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Today: Rainy day.
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Ron Wilson receives Rampart Award

Noblesville man has dedicated more than 60 years to serving local veterans

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners honored longtime Noblesville resident Ron Wilson with the Rampart Award during their meeting on Monday, Oct. 27, fittingly recognizing as Navy Day.

The Rampart Award is presented to individuals who have given generously of their time to make Hamilton County a better place.

Wilson, a U.S. Navy veteran and 1964 Noblesville High School graduate, has dedicated more than six decades to serving his country and community. In 2002, he founded the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation. Under Wilson's leadership, the nonprofit group has organized resource fairs, raised funds for memorials, provided care packages for deployed service members, and ensured veterans in need have access to critical items such as medical equipment, clothing, and housing assistance.

"Ron has served his country, his county and his city of Noblesville well for 60 years – protecting our freedoms, caring for our veterans and their families, and ensuring the memories of our fallen are never forgotten," said Bill Doss, with the Hamilton County Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition.

Recipients of the Rampart Award embody teamwork, a generosity of spirit, and an enduring commitment to the people and communities of the county. County Commissioner President Steve Dillinger said Wilson exemplifies what the Rampart Award stands for.

"Ron Wilson has lived a life of service – to his fellow veterans, to his community, and to Hamilton County," Dillinger said. "Through his work with the Veterans Corp and his tireless advocacy, he has touched countless lives and made our county a stronger, more com-



Photo provided
 (From left) Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Ron Wilson, Commissioner Christine Altman, and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. See more photos on Page 3.

passionate place." Wilson's many contributions to his community, his country, and our nation's Veterans.

Emotional fitness

For many years, I have made my physical health a top priority. It started in college on a whim. Of all the electives I could choose from, I chose a weightlifting class.

It was an interesting choice because due to my Muscular Dystrophy, I cannot lift more than three pounds over my head, and even less with my legs. However, that class taught me so much about self-discipline that I have carried throughout my life.

While my physical health thrived during college, my mental health went the opposite way.

I spent years battling depression due to my physical disability and other difficult life circumstances. I did not realize that prioritizing my mental health, as I did with my physical health, was just as important.

Strengthening my faith along the way certainly played a big part in improving my emotional fitness, but there was still more work to do. I started researching ways that I could continually work on my emotional "muscles."

See Fitness . . . Page 2



Real heroes run into burning buildings AND help at holidays

Submitted

Fulfilling its mission of community support, the Carmel Fire Department (CFD) Auxiliary has been providing support for families in need since 1967, the longest running program of its kind.

Each holiday season, the CFD Auxiliary provides a festive meal, essential pantry items and gifts for children to families throughout the Carmel Clay Township. The list of families is shared through a partnership with the Good Samaritan Network, ensuring that assistance reaches those who need it most.

Through its Community Assistance Program (CAP), the Auxiliary continues this long-standing tradition of generosity. Last year alone, the CFD Auxiliary sponsored 175 families, and this year that number is expected to grow to nearly 200.

Want to get involved? Here are two great ways to participate:

1. Sponsor a family: As a sponsor, you'll purchase and



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Auxiliary
 The Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary partners with Good Samaritan Network to ensure that help reaches local families who need it most before the holidays.

wrap gifts for the children in your assigned family. Wrapped presents are dropped off during the first week of December. Sign up to sponsor a family here or email jbaker@carmel.in.gov.

2. Help deliver gifts: Join

the Auxiliary at 9 a.m. Dec. 13 for Delivery Day, a joyful, bustling morning of giving back. Meet at the Carmel Training Center, 4925 E. 106th St., Carmel, where volunteers will load vehicles with food and gifts for delivery to families across the

Carmel Clay Township area.

This is a wonderful opportunity to involve your whole family spread holiday cheer, and experience the true spirit of giving. If you have any questions, call Jessie Baker at (317) 571-2616.



Dr. Patrick Mapes: HSE Schools will continue to negotiate with teachers

Submitted by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, Hamilton Southeastern Schools Superintendent Patrick Mapes released the following statement regarding the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association's decision not to ratify the tentative agreement reached earlier this month.



Mapes

We are disappointed that the teachers' association has chosen not to ratify the tentative agreement that the administration team reached with the bargaining team. At HSE Schools, we remain committed to finding a solution that is both fair to our educators and responsible to our taxpayers.

Throughout this process, our approach has been guided by facts. The State of Indiana requires school districts to spend at least 65 percent of the education fund revenue on teacher salaries and benefits. During the last reported expenditure of education funds for teachers, HSE dedicated nearly 84 percent of the education fund tuition support revenue to teacher salaries and benefits, the highest percentage in Hamilton County, and invests 96 percent of the district's referendum dollars directly in our teachers.

We also lead the county in starting salaries for teachers with both bachelor's and master's degrees, average teacher salary, 403(b) retirement contribution, and HSA contribution. That level of investment reflects our community's shared priority of maintaining exceptional instruction in every classroom.

While we are proud of these commitments, HSE faces a budget crisis not of our own creation, which cannot be ignored. Prior administrative decisions, state policy changes under Senate Enrolled Act 1, coupled with a decline in enrollment in the district, will reduce district revenue by a projection of over \$4 million annually. Without adjustments, the district would deplete its available cash reserves within two years.

See Negotiate . . . Page 2

Dive deep into Hamilton County's past

Surveyor's Office offers History Portal Map Viewer

Submitted

The History Portal is an on-line map viewer that displays places and features as outlined on a variety of map sources through the years. The purpose of this portal is to reflect historical maps and records in the context of today's Hamilton County. The web viewer can be found on the Surveyor's Office landing page of the Hamilton County Geo Hub.

The map viewer offers a variety of information. A partial listing of map layers includes National Register of Histor-

ic Places and Districts; Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps and Buildings; Historical Transportation; Original Land Grants, Saw & Grist Mills; Churches; Cemeteries; Significant Businesses; and Population Data. These map layers provide a time capsule of information from 1823 to 1922.

The map viewer also offers aerial imagery at various times since 1936.

The data was collected

and mapped over a period of years beginning in 2013. The work on the project was a collaborative effort by GIS Specialists in the Hamilton County Surveyor's Office: Darren Wilson, Val Swift, Suzie Mills.

"The goal of this project was to provide information for users to visualize the various historical periods geographically and gain new insights into Hamilton County's his-

tory," County Surveyor Gary Duncan said. "I would like to thank Kent Ward, the former County Surveyor, for his support of the project, and would like to thank Suzie, Val, and Darren for all their work over the years to complete this project. The County has a long and great history, and it is fantastic that we could present some of that history in a format where we can compare that to what exists today."

For more information on the History Portal, go to geohub.hamiltoncounty.in.gov.



Duncan

NEGOTIATE

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Teacher Pay Rates	HSE	Carmel	Hamilton Heights	Noblesville	Sheridan	Westfield
Bachelor's - 0 years exp	\$48,500.00	\$45,038.00	\$41,412.00	\$48,000.00	\$42,028.00	\$48,000.00
Master's - 0 years exp	\$50,925.00	\$49,480.00	\$42,810.00	\$49,000.00	\$44,877.00	\$48,100.00
Average Teacher Salary (CB Report)	\$75,985.00		\$58,377.00	\$72,295.00	\$60,836.00	\$69,205.00

Retirement Plan Contribution	HSE	Carmel	Hamilton Heights	Noblesville	Sheridan	Westfield
Contribution Amount	5%	2%	\$850-\$1,750	4%	2.25%	None
Time Required to Vest	No Vesting	10 Years	No Vesting	No Vesting	Graduated over 5 years	No Vesting

HSA Contribution	HSE	Carmel	Hamilton Heights	Noblesville	Sheridan	Westfield
Contribution to Teacher Health Savings Accounts	\$1,000 / \$1,500 / \$2,000	None	\$800/\$1,600	None	None	None

2023-24 Teacher Compensation Report	HSE	Carmel	Hamilton Heights	Noblesville	Sheridan	Westfield
Percentage of Total Tuition Support to Teacher Compensation	83.81%	75.82%	61.06%	82.39%	67.93%	75.40%

Graphic provided

The tentative agreement publicly reviewed last week included approximately \$1.1 million in benefit enhancements, funded in part by approximately \$681,000 in cash balance transfers to offset increased insurance costs.

When the agreement was rejected, those improvements could not take effect, and health insurance contributions reverted to prior contributions under state law.

If an agreement is not reached during the state collective bargaining timeline, the school district will not be able to utilize any cash reserves to reach an agreement with teachers.

No employee group, and no member of the district leadership, including the Superintendent, received a salary increase this year. The Board of School Trustees has been clear in its responsibility to attract and retain educators in a fiscally responsible manner. Our current path is focused on stability and long-term protection of our instructional programs.

Our teachers are essential to our success, and our respect for their work is unwavering.

We will continue to negotiate in good faith within the state's prescribed process and remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached that supports our staff, students, and community.

FITNESS

from Page 1

My biggest roadblock on my emotional fitness journey has been coping with the progression of my disease. Once I feel I have it mastered, things physically take a downturn, and I am back at square one.

One of the things that I have discovered along the way is that you cannot shortcut emotional fitness. Often, when we are in emotional agony, we want a quick fix. It feels so awful, we need to escape it.

The problem with this “band-aid” approach is that we avoid the path to the true healing. For so long, I took the short cut and then found myself right back in the depths of emotional pain a week or so later.

For me, regularly connecting with others who have a similar progression of disease to mine keeps me from losing it. Most of the feelings I am dealing with are fear-based regarding disease progression. As you can imagine, it is frightening to not know what losses you are facing, or when they will hit you.

My husband and I celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary last week. We took some time and looked back at some photos from our wedding day. One caught my eye.

It was a picture of us exiting the church surrounded on both sides by our wedding guests blowing bubbles as we left. My husband was slightly in front of me with his arm in the air celebrating. I was close behind one hand holding up my dress train, and the other carrying my bouquet.

I said to him, “Do you notice anything interest-

ing about that picture?” He said, “Yes, you are not holding onto my arm.” I knew he would notice, as anytime I am walking, either I have my cane or someone’s arm. Usually his.

It is hard in moments like those to not reflect on what I have lost as far as physical capability. It takes a lot of work to learn how to not go off the deep end each time that is front and center.

That is something that I am dedicated to working on the best I can. Talking about it and not holding it in is helpful, especially to those who are also facing the same things I am. That makes it a little less scary and not so overwhelming.

We get reminders to take care of our physical health on a regular basis, which is fantastic. It is important. Also important is to not only remind yourself, but others you care about to take care of their emotional health, too.

Check in with those in your life and do not be afraid to ask them about the hard stuff in their lives. We are all dealing with something. Learning ways to not only cope, but to heal where we can, is critical to quality of life.

Here is your reminder and me reminding myself, check on someone you care about today!

Until next time ...
 Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

TRUNK or TREAT

**November 1st, 2025
4:30 - 7:00**

Christ Lutheran Church
10055 E 186th St, Noblesville, IN 46060

Join us for a family friendly Trick R Treating at the South end of the parking lot. Checkout our Facebook event for more details.




We would love to have you together with us at Christ for worship Sunday morning or Thursday evening. Please visit our website for more information.



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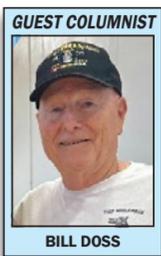
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CFB will be onsite handing out vouchers for a free tenderloin lunch

Lunch Courtesy of Community First Bank Employees | CFBIndiana.com/veterans

Ron Wilson knows the meaning of service

Ron Wilson, a name familiar to most everyone here in Noblesville, was recognized Oct. 27, 2025, Navy Day, for his life of service to his God, country, family, and community for the past 60 years.



stranger and is always willing to help anyone who needs it.

When Ron returned home in 1971, he started that promise to “pay if forward” to honor all those who did not come home. His first community “project” was as a Noblesville Jaycee. His goal was to add a plaque to the existing County War Memorial on the courthouse square. This was to honor his 17 “brothers” and friends who didn’t make it home as he had. He also led the effort to add the names of our Persian Gulf heroes to the same memorial to honor their sacrifice as well.

Ron substitute taught for 25 years at the high school, starting out in the history department, but he filled in wherever and whenever he was needed. In fact, Mayor Jensen was one of Mr. Wilson’s students. Ron believes we must teach our kids when they are young just how lucky they are to be living here in the USA.

Ron was involved with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) from 1976 to 2023. He has served as a Cub Pack leader for Pack 100 from 1976 to 1990, Assistant Pack leader for Pack 105 from 1980 to 1990, Scout Master for Troop 540 from 1990 to 2005, Riverview Health Explorer Post Advisor from 1992 to 2023 and received the CACBSA Silver Beaver Award in 1985.

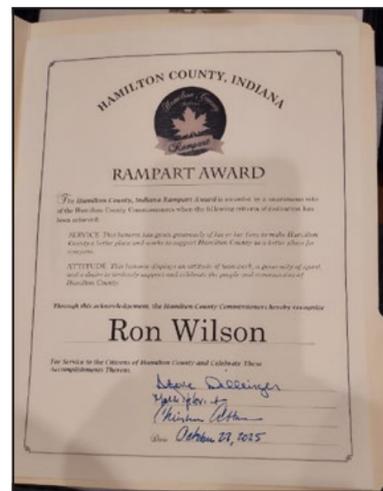
He is a member and past Post Commander of the American Legion Post 45, he also belongs to the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246, and multiple military Honor and Rifle Squads. He is a life member of AM Vets Post 12 and DAV Post 90. He is also active with the Noblesville Masonic Lodge #57, the Noblesville Kiwanis Sun-

risers, and the Noblesville Lions Club.

Every Memorial Day since 1985, Ron can be found standing at Riverside Cemetery reading the names of the veterans buried in that cemetery. Ron took over the responsibility of reading the names from Joe Burgess. When asked why he continues the tradition, he once told someone he had read a quote by Henry Morgan that stuck with him: “We die twice. The first death is when we take our last breath. The second and final death is the last time someone says our name.”

In 2002, Ron founded the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation to better advocate for our military veteran community. Their motto – “Veterans Serving Veterans” – is not just a motto but Ron’s passion. When the group of 15 started back in 2002 its goal was to bring the Vietnam Traveling Wall – The Wall That Heals – to Noblesville. He knew a lot of our local “brothers and sisters” couldn’t travel to Washington, D.C., to see their memorial, so he rallied volunteers and raised the \$8,000 in funds needed to bring “The Wall” here initially in 2004 and again in 2007. Since then, he has continued to be the president of the organization.

Since its founding, the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, has continued to support both active duty servicemembers as well as veterans. The organization creates care packages for our deployed members, wheelchair ramps, and medical supplies like wheelchairs, canes, lift chairs. They have donated coats, hats, gloves, underwear, T-shirts, socks, and even bicycles to veterans in the community. They have hosted annual community resource fairs that bring



Our Noblesville Mayor, Chris Jensen, honored Mr. Wilson with a proclamation stating that day, October 27, 2025, is Ron Wilson Day. Then our Hamilton County Commissioners, Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman and Mark Heirbrandt, honored Mr. Wilson with the highest award in Hamilton County, the Rampart Award, for his service to our Hamilton County Military Veteran community.

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Director Jake Adams was also on hand to congratulate Ron Wilson for his continuous service to our Hoosier Veterans.

Ron grew up right here in Noblesville, graduated from Noblesville High School in 1964, and served in the Navy as an engineer from 1965 to 1971 where upon his return to civilian life he started fulfilling his promise to God, to serve, honor, and remember his brothers and sisters who served and did not make it home.

For the past 54 years, he has worn and continues to wear many hats in our community.

First, he is a husband of 57 years to his beautiful wife Sharon, father of three wonderful daughters and his son, grandfather of seven awesome granddaughters, a proud Navy veteran, community leader, Noblesville Alumnus, advocate for our military veteran community, and a friend.

Ron never meets a

100 services and resources to the community under one roof so they may live a more fulfilled life here in Hamilton County.

On Nov. 11, 2009, he became a founding member of the Hamilton County Navy Club USA Ship 29. Since its founding, he has served as Ship Commander, State Squadron Commander, and is now a Past National Commander of the Navy Club USA. As both the Indiana Squadron and National Commander, he helped raise money to fund Fisher Houses around the country. The Fisher House Foundation builds comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay for free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital.

Ron also served on the committee for the Col. Harvey Weir Cook Memorial Project at the Indianapolis Airport. Col. Cook served in World War I and was considered a flying ace earning the Distinguished Service Cross. On April 2, 2015, a seven-foot likeness statue and two information plaques were installed at the Indianapolis Airport to commemorate Col. Cook who was instrumental in establishing the airport that would eventually become the Indianapolis Interna-



Photos provided Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen (right) presents his proclamation to Ron Wilson (left) making Oct. 27, 2025 “Ron Wilson Day” in the city. Commissioners Christine Altman and Mark Heirbrandt look on.

tional Airport.

In 2021, the Hamilton County Veterans Corp., with financial assistance from our county commissioners, were able repair and rebuild the Crownland Cemetery War Memorial. The foundation had cracked and several of the stones were leaning. We also raised the funds to add two additional stones to honor even more veterans who had died in service of this country since 1951

when the memorial was first erected in the cemetery.

To this day, through delivering the resources and services at fairs and events, assisting those deployed, those still serving at home and all our veterans and their families, Ron Wilson continues to advocate for our military veteran community, and we want to thank him for his lifelong service to Noblesville and Hamilton County.



JOIN US FOR THE 2025 CITY OF WESTFIELD VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

IMMI CONFERENCE CENTER
18880 N. EAST STREET

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., leading into a meaningful ceremony featuring live performances, keynote speeches, recognition of poster and essay contest winners, a special gift for veterans, and more.

To enter the contest or explore event details, visit: westfieldin.gov/veteransdayceremony.

This event is free and open to the public.



Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Before Winter Comes, Housing Help for Our Military, Veterans and their Families

At Intecare Veteran Services, <https://www.intecarevets.org/> our goal is to transition Veterans from housing crisis to housing stability. Intecare’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) has served over 4,000 families. Our approach is built upon the evidence-based “Housing First” approach, which prioritizes housing Veterans, followed by providing them the following services as they relate to housing stability: outreach, case management, assistance obtaining VA and other public benefits, housing counseling and assistance with housing searches, financial planning as it relates to stabilizing housing, transportation, childcare, and temporary financial assistance as it relates to stabilizing housing.



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Intecarevets.org
ssvf@intecare.org
9425 Delegates Row,
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday 8:50-4:00 By Phone

ELIGIBILITY

Be a Veteran
A person who has served in the active military, naval, or air force and was released on conditions that are NOT Dishonorable is considered eligible as a veteran.

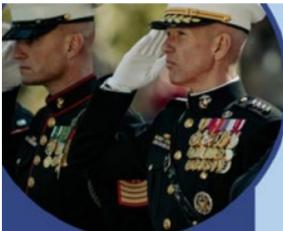
Income Eligibility
Your household annual income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI)

Imminent Risk
Be homeless (staying in a vehicle, in a shelter, or in an inhabitable situation), or at risk of becoming homeless (staying with friends or family, being in eviction status)

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES




Funding for the SSVF program is provided by a grant through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs



COUNTIES SERVED

- Marion
- Madison
- Shelby
- Johnson
- Hancock
- Hamilton
- Boone
- Vigo
- Parke
- Clay
- Sullivan
- Vermillion
- Putnam

SSVF PURPOSE
The goal of the SSVF program is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.

For further information or to arrange an eligibility screening please contact our toll free number to make an appointment (855) 896-4345





SERVICES

Intecare’s SSVF program will provide the following person centered services as they relate to housing stability.

- Outreach services
- Case Management Services
- Peer Support Services
- Assistance obtaining VA Benefits and other public benefits or needed services within the community
- Temporary Financial Assistance as needed to stabilize housing
- Housing counseling and assistance with housing searches
- Financial planning as it relates to stabilizing housing
- Transportation Services
- Child Care Services as it relates to stabilizing housing

Keys To Housing Based On Your Current Situation

Help is also available through the Coalition for Homeless Intervention & Preservation (CHIP) and the Indianapolis Continuum of Care (COC) - <https://www.chipindy.org/about-coc/>. They unite local organizations, individuals, and funders in a shared mission to prevent and end homelessness through aligned systems and community-centered actions. To achieve our goal of ending homelessness, we identify critical needs in the community and address them by building lasting systems of housing and service.



Indianapolis “Keys to Housing” Resource Guide

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SITUATION?



I am staying outside or in a car and need help finding an emergency shelter or other immediate resources.

Call Indiana 2-1-1. They can help you find shelter if you need it. Once you are safely in shelter, shelter staff can also talk to you about housing options. The phone line is available 24/7.

Indiana 2-1-1
Dial 211 or (866) 211-9966

For all other needs, call 211 or visit the Handbook of Help

INDIANA 2-1-1
Phone: Dial 211 or
(866) 211-9966 (available 24/7)

Text: Text your ZIP Code to 898-211
(available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm)

Online: <https://indianacomunityconnect.in.gov/>

HANDBOOK OF HELP

<https://www.chipindy.org/handbook-of-help.html>



DON'T FORGET: if any of your contact info changes, please notify an access point. We can't help you if we can't find you!

I am staying in an emergency shelter, outside, or in a car and need help finding a long-term housing solution.

Contact an access point. If you call, you might have to leave a message, but they should call you back. Please leave only one message but call back if you do not hear from anyone within 2-3 business days. Most are only open during regular business hours.

Adult & Child

603 E Washington St., 46204 (9th Floor)

WALK-INS ONLY, WEDNESDAYS 9-11:30AM & 1:30PM-3:30PM

OR

CALL COORDINATED ENTRY ASSESSMENT VOICEMAIL LINE
317-296-4044

Damien Center

317-632-0123 | 26 N Arsenal Ave., 46201

CALL TO SET APPOINTMENT

Homeless Initiative Program (HIP)

317-957-2275—Triage: M, T, Th, F 8:30-11:30am

VETERAN AND NON-VETERAN ACCESS POINT

PHONE ONLY PLEASE — NOT ACCEPTING WALK-INS

Horizon House

317-423-8909 x476 | 1033 E Washington St., 46202

VETERAN ACCESS POINTS:

H.V.A.F. of Indiana

317-951-0688 | 964 N Pennsylvania St., 46204
RRH Program Screener Line 317-789-8404

Walk ins welcome M-F 8am-5pm

Intecare

855-896-4345 or ssvf@intecare.org

Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana

855-332-8387 | 1800 N. Meridian St. Suite 300 46202

I am seeking assistance to maintain my current housing.

IF YOU NEED COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

Contact a community or neighborhood center. Most are open during regular business hours.

Hawthorne Community Center

317-637-4312 | 70 N Mount St., 46222

Indiana Legal Services

844-243-8570 | 1200 Madison Ave., Suite 300, 46225

Indianapolis Urban League

317-693-7603 | 777 Indiana Ave., 46202

John Boner Neighborhood Centers

317-633-8210 | 2236 E 10th St., 46201

PACE

ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH FELONY CONVICTION(S)

317-612-6800 | 2855 N Keystone Ave., Suite 170, 46218

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BECOME HOMELESS WITHIN THE NEXT 14 DAYS:

Homeless Initiative Program (HIP)

317-957-2275—Triage: M, T, Th, F 8:30-11:30am
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Hero Hut Harvest Celebration 11/22 For Military, Veterans, First Responders and their Families



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HARVEST CELEBRATION
WILD BLACKBERRY FARMS, FORTVILLE, IN

FREE MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND FAMILY! \$1+ DONATION FOR ALL OTHERS!

NOV. 22, 3-7 PM EST. DOORS AT 2:30 PM

Free Food/BBQ and Live Music
Family Friendly
Veteran Resources
Silent Auction in support of Hero Hut 501c3

www.herohut.org

Hero Hut is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to support and encourage Veterans of all generations to discover a civilian life defined by service and surrounded by community. By bringing together a diverse group of like-minded Veteran serving organizations we seek to create a welcoming, relaxed place for Veterans to learn about the services and opportunities available to them, build relationships and forge a connection to their local community. In conjunction with that, we take pride in Honoring others that serve our communities in a variety of fashions, including first responders, volunteers and nonprofits.

On November 22, 2025, from 3-7pm at the Wild Blackberry Farms, 10728 South 700 West Fortville, IN. Hero Hut will host their first annual Harvest Celebration so they may continue to Honor and serve our Military Veteran and First Responder Community. This celebration will include free food/BBQ, live music, Veteran resources and a silent auction to help raise funds. Everyone needs to go here to register and get your tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hero-hut-harvest-celebration-tickets-1590524364189?aff=oddtcreator>. Veterans, First Responders and their families are free to enter while everyone else will purchase their tickets... plus, we may all follow our heart to make a kind donation so we may continue to serve our community.

Community drives us towards a sense of belonging and being a part of something bigger than ourselves. It allows us to connect and be there for each other. Community enables a group to share resources, help those in need, and collectively accomplish or overcome obstacles that would otherwise be more challenging alone. **Collaboration** We believe in promoting our partner Veteran Support Organizations because together we can make a lasting change on many of the issues plaguing the veteran community. **Service** for veterans does not have to stop after the military. It can and should continue after the transition to civilian life. Service is a contributing factor to being a part of something bigger than ourselves and key to community. **Respect** We value professionalism in all our efforts, from fundraising to volunteering at local events. Living by the golden rule of treating others how we want to be treated, **Humility** We strive to tackle Veteran issues by reaching

respect is essential in establishing and maintaining a supportive environment for our veterans and volunteers. **Humility** We strive to tackle Veteran issues by reaching out to the strengths of our partners and feedback from our communities. We are a part of a larger mission that is shared amongst many other organizations and without those organizations, we cannot succeed, regardless of our own.

**Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't.
Your Hometown Weatherman!**



Reserve your seats for *Songbook Academy Sings Songs of the Season*

The REPORTER

Celebrate the holidays with the return of a beloved tradition. *Songbook Academy Sings the Songs of the Season* brings together alumni of the Songbook Academy for a joyful cabaret-style concert filled with timeless classics and holiday cheer at 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22.

This year, the magic moves to the Payne & Mencias Palladium, offering two showtimes and expanded seating while preserving the intimate, heartwarming spirit audiences love. In a one-of-a-kind setup, guests will be seated both on stage and in the Choral Terrace, with performers singing against the stunning backdrop of the Concert Hall, creating an immersive concert experience unlike any other.

In this new format, no one will be seated in the orchestra seats of the hall. This style keeps the show intimate and the tradition of the showcase alive.

Tickets for the Choral Terrace seating are \$15, while the VIP On-Stage seating is available for \$25. Both options are general admission, offering audience members the opportunity to select their seats upon arrival.

Accessible seating is widely available. Guests requiring accessibility accommodations are encouraged



Photo illustration provided

This incredible lineup of Songbook Academy alumni is ready to serenade you at this year's *Songbook Academy Sings the Songs of the Season*.

to note this during purchase so that the team can ensure a seamless arrival experience.

Tickets for both performances can be purchased online at TheSongbook.org/SAHoliday25, by phone at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free (877) 909-2787, or in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

This concert has become one of the Songbook Foundation's most anticipated holiday traditions and typically sells out quickly, so early ticket reservations are strongly encouraged.

The Songbook Academy will welcome back a

talented lineup of alumni to perform at the Payne & Mencias Palladium for this new format of the *Songbook Academy Sings the Songs of the Season*.

Returning performers scheduled to appear currently include:

- Lizzy Casciani (2022, 2024)
- Sadie Cohen (2024-2025)
- Emmaline Colvin (2022, 2024)
- Noelle Duncan (2025)
- Peter Fulton (2018-2019)
- Jonathan Grimes (2020-2022)
- Eve Hodges (2023)
- Emma Hornbecker (2023)
- Mia Kadar (2024-2025)
- Claire Kauffman (2025)
- Jilayne Kistner (2021)

- Ava Lee (2023-2024)
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- Soren McLaughlin (2025)
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- Mia Rettig (2025)
- Vivienne Smith (2023)
- Madelyn Steurer (2015)
- J'lan Stewart (2023)
- Abigail Stokes (2023)
- Kellyssa Rose Vincent (2024-2025)
- George Walker (2017)
- Meghan Warmuth (2022)
- Thomas Whitten (2025)
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This event is brought to you by these generous sponsors: *Traditions Senior Communities* and *The Hrisomalos Family*.

Hamilton County FFA students set to compete at National FFA Convention

The REPORTER

Indiana will have 100 FFA students competing at the 98th annual National FFA Convention this week in a variety of Career Development Events and Leadership Development events. Locally, eight students from Hamilton County will compete.

"It is always an exciting time of year when the FFA corduroy jackets descend on Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention," Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Don Lamb said. "I recognize the many hours of preparation

the students put into being able to compete at the national convention, and I get energized by seeing the passion Hoosier FFA students and their advisors display. I know Indiana has a bright future ahead."

Students will compete in career leadership events such as Environment and Natural Resources, Forestry, Veterinary Science, Floriculture, and among other



events. Others will be competing in leadership development events such as Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Agricultural Issues Forum and Creed

Speaking. The following students from Hamilton County will compete at the National FFA Convention:

- Hamilton Southeastern FFA**
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- ing Plan
 - Joani Hancock, Marketing Plan
 - Lauren Raiford, Marketing Plan
 - Ellie Taylor, National Proficiency Finalist in Agricultural Communications
 - Westfield FFA**
 - Claire Conwell, Agricultural Sales
 - Myles Braasch, Agricultural Sales
 - Ian McKinnon, Agricultural Sales
 - Vivian McKinney, Agricultural Sales
- Good luck to these eight FFA students!

Last call: get your tickets now for Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children

The REPORTER

Here's the last call to purchase tickets to the fourth annual Spotlight on Art, an inspiring evening of artwork and impact.

This year's event will feature more than 24 talented local artists, some new to the event and some returning, each generously donating 50 percent of their proceeds to benefit Prevail, Inc., Boys & Girls Club of Nobles-

ville, and Children's Therapy.

"People often ask why we do Spotlight on Art," said Esther Lakes, Co-Chair of Spotlight on Art. "Because art changes things. It opens hearts, bridges beauty and justice, creativity and compassion. When you purchase a painting, you fill more than a wall - you fill a need."

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Lakes



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Trick-or-treaters welcome at Governor's Residence

The REPORTER

Indiana Governor Mike Braun will welcome trick-or-treaters to the Governor's residence for sweet treats from 6 to 8 p.m. on Halloween.

Gov. Braun and staff will hand out delicious Indiana-based treats donated by Albanese Confectionery, Zacha-

ry's Confections, DeBrand Fine Chocolates, Schimpff's Confectionery, Charlie's Candy, and South Bend Chocolate Company.

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Where have all the kiosks gone?



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Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, people used to put little flat discs into expensive devices hardwired to their televisions in order to watch movies. Sometimes they purchased these little discs so they could watch movies whenever they wanted, even (GASP) when the internet was down. Sometimes they rented these little discs from kiosks named “Redbox” that were scattered all across this mythic land. Now, in the age of “plus” and “max” and misunderstanding how capitalization works, redbox+ is a dumpster service ... and apparently one that likes to park in the handicap space.

Noblesville Neighborhood Match Grant now accepting applications

Submitted by
City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville has announced the launch of its Neighborhood Match Grant, which will provide matching funds to homeowners associations and neighborhood groups that enhance, improve, and beautify local communities.

Eligible projects include recreation improvements, safety enhancements, and landscape sustainability initiatives.

The Neighborhood Match Grant is a one-to-one matching grant with the city contributing 50 percent of eligible project costs up to \$10,000 per project. The

Noblesville Common Council appropriated funds for the Neighborhood Match Grant in the 2025 budget and continued to allocate funding for the grant in 2026.

All completed applications will be reviewed by a Neighborhood Match Grant Committee before being approved for funding. The committee may recommend a higher match ratio if the project is supplemented by corporate funding. Eligible applicants include Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and neighborhood groups locat-



Jensen

ed within Noblesville city limits.

“This grant is about investing directly in our neighborhoods to make our community a better place to live, work, play, and stay,” Mayor Chris Jensen said.

“The creation of this matching grant reflects Noblesville’s ongoing commitment to sustainability, safety, and accessibility. I look forward to the collaboration with community members to invest in meaningful projects that will have lasting benefits to the betterment of Noblesville.”

Funding will be focused

on projects involving design, construction, or installation, with priority given to those offering the greatest visibility and positive community impact. Projects located inside the public right-of-way are subject to additional review and approval. Examples of projects that could be funded include new trail connections, accessible playground enhancements, and installation of community gardens.

Applications can be completed and **submitted online**. Applications will be accepted until Nov. 12. Grants will be awarded on Dec. 1, 2025, with project work for awarded grants anticipated in early 2026.

Community News

Go behind the scenes in Fishers at Spring City Government Academy

Discover how Fishers works from the inside through City Government Academy, a free, hands-on program where adult residents connect with city officials, explore departments, and learn how local government serves the community.

The spring 2026 session runs Jan. 14 through May 14 and meets twice a month from 6 to 8 p.m. Register by Dec. 12 at [FishersIN.gov/CGA](https://fishersin.gov/cga).



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Westfield Lantern Awards nominations now open

The REPORTER

The Lantern Awards is a time-honored tradition of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce. The signature community recognition event began in 1982.

These awards offer an important opportunity for you to nominate and uplift your peers. **Nominations are open** now until 11:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Multiple entries are allowed, and you must submit a separate form for each award category submission. Winners are based on the quality of submission rather than the

quantity of nominations.

The event celebrates the community of Westfield and is a semi-formal cocktail reception designed to bring the community together for an evening of fellowship while recognizing and honoring outstanding residents and businesses. This year's Awards Ceremony will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026, at the Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield.

Click here to submit your nomination. You can purchase tickets at [this link](#).

Meeting Notices

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 2025, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting set for Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, has been canceled.

The Jackson Township Board will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2025, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

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Head out to the Salem Witch Trials for both seasonal and social terror

By CARRIE NEAL
A Seat on the Aisle

The eerie atmosphere is already building as soon as one enters the theater. Chilling instrumental music is overlaid with quotes taken from polarizing political figures; one doesn't ever have to have heard their voices to be able to identify many immediately, and so we are unsettled before the play even begins.

Arthur Miller wrote *The Crucible* as a witness to the vagaries of McCarthyism. He held up a mirror to a truth we are loath to admit, our willingness throughout history to create scapegoats, to ostracize groups of people we deem "other." Its relevance has never waned but is particularly piercing now.

The Salem Witch Trials is an ideal subject for spooky season, with a chill finally entering the air. Indeed, I had goosebumps several times, both due to the frightening nature of the subject matter and the unswerving honesty of the performances. And while set and costume design were certainly contributing factors to the success of this production, this review will focus primarily on actor portrayals, as there are so many worthy performances to highlight.

The Crucible is unique

in that it leans heavily on convincing characterizations from young female actors, one in particular being very young. It would be so easy to lean into overacting or shrill unbelievability, but that's far from the case here. As Mary Warren and Mercy Lewis, Liz Carrier and Lauren Lotzow are utterly persuasive and even alarming. Special mention must be made of young Ellie Richart, so convincing as Betty Parris.

Of course, one younger female actor has a weightier role than all the others: Hannah Embree as Abigail Williams. Ms. Embree brings us a deeply unsettling Abigail. One moment tender with John Proctor, the next moment vicious, she displays that same changeability in court and it's terrifying.

There are so many standout performances from seasoned actors that it's difficult to choose between them, but three really resonated with me. First, Doug Powers as the Reverend Parris. He carries a significant responsibility as the initiator of accusations, and he plays his part to great effect. Secondly, J. Charles Weimer as John Hale gives us one of the great character arcs of the piece. He's extremely persuasive as one buying into the madness at the beginning of the play,



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
Abigail Williams (Hannah Embree) with John Proctor (Brian G. Hartz).

but by its conclusion he's declaiming heartrending pleas for mercy. And finally, David Mosedale is delightfully wry as Giles Corey. His role may not be one of the largest, but he makes it one of the most memorable.

But the heart and soul of the story resides with husband and wife John and Elizabeth Proctor, and director Eric Bryant could not have cast these two roles more ideally. As John Proctor, Brian G. Hartz is the stalwart beating heart of the play, fiery and full of conviction. And Morgan Morton as Elizabeth is the consummate scene partner, speaking volumes with the tremble of a lip or the quiver of an eyelid. They begin the play as adversaries and end it as tender lovers; it's

truly inspiring to watch their journey unfold.

Southbank Theatre Company has given us thought-provoking plays for a few seasons now, but they have yet to find the kind of audience numbers they truly deserve. Will *The Crucible* be the show that breaks the barrier, with a larger cast, greater name recognition for the playwright, and frighteningly timely subject matter? It's certainly worthy.

The Crucible, presented by Southbank at the Shelton Auditorium on Butler's campus, runs through Nov. 2. Savvy theatergoers will recommend buying tickets at the door to avoid hefty handling fees.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.



Photo provided by Indiana Peony Festival
This Thursday, Seminary Park in Noblesville will get super spooky for the Flower Market!

Noblesville Flower Market set for Oct. 30 at Seminary Park

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

We're eager to celebrate one of our favorite holidays with our monthly flower market this Thursday, Oct. 30.

Visit us and the more than 25 vendors in Seminary Park from 5 to 8 p.m. to honor All Hallows' Eve a day early! We'll offer trick-or-treating, live music, witchy photo opportunities, fall florals, and plenty more spooktacular fun. See Seminary Park become frightfully floral.

We've got an awesome lineup of local makers and florists. Shop from this amazing group of small businesses. Our monthly flower markets are sponsored by Noblesville Ace Hardware, Keep Noblesville Beautiful, and Hometown Windows & Doors.

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Reminder: We'll have peony roots for pickup if you had placed a pre-order. Visit the Ace Hardware booth afterwards for peony care tips and tricks on planting your perfect peony. Also, Keep Noblesville Beautiful will be offering daffodil bulbs for sale. The perfect addition to your spring gardens.

So suit up in your favorite Halloween costume and we'll see you Thursday evening in Seminary.

Sheridan Public Library has full November calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 a.m. | Discovery Time (ages: up to 3 years)

Preschool
Nov. 5, 13, 19, 26 at 10:30 a.m. | Little Learners Story Time (ages 3 to 6)
Nov. 6 at 10:30 a.m. |

Dance Party
Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. | Story Time with The Learning Experience; Bubbles, The Big Blue Elephant
Nov. 25 at 3:30 p.m. |

Grades K-5
Nov. 3 to 8 during Library Hours | Power Up with Reading: Dog Man + Friends; Activities
Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. | After School Club: Creating on Canvas
Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m. | After School Club: Thanks-

giving Parade STEAM Challenge; Balloon float
Nov. 25 at 3:30 p.m. | STEAM Story Time (Ages 4 to 8 with caregiver)
Adults
Wednesdays at 11 a.m. | Needle Crafters
Nov. 5, 19 at 3 p.m. | Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)
Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. | Pinner's
Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. | Sheridan Readers Book Club: Here Burns My Candle by Liz Curtis Higgs
All ages
Month of November |

Read Grateful Challenge
Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. | Craft-ernoon: DIY Gifts
Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. | Family Bingo Night
Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. | Homeschool Meetup

Sheridan Public Library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 and remain closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28.
For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us.

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Art by Tim Campbell

Don't be greedy, kids!

Leave some sweets for the scary businessmen

By **TIM CAMPBELL**
Reporter Cartoonist

Halloween sure has changed from when I was a kid. The money-making business of Halloween was small and the fun of trick-or-treating was big.

My friends and I would wander through the darkness of our neighborhood well into the night with pillow cases to hold all of the candy we'd collect. These days there are "official" trick-or-treat hours in most communities and they typically start

long before the sun goes down. The little goblins and their parents start showing at my door around 5:00 and fade out around 8:00 p.m.

Sigh.

Oh well, I'll always love Halloween. Happy trick-or-treating, kids!

Braun announces IEDC president & "Crossroads of America" adoption

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Indiana Governor Mike Braun announced on Tuesday, Oct. 28 that the state will embrace the Crossroads of America motto.

"Indiana is proud to be the geographic Crossroads of America, and we are also proud to be at the crossroads of the nation's leading industries, such as advanced manufacturing, life sciences, motorsports, and defense," Gov. Braun said. "We will look for opportunities to lean into this identity and incorporate it into our work."

Gov. Braun also announced the appointment of Josh Richardson as president of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), effective immediately.

As president of the IEDC, Richardson will oversee the state's efforts to strengthen workforce alignment and support both the attraction of new businesses and the growth of

existing employers through region-led planning.

"Josh brings a rare combination of economic insight and workforce experience," Gov. Braun said. "He understands that growth starts with people – and that the best way to strengthen Indiana's economy is to make sure our employers, universities, and regional leaders are all moving in the same direction. I have full confidence in his ability to continue driving the state's momentum and to create lasting opportunity for Hoosiers."

Richardson most recently served as Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), where he led statewide initiatives to connect Hoosiers to training and high-wage employment, emphasizing employer-led upskilling, data-driven policy, and partnerships that prepare Indiana's workforce for the demands of a modern economy.

Mike Smith, who has served as Chief Financial

Officer of DWD, will assume the role of Interim Commissioner to ensure continuity in the agency's operations and its ongoing focus on developing talent and supporting employers statewide.

"Indiana's success has always come from its regions – from leaders who know their communities best and who build growth from the ground up," Secretary of Commerce David J. Adams said. "Josh understands the direct connection between talent and industry growth better than anyone. His leadership will ensure that the IEDC continues to support region-led partnerships that grow wages, strengthen productivity, and attract people and investment to Indiana."

A native of Blackford County, Richardson earned his undergraduate degree from Ball State University and his law degree from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Wings Etc. donates additional \$100K to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Submitted

Wings Etc. presented St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with a check for \$100,000 at the 2025 Wings Etc. Brand Summit, held Sept. 22 to 24 at Four Winds Casino Hotel in South Bend, Ind.

The gift, powered by guest generosity and The Wings Etc. Foundation's commitment to "improving children's lives," brings total donations since September 2023 to \$150,000.

"St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis is a leader in changing outcomes for children affected by cancer and other diseases," said Eric Stuczynski, Wings Etc. CDO/CPO and president of The Wings Etc. Foundation. "We're honored to stand with them and to engage our guests and franchise family in supporting their life-saving mission."

At the brand summit, Stuczynski reaffirmed the partnership, announcing an ambitious plan to raise \$1 million for St. Jude by 2030. "Wings Etc. is eager to be truly impactful in improving the lives of children," Stuczynski said. "We're driven to be an enterprise for good, and we know that St. Jude is leading the way, giving hope to children and their families."

The \$100,000 contribution reflects Wings Etc. customer donations collected since April 2024 through Wings Etc. restaurants, with support coming from



Photo courtesy of Wings Etc. Grill and Pub (From left) Eric Stuczynski, Wings Etc. CDO/CPO and president of The Wings Etc. Foundation; Bess Atkin and Jonathan Buening of ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

in-store messaging, social media outreach, round-up campaigns, and special events. Franchisees and corporate leaders also host charity tournaments and community fundraisers that fuel the partnership.

"We are immensely grateful for the support of Wings Etc. leadership, patrons and franchisees who selflessly support the families of St. Jude," said Patrick Schaefer, Midwest Territory Area Executive Director for ALSAC, the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "Generous donations from partners like Wings Etc. help ensure families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food – so they can focus on helping their child live."

The Wings Etc. Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organi-

zation founded in September 2023, reflects Wings Etc.'s deep commitment to community and children's health. The foundation and its partners also support Big Brothers Big Sisters, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Toys for Tots, and dozens of local causes in Wings Etc. markets. The company's commitment to St. Jude represents its biggest singular effort to date.

Wings Etc. corporate leaders and franchise owners are leaning into the campaign, expecting to accelerate giving and achieve the seven-figure mark in the next five years.

"This is a cause we can all get behind," Stuczynski said, "and we're excited to make a lasting difference."

For more information on The Wings Etc. Foundation, visit wingsetcfoundation.com.



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Joel Levi draws large crowd to kick off Indiana House race

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Joel Levi, Democratic candidate for Indiana House District 37, hosted his official campaign kickoff on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Livery in Hamilton Town Center, drawing a standing-room only crowd.

The event showcased the energy and enthusiasm surrounding Levi's grassroots campaign to put Hoosiers first, strengthen public schools, protect reproductive rights, and build a future that works for everyone.

Special guests Senator Andrea Hunley and Hamilton County Democratic Chair Josh Lowry addressed supporters, emphasizing the importance of community engagement and grassroots momentum in what is shaping up to be a David vs. Goliath race against Speaker Todd Huston.

“I'm here today because I think Joel Levi is one of the strongest candidates we are going to have on the bal-



Photo provided
Joel Levi, candidate for Indiana House District 37, speaks in front of a packed crowd of supporters at his campaign kickoff event at Livery in Noblesville on Saturday, Oct. 25.

lot in 2026,” Hunley said to the packed room.

Levi's campaign continues to focus on mobilizing local residents and securing the resources necessary to compete in one of the most closely watched legislative

races in the state.

“The energy in the room was electric,” Levi said. “Democrats are more activated than ever, especially here in Hamilton County. When people see their neighbors share their val-

ues, it inspires hope and fuels real change.”

For those who weren't able to attend, visit Levi's website to show your support and help kick off the campaign strong at JoelLeviForIndiana.com.

Indianapolis man charged with 43 counts of Medicaid fraud after billing for more than \$2.7 million

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Following an investigation by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), an Indianapolis man has been arrested and charged with 43 counts of Medicaid fraud and one count of theft after he allegedly falsified documents to indicate a qualified physician was overseeing mental health services provided at his business, TRUTH Treatment Centers Inc.

A deputy attorney general on the MFCU team will prosecute the case against Kevin L. Calvert in Marion Superior Court. According to records, the 57-year-old entrepreneur submitted bills totaling more than \$2.7 million for addiction treatment services supposedly provided to patients by medical professionals.

Based on MFCU's investigation, however, the business allegedly was using recent graduates of its drug treatment program – without the required education and licensure – to provide counseling.

The physician listed as the rendering provider on the majority of TRUTH Treatment Center billings is an anesthesiologist who told investigators he never provided any medical services or held any role with the business – adding that he was surprised to learn the billing from TRUTH Treatment Center was under his name.

“We take very seriously our responsibility to protect Indiana's resources from fraudsters,” AG Rokita said.

“The Medicaid program is meant to help low-income individuals get the health care they need. Our office will continue to ensure that

Hoosiers' tax dollars supporting this program are protected from fraud and abuse, and we would ask anyone with information about suspected fraud of this nature to please report it to our office.”

AG Rokita expressed gratitude to the MFCU staff working on this case. Specifically, he named Investigator John Mills, Deputy Attorney General Georgeanna Teipen (who will prosecute this case on behalf of MFCU) and MFCU Director and Chief Counsel Matthew Whitmire.

It is important to remember that any accusation that someone has committed a crime, an arrest and/or the filing of a criminal charge is simply an allegation and is not evidence of guilt. All suspects are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

The ethical rules for prosecutors in Indiana prohibit further comment on this matter. At this time, there will be no further comment.

The Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a federal grant. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the State of Indiana.

[Click here](#) to read the probable cause affidavit, and [click here](#) to read the charging document.



Rokita

Centier Bank breaks ground on new Westfield branch

Submitted

Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private, family-owned and operated bank, broke ground Wednesday, Oct. 28 on its new Westfield branch, located at 126 E. Spring Mill Pointe Drive.

Centier has held a presence in the community since it initially entered Westfield in 2016 with its current branch at 3002 State Road 32. With the relocation of that branch to the Spring Mill Pointe Drive location next year, Centier Bank will



Photo provided by Centier Bank

(From left) Scott Trueblood, president and CEO at Holladay Construction Group; Courtney Albright, President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce; Lora Lemon, new Branch Manager of Westfield Centier Branch; Troy Kafka, Indy Market President for Centier Bank; Ben Studebaker, Indy Regional Sales Manager for Centier Bank; Westfield Mayor Scott Willis; and Billy Mattingly, Executive VP at Holladay Construction Group.



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AARP Indiana study reveals one-quarter of Hoosier adults are family caregivers

The REPORTER

New AARP caregiving data released on Tuesday, Oct. 28, **Caring in the U.S. 2025: Caring Across States**, finds that 24 percent of adults in Indiana – approximately 1.2 million people – are family caregivers, providing largely unpaid and unsupported care to older parents, spouses, and other loved ones. The data can be found [here](#).

“Behind every person who needs care, there’s someone making sacrifices,” AARP Indiana State Director Sarah Waddle said. “Family and friends often step in, but too many caregivers carry this responsibility alone, jeopardizing their health, finances, and careers. As our state ages, the need for support will only increase.

Family caregivers provide \$10.8 billion in unpaid care each year in Indiana, helping family members live independently at home and in their communities – where they want to be. Their caregiving responsibilities

range from bathing and meal prep to managing medications, arranging transportation and handling medical tasks, with little or no training.

But the toll on our family caregivers is great – financially, physically, and emotionally.

- 80 percent of caregivers pay out of their own pockets to help meet their loved ones’ needs, averaging \$7,200 each year, or 25 percent of their annual income.

- In Indiana, 51 percent of family caregivers report financial setbacks – taking on debt, draining savings, or struggling to afford basics like food and medicine.

- 63 percent of our state’s caregivers are also juggling full- or part-time jobs. Many must reduce work hours or leave the workforce entirely due to caregiving responsibilities, jeopardizing their own long-term financial security.

AARP Indiana is fighting for commonsense solu-



tions to save caregivers money and time and provide greater support. At the federal level, AARP is working to save caregivers money through the Credit for Caring Act, a proposed federal tax credit of up to \$5,000 for working caregivers, and the Lowering Costs for Caregivers Act, which would expand the uses of flexible spending accounts and health savings accounts.

This National Family Caregivers Month, AARP Indiana encourages everyone to show support for caregivers and to join the growing movement of Americans raising their voices for change. [Click here](#) to join AARP’s I Am A Caregiver movement and tell lawmakers it’s time to support those who care.

To access free caregiver tools and local resource guides, visit:

- AARP’s state-by-state **Family Caregiver Resource Guides** to help family caregivers access key programs, services, and agencies right in their community.
- AARP’s **online Caregiving Hub** with tools and information available in English and Spanish.
- **AARP and United Way Worldwide’s 211 program** connects family caregivers to essential local services for themselves and their loved ones via the 211 helpline.
- AARP’s official caregiving **Facebook group** serves as a place for family caregivers nationwide to connect, share practical tips, offer support, and discuss their shared experiences.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE CENSUS

The ancestral tribe of the Levites, however, was not counted along with the others. The Lord had said to Moses: “You must not count the tribe of Levi or include them in the census of the other Israelites. Instead, appoint the Levites to be in charge of the tabernacle of the covenant law—over all its furnishings and everything belonging to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings; they are to take care of it and encamp around it. Whenever the tabernacle is to move, the Levites are to take it down, and whenever the tabernacle is to be set up, the Levites shall do it. Anyone else who approaches it is to be put to death. The Israelites are to set up their tents by divisions, each of them in their own camp under their standard. The Levites, however, are to set up their tents around the tabernacle of the covenant law so that my wrath will not fall on the Israelite community. The Levites are to be responsible for the care of the tabernacle of the covenant law.”

The Israelites did all this just as the Lord commanded Moses.

Numbers 1:47-54 (NIV)

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reinforce its commitment to investing even more in the growth of Westfield. In fact, Centier Bank has been integral in supporting community efforts in Westfield over the past several years, including Centier’s engagement, commitment and participation in “Westfield Welcome” community events.

“We’re proud to deepen our roots in the Greater Indianapolis area and expand Centier’s presence in Westfield,” said Troy Kaf-

ka, Greater Indianapolis Market President for Centier Bank. “Centier’s new Westfield location gives our clients in Hamilton County more convenient access to award-winning, hospitality-driven banking.”

Area civic leaders will join Centier Bank representatives for the groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the continued investment in the Greater Indianapolis area. The event celebrates the relocation

and expansion of Centier’s presence in Hamilton County, underscoring its commitment to being a trusted, community-focused financial partner.

The new Westfield location is part of Centier’s larger growth strategy across Greater Indianapolis, joining nine existing locations in the region with additional openings in Franklin and Greenwood scheduled for early Spring 2026.

In addition to the West-

field groundbreaking event, Centier Bank has much to celebrate this year, as it commemorates 130 years in business as well as being named the Best Retail Bank for Customer Satisfaction in the North Central Region of the United States in the 2025 J.D. Power Retail Banking Satisfaction Study. The new branch is scheduled to open in Summer 2026.

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Volleyball Semi-State Previews

Rocks, Huskies head north for semi-states

Both teams trying for first-ever titles, trips to state

By RICHIE HALL

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There's always more history that a team can make.

The Westfield and Hamilton Heights volleyball teams added their names to the list of regional champions, with both teams winning their first-ever trophies at that level on Saturday, Oct. 25. This Saturday, the Shamrocks and the Huskies will head north to try for their first-ever semi-state titles – and a trip to the state finals.

No. 2-ranked Westfield will play the Class 4A north semi-state at Rochester. The Rocks take on 4A's No. 1 team, Fort Wayne Carroll in the second semifinal, which starts around noon. The first semifinal, between No. 5-ranked Crown Point and Penn, begins at 10 a.m.; the championship match is at 7 p.m.

Nationally ranked

Not only will the Shamrocks-Chargers match be a 1 vs. 2 battle, it will also be a match-up of two teams that are nationally ranked on MaxPreps. Carroll is rated No. 7 by the website, while Westfield is ranked No. 13. Two other Indiana schools are ranked in the top 30: Roncalli is No. 18, while Hamilton Southeastern is No. 26.

The Chargers are 34-0 for the season and have only lost one set, to Roncalli on Oct. 11.

Carroll had no trouble winning the Fort Wayne North Side sectional, beating Northrop in the semifinals and Snider in the championship. The Chargers played at the Homestead regional, where they swept Harrison for the championship.



Mike Navarro / File photo

Westfield's Paige Rudolph has hit 214 kills for the Shamrocks this season.

Senior Bailey Sinish, an IU Indianapolis recruit, has been dominant for Carroll, hitting 488 kills (5.4 per set) this season. Sinish has served 56 aces, right behind sophomore Cala Haffner's 57 aces. Senior Sophia Gisslen is the main setter, dishing out 736 assists for the season.

Haffner is on top of the defense with 373 digs this year. Two seniors are tied for the top blocker: Addi Shippy and Lola Sasse each have 68 total blocks.

The Rocks are 26-1 this season, with their only loss coming to Southeastern in a Sept. 17 five-set match. Westfield avenged that loss in the semifinals of the Zionsville sectional, defeating the Royals in five sets before sweeping Carmel in the championship.

The Shamrocks claimed their first regional title with a sweep of Bellmont at the Norwell regional.

Senior Georgia Bresnahan, a Southern Illinois-Edwardsville recruit, leads in kills with 309, followed by juniors Carsyn Comer (a Louisville recruit) with 234 and Paige Rudolph with 214. Junior Kendyl Strack (Bowling Green State) has the most aces with 58. Two juniors split the setting duties: Emily Blevins has dished out 543 assists and Kenna Robinson has handed out 492 assists.

Strack also leads in digs with 343. Comer has the most blocks with 64, followed by Rudolph with 50.

Huskies vs. Saints

Ninth-ranked Hamilton Heights takes on Bishop Dwenger in the 10 a.m. first semifinal at the 3A north semi-state, which will be played at Huntington North. NorthWood and Mishawaka Marian play the second semifinal at noon, with the championship match at 7 p.m.

The Saints are 18-8 and began their postseason run by winning the Concordia Lutheran sectional. Dwenger beat DeKalb in the first round, Angola in

the semifinals and swept the host Cadets in the championship.

The Saints played West Lafayette in the regional and won in five sets, edging out the Red Devils 15-13 in the fifth set.

Seniors Nicolette Watercutter and Lindsey Snyder are among the offensive leaders, with Braelyn Hodgman one of the top players in digs and blocks.

The Huskies are 21-8. They won the New Castle sectional with a five-set comeback over the host Trojans in the semifinals and a sweep of Jay County in the championship match. Heights swept host Norwell to claim its first-ever regional title.

Senior Macie Smith, a West Virginia recruit, has been dominant on offense with 547 kills and 58 aces. Senior Sierra Bramel is on top of assists with 533, followed by junior Reece Blanton with 370.

Junior Addie Doak, a Marshall recruit, leads the defense with 372 digs, while Smith has 313 digs. Freshman Riley Suarez has 57 blocks, followed by sophomore Celeste Wiegman with 51.

Football Sectional Previews

Class 1A Sectional 46 semifinals: Sheridan at Clinton Prairie, Tinley at Cloverdale

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

1A No. 13 Sheridan Blackhawks (6-2) at Clinton Prairie Gophers (3-5)

Sheridan heads to Frankfort to face Hoosier Heartland Conference rival Clinton Prairie in the second semifinal. The Blackhawks are 26-4 all-time vs. the Gophers and 8-2 in the playoffs. First-year head coach Jake Chesney's squad took the regular-season matchup, 40-6.

After a Week 2 loss to Alexandria, Sheridan won four straight and now five out of six. They ended the regular season with a 20-7 home win over Carroll.

Alex Cravens leads Sheridan's run-heavy offensive attack with 109 carries, 742 yards and eight touchdowns. Hayden Alexander is right behind with 727 on 62 rushes and a team-leading nine touchdowns. Jon Barnes complements, running 61 times for 327 and seven scores.

Quarterback Brock Hagan has 53 runs for 162 and three touchdowns. Hagan also has three passing touchdowns and 382 passing yards.

Jaden Dunbar leads the defense with 66 total tackles, 13 sacks, 17 quarterback hurries, three fumbles caused and one fumbled recovery. Cravens is second with 55 with three sacks and three caused fumbles. Brody Heck is third with 50 to go along with three interceptions, eight pass deflections, a fumble recovery and a blocked field goal.

Barnes' 49 tackles (and fumble recovery) and Alexander's 48 stops, as well as two picks, three pass deflections and has caused two fumbles to help pace the Blackhawks' defense.

Clinton Prairie has faced its share of struggles throughout the season and Hoosier Heartland Conference games.

The Gophers were 2-4 in HHC play. Their three overall wins were all shutouts at Frankfort (50-0), Clinton Central (32-0) and at home over Delphi (38-0). They also hung tough at home in the opener with undefeated (10-0) 1A No. 6 Frontier before losing 37-26.

Kurt Schlicher (19-21) is in his fourth year leading the Gophers. Schlicher is 21-49 overall in seven seasons, previously at Crawfordsville from 2019-21 where he was 2-28.

Junior Gaige Kuzmicz and senior Brady Allen platoon at quarterback and combine to throw 56.6 percent (99-175) for 1,211 yards, good for 12 TDs and 12 interceptions.

Braiden Jarboe is the leading rusher with 66 runs for 462 yards and five scores. Kye Jacobs has 32 receptions, 466 yards and



Dwight Casler / File photo

Sheridan's Hayden Alexander has scored a team-leading nine touchdowns for the Blackhawks.

five touchdowns as the top receiver.

Indianapolis Tindley Tigers (1-7) at Cloverdale Clovers (6-4)

Tindley and Cloverdale have met just once and that was in the sectional last year, a 34-6 Clover win.

Head coach Melvin Graham is 20-37 in his sixth season. The Tigers have had an uphill climb all season long. Tindley doesn't have an actual home field, so they hit the road in Week 1 and don't play "home" games all season long.

Tindley opened with a win at Edinburgh, 28-14, but have lost seven consecutive heading into sectional play.

Quarterback Kenneth Christmon leads a pass-first offense completing 89 of 194 passes for 1,294 yards. He has eight touchdowns and nine interceptions. Christmon also leads the Tigers in rushing with 29 carries for 127 yards and three scores.

Ty Yarrell is the top receiver with 31 catches, 534 yards and five TDs. Zaiden Long gives a second option with 26 receptions for 398 and a score.

With a five-team field in Sectional 46, the lone game last week was in the bottom of the bracket. Cloverdale got a home win over Clinton Central 42-14.

Head coach Tyler Lotz is 14-26 in his fourth year with the Clovers.

Cloverdale has seen some hefty wins. After two losses at Riverton Parke (33-13) and North Putnam (57-26), the Clovers turned it around with six dominating wins in their last eight games over Owen Valley (68-0), North Central (Farmersburg) 55-6, South Decatur (47-3), Brown County (67-0), West Vigo (55-3) and last week's sectional opener against Clinton Central, 42-14.

Quarterback Landon Duncan is 79 of 146 (54.1 percent) with 1,126 yards and 12 TDs and eight interceptions.

Keshaun Taylor is the leading rusher with 1,338 on 162 rushes with 22 TDs and Trey Schabel leads in receiving with 324 yards. Schabel and Tre Henderson each have three TD catches.

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(LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Cooper Perez was one of three Royals players to be named to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's District 3 Boys First Team. (RIGHT) Sheridan's Sadie Timme was named to the District 2 Girls Second Team.

ISCA announces All-District players

The REPORTER

The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association has announced its All-District teams for the 2025 season.

Hamilton Southeastern had six players making the District 2 Girls First Team. They are seniors Riley Boyd, Sydney Cook, Sloane May and Blair Satterfield, junior Addison McClain and sophomore Sydney May. Greg Davidson was also named District 2 Coach of the Year.

Fishers has three seniors named as First Team players: goalkeeper Sarah Maudlin, Elise May and Mya Williams. Senior Rena Sawada and junior Iris Martin were both named to the Second Team.

Noblesville senior Hannah Struve and junior Del-

aney Stone were both selected for the First Team, while senior Allie Royer, junior Sophie Hedges and sophomore Corynn Fleck all made the Second Team.

Sheridan senior goalkeeper Makenzy Terry was named to the First Team, with junior Sadie Timme earning a place on the Second Team.

Carmel had six players selected for the District 3 Girls First Team. They are seniors Adalyn Cameron, Emma Ehret, Olivia Joyce and Kate Klingensmith, and juniors Isabella Cueto and Olivia Ade. First-year Greyhounds coach John Simmonds was named the



Terry

District 3 Coach of the Year.

Westfield seniors Coltie Carson and Aryana Ali were selected for First Team, with seniors Arianna Cooke-Dennis and Elle Fischer making Second Team. Guerin Catholic sophomore Chloe Henderzahn made Second Team.

Boys teams

Hamilton Southeastern had three players earn places on the District 2 Boys First Team. Senior goalkeeper Riley Bedics joined juniors Matthew Lathrop and Cooper Perez. Senior Gavin Boyle was named Second Team.

Fishers seniors Jack Butts and Brady Grace

both were selected for First Team, while senior Andres Artigas and junior goalkeeper Riley Sturgill made Second Team.

Guerin Catholic seniors Will Scheu and Christian Zermeno both received First Team honors. Junior Cooper Prather was selected for Second Team.

Carmel placed five players on the District 3 Boys First Team. Seniors Xander Dora, Quinn Wu and Saaketh Tadikonda joined two juniors, goalkeeper Gray Morgan and Mikey Kubek. Shane Schmidt was named the District 3 Coach of the Year.

Noblesville junior Ashton Hancock earned a place on First Team, with senior Jackson Morris making Second Team. Westfield senior Ian Lam made First Team.

Boys Tennis

IHSTeCA names All-State players

The REPORTER

Several Hamilton County boys tennis players received places on the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's 2025 All-State teams.

Three local players were named to First Team Singles: Carmel senior Wes Worobel, Guerin Catholic junior Charlie Phillips and Hamilton Southeastern junior Brady Stump. Two doubles team were named to First Team Doubles: Carmel juniors Jude Sangar and David Liu and the Southeastern team of sophomore Landon Osswald and junior Logan Foust.

Second Team Singles honors went to Carmel senior Andrew Kim, University senior Kothe Birge and Westfield senior Parker Paramoure. Two county teams were named Second Team Doubles: The Fishers duo of senior Jack Hunley and junior Eshan Jain and the Guerin Catholic team of senior David Cacchillo and junior Nick Sills.

The following players were named Honorable Mention Singles: Carmel senior Vishal Shankar, Fishers sophomore Dylan Campbell, Guerin Catholic sophomore Jack Tiplick, Hamilton Southeastern ju-

nior Evan Holderman and freshman Parker Stump and Westfield junior Ajay Prasanna and sophomore Luke Stoecker.

County doubles teams named Honorable Mention Doubles were: Carmel seniors Rajeev Singh and Andrew Hall, the Noblesville duo of senior Parker Stallings and junior Dustin Turpin and the University team of senior Nick Quinto and junior Carson Kilgore.

All of the above-mentioned players were named to the All District 6 team as well. University coach Brandon Hogan was named District 6 Coach of the Year.

Academic All-State

The IHSTeCA also announced its Academic All-State individual team.

Senior players are eligible for the award and must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.8 and an SAT score of 1280 or ACT score of 27. Players must have been a varsity participant in a minimum of 50 percent of all contests.

Hamilton County's Academic All-State players are:

- **Carmel:** Andrew Kim, Mahesh Duvvuri, Vishal Shankar.
- **Fishers:** Eshan Jain, Jack Hunley.
- **Guerin Catholic:** Da-



Richie Hall / File photo

Carmel senior Wes Worobel was one of three Hamilton County singles players to be named to the First Team Singles on the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's 2025 All-State Team.

vid Cacchillo.

- **Hamilton Southeastern:** Ian Ransom, Max Weinberger.
- **Noblesville:** Parker Stallings.

In addition, Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton South-

eastern, Noblesville and Westfield were all honored as Academic All-State teams. The award is based on players' cumulative GPA throughout high school and teams must have a 3.6 to be eligible.

Basketball

Annual Elks Hoop Shoot set for Nov. 16

The REPORTER

The 54th annual Elks Hoops Shoot contest for girls and boys will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16.

The competition will again be held at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for registration and warm-ups, with competition beginning promptly at 11 a.m. There is no registration in advance. The contest is open to all boys and girls who live in the area.

Everyone is asked to enter the Boys & Girls Club Community Center at Door No. 4 on the north side of the facility that faces Ivy Tech. Basketballs are provided. Contestants compete in one of six divisions:

1. Boys, ages 8-9
2. Girls, ages 8-9
3. Boys, ages 10-11
4. Girls, ages 10-11
5. Boys, ages 12-13
6. Girls, ages 12-13

• If the contestant will be age 7 on April 1, 2026, they are **too young** to participate.

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2026, they shoot in the 10-11 age group.

• If the contestant will be age 12 or 13 on April 1, 2026, they shoot in the 12-13 age group.

• If the contestant will be age 14 on April 1, 2026, they are **too old** to participate.

The participants will shoot 25 free throws to determine the local Elks Lodge Champion in each age group. The six winners will qualify to advance to the District competition held in the McAnally Center in Greencastle. All rules have been set by the National Elks Association.

The Noblesville Elks Lodge is proud to have had six of their past champions advance not only from their local competition, but have then won at the district level, state level, regional level, and have competed at the Elks Hoop Shoot National Championship in Springfield, Mass. One of the Noblesville Lodges' national finalists, Ryan Cline, won a National Championship in 2010.

Questions should be directed to 44-year Elks' member and local Hoop Shoot Director Pete Smith at pete@ckarphealth.com.

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 Crawfordsville at Guerin Catholic, 8 p.m.
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