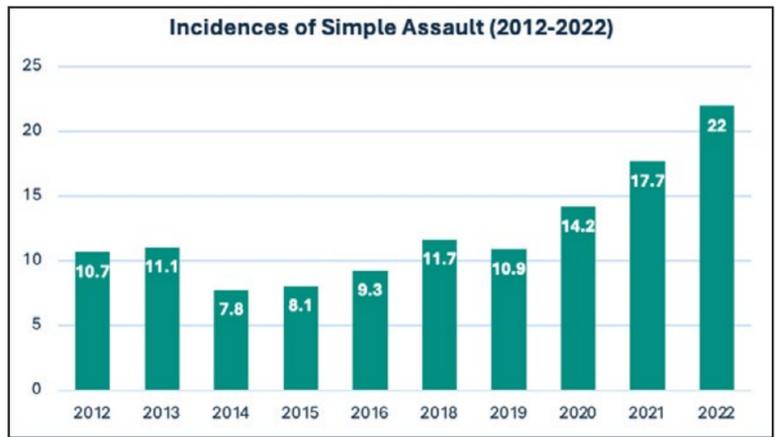
"The stress of the pandemic exhausted our staff and they cannot continue to be assaulted either physically or verbally," Lough said. "Promoting the reporting of each incident lets our team know they shouldn't have to endure that to work, and we will continue to stand beside them."

Eskenazi Health pays close attention to the environments at all its locations. Patients and visitors go through the metal detectors, and if circumstances warrant it, are scanned using a handheld device, while personal items and bags are sent through an X-ray machine. They have also added facility lighting, security cameras, and panic buttons, and cut back tall grasses in parking areas.

Security enhancements such as these are crucial – as is proactive training for employees, Lough said.

While hospitals like Eskenazi, Reid, and Memorial have extensive protocols to detect and deter violence, the daily toll on employees can be immense, causing burnout and turnover, while preventing staff from providing the best possible care to patients.

Adding to the already high cost of care, the toll carries a hefty price tag for hospitals.



Graphic provided by Indiana Hospital Association

A new report released this week by the American Hospital Association estimates providers spent \$14.65 billion in 2023 responding to workplace violence in health care facilities nationwide, and an additional \$3.62 billion to prepare for acts such as assault, homicide, suicide, and firearm violence.

**Ensuring a 'Safe and Sound' environment for staff & patients**

Beyond Hospitals Against Violence Day, IHA is continuing to lead efforts throughout the year with its Safe and Sound workplace safety initiative, led by Laurie Gerdt, IHA Quality and Patient Safety Advisor.

"The public doesn't usually see the physical and verbal abuse our health care workers endure on a day-to-day basis," Gerdt said. "We have to continue the conversation that our hospitals do not stand for aggressive behavior and address it head-on."

Launched in 2023, this comprehensive violence prevention program aims to increase public understanding of the problem of workplace safety and violence, improve data collection, and analysis of workplace safety perceptions and events to assess and miti-

gate risk, and provide training for members.

**Statehouse response to health care worker safety**

The initiative also hopes to gain legislative traction to support health care worker safety.

Indiana law currently provides an enhanced penalty for battery committed against certain licensed health care professionals and any staff member of an emergency department in a hospital. During the 2025 legislative session, **Senate Bill 419**, authored by Sen. Cyndi Carrasco (R-Indianapolis), sought to expand those protections and apply them to acts of violence and verbal intimidation against all health care workers.

Members of the Indiana Senate Corrections and Criminal Law Committee voted 7-1 in favor of SB 419, and it was approved by the full Senate 42-7. However, the bill did not move forward in the House of Representatives.

"Given the continued rise in violence in health care, and not just in emergency departments, we hope to see these provisions considered again next year by both chambers," said

Tracy, who testified in support of SB 419 in February. "More needs to be done to hold those who commit violence accountable for their actions."

The stakes for caregiver safety could not be higher as Hendrickson from Reid Health pointed out: "Essentially, safe caregivers provide better patient care."

**About Indiana Hospital Association**

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana's General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety, and Hoosiers' health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit [IHAconnect.org](http://IHAconnect.org).



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# Artist & artisan opportunities in Juried Art Fair & Gallery Exhibit with Fishers Arts Council

**The REPORTER**

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is getting ready for two big, juried events this September.

Harvest Fest, sponsored by Hamilton County Tourism, is an annual nonprofit fundraiser and community art fair that returns for its sixth year on Sunday, Sept. 7. This event



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focuses on helping raise awareness and funds for Fishers-serving nonprofits alongside talented artists and artisans from Hamilton County and surrounding areas. This is free event includes live music, art activities for the family, one-of-a-kind artistic creations, Indiana authors, and nonprofits who need support.

There is still space available for nonprofits, authors, and juried artists, but you must submit by the July 7 deadline, or receive a discount if you apply by the June 13 Early Bird date.

Details on how to apply are at [FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog).

Also in its sixth year is the annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists, sponsored by Jiffy Lube of Indiana. FAC invites current and former Hamilton County 2D and 3D artists in any media to enter the Juried Exhibit, which will hang in the Art Gallery at City Hall and the Fishers Art Center, both located at the Fishers Municipal Complex in Fishers from Sept. 2 to 27, with a reception and awards ceremony on Friday, Sept. 12. The deadline to submit entries is July 25; artists can read the requirements at [FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org/blog).

Previous Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artist "Best in Show" winners were awarded accolades and prize money for their winning works: Stephanie Spay of Noblesville in 2020,



Margot Bogue of Fishers in 2021, Jerry Mannell of Carmel in 2022, Mark Rouse of Fishers in 2023, and Mannell won again in 2024. This year's winner will receive a January 2026 Solo Exhibit.

The 2025 Juried Show judge is Carl Schafer of Muncie, Ind. He has been the co-owner of Gordy Fine Art and Framing Company since 2015. His skill as a craftsman includes restoring antique picture frames and designing replica frames. He is an art historian whose more than 25-year career in the museum profession focused on designing exhibitions and caring for works of art in virtually all materials

representing the world's major civilizations across time.

Schafer also works as a community leader as the founding president of the Muncie Arts & Culture Council, promoting the activities of arts organizations in Muncie and advocating for the arts as an economic driver and a major contributor to quality of life. He currently chairs the Muncie Mayor's Arts Awards Steering Committee and serves on the board of MuncieArts.

With the incredible talent that resides in Hamilton County and beyond, FAC can't wait to showcase the talents of artists and artisans at these upcoming jur-



ied events.

Questions can be directed to [info@FishersArtsCouncil.org](mailto:info@FishersArtsCouncil.org) or call all us at (317) 537-1670.

**About Fishers Arts Council**

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance

the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains its Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org) or call or text (317) 537-1670 for more information.

## Carmel welcomes community leaders from Georgia & Kentucky

**Submitted by City of Carmel**

This week, the City of Carmel played host to community leaders from Rome, Ga., and Prospect, Ky., on a two-day informational tour of the city with a focus on planning and infrastructure-including the benefits of our 156 roundabouts.

"It's a pleasure showing off our city and talking about all the hard work it takes to make it the great community it is today," said David Littlejohn, transportation administrator and ADA coordinator with the Department of Community Services. He served as one of the city guides for the tours.

City department leaders Mike Hollibaugh (Department of Community Services), Henry Mestetsky



(Redevelopment Commission), and Bradley Pease (Engineering) joined the tours to share their insights and expertise with the visit-

ing groups.

From improved safety measures on roadways, world-class city services, and beautiful public art,

these visitors saw firsthand why Carmel is considered a national leader in city design.

"Both cities were extremely impressed with

how beautiful and advanced our city is," said Transportation Development Coordinator Kevin Whited, who organized the visit. "They

are leaving Carmel motivated to institute changes to their own development plans and transportation infrastructure."



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# Donate blood at Carmel City Hall

**The REPORTER**

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- Hydrate beforehand
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# HCLA Leadership Summit to explore momentum of sports in Hamilton County

**The REPORTER**

There's never been a bigger time for sports in Hamilton County.

With championship-caliber facilities such as Grand Park and the new Fishers Event Center; teams like Indy Ignite, Noblesville Boom, Fishers Freight and Indy Fuel calling the county home; and major sporting events like the Pro Volleyball Federation's All-Star Match, LIV Golf Indianapolis and Carmel Marathon driving tourism to the county; Hamilton County is quickly becoming a stand-out sports destination.

This momentum will serve as the topic of Hamilton County Leadership Academy's (HCLA) annual Leadership Summit on Tuesday, June 24. This public event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville.

The summit will feature a panel of community leaders who each play a vital role in shaping the local sports industry. Panelists include Tim Bawmann, Team President of Noblesville Boom; Steve Henke, owner of Henke Development Group, LLC; and Indy Ignite player Carly Skjodt. Together, they'll explore how access to sports drives economic development, enhances quality of life, and strengthens the identity of Hamilton County.

"In Hamilton County, sports are building stronger communities – driving innovation, impact and collaboration," HCLA Executive Director Diana Coyle said. "Through storytelling and strategic investment, athletics are shaping a vibrant future for all who live, work, and play here. This panel brings together leaders at the forefront of this momentum, offering insight into how we learn, connect, and lead through the power of sports."

The event will also feature HCLA's Distinguished Alumni & Honorary Alumni Awards. Each year, HCLA

recognizes an alumni and community partner for their commitment and service to the organization and their impact in Hamilton County.

This year's Distinguished Alumni recipient is Karen Radcliff, President & CEO of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. For the past 30 years, she has helped to successfully build tourism markets for golf, weddings, youth sports, weekend leisure, and small meetings. She also developed the strategic partnerships and research that led to building Grand Park Sports Campus – the nation's most visited multi-sports venue.

Beck's Hybrids CEO Sonny Beck will also be honored as the recipient of the 2025 Honorary Alumni Award. Under his leadership, Beck's Hybrids has become the largest family-owned retail seed company and the third largest seed brand in the United States, serving farmers in 19 states throughout the Midwest and Mid-South. Beck's business emphasizes quality, service, and the importance of agronomic research to the future well-being of the American farmer.

The event is open to the public. Individual tickets and table sponsorships are available at [HCLA.net](#). Registration closes on Friday, June 13.

**About HCLA**

Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) unites, inspires, and empowers confident leaders from varied industries to support Hamilton County. The 10-month program provides those who work or live in Hamilton County with unique access to knowledge, community leaders, and local organizations. HCLA graduates gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the county; create meaningful, life-long connections with their peers, HCLA alumni, and community leaders; and are inspired and empowered to drive and amplify community impact. Learn more at [hcla.net](#).

# "Rolling Canvas" operating as small businesses incubator at Grand Junction Plaza

**The REPORTER**

A newly-wrapped IndyGo bus operating as a pop-up shop in Grand Junction Plaza now features original artwork by Indianapolis-based artist Katelyn Winneroski.

The "Rolling Canvas" project is a partnership between the City of Westfield and PATTERN Inc., designed to support local entrepreneurs and celebrate public art. The funds to create this unique installation was provided through a generous grant from MIBOR Realtor Association.

Winneroski's bold design was selected through a competitive RFP process and reflects Westfield's character. The 40-foot refurbished bus serves as a creative retail space on the south side of Jersey Street at Grand Junction Plaza, bringing energy and innovation to the heart of downtown.

The project called on Indiana-based artists to submit concepts inspired by West-



field's history, landmarks, and identity. A review panel from the city and PATTERN oversaw artist selection, with installation completed in May.

This initiative is part of Westfield's broader effort to activate public spaces through artistic expression and economic opportunity. To learn how your small business can participate as a vendor, [click here](#).



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# AG Rokita issues scam alert for Hoosiers: beware of fake Indiana ‘DMV’ text messages and emails

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers about an email and text message scam falsely claiming to be a “final notice” from the Indiana Department of Vehicles (DMV), not the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. These fraudulent messages aim to steal personal and financial information from unsuspecting individuals by threatening actions related to alleged traffic violations.

“Scammers are using deceptive tactics to exploit Hoosiers, and we must stay proactive to protect our personal information,” AG Rokita said. “No government organization, including the BMV, will send you unsolicited email or

text messages demanding payment, so everyone should be cautious of any communication telling them to do so.”

The scam messages claim that, as of June 7, 2025, individuals with outstanding tickets will face the following actions if payment is not completed:

- They will be reported to the DMV for ticket violation.
- Their vehicle registration will be suspended.
- Their driving privileges will be suspended for 30 days.
- They will be transferred to a toll booth and charged a 35 percent service fee.
- They may face pros-



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ecution and will suffer potential impacts to credit scores

AG Rokita is calling on Hoosiers to remain vigilant and take the following precautions:

- **Do Not** click on any links in unsolicited email or text messages claiming to be from the DMV.
- **Do Not** provide personal information, such as your driver’s license number or Social Security number.
- **Do Not** share any card or account information through text messages or unverified links.
- **Report** the unwanted text messages as junk on the app you use and block the phone number or email

address.

• **Contact your phone provider** for call/text blocking solutions. Many manufacturers have built-in features to block unwanted calls or offer apps to block and label potential spam calls. [Click here](#) for a list of resources available.

• **Forward** spam emails to the FTC at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) and report at [report-fraud.ftc.gov](http://report-fraud.ftc.gov).

If you have already provided personal information or money through a link in these email or text messages, file a consumer complaint immediately online at [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or call (317) 232-6330.

For more information on avoiding scams, visit the Indiana Attorney General’s website at [in.gov/attorney-general](http://in.gov/attorney-general).

# More than 25,000 warnings issued in first month of Safe Zones enforcement

The REPORTER

On May 5, enforcement of Indiana’s worksite speed control pilot program, known as Safe Zones, began in the Clear Path I-465/I-69 construction zone on the northeast side of Indianapolis. Since then, more than 25,000 first-violation warnings have been issued for vehicles traveling more than 11 mph over the posted speed limit.

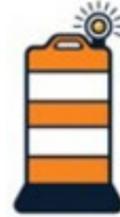
“Overall, we’re seeing slower speeds in the Clear Path work zone,” INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist said. “Speed is the leading factor in fatal crashes, and our goal is to create safer conditions for drivers, their passengers, and road workers.”

Safe Zones was first deployed in August 2024 on Interstate 70 in Hancock County and moved to Clear

Path in January 2025. The program was enacted by the Indiana General Assembly through [House Enrolled Act 1015](#) during the 2023 legislative session. First-time violators receive a zero-fine warning, followed by a \$75 civil fine for a second violation, and a \$150 civil fine for third and subsequent violations. In accordance with state statute, all collected fines are deposited into the state’s General Fund.

“Safe Zones is not designed to be a ‘gotcha’-type program,” said Rep. Jim Pressel, R-Rolling Prairie, author of HEA 1015. “It takes all of us to improve safety in construction zones or otherwise. Speeding puts everyone, drivers and passengers included, at risk of injury or even death.”

By statute, INDOT may



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deploy Safe Zones at up to four sites at any given time. Clear Path on the northeast side of Indianapolis is currently the only active site. Additional sites, to be announced later this summer, will begin with immediate enforcement. The program aims to protect the lives of motorists and road workers by slowing drivers down and reducing crashes in work zones. Recent data shows slower speeds through the Clear Path work zone. In late May, incidence of excessive speeds was down an average of 75 percent.

“It’s encouraging to see drivers slowing down in this highly traveled area,” Secretary of Transportation and Infrastructure Matt Ubelhor said. “Speeding through work zones provides very minimal time savings, and no one’s life is worth that couple of minutes – or less.”

**How Safe Zones works**

The Safe Zones system documents vehicle speeds using truck-mounted speed timing devices as they pass through work zones. When a vehicle is traveling 11 mph or more than the posted speed limit, the system captures an image of the vehicle’s rear license plate. After data is validated, violations are certified and issued to the vehicle owner by mail. Signs are posted to notify drivers entering and exiting active worksites that speeds are being monitored by an automated system. Workers must be present at the time of an event for a violation to be valid.

Violations may be paid online, by phone, or by mail. Payment is due within 30 days of a violation being mailed. To learn more about Safe Zones, visit [SafeZonesIN.com](http://SafeZonesIN.com).

## Fishers Parks to hold Pacers outdoor watch parties

The REPORTER

Fishers Parks invites the community to rally behind the Indiana Pacers in their NBA Finals run with free outdoor watch parties at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) for Games 2, 3, and 4 of the series.

• **Game 2:** Sunday, June 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. Game starts at 8 p.m.

• **Game 3:** Wednesday, June 11 from 7 to 11 p.m. Game starts at 8:30 p.m.

• **Game 4:** Friday, June 13 from 7 to 11 p.m. Game starts at 8:30 p.m.

Wear your blue and gold and cheer on the Pacers as

they chase a championship win. The event is free and open to all ages. Outside food is permitted, and lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Food trucks and beverage vendors will be on site, along with special activities and crowd activations.

Free parking is available throughout the Nickel Plate District via parking garages, surface lots, and street parking. Accessible parking is available in the parking lot immediately south of the City Services Building at 3 Municipal Drive. See a parking map and learn more at [FishersParks.com/WatchParty](http://FishersParks.com/WatchParty).

Meeting Notices
The Noblesville Tree Board Education and Outreach Committee meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2025, has been canceled.
The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.
<b>Send Meeting Notices to:</b> <a href="mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com">News@ReadTheReporter.com</a>

# HATCH Fest keeps growing

*Expanded festival celebrates youth entrepreneurs, art, technology & heritage in downtown Noblesville*

**The REPORTER**

A beloved summer tradition in downtown Noblesville is getting bigger and better.

HATCH Fest, Hamilton County's annual celebration of Arts, Technology, Craft, and Heritage, returns from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 14 with an expanded footprint and exciting new features that showcase the region's creative spirit.

Each year, the Historic Courthouse Square comes alive in mid-June with the vibrant sights, sounds, and smells of HATCH Fest. Attendees can expect the same charming atmosphere of fresh strawberry shortcake, live local music, and booth after booth of handmade goods. This year, Logan Street Bridge will be shut down during HATCH Fest, allowing more space for artists, makers, and entrepreneurs.

This year's expansion is fueled by a new partnership between Noblesville Creates and the Children's Entrepreneur Market, a national organization that empowers young people to launch and run their own businesses. With this collaboration, HATCH Fest will welcome an unprecedented number of youth vendors, offering a unique opportunity for the next generation of creators to step into the spotlight.

In addition to youth businesses and artist vendors, attendees can enjoy beloved festival staples, including St. Michael's Episcopal Church's Strawberry Festival, hands-on activities, maker demonstrations, live music, and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation in honor of June-



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**In addition to an array of activities, demonstrations, and live music at HATCH Fest, don't forget about the St. Michael's Episcopal Church's Strawberry Festival.**



teenth.

See the full entertainment schedule below (subject to change).

- **ALL DAY** – Demonstrations and interactive activities by the Noblesville High School and Middle School Robotics Teams (southeast quadrant of the Courthouse Square)

- **11 to 11:55 a.m.** – Indiana Music by Geoff Davis (northeast corner of the Square)

- **Noon to 1 p.m.** – Cello Music by Ivan the Gem (northeast corner of the Square)

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"There are some that only chew the cud or only have a divided hoof, but you must not eat them. The camel, though it chews the cud, does not have a divided hoof; it is ceremonially unclean for you. The hyrax, though it chews the cud, does not have a divided hoof; it is unclean for you. The rabbit, though it chews the cud, does not have a divided hoof; it is unclean for you. And the pig, though it has a divided hoof, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you. You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you.

"Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams you may eat any that have fins and scales. But all creatures in the seas or streams that do not have fins and scales—whether among all the swarming things or among all the other living creatures in the water—you are to regard as unclean. And since you are to regard them as unclean, you must not eat their meat; you must regard their carcasses as unclean. Anything living in the water that does not have fins and scales is to be regarded as unclean by you.

"These are the birds you are to regard as unclean and not eat because they are unclean: the eagle, the vulture, the black vulture, the red kite, any kind of black kite, any kind of raven, the horned owl, the screech owl, the gull, any kind of hawk, the little owl, the cormorant, the great owl, the white owl, the desert owl, the osprey, the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe and the bat.

"All flying insects that walk on all fours are to be regarded as unclean by you. There are, however, some flying insects that walk on all fours that you may eat: those that have jointed legs for hopping on the ground. Of these you may eat any kind of locust, katydid, cricket or grasshopper. But all other flying insects that have four legs you are to regard as unclean.

Leviticus 11:1-23 (NIV)

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## Boys Track & Field

# County runners hold their own in fast meet

## Millers' 4x800, Fishers' Quagliaroli get runner-up medals

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**INDIANAPOLIS** – The IHSAA boys track & field state meet returned to Indianapolis on Friday, and the runners certainly put on a show.

The student-athletes competing at North Central's Track & Field complex set five new state records during the meet, which took place at the home of the Panthers for the first time since 1997. Lawrence North won the team trophy, holding off runner-up Bloomington North by two points, 47-45. Merrillville was third with 40 points.

Hamilton County teams held their own against the fast performances and took home several medals. Leading the way was Fishers: the defending state champion Tigers totaled 24 points, good for eighth place.

Fishers earned medals in four events. Senior Sam Quagliaroli took second place in the 3200 run, clocking in at 8 minutes, 54.99 seconds. The Indiana University recruit bettered his regional time by over four seconds. The only man faster was Westview junior Noah Bontrager, who ran away with the race in 8:51.22. It was Bontrager's second win of the evening, after he cruised to victory in the 1600 in a state-record time of 4:02.60.

"We just let it rip those last two laps," said Quagliaroli. "I felt like I was in a good spot, and then Noah just got me with 300 (meters) left. That kid's a beast. Hats off to him."

Tigers junior Konrad Hayden soared to third place in the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 8 inches. Hayden was flawless in his first four attempts, with no misses until he tried for 6-10.

"I'm honestly just happy to be here and be a part of my team and do my best," said Hayden.

Jev Hutton placed fifth in the discus, while Fishers began the meet with a sixth-place finish in the 4x800 re-

lay. The runners in that race were Reece Torres, Bryson Slagle, Dylan Wolf and Declan Mohr.

Noblesville started its meet off solid, finishing as runner-up in the 4x800. Banner Barnes, Bradyn Livingston, Isaiah Vohs and Jack Strong ran that event in 7:39.20; Bloomington South won in a new record time of 7:37.01. Westfield also got a top-four finish in the 4x8, with Maxim Poirier, Will Snedeker, Ty Conner and Caleb Haney finishing in 7:42.70, a new Shamrocks school record.

Snedeker and Livingston provided some fireworks in the open 800 run. Starting from the first heat (slow heat), Snedeker won in 1:54.24, while Livingston placed second in 1:55.11. Both those times were good enough to reach the podium after the second heat: Snedeker ultimately finished fifth and Livingston was ninth. It was the second medal of the night for both men.

"My coaches told me I had to win this heat by the most I could to get on that podium, and I put my heart out there," said Snedeker. "And thankfully it came to fruition."

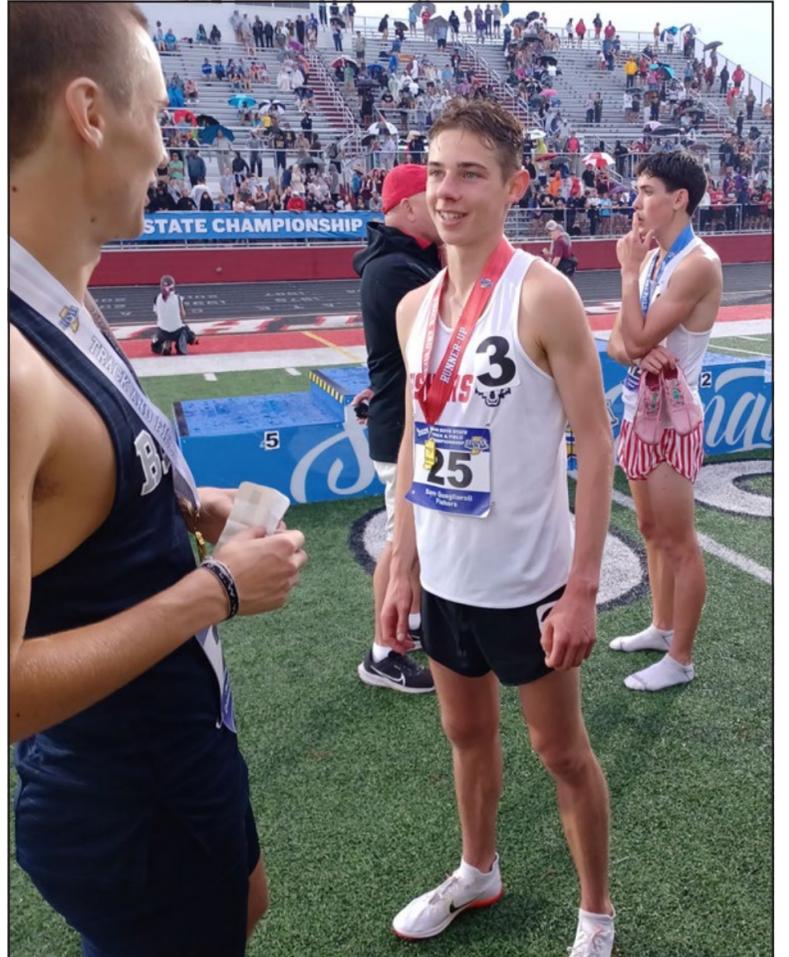
"This is my last race as a Noblesville Miller, so I just wanted to try and do my best," said Livingston.

Noblesville picked up two more medals at state. Barnes earlier got his second medal of the meet in the 1600 run, placing fifth, while John Libs finished eighth in the 3200 run.

Westfield also medaled in the 4x100 relay, giving the Rocks three medals. Caleb Terril, Cayden Gearhart, Cato June and Maison McCray placed seventh.

Hamilton Southeastern picked up three medals, including two for Christian Ortiz. He finished fifth in the 400 dash, clocking in 48.15 seconds, then joined Jaxson Wanza, Deacon Lewis and Mason Schmitz to place fifth in the 4x400 relay.

Liam Powers added another point for the Royals, finishing ninth in the 3200 run.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall  
**(ABOVE)** Fishers' Sam Quagliaroli talks with Evansville Reitz's Jackson Nolan after the two finished the 3200 run at the IHSAA boys track & field state finals Friday at North Central. Quagliaroli placed second in the race, while Nolan was third. **(TOP LEFT)** Fishers' Konrad Hayden placed third in the high jump. **(CENTER LEFT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Christian Ortiz placed fifth in the 400 dash and was a part of the Royals' fifth-place 4x400 relay. **(BOTTOM LEFT)** Carmel's Isaac Nelson took fourth in the 100 dash. **(BELOW)** Noblesville's Bradyn Livingston (left) and Westfield's Will Snedeker both came out of the first heat to reach the podium in the 800 run. Snedeker took fifth and Livingston was ninth.

Carmel's Isaac Nelson placed fourth in the 100 dash, scoring four points for the Greyhounds. His time was 10.51 seconds, just 0.11 seconds behind first place in another fast race.

Results, including all winners and Hamilton County finishers, now follow.

**Team scores (top 10 and all county):** 1. Lawrence North 47, 2. Bloomington High School North 45, 3. Merrillville 40, 4. North Central 35, 5. Warsaw 34, 6. Franklin Central 32, 7. Mount Vernon 25, 8. Fishers 24, 9. Avon 20; Westview 20, 11. Noblesville 16, 19. Westfield 14, 24. Hamilton Southeastern 11, T36. Carmel 6.

**4x800 medley relay:** 1. Bloomington South 7:37.01, new state record, 2. Noblesville (Banner Barnes, Bradyn Livingston, Isaiah Vohs, Jack Strong) 7:39.20, 4. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Will Snedeker, Ty Conner, Caleb Haney) 7:42.70, 6. Fishers (Reece Torres, Bryson Slagle, Dylan Wolf, Declan Mohr) 7:47.67, 11. Southeastern (Will Henning, Omar Elsayed, Liam McNiven, Mason Schmitz) 7:54.17.

**110 hurdles – Finals:** 1.

Rylan Haine (FC) 13.28, new state record. Prelims: 20. Sam Long (HSE) 14.91, 30. Logan Tuck (W) 20.84.

**100 dash – Finals:** 1. Will Riley (Greenwood) 10.40, 4. Isaac Nelson (C) 10.51. Prelims: 18. Angel Wilson (N) 10.89, 33. Cato June (W) 11.10.

**1600 run:** 1. Noah Bontrager (Westview) 4:02.60, new state record, 5. Barnes (N) 4:10.72, 25. Strong (N) 4:27.54.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Lawrence North 40.85, 7. Westfield (Caleb Terril, Cayden Gearhart, Cato June, Maison McCray) 42.11, 25. Fishers (Vincent Rozzi, Reid Spittler, JonAnthony Hall, Carsen Eloms) 43.24.

**400 dash:** 1. Denhm Holt (NC) 46.80, new state record, 5. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 48.15, 11. Rocky Duplessis (F) 48.86, 23. Hayden Cler (GC) 50.23.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Hainje (FC) 35.82, new state record, 23. Long (HSE) 40.18.

**800 run:** 1. Caleb Winders (BHSN) 1:52.21, 5. Snedeker (W) 1:54.24, 9. Livingston (N) 1:55.11, 16. Vohs (N) 1:56.11, 26. Barnes (N) 1:59.02.

**200 dash – Finals:** 1. Antonio Smith (NC) 21.42. Pre-



**lims:** 13. Wilson (N) 21.93, 17. James Moody (GC) 22.01.

**3200 run:** 1. Bontrager (Westview) 8:51.22, 2. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 8:54.99, 8. John Libs (N) 9:05.74, 9. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:06.57, 13. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:13.57.

**4x400 relay:** 1. North Central 3:14.34, 5. Southeastern (Ortiz, Jaxson Wanza, Deacon Lewis, Schmitz) 3:17.59, 16. Westfield (Ryd Wallerstedt, Caleb Haney, Poirier, Snedeker) 3:23.36, 18. Guerin Catholic (James Moody, Trevor Macey, Cler, Aidan Horn) 3:23.60.

**Shot put:** 1. Benjamin Brown (Southport) 63-2.

**Long jump:** 1. Jaylen Ramsey (Mt. Vernon) 23-8.5, 10. Hall (F) 22-6.75.

**High jump:** 1. Jordan Randall (Warsaw) 7-0, 3. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-8.

**Pole vault:** 1. Demarco Easter (Merrillville) 16-3, T22. Alex Wilson (W) 13-6.



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The Noblesville 4x800 relay finished second.

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Girls Tennis

# Westfield blanks Bishop Chatard, advances to Final 4

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The Westfield girls tennis team kept its postseason undefeated streak going right on into the state finals on Friday. The one-loss ‘Rocks have not only won 21 straight matches as a team, but they’ve kept unblemished throughout the state tournament.

Westfield and Bishop Chatard met up as one of four matchups with the Shamrocks knocking out the Trojans 5-0 in a quarterfinal match at the Barbara Wynne Tennis Center at North Central High School.

Shutouts against Hamilton Heights and Noblesville in the sectional, Alexandria and Delta in regional play and Homestead at semi-state have the Shamrocks riding high heading into the State Finals.

The ‘Rocks are making their second consecutive appearance and they played with purpose to advance to today’s semifinals.

“It was a tough match, definitely on all three singles courts,” said Westfield head coach Trudy Coler. “Long points and long games. A good tiebreaker at three singles for that first set. So, it was close and they had great points. It took a little while for us to figure some things out, which is always good, especially since it’s a team we didn’t play this season.”

It took a few games for all three singles matches to get on track. The two doubles team didn’t run into any troubles at all on the way to straight-set wins, as did one and two singles.

“You’re always trying to assess your opponent the first few games. My girls did a good job doing that. It just took a little bit of the first set to do that. Doubles, I thought, came out really well, handles their first sets super well,” Coler continued. “They kind of had to hang in there to figure out



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

**Westfield No. 3 singles Juliette Grilliot won her match 7-6, 6-4, part of a 5-0 sweep of Bishop Chatard in Friday’s IHSAA state quarterfinals. The Shamrocks play Jasper at 10 a.m. today in the state semifinals.**

some things in the second sets and came out with some really good matches in dubs as well.”

No. 1 singles player, freshman Alexandria Grilliot improved her undefeated record to 26-0 with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Cathy Beckmann. Grilliot plays Jasper’s undefeated senior Harper Wigand (28-0) today.

At No. 2 singles, sophomore Isla Harvey (15-1) got the win against Chatard’s Maggie Bertram, 6-4, 6-2. Harvey plays another one-loss opponent today in Mar-

ian Hayes (25-1).

The no. 3 singles matchup was Westfield’s toughest. Junior Juliette Grilliot moved to 14-1 with a hard-fought 7-6 (4), 6-4 battle. Juliette takes on the Wildcats’ Lila Hawkes (20-2) this morning.

The no. 1 doubles team of junior Jenna Berry and sophomore Bella Rivera (22-3) were 6-2, 6-2 winners. They take on Jasper’s Reese Mundy and Adaysha Smiley (26-2) today.

No. 2 doubles faced a little adversity, but were

able to keep their undefeated mark going. Senior Addi Kooi was not able to play and was replaced by sophomore alternate Maddie Iovino. Junior Ellen Volz and Iovino came away with a 6-2, 6-4 win to help the ‘Rocks advance to the Final 4 today.

Early on, the weather played a little bit of a role, but all eight teams made adjustments accordingly.

“I think everybody felt the heat at some point today, maybe not as much in dubs, but the humidity really picked up in singles on both sides of the court,” said Coler. “We haven’t played in it (humidity), we haven’t had it this season.”

Westfield (22-1) faces a tough challenge today against Jasper (21-1), but the Shamrocks seem prepared.

“We’re really excited to make it to the Final 4,” said Coler. “My girls have worked really hard this season. It’s been a goal of ours to get to state again this year. So, we are just enjoying every single match we get to play. Against Jasper, we haven’t played them or seen them, so it’ll be a lot of fun. It’s going to be a really tough match. We’re going to come out and try to play as aggressively as we can.”

Westfield and Jasper play in one semifinal, while the Brebeuf Jesuit Braves (23-0) and Munster Mustangs (26-2) will play simultaneously in the other semifinal.

Brebeuf defeated the Providence Pioneers 4-1 and Munster outlasted the Penn Kingsmen, 3-2 in their quarterfinal matches. Both semifinals start at 10 a.m. and the state championship will take place at 2 p.m.

## Injunction no more

The ongoing legal battle between NASCAR and Twenty-Three Eleven (23XI)/Front Row Motorsports (FRM) just took another interesting turn.

After an initial issuance of a preliminary injunction by a North Carolina Federal District Court preventing NASCAR from denying 23XI and FRM its NASCAR charters while the antitrust lawsuit unfolds, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit reversed and vacated the preliminary injunction.

For those who might want a quick refresher, NASCAR and the race teams had been in negotiations for a new charter agreement for years. The charter agreement covers everything from revenue splitting to intellectual property. As is the case with all major sports, both sides wanted more money and more control.

NASCAR finally put its foot down and provided the teams with a take it or leave it offer. All the teams but 23XI and FRM signed the agreement. This meant that 23XI and FRM would forfeit their charters worth tens of millions of dollars and have no guaranteed starting spot in any of the Cup Series races.

Instead of simply forfeiting their charters, however, 23XI and FRM sued NASCAR, arguing that NASCAR had a monopoly over the highest levels of stock-car racing.

To ensure that they could continue racing as chartered teams, 23XI and FRM asked the North Carolina District Court to enjoin or stop NASCAR from revoking its charters until it had the opportunity to present its case at trial. The North Carolina Court found that 23XI and FRM would suffer irreparable harm if the injunction was not granted and put the injunction in place just in time for the start of the 2025 season.

Dissatisfied with the result, NASCAR challenged the decision and appealed the preliminary injunction to the Fourth Circuit. As we learned with week, the Fourth Circuit agreed with NASCAR and the injunction has been lifted.

What does this mean for NASCAR, 23XI, and FRM?

First, it is likely that NASCAR will revoke the teams’ charters. This will have an extraordinary effect on 23XI and FRM. No char-



ter means that the teams will run as open cars. This means that the teams will not be guaranteed a spot in the field and will have to qualify on time. While most weeks there are more starting spots than cars,

the Daytona 500 is an event where several cars do not make the field.

More significant is the financial aspect. 23XI and FRM are sent to lose out on significant money from the revenue splits with NASCAR. Additionally, the charters themselves are worth tens of millions of dollars. In 2023 Spire Motorsports purchased its third charter for approximately \$40 million. For 23XI and FRM, that each have three charters, that’s \$120 million.

Finally, drivers and sponsors. It is likely that both sponsor commitment and driver commitment is dependent on the teams having charters. What will sponsors and drivers do if 23XI and FRM’s charters go away?

The latest decision gives all the leverage back to NASCAR. In my opinion, the preliminary injunction was 23XI and FRM’s best card, holding NASCAR’s charters hostage until 23XI and FRM received favorable terms.

NASCAR now holds the giant stick, and as we’ve seen in the past, it isn’t afraid to use it. I don’t believe that’s a bad thing. This lawsuit is not good for the sport. It pits Michael Jordan and Denny Hamlin (owners of 23XI) against NASCAR. For the sport to continue growing there needs to be collaboration, not consternation. With the charters back in NASCAR’s control, I would not be surprised if we see a quick resolution. 23XI and FRM cannot afford to continue field three-car teams without the charters.

However, I don’t see NASCAR walking away unscathed. 23XI and FRM have done something that no one else has ever been able to do. They demonstrated that NASCAR is not undefeatable. While this charter deal is done, teams will push NASCAR much harder on the next deal and likely get much better terms.

We wait and see where this lawsuit goes not. Hopefully 23XI and FRM will continue in the field as chartered teams.

*Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.*

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, June 7**

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Westfield vs. Harrison, 3 p.m.

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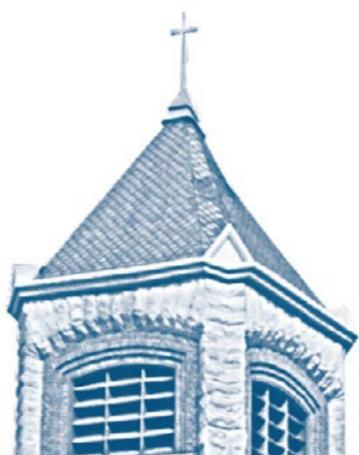
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The second annual Abs Angels Legacy Golf Outing honored Hamilton Southeastern graduate Abigail Cox and raised over \$25,000 to benefit a Purdue scholarship and other causes close to Abigail. Pictured is Abigail's family, Joe Cox, Elliott Cox and Kathy Cox.

## Abs Angels Legacy Golf Outing is a success

### The REPORTER

The second annual Abs Angels Legacy Golf Outing took place Saturday at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville.

The outing honors the legacy of the late Abigail Cox, a Hamilton Southeastern graduate and Purdue University student, and benefits a \$20,000 Purdue scholarship. The outing raised over \$25,000, with any leftover money going to causes that Cox cared about, such as the HSE Blue Crew and Young Life.

"It was awesome," said Kathy Cox. She noted that the second- and third-place

teams at the outing both had ties to Abigail: the second-place team included recent HSE graduates Wyatt Watson, Kevin Boyd, while the third-place team came from Purdue's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, which includes Abigail's brother Elliott Cox.

"Everybody had fun," said Kathy Cox. She said people came up to her and said that the outing was "such an amazing event" and praised Purgatory as well.

"Purgatory was great to work with," said Kathy Cox.

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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The legend of the Milan Miracle never gets old.

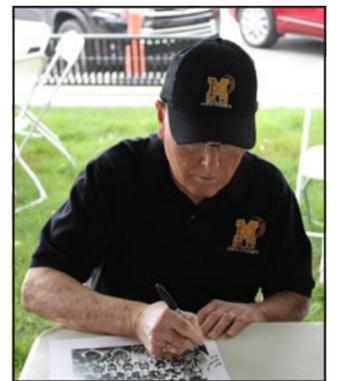
Four members of that historic 1954 Milan High School basketball team came to the Lions Club of Noblesville's "Grillin' on the Square" event Friday, where they posed for pictures and signed autographed copies of the team photo. Several people stood in line during the autograph session to meet Rollin Cutter, Bobby Plump, Roger Schroder and Gene White.

The Milan team won the 1954 IHSAA state championship by beating Muncie Central – the classic small school (enrollment 161) versus large school (enrollment 1,662) battle. Milan won on Plump's now-iconic last-second basket at the Butler (now Hinkle) Fieldhouse. That caused a celebration in the small town; Plump said the Indiana State Police "estimated between 30 and 40 thousand people tried to get in Milan that day, and they came from four surrounding states."

Milan's feat inspired the 1986 movie *Hoosiers*, just one of many instances where it has made a cultural impact. Plump noted while speaking with The Reporter that there is even international interest.

"Three years ago, I got three letters from kids in Paris, France asking for my autograph," said Plump. "A year and a half ago, a sports announcer called and wanted to know if I'd be on his program."

A museum celebrating the Milan Miracle opened in 1998 ([milan54.org](http://milan54.org)) and features memorabilia and information about the team. The legend continues to grow, which Plump said is "not up to us. That's up to the fans."



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(TOP) Bobby Plump signs an autographed picture of the 1953-54 Milan basketball team for Noblesville Police Department patrol officer Dobgima Fon during an appearance at the Noblesville Courthouse Square on Friday. (ABOVE LEFT) Rollin Cutter (left) and Gene White sign autographed photos. (ABOVE RIGHT) Roger Schroder signs an autographed picture of the Milan basketball team.

"I've been interviewed for the past 20 years by fourth graders," said Plump. Fourth grade is when

Indi- ana students learn about their state, including famous Hoosiers.

body they want to represent," said Plump. "If they continue teaching it in fourth grade, maybe it'll last forever."



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Purgatory Golf Club hosted the Abs Angels Legacy Golf Outing. Kathy Cox said Purgatory "was great to work with."




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