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## TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with scattered showers in the early morning.  
Tonight: Becoming partly cloudy.  
HIGH: 55 LOW: 38



# Noblesville teachers & school board approve new contract

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday, Oct. 29 that the district has settled a new one-year contract with the Noblesville Teachers' Forum.

The agreement comes amid a challenging financial environment for the district, including new state legislation that will reduce school funding, declining student enrollment demographics, increasing inflation, and the scheduled expiration of referendum funds in 2026.

"Ensuring our teachers are compensated competitively for the important work they do is still a priority, but we have had to balance that against the stark financial reality we are facing," Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Daniel G. Hile said.

The new contract holds

teacher salary rates at the same levels as last year but does move each eligible educator up a level on the pay scale, offering a modest increase. The contract also makes salary adjustments for specific extracurricular positions and adds literacy stipends.

Principal and district leader salaries are currently frozen and support staff salaries will be evaluated next spring.

"We are still in the midst of a teacher shortage, and it's more important than ever that we do what we can to recruit and retain top educators for our students," Hile said.

In addition to salary, the new contract also holds benefit costs steady, formalizes a 10 percent staff discount for preschool and childcare, offers immediate vesting in retirement health savings accounts, and makes



Hile



Noblesville High School math teacher Amanda Giordano works with a few of her students.

changes to how employee leaves will be managed.

Teachers ratified the 2025-2026 agreement on Oct. 8, and the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees approved it at the

Oct. 28 meeting.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 750 teachers and is the largest employer in Noblesville with over 1,800 total staff members.

# A quiet house ... yay?

I had the incredible experience of going to Italy a couple of weeks ago thanks to a pilgrimage arranged through my church. Yep, there's a column coming about that experience!

However, the day and morning before I left, I had the rare chance to have the house completely to myself. My husband John decided to visit his brother in Nebraska while I would be gone. Due to his brother's schedule, John left the day before my flight. He was driving, so he took our dogs Elli and Sasha along. Both behaved beautifully on the road, thank goodness.

When John told me his plans, I thought, "Wow! I'll have the house to myself for a bit. It'll be so quiet. I'll get a lot done." The only other occupant for that day and a half would be my cat, Chilly. I relished the idea of the peace and quiet we'd experience.

As that Thursday morning wore on, however, I discovered something. Peace and quiet (and a super clean house) are overrated.

Sure, I got a lot done. In fact, I finished a grant prospect research project in record time due to zero interruptions. No dogs wanted to go outside, go for a walk, or get a treat/be fed. I didn't have a husband who was home between sales appointments. I wrapped up my work projects beautifully before I left, which felt amazing.

I'm naturally a neat person – almost obsessively so – and the house stayed pristine. By that Thursday evening, I was all packed for my trip and settled down to read a novel. Even with the cricket noises coming from Alexa – my favorite evening sound – the house was way too quiet. Chilly soon crawled up on my lap as if to say, "Hey, Mom, it's just you and me ... let's stick together."

When I woke up the next morning, the house didn't feel like mine. I didn't smell the wonderful scent of John's cologne that always lingers after he leaves for his sales appointments. I didn't hear the click of my dogs' toenails on our hardwood floors as they came to greet me. There were no shoes scattered throughout the house, and the blankets on the dog bed were still neatly folded.

It's funny ... for those of us who have families, when our kids are little, our houses are often in chaos. I know I'm not alone in saying that during that time, I would occasionally look forward to the quieter moments I knew would come later in life. To have a house that would stay relatively clean and calm – what a concept.

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AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

# Westfield Library Foundation unveils 2025 Christmas Tree Raffle lineup

Six themed trees to debut at Cowboy Carnival this weekend

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) is decking the halls early with the return of its much-anticipated Christmas Tree Raffle. Six themed trees, each sponsored by community partners, will make their debut this weekend at the Westfield Washington Public Library.

Each tree is custom-designed and decorated by WLF Executive Director Erin Downey and an interior designer. This year's tree lineup includes:

- "Country Christmas" – Sponsored by The Farmers Bank
- "Winter Wonderland" – Sponsored by The Farmers Bank
- "Crimson Christmas" – Sponsored by the City of Westfield
- "Joy to the World" – Sponsored by Dean Ballenger Agency
- "North Pole Cooking Co." – Sponsored by Greek's Pizzeria
- "Christmas in Black and White" – Sponsored by Meijer

All the trees, except for the Country Christmas tree, will be raffled off on Mon-



Downey

day, Dec. 1. The Country Christmas tree will be part of a silent auction at the Foundation's Cowboy Carnival adults-only fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 1.

"The trees are a labor of love," Downey said. "Every ribbon, ornament, and color choice is designed to spark joy. When someone takes one home, they're not just winning a beautifully decorated tree – they're helping the library grow programs and spaces that bring that same sense of wonder to our whole community."

Raffle tickets for the public drawing will be \$10 each and sold at the library and online starting on Saturday, Nov. 1 with sales closing on Sunday, Nov. 30. Winners will be drawn at noon on Monday, Dec. 1. The Foundation hopes to raise \$10,000 to support its mission to enhance library programming and services.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [WestfieldLibrary-Foundation.com](http://WestfieldLibrary-Foundation.com) or stop by the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.



Erin Downey creates each tree with the help of an interior designer.

# You were there, and you, and you!

Grace Church presents 'The Wizard of Oz' starting Nov. 21

## Submitted

Follow the yellow brick road to Grace Church, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville, as it presents the spectacular stage musical *The Wizard of Oz*. From Nov. 21 to 30, a total of eight performances will bring the magical Land of Oz to life.

Tickets for this vibrant, family-friendly production start at \$16 and are on sale now. With performances averaging 1,000 patrons each, many shows are expected to sell out. Audiences will be immersed in this enchanting journey over the rainbow through a large-scale production featuring a 65-person cast, a full 20-piece live orchestra and several theatrical stage effects.

"Now more than ever, we all need a reminder that there's truly no place like home," said Amy Christie, the show's director. "Live theatre has this

## Showtimes

- Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2 and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 29 at 2 and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 30 at 3 p.m.

incredible power to bring people together, to let us share in a moment of joy and wonder. We chose *The Wizard of Oz* to create that shared experience, a story that wraps you in warmth and reminds us all that our most important adventures often lead us back to the people we love."

Leading the cast as Dorothy is Sophie Osgood, a veteran of the Grace Theatre stage.

"Doing *The Wizard of Oz* is particularly special for me because 'there's no place like



Photo provided

See Jon & Sophie Osgood along with the rest of cast in Grace Church's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

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# Noblesville Fire needs your help to make Christmas brighter for local kids

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) is seeking assistance from the community to ensure local families have a joyous holiday season. NFD is currently accepting donations for its annual food and toy drive to benefit approximately 125 less fortunate families in Noblesville.

2025 marks the 48th anniversary since the program started. NFD has partnered with Kroger for food needs and Meijer for toys.

NFD will accept canned goods, non-perishable food items, and new, unwrapped toys from Monday, Nov. 10 through Friday, Dec. 5. Donations may be dropped off at any of the Noblesville Fire Stations or at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Deliveries to the families will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13.

NFD is also accepting monetary donations (checks are preferred – made payable to the NFD Hamilton County Community Foundation). Secure online donations may be made through the Central Indiana Community Foundation donor portal at [hamiltoncountycf.org/donate](http://hamiltoncountycf.org/donate). If making an online donation, please type "Noblesville Firefighters Fund" in the line that reads "List Fund Name."

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

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**11.12.2025**  
5:30PM-8:00PM

210 VETERANS WAY  
CARMEL, IN

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## Foster Success invites you to Taste of Thanks fundraiser

### The REPORTER

Foster Success invites the public to celebrate the holiday season on Thursday, Nov. 6 at its third annual **Taste of Thanks** event in support of the **FriendsGiving** campaign.

Foster Success impacts the lives of teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care every day by empowering them to reach their potential through education, health, employment, and more. Taste of Thanks kicks off the annual FriendsGiving campaign, which supports Foster Success programs such as the **Basic Needs** program to ensure every young person has the tools and resources they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

The highlight of the event will be a Keynote



Presentation from a Foster Success participant. The evening will also include networking opportunities, holiday-inspired food, an open bar and music from **The Trap Orchestra**. Business casual attire is suggested.

Taste of Thanks will be held at the Ritz Charles Garden Pavilion located at 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the event concludes around 9:30 p.m. Taste of Thanks is sponsored by OneAmerica Financial Foundation, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, The Corydon Group, and Proof Digital.

Taste of Thanks tickets can be purchased [here](#).

### About Foster Success

Headquartered in Indiana, Foster Success is a national nonprofit that hears, supports, and empowers teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care on their journey to self-sufficiency. Founded in 2012 in Indiana, Foster Success provides support through programs and resources that allow young adults to be educated, housed, financially stable, employed, and connected to a support system by their 26th birthday. Learn more at [fostersuccess.org](http://fostersuccess.org).

## YAY

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And now, looking back, I just have to say ... yuck. Give me a dozen pairs of shoes near the back door ... young adult sons visiting and going in and out the back door, banging it constantly ... a loving husband who doesn't fold towels the way I do ... dogs who mess up blankets and leave toys all

over the living room floor.

If your house is often chaotic like mine, please take a moment to thank God for your situation. It's one that so many would gladly have in a heartbeat.

I'm thrilled to be back. To have my husband and dogs here along with visits from my boys ... I'll take

that any time compared to a quiet, pristine house. Thanks, God.

*Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at [amys@greenavenue.info](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).*

## BRIGHTER

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Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

"The success of our annual Food and Toy Drive is a testament to the compassion that defines this community," Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell said. "For nearly five decades, your generosity has helped bring warmth and joy to countless families. Thank you for standing with us in the spirit of giving."

For more information, call NFD at (317) 776-6336, ext. 0.

### Drop-off Locations

- Station 1** – 135 S. 9th St. (Downtown at Ninth Street and Maple Avenue)
- Station 2** – 400 S. Harbour Drive (South Harbour)
- Station 3** – 2101 Greenfield Ave. (The Wellingtons)
- Station 4** – 20777 Hague Road (North and East Harbour)
- Station 5** – 10170 E. 191st St. (The Meadows)
- Station 6** – 16800 Hazel Dell Road (Hazel Dell)
- Station 7** – 15251 Olio Road (Behind Ruoff Music Center)
- Noblesville City Hall** – 16 S. 10th St. (Downtown at 10th and Conner streets)

## WIZARD

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home' really resonates as we moved back here after living in New York City," Osgood said. "Grace Theatre is where my passion for performing started, so to get to be playing this character who is so intent on getting back home to her family on the Grace stage is pretty full circle!"

In a bit of on-stage magic mirroring real life, Osgood met her husband, Jon – who plays the Scarecrow – in a Grace production of *Beauty and the Beast* in 2016.

"Oz is a classic tale, but the stage version has some additional songs and tidbits

that will surprise people, and there's nothing like live theater to bring a room of people together as a story unfolds," Christie said. "The show is a testament to the incredible talent in our community, a mix of all ages and backgrounds coming together to bring Oz to life."

The production will partner with the Grace Care Center. All proceeds from concession sales during the show's run will go directly to supporting the Grace Care Center's mission and services.

Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion, and Toto,

too, on their unforgettable journey to the Emerald City. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [gracechurch.us/theatre](http://gracechurch.us/theatre).

### About Grace Church

Grace Church is a non-denominational Christian church based in Noblesville and led by Pastor Barry Rodriguez. Founded in Westfield in 1991 and now located at 5504 E. 146th St., Grace Church exists to make disciples of Jesus and launch them into their God-given destinies. More information about Grace Church in Noblesville can be found at [gracechurch.us](http://gracechurch.us).

# 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

# Serving Those Who Served

## Free Meal for our Veterans

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### Swayzee Loinz - Carmel

7241 E 146th St, Unit 100, Carmel, IN 46033

Tuesday, November 11  
11:00am - 2:00pm

While supplies last

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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](http://CFBIndiana.com/veterans)

# It was a graveyard smash in Sheridan

**Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools**

On Thursday, Oct. 23, Sheridan Elementary School held its annual Monster Mash. This exciting event was full of fun, laughter, and festive energy as students were decked out in their creative costumes. It truly was a night to remember.

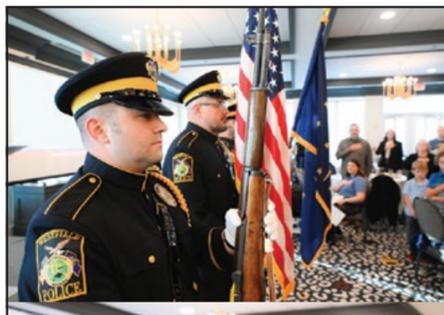
At 6 p.m., Kindergartners through second graders kicked off the fun, followed by the third through fifth graders at 7 p.m. Commander Ken kept the excitement and “buzz” alive with his lively music. As students danced the night away, they also were able to guess the number of pumpkin seeds, as well as enjoy tasty popcorn and drinks. All evening long, the smiles were endless, and the school was filled with high energy from beginning to end.

The Sheridan Elementary PTO organized this fantastic and frightfully fun event to success.

“They truly knocked it out of the park,” Principal Valerie Roberts said. “We are so grateful for the tremendous family support that makes nights like these possible.”



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools



**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](http://westfieldin.gov/veteransdayceremony).

This event is free and open to the public.

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# 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.



**CONTACT US**  
855-896-4345  
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.

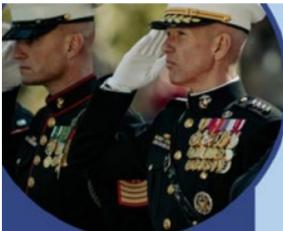
**Income Eligibility**  
Your household annual income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI)

**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-3:30M

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](mailto: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  
PHONE ONLY PLEASE — NOT ACCEPTING WALK-INS

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## Hero Hut Harvest Celebration 11/22 For Military, Veterans, First Responders and their Families



**HERO HUT**  
PRESENTS 2025  
**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](http://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

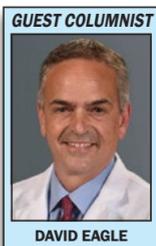
respect is essential in establishing and maintaining a supportive environment for our veterans and volunteers. **Humility** We strive to tackle Veteran issues by reaching out to the strengths of our partners and feedback from our communities. We are a part of a larger mission that is shared amongst many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

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



# How America could save billions on health care costs

Imagine ordering your favorite entree at the neighborhood restaurant you've gone to for years. It's the same dish, off the same menu, delivered by the same server. But suddenly, it costs 800 percent more – because the place just got new owners.



DAVID EAGLE

For hospitals, acquiring physician practices is a smart financial move. On the flip side, such hospital-driven consolidation is a raw deal for patients and taxpayers.

Routine services such as echocardiograms and colonoscopies are much more expensive when performed in a hospital rather than in a physician's office or an ambulatory surgery center.

A peer-reviewed study that I co-authored this year in the Journal of Market Access and Health Policy proves as much – and shows just how costly those hospital referrals can be. We found that Medicare beneficiaries treated by hospital-affiliated physicians had just a 37 percent chance of receiving care in the lowest-cost setting.

The cost implications are massive. Consider a cystoscopy, a procedure used to diagnose and treat problems in a person's urinary tract. In a hospital setting, Medicare pays \$731 for the procedure. In a doctor's office, Medicare pays just \$239.

For some procedures, total Medicare reimbursement was eight times high-

er in a hospital outpatient department than in an ambulatory surgery center or doctor's office.

This disparity imposes a hefty burden on federal taxpayers who bear the burden of paying for Medicare, and it also drives up premiums and cost-sharing for Medicare beneficiaries themselves.

The high payments give hospitals more revenue, which they are using to buy up additional physician practices and consolidate their markets even more, exacerbating the problem.

Congress and regulators have previously taken small steps to make Medicare payments more equal across different sites of care and to eliminate some of the perverse incentives that encourage hospitals to acquire independent physician practices.

For example, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 directed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to stop using the higher hospital payment system for services furnished in physician practices that were acquired by hospitals and became part of the hospitals' off-campus provider departments after the law's effective date. Unfortunately, the rule doesn't apply to any other services, such as diag-

nostic tests and procedures.

What Congress should do now is to embrace reforms that would require Medicare to pay the same price not just for clinic visits but also for services – regardless of where they're performed.

Enacting payment reform would yield significant savings for Medicare – to the tune of more than \$200 billion over 10 years, according to a 2023 study.

If Congress demands that Medicare standardize reimbursements for health care services and procedures – regardless of where or from whom patients receive them – private health insurance companies would follow suit.

Restaurant-goers wouldn't accept it if a neighborhood cafe started charging higher prices for the same dishes under new ownership. Likewise, when hospitals buy up medical practices, patients and taxpayers shouldn't have to pay more for the same diagnostic tests, procedures and other healthcare services either.

*David Eagle, M.D., is a board-certified hematologist-oncologist and president of the American Independent Medical Practice Association.*

## State Rep. Garcia Wilburn invites constituents to Halloween engagement opportunities

**Submitted by Office of State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn**

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) reminds the constituents of

they reside in the district. Please bring questions and concerns, and perhaps wear a Halloween costume, too.

**Coffee with Your Representative:** 8 to 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31 at The Haverstick, Room 5/6, 9111 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis.

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## Local DAR Chapter celebrates Native American Heritage Month

**Submitted** Horseshoe Prairie Chapter reminds members that November is Native American Heritage Recognition Month.

Locally the Delaware, or Lenape, tribe of Native American inhabitants of Hamilton County were removed along with other tribes by the Treaty of St. Mary's in 1820.



McMahon

The Delaware people, original inhabitants of this land, were required to move west of the Mississippi River by 1820. This cleared the way for white settlers to move north and west from the Ohio River.

The NSDAR American Indians Committee is entrusted to the continuing education of the history and

culture of this community as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.

DAR members further those objectives by educating themselves and the general public, promoting cultural activities and providing financial and material assistance to the DAR supported schools, American Indian

Youth Summer Camps and through the DAR Office of Development. Grants to qualifying Native American projects are considered each year. Chapter members sign holiday cards for the Chemawa Indian School in Oregon each Christmas holiday.

The national committee offers five American Indian scholarships, the Francis



Crawford Marvin scholarship and Anne Trevarthan Memorial scholarship administered by the College of William & Mary in Virginia. In addition to these scholarships, the committee provides scholarship funding to Bacone College, Chemawa Indian School, and Indian Youth of America for summer camp. This year the committee awarded more than \$60,000.

"Hamilton County and the surrounding area owes much to our Native American settlers and this committee dedicates itself and

all DAR members to honor and serve the original inhabitants of this land," American Indian Committee Chair Sharon McMahon said.

**About NSDAR**  
Founded in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is located in Washington, D.C. For more information about joining NSDAR, go to the Indiana DAR website, [darindiana.org](http://darindiana.org) or the national website, [dar.org](http://dar.org). You can contact the local Chapter Horseshoe Prairie at [horseshoeprairedar@gmail.com](mailto:horseshoeprairedar@gmail.com).

## Get your tickets now for next upcoming production in GHDT's Mélangé Series

**Submitted** *Mélangé: concoction, mixture, combination.*

In this series of performances brought to you by Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT), audiences experience art coming to life in front of their eyes in an intimate theatrical setting. Each series features three unique and talented artists of different genres. Together they create art at The Florence (Carmel's newest

black-box theatre space), in a collaborative and organic manner.

This Mélangé Series features a vocalist, dancer and visual artist. The dancer creates spontaneous movement inspired by the singer, as the visual artist creates spontaneous art inspired by the dancer and the music. Audiences will experience live art in a new manner, bringing

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(From left) Capitol Police Sergeant Robert Johnson, FBI Special Agent Thomas Del Coco, Indianapolis Zoo VP of General Operations John Gullion, Indianapolis Zoo Keeper Allison Hinton, USDA-OIG Special Agent Justin Adams, Pendleton Police Sergeant Shane Isaacs, and Pendleton Police Captain Lucas Traylor.

## The great tortoise caper may not be solved yet, but the reptiles are home

Submitted by  
**Indiana State Police**

The Egyptian and Northern Spider tortoises taken from the Indianapolis Zoo earlier this month were found safe and uninjured on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 28 in Falls Park in Pendleton.

According to the Pendleton Police Department, at approximately 4 p.m. Tuesday, they received a call from park visitors who, while walking on a sidewalk behind the park's mu-

seum, near the falls, came across an unattended cardboard box.

The box was said to have had a paper plate on top with a note referencing the Indianapolis Zoo. Inside, the visitors found the two tortoises and immediately called police, who arrived within minutes and took custody of them.

The tortoises were later positively identified as the two reported stolen after having their microchips

scanned by Zoo personnel.

Currently, this incident remains under investigation and there is no additional information to release publicly.

Assisting the Capitol Police in the recovery and subsequent on-going investigation are the Pendleton Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Agriculture-Office of Inspector General and the Indianapolis Zoo.

## AG's office distributes \$21.7M to Hoosier communities in latest wave of opioid settlement funds

**Opioid settlements alone total over \$1.1B since Rokita took office**

Submitted by Office  
of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is distributing \$21,763,819.19 to Indiana cities, counties, and towns in the latest round of payments from opioid settlements secured under his leadership.

These settlements were secured from companies that allegedly contributed to the state's opioid epidemic through irresponsible and/or unlawful actions.

"These funds empower our communities to fight back against the devastating impact of opioid addiction," AG Rokita said. "While no settlement can undo the harm caused, this money supports critical efforts to prevent future crises and provide meaningful support

to Hoosiers in need."

The payments stem from settlements with CVS, pharmaceutical distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBerg-

gen), Allergan, and Teva. Under AG Rokita's leadership, Indiana's opioid settlements now exceed \$1.1 billion. Local governments have flexibility in using these funds, which can support drug disposal programs, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, early intervention, crisis support, and other programs aimed at addressing or preventing opioid use disorder and overdoses. Guidelines



Rokita

are available at [in.gov/attorney-general](http://in.gov/attorney-general).

The settlement framework maintains a 50-50 split between the state and local governments. The more than \$21.7 million allocated to local communities represents 50 percent of this round's payments, with the other 50 percent directed to the State of Indiana. Local communities are encouraged to seek information about the state's share to access additional resources.

A detailed list of estimated payments to each community over the full 18-year settlement period is available at [in.gov/attorney-general](http://in.gov/attorney-general).

## Joella's Hot Chicken honors America's heroes with complimentary meal on Veterans Day

Submitted

Joella's Hot Chicken will celebrate America's heroes by offering a complimentary meal to all veterans and active duty military personnel on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11. The meal will include two Jumbo Tenders, a Southern side, one dipping sauce, and a drink.

To receive the offer, active-duty and retired service

members must present valid military identification or be in uniform. Joella's also proudly offers a 10 percent "Heroes" discount to veterans and military personnel every day.

"Veterans and military personnel give so much to protect our country, and we want to give a little back," said Gavin Bush, Vice President at Joella's Hot Chicken.



"On Veterans Day, and every day, our doors are open to say thank you with great food and a warm welcome."

Joella's has nine locations across Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. For more information, visit [Joellas.com](http://Joellas.com).

## MÉLANGE

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groundbreaking and creative art to central Indiana.

Audiences love the interactive nature of the Mélange performances. The artwork created during the performances is auctioned to audience members at the end of the performance.

The next production of the Mélange series features the haunting melodies of Jessica Crum Hawkins, the stunning visuals of artist Mayra Espino, and the artistry of dancer Vivien Mickels.

The performances are set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 at The Florence, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel. Tickets are \$25 for general admission seating and can be purchased at [this link](#).

**Vocalist:**

**Jessica Hawkins**

Jessica Hawkins says she is humbled to be a part of The Melange Series with GHDT. She began her vocal training in high school and focused on more classical training at Cornerstone University. After a long break from performing, she began getting involved with musical theater in the Indianapolis area in 2011. She was a part of Gregory's, La Casa Azul, as "Frida Kahlo" in 2015, and as "Natalia Trotsky" in 2019.

Jessica also sang the role of Frida at The Music of La Casa Azul at the Palladium in 2023. Some of her favorite roles in musical theater include "Aldonza" in *Man of La Mancha* (Southbank Theatre Company),

"Jackie Noelle" in *Disaster: The Musical* (Buck Creek Players), "Clara" in *Passion* (The District Theatre), "Paulette" in *Legally Blonde* (Footlite Musicals), and "Betty Haynes" in *White Christmas* (Footlite Musicals).

Hawkins lives in Fishers with her amazing husband, John Paul, and their rescue dog, Loki. She is always grateful to share the gifts God has given her, and appreciates all the support from family and friends. She sends many thanks to Gregory Hancock for another wonderful opportunity, and for his friendship.

**Dancer: Vivien Mickels**

Vivien Mickels hails from Noblesville. Her training began at En Pointe Indiana Ballet, where she studied under Polyana Ribiero, Robert Moore, and Paige Robinson. She graduated in 2022 from Hope College with a BA in Dance Performance/Choreography and Psychology. During her undergraduate studies, she performed in works by notable choreographers such as Matthew Farmer, Crystal Frasier, Sharon Wong, and Linda Graham. She has been a member of both H2 Dance Company and Strike Time Dance Theater. Additionally, she has both performed and choreographed internationally and was the recipient of the DeLong Senior Dance Award and the Kurtze-Wickersheimer Dance Award during her tenure at Hope College. She has also been a member of Dance Kaleidoscope,

where she had the pleasure of performing in works by David Hochoy, Stuart Lewis, Manuel Valdes, Sean Aaron Carmen, and Joshua Blake Carter.

**Visual Artist:**  
**Mayra Espino**

Venezuelan-born artist, illustrator, and graphic designer Mayra Espino has established herself as a creator whose work is distinguished by elegance, vibrant color, and originality. For more than nine years, she has lived in Indiana, a place she now calls home and a source of inspiration, with its changing seasons, welcoming people, and captivating landscapes.

Her artistic proposal is defined by her exploration of flowers, landscapes, animals, and portraits, where color plays a central role. The incorporation of gold leaf and golden details lends her paintings a luminous and sophisticated aura, becoming a hallmark of her distinctive style.

Espino has exhibited in various galleries and cultural spaces, where her art has been praised for its emotional depth and its ability to blend the contemporary with the classical. Her personal experience as a wife and mother of three sons – one of them with autism, who inspires the entire family – together with the unwavering support of her husband, who encourages her and contributes ideas to her creative process, nurtures her artistic vision. Her family is the driving force behind her work, infusing each piece with sensitivity, beauty, and humanity.

*The Mélange Series at The Florence has been created by GHDT Executive Artistic Director Gregory Glade Hancock and is presented by Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre.*

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# SMC & Noblesville plant 45 trees for Forest Park’s Centennial

Day of Service highlights shared commitment to sustainability & city’s next 100 years of growth

**Submitted**

The City of Noblesville and SMC Corporation of America partnered to celebrate Forest Park’s 100th anniversary with a community tree planting event on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

As part of the centennial celebration, more than 25 SMC employee volunteers will join city parks staff to plant 45 new trees throughout Forest Park. The project commemorates the park’s century-long legacy and reflects the shared commitment of both organizations to sustainability and community growth.

“At SMC, sustainability is one of our core values – not just in the products we make, but in how we engage with our community,” said Kelley Stacy, President and CEO of SMC Corporation of America. “We’re proud to support the City of Noblesville and help mark this historic milestone by planting trees that will benefit the community for generations to come.”

The collaboration underscores the strong rela-

tionship between the city and local employers like SMC, who play an active role in advancing community initiatives and environmental stewardship. Together, they’re helping ensure Noblesville remains a vibrant, sustainable place to live and work.

“The City of Noblesville is grateful to SMC Corporation for their continued partnership and investment to support sustainability within our community,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “As we celebrate Forest Park’s 100 years, we must make investments now that will have a positive impact for the next one hundred years.”

The tree planting is part of SMC’s annual Day of Service program, which engages employees in volunteer projects that promote environmental stewardship and community well-being. For the city, the event adds to a series of centennial activities honoring one of Indiana’s most beloved public spaces and ensuring it continues to thrive for the next 100 years.



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## Songbook Foundation announces first-ever sponsor for music history exhibit gallery

*Traditions Senior Communities serves residents throughout the Midwest*

### The REPORTER

A new sponsorship agreement with Traditions Senior Communities includes naming rights for the Great American Songbook Foundation's exhibit gallery.

The Traditions Senior Communities Songbook Gallery presents exhibits exploring the past, present, and future of popular music, drawing from the Songbook Foundation's extensive Songbook Library & Archives.

The 500-square-foot space is adjacent to the organization's offices in the Payne & Mencias Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. Visitors are welcome from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and one hour in advance of select concerts at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

The current exhibit, *From the Jazz Age to Streaming: The Soundtrack of the 20s-20s*, is on view through Nov. 7, followed by a seasonal display of artifacts opening in December.

Founded in 2012 and headquartered in Carmel, Traditions Senior Communities offers independent living, assisted living, memory care, cottages, garden homes, and villas at 20 locations in Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan, includ-



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ing communities in Fishers, Westfield, Indianapolis, McCordsville, and Avon.

In addition to sponsoring the gallery, Traditions also sponsored this year's Songbook Academy®, the Songbook Foundation's flagship education program. The summer music intensive brings 40 of the nation's most talented high school singers to Carmel each year for a rigorous week of workshops, masterclasses and performances under the guidance of Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein, Broadway performers, university educators and other professionals from

the world of arts and entertainment. Feinstein recently appeared on *CBS News Sunday Morning* to discuss the Songbook Foundation's mission of education and historic preservation.

"We're proud and fortunate to partner with this great local organization as it gains more of the national attention it deserves," said Andy Wade, President and Principal of Traditions. "The music championed by the Songbook Foundation is close to the hearts of our residents, and they also are proud that we're helping to inspire and develop new generations of performers." Songbook Foundation

Executive Director Christopher Lewis said the financial support is welcome as the organization ramps up its efforts to establish a freestanding museum and research center to house the Library & Archives. The historical collections preserve more than 500,000 documents, images, recordings and other artifacts representing composers, lyricists, performers, arrangers and other figures from the 20th century foundational era of American popular music.

"We are grateful to Traditions Senior Communities for recognizing the value of our work," Lewis said. "This partnership is a natural fit that we all feel good about."

## Verizon helps families stay connected after Hurricane Melissa

### The REPORTER

Following Hurricane Melissa's catastrophic Category 5 landfall in Jamaica, Verizon is helping its customers keep in touch with family and loved ones.

Through Nov. 12, Verizon is waiving charges for international calls from its consumer and small business\* wireless and landline customers to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos, and the Bahamas. In addition, customers in Jamaica, Turks and Caicos, and the Bahamas, will receive free calling, texting and data roaming. This

also includes customers of Verizon-owned prepaid brands including Straight Talk, Tracfone, Total Wireless, Simple Mobile, Safelink, Walmart Family Mobile, Net10, GoSmart, and Page Plus.

Customers do not have to take any action to take advantage of this offer. Calls will be rated at \$0.00 per minute.

[Click here](#) for more information on Verizon's emergency response efforts.

\*Verizon small business customers include customers with 50 lines or less.

## Epcon celebrates model home grand opening at The Courtyards of TowneRun

### The REPORTER

Epcon Communities has announced its model home grand opening for The Courtyards of TowneRun in Westfield. This is the first Epcon townhome model in the Indianapolis region.

The model home grand opening will take place noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 and 2 at 14854 E. Keenan Circle. A food truck will be at the event both days.

The Courtyards of TowneRun offers new luxury two-story townes, with first-floor owner's suites, in a prime Westfield location. The community will offer two home designs ranging from 1,350 to 2,850 square feet. Starting from upper \$300,000s, the community will offer 40 home sites. Amenities include a lounge with covered porch and fireplace, parkette and walkability to new retail shops and Life Time Athletic Country Club.

"We're proud and excited to introduce Epcon's first

townhome in Indianapolis," Robyn Crawford, president of Epcon Communities in Indianapolis. "With our unique townhome offering, The Courtyards of TowneRun offers everything buyers love in an Epcon home – single-level living, private courtyards and a low-maintenance lifestyle – at a desirable price point to reach a broader market."

"Our townhome products are unique with main level living and private courtyards offering private outdoor space," said Kara Shipman, regional sales director for Epcon Communities in Indianapolis. "The Courtyards of TowneRun offers an elevated lifestyle because of the location. We envision homeowners taking golf carts and living an active lifestyle with a lot of time outdoors, in the nearby retail area and with family, friends and neighbors."

For more information, visit [epconindianapolis.com](http://epconindianapolis.com).

## Have a Bank of America card? You can visit two area museums for free this weekend

### The REPORTER

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This weekend – Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday, Nov. 2 – two area museums will participate in the Museums on Us program:

- Conner Prairie Museum, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers
- Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields, 4000

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# Braun, Beckwith confident Indiana Senate GOP will support redistricting

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
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Gov. Mike Braun and Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith on Tuesday said they were not concerned by reports Senate Republicans don't have the votes to support redrawing Indiana's congressional maps.

For the second day in a row, Braun would not answer questions about the special session he has called for Nov. 3. He did not answer reporters' questions as he left the National FFA Convention & Expo kickoff luncheon other than briefly saying "I think so" when asked if Senate Republicans will have enough votes to approve the maps.

Senate Republican leaders have said more than once "the votes aren't there for redistricting," most recently on Monday morning within an hour of the governor's announcement. This contrasts with the House, where House Speaker Todd Huston's office on Monday said enough of that chamber's Republicans support new maps.

Beckwith, who is the ceremonial president of the Senate by virtue of his position as lieutenant governor, said he and Braun are both trying to move senators into

the "yes" column. "We're not strong-arming anybody," Beckwith said. "I think the president's done a great job of calling especially the Senate and saying, we're not forcing you to do anything, senators, but this is why we think this is so important to take back some of the voice that we've unfairly lost in Washington from gerrymandering and poor census data from other states that have done nefarious things in their census data."

Several Republican state senators have publicly stated they support redrawing the maps. They include Senate Majority Leader Chris Garten along with Sens. Ron Alting, Mike Gaskill, Daryl Schmitt, Liz Brown, Tyler Johnson, and Justin Busch.

West Lafayette's Spencer Deery notably is still a public "no" vote. In a video posted to social media Monday, the senator again said he does not believe it's right to redraw the maps mid-decade. At least one senator is



Braun



Beckwith

publicly encouraging their constituents to weigh in. Terre Haute's Sen. Greg Goode has called a listening session for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Terre Haute City Hall.

On Tuesday morning, voting rights groups opposed to redistricting, including Common Cause Indiana and the League of Women Voters, brought care packages to the Senate offices. Each one contained energy drinks, snacks and a map showing the geographic distribution of signatures on petitions against redistricting.

Julia Vaughn, executive director of Common Cause Indiana, said she wants senators to "stay strong" amid pressure from Braun and Beckwith and from the Trump administration.

"Obviously, the bullying is working for some folks and that's why we want to continue to lift up the voices of the majority of Hoosiers that oppose this," she said. "We think that, in the end, we can win this and we've

just got to continue to lift up those voices and remind our legislators that they represent us, not folks in Washington, D.C., with purely political motivations."

The lieutenant governor can vote to break a tie in the 50-member Senate but has no vote at any other time. Beckwith said he's ready to fulfill the tiebreaker role if needed but he doesn't expect to. He said he expects new maps would receive "27 or 28" votes in favor from Senate Republicans. Asked if he believes new maps would be worth the cost of a lawsuit, especially if the courts strike down the maps, Beckwith replied he hopes a lawsuit does happen so courts can rule one and for all how states should approach redistricting.

"Indiana is basically saying, if [blue states] get to play by their rules, then we're forced to play by our rules," he said. "I don't particularly like that. In a perfect world, I would be against redistricting if I could count on that the other states were playing by the same rules we were playing by. I hope the courts get involved."

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-redistricting-senate-republicans.*

# Hamilton County Democrats condemn upcoming special session on redistricting

Submitted

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, the Hamilton County Democratic Party announced its condemnation of Governor Mike Braun's decision to call lawmakers back to the Statehouse on Nov. 3 for a special session on redistricting, a move they say is widely seen as a partisan and costly attempt to manipulate Indiana's elections under pressure from the Trump Administration.

After weeks of claiming he would "listen to lawmakers," Gov. Braun announced the session despite reports that the Indiana Senate still lacks the votes necessary to proceed.

"This has nothing to do with helping Hoosiers. It's about Braun's loyalty to Trump," said Josh Lowry, Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party. "Even Hamilton County Republican Representatives Hunter Smith and Danny Lopez have also voiced their opposition to the redistricting plan, and we hope they don't cave under the pressure because Hoosiers' lives are more important than appeasing Washington."

The session comes as thousands of Hoosiers relying on SNAP benefits are set to receive no assistance for November.

State Senator J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) underscored the ethical concerns. "If President Donald

Trump is pressuring lawmakers directly, we cannot ignore a blatant conflict of interest when it comes to making decisions on future congressional maps," Ford said. "If there were genuine concerns with our current maps, we should move forward with an independent redistricting commission to address them."

State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Hamilton County) called for unity and focus on real priorities.

"In Indiana, our tradition has always been clear: we redraw district maps after the national census," Garcia Wilburn said. "That predictable process is what Hoosiers expect and deserve. Now, as working families struggle to pay their bills and afford healthcare,

this is no time to play political games with an unprecedented mid-decade redistricting. I urge Hamilton County legislators to stand united and reject this costly special session. We can be patriots - loyal not to partisanship, but to the people we represent."

Hamilton County Democrats urge citizens to call their State Senators at (317) 232-9400 every day leading up to Nov. 3 and oppose any effort to redraw Indiana's maps mid-decade.

To learn more about how to get involved with the Hamilton County Democratic Party, visit [hamco-demsin.org](http://hamco-demsin.org).



Lowry



Ford



Garcia Wilburn

# Speaker Huston outlines timeframe for special session

Submitted

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) issues the following statement regarding the upcoming special session to discuss redistricting.

House Republicans are working on scheduling and have been in communication with our colleagues in the Senate about the logistics of convening the General As-

sembly following the Governor's call for a special session.

Per Indiana code, the General Assembly has up to 40 days to conduct legislative business in a special session. Given the calendar and member availability, we will not be convening on Nov. 3 but are



Huston

working within this general timeframe as we consider the schedule.

During the 2022 special session, the Governor called the General Assembly into session on July 6, the Legislature convened on July 25 and session ended on Aug. 5.

Additionally, the General Assembly is statutorily required to convene for Organization Day on Tuesday, Nov. 18, which is the official start of the 2026 regular session.

As always, our goal is to accomplish our work in a way that is most efficient and cost effective for Hoosier taxpayers. Our plan is to have a legislative schedule out as soon as possible.



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**Bruce Carlstedt**

August 17, 1943 – October 20, 2025



Bruce Charles Carlstedt, 82, Westfield, passed away on October 20, 2025. Born on August 17, 1943, in Batavia, Ill., he was the son of the late Harold “Bud” and Edith Carlstedt.

There’s no way to keep Bruce’s story short – his life was too full and his impact too deep. He was loved and respected by so many. Bruce never uttered a swear word, never raised his voice, and was always there as the proud “cheerleader” for all of his grandkids’ countless events. He loved fishing – throughout his life it was both his passion and his peace – and he especially enjoyed passing that love on to his grandchildren. Bruce also had an eye for capturing life’s moments, taking photos both for joy and to mark the memories that mattered most. He really enjoyed breakfast with family members and friends, never enough coffee! A proud Illinois native, he was a loyal fan of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. Above all, Bruce cherished his wife, Sharon, his devoted partner of 58 years. A fierce family man and the steady rock of his family, Bruce’s quiet strength and boundless love will be forever remembered.

Bruce’s life began in Batavia, Ill., where he attended Batavia High School, graduating in 1961. He was the oldest of three brothers. Losing his mother while in high school and his father during college created a deep connection with the Carlstedt and Batavia families. After high school, Bruce earned his B.S. (1966) and Ph.D. (1971) from the University of Illinois Medical Center, where he was a proud member of the Phi Delta Chi fraternity.

Over his 39-year career at Purdue, Dr. Carlstedt became a respected Professor of Pharmacy Practice, publishing numerous scholarly articles and presenting nationally on clinical decision support, medication safety, and computer applications in pharmacy. He was honored with Indiana’s prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award for his distinguished service and leadership. Bruce was the first Purdue pharmacy faculty member placed at the IU Medical Center, where he pioneered clinical education programs that became the foundation for pharmacy practice training in Indianapolis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Paul Carlstedt.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife, Sharon; children; Eric, Heather (John), Matt (Melissa), and Tim; six grandchildren; and brother, Pete.

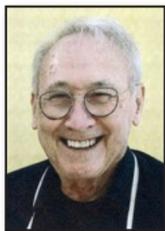
Family and friends gathered on Monday, October 27, 2025, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial took place Tuesday, October 28. Bruce was laid to rest in Carmel Cemetery.

Please visit [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com) to read Bruce’s complete obituary.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

**Richard Bottorff**

February 14, 1945 – October 25, 2025



Richard Lee Bottorff, 84, Noblesville, passed away on October 25, 2025.

Throughout his life, Richard was deeply committed to serving his community. He dedicated his career to education as both a teacher and guidance counselor, positively impacting thousands of middle and high school students. His work took him to schools in Seymour, Ind.; Houston, Texas; and Elkhart, Ind.

Richard remained active and engaged with those around him, forming friendships wherever he went. He maintained a strong presence in his family’s life and is remembered by his two daughters, Debbie (Tom) Stephens and Karen Colvin; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In his later years, Richard enjoyed following local sports teams, especially Indiana University football, the Indiana Pacers, the Indianapolis Colts, and Cincinnati baseball. He also took great joy in attending the activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Faith played a central role in Richard’s life. He was passionate about his church community and found fulfillment in serving as a Sunday morning greeter. An avid animal lover, he had a special fondness for dogs, birds, and squirrels.

Richard’s warm smile, quick wit, and love for card games will be fondly remembered by those who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to all who shared in his life.

Family and Friends will gather at 10 a.m. Friday, October 31, 2025, at Venture Christian Church, 14501 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel, where the Funeral Service will follow at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Richard to be directed to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10401 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

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

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The Lord said to Moses and Aaron: “The Israelites are to camp around the tent of meeting some distance from it, each of them under their standard and holding the banners of their family.”

On the east, toward the sunrise, the divisions of the camp of Judah are to encamp under their standard. The leader of the people of Judah is Nahshon son of Amminadab. His division numbers 74,600.

The tribe of Issachar will camp next to them. The leader of the people of Issachar is Nethanel son of Zuar. His division numbers 54,400.

The tribe of Zebulun will be next. The leader of the people of Zebulun is Eliab son of Helon. His division numbers 57,400.

All the men assigned to the camp of Judah, according to their divisions, number 186,400. They will set out first.

On the south will be the divisions of the camp of Reuben under their standard. The leader of the people of Reuben is Elizur son of Shedeur. His division numbers 46,500.

The tribe of Simeon will camp next to them. The leader of the people of Simeon is Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai. His division numbers 59,300.

The tribe of Gad will be next. The leader of the people of Gad is Eliasaph son of Deuel. His division numbers 45,650.

All the men assigned to the camp of Reuben, according to their divisions, number 151,450. They will set out second.

Numbers 2:1-16 (NIV)

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## Girls Basketball

# Fishers already excelling in leadership

## Coachable and long Tigers start season next Tuesday

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**FISHERS** – The players on this year's Fishers girls basketball team may be new to on-court experience, but they are already proven leaders.

That was the observation from the Tigers' scrimmage with McCutcheon, which took place Wednesday night at the Tiger Den. Fishers has five seniors, five juniors and two sophomores on its varsity roster, including a few familiar names from last season.

"Our leadership is excellent from a culture standpoint and they way they've spent a lot of time this offseason developing what they want this program to do," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "And our seniors have just done an excellent job of that."

"As far as on-the-court experience, we do not have a lot of it, but this group is exceptionally coachable. They're really fun to be around every day and I've seen steps. Even tonight, that was better than when I filmed our intersquad."

The Tigers graduated two top seniors, leading scorer Nevaeh Dickman and Allison Scheu, while now-sophomore Riley Schellhammer transferred to Lawrence Central. At the same time, Fishers does have a couple of players on last year's roster who played supporting roles and will be moving into the spotlight this season.

Senior Natalie Thomas, a 6-2 center, brings the most points back, averaging 4.1 points per season. Thomas also had respectable rebounding numbers, grabbing 2.6 per game.

"Natalie is going to be a big part of what we do," said Votaw. "We haven't had a post-centric offense in a long time."

Another senior, Makayla Triplett, averaged 2.1 points and 2.4 rebounds last winter. Triplett also proved the enthusiasm of the Tigers team: after making a tough second-half basket during the scrimmage, the Fishers bench cheered wildly.

"I was really proud of the way they cheered during the

fifth quarter there for the [junior varsity], and I thought that their bench engagement was excellent," said Votaw. "And that is not something that I've had to address at all. I love where we are in a lot of aspects."

Seniors Nicole Ellison and Akya Koenig also return, while Brooklynn Hudnut is a newcomer. Junior Alanna Anthony has been playing varsity minutes since her freshman year; she brings back 1.9 points and 2.3 rebounds from last year, her sophomore season.

Delaney Wilson and Caroline Kirkendall also got minutes as sophomores, while Audrey Love and Lillian Burns are new to varsity. Sophomores Ella Burleson and Reagan Reiff both got playing time as freshmen.

Votaw said her team will play "at a slower pace, not slow" this year on offense, while the defense will play more zone than it has in past years. That way, the Tigers can take advantage of the length the team has.

"This is the longest team I've ever coached,"



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Fishers junior Caroline Kirkendall gets ready to shoot the ball during the Tigers' scrimmage with McCutcheon Wednesday.**

said Votaw. She read off the heights of some of her players, including Reiff (6-0), Triplett (5-11), Burns (6-1), Anthony (5-10) and the 6-2 Thomas.

"That's the most length we've had," said Votaw.

Fishers hosts Ben Davis next Tuesday to begin the regular season. The Tigers start Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Nov. 21 at Westfield, which will also likely be the last game for Votaw before she takes ma-

ternity leave – Votaw and her husband are adopting a baby.

Assistant coach Bill Thomas (Natalie's dad) will take over in the interim before Votaw returns, "for the Carmel game, Senior Night," on Jan. 20.

## Football Sectional Previews

# Class 3A Sectional 29 semifinals: Crawfordsville at No. 16 Guerin Catholic, Cascade at Tri-West

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

### Crawfordsville Athenians (5-5) at No. 16 Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles (6-4)

The Golden Eagles and Athenians have met just once. Guerin won that 2018 sectional matchup, 49-19.

Head coach Brad Clark is 12-28 in his fourth season.

Crawfordsville blanked Speedway at home in last week's first round, 35-0. The Athenians have won three of the last four.

The trio of Diego Velasco (475 yards), Maddox Ronco (423) and Mason McCarty (422) have combined for 238 carries and 1,320 yards (5.5 per rush),

along with 19 touchdowns.

McCarty has also thrown for 653 yards and seven TDs, 159 and two scores to Landon Gerold.

Daniel Surface is the leader on defense with 111 tackles, four caused fumbles and one recovery. Cohen McClamroch and Jaxon Wireman each have three interceptions, while Logan Lowe and Tyler Hinton both have recovered two fumbles.

Tom Dille is in his 12th year at Guerin with a 76-55 mark. GC is looking to advance to its third sectional championship in four years, but hasn't won a sectional since 2014, Dille's first season at Guerin. The Golden Eagles are on a three-game win streak head-

ing into tomorrow night's semifinal.

Guerin Catholic opened the sectional last week with a 36-21 win at Hamilton Heights. The Golden Eagles jumped out to a 17-0 lead and led 36-14 at the half on their way to the win.

Senior quarterback Quentin Klee has thrown for 2,101 yards on 165 of 278 for 59.4 percent with 17 touchdown passes and just five interceptions. Klee has also ran for 172 yards and a score.

Senior running back Jack Linden leads Guerin in rushing with 591 yards on 122 runs with eight touchdowns. Linden is also dangerous in the flats with 29 catches, good for third on the team, for 335 yards and

three TDs.

Junior Isaiah Lewis tops a balanced receiving corps with 665 yards on 49 receptions. Lewis is tied for the lead with sophomore Kolbe Klee with four touchdowns, while Kolbe has caught 37 for 438. Aidan Horn has 25 grabs for 325 and Trevor Macey 15 for 252, each scoring twice.

Sophomore Erik Sorensen paces the defense with 78 tackles. Classmate Jack Wilson has 64 stops, with senior James Moody right behind with 63 and two interceptions. Seniors Nolan Ratcliff (two interceptions) and JB Ford (two fumble recoveries, interception) lead a solid secondary.

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**Guerin Catholic's Kolbe Klee has made 37 receptions, including four touchdowns.**

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Boys Soccer State Previews

# Defensive-minded Hounds ready for Harrison rematch

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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Carmel boys soccer coach Shane Schmidt said that he is a “defender at heart.”

That’s why he is “super proud” of his team’s defensive effort during the IHSAA postseason. That defense is also the reason why the No. 3-ranked Greyhounds are playing in the Class 3A state championship game, which takes place at 4 p.m. Saturday at IU Indianapolis’ Michael Carroll Stadium.

Carmel has pitched a shutout in all six of the post-season games it has played – part of a streak that has lasted for over a month. The Hounds last gave up a goal on Sept. 23 when they tied with Noblesville 1-1.

Since then, Carmel has won nine straight shutout games. One of those was against Harrison, the team that the Greyhounds will play in the state championship contest. Carmel won 1-0 Sept. 30 on the Raiders’ field.

“They were very good,” Schmidt said of No. 5-ranked Harrison, the defending 3A state champion. “They played well. They had two guys that were their centerpieces.”

Those players are junior Adan Robles (#10), who is the co-leader in goals scored

for the Raiders with 19 and has also dished out four assists. Senior Franklin Caceres (#11) was the other player; he leads in assists with 13 and has also scored nine goals.

Senior Joey McKenna Jr. is the other co-leader in goals scored with 19 and has handed out seven assists as well.

Harrison began its post-season run by winning the Logansport sectional. The Raiders beat Kokomo 10-2 in the first round, edged out McCutcheon 1-0 in the semifinals and took care of the host Berries 4-1 in the championship.

In the regional, Harrison beat No. 10 Hamilton Southeastern 2-1 at the Raiders’ field, then won a shootout with No. 20 Homestead to win the championship at Kokomo. Harrison defeated No. 18 South Bend Adams 1-0 to claim the Chesterton semi-state.

Carmel started the tournament with a win at the Noblesville sectional. The Hounds began with a 2-0 first-round victory over North Central, won a shootout over No. 11 Noblesville and beat No. 19 Zionsville 2-0 to win their fifth consecutive sectional title.

Carmel hosted both of its regional games. The Greyhounds got past Lawrence North 1-0 in the semifinals, then knocked off No.



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Carmel’s Quinn Wu has scored seven goals and made seven assists for the Greyhounds this season.

1 Brownsburg 2-0 to win the championship. Carmel played No. 7 Bloomington South in the Martinsville semi-state and blasted a 5-0 victory.

The Greyhounds have balanced scoring: seven players have at least three goals to their credit. The scoring leader is senior Troy Enslin with nine.

A lineup switch involving Enslin helped Carmel with its late-season success. Enslin had been starting up top, but the Hounds started playing senior Curtis Droste in that position, then bring Enslin in later in the game.

Carmel started switch in its regular-season game with Harrison.

“We tried that for the first time and Troy came in and scored the only goal of the game,” said Schmidt.

Enslin has stepped up for the Greyhounds, scoring the game-winners against North Central, Zionsville and Brownsburg. He made an assist in the semi-state game, “so he’s been super-productive,” said Schmidt.

Senior Evan Bardos put



Enslin

in three goals for Carmel against Bloomington South in the semi-state.

“He doubled his season total in one game,” said Schmidt. “He works so hard and gives everything

in every game.” Of course, it all comes back to the defense. Schmidt is quick to credit his players – “they’re the ones that execute the Xs and Os,” he said. “They take pride in what they do and how they play and everything else.”

The list includes senior midfielders Quinn Wu, Max Housholder and Alex Rubin, along with senior defender Saaketh Tadikonda.

Wu has seven goals and seven assists, while senior Xander Dora has six assists. Junior Mikey Kubek has dished out eight assists, but he was injured during the regional and is unable to play in the state championship game. Bardos and sophomore Jet Truitt each have scored six goals.

Junior goalkeeper Gray Morgan has 55 saves and a goal against average of 0.439.

# Calm Golden Eagles take on Chatard for state title

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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The further the Guerin Catholic boys soccer team goes in the postseason, the calmer the Golden Eagles seem to be.

Guerin Catholic is plenty excited, of course, to be in the Class 2A state championship game, in which the No. 2-ranked Golden Eagles play No. 11 Bishop Chatard at 6 p.m. Friday at IU Indianapolis’ Michael Carroll Stadium. It’s the first time GC has played for a boys soccer state title since the Golden Eagles won back-to-back 1A championships in 2013-14, during the two-class era.

Guerin Catholic coach Jim Alvarez said the team has taken the approach of “one game at a time and if we win six games, we win the state title.” The coach said the team was nervous to get out of the sectional, and once the Golden Eagles did, “it was almost like a relief.”

Since then, Alvarez



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(LEFT) Guerin Catholic’s Christian Zermeno (left) and Ryan McGrath (right) have been two of the Golden Eagles’ senior leaders this year. Zermeno has 19 goals and 23 assists to his credit, while the goalkeeper McGrath has nine shutouts. (RIGHT) Guerin Catholic’s Will Scheu has scored 23 goals and handed out 20 assists.

said the team “calmed back down and they just have kept increasing their intensity, they way that they play. They feel like they’re on a mission.”

Taking on the Trojans is

the last part of that mission, and it means getting another victory this year against a Circle City Conference rival. The two teams met on Sept. 6 and Guerin Catholic won 4-2.

“We play them every year,” said Alvarez. “I’ve made sure that the boys are very aware that Chatard

made it to the semi-state last year and that Chatard feels like they should be in the state finals.”

The Trojans are 11-7-2 and came out of the

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## FOOTBALL

### No. 3 Cascade Cadets (10-0) at No. 8 Tri-West Bruins (7-3)

The Cadets road trips 17 miles north from Clayton to Lizton to face the Bruins. This is the 29th meeting between the two, with Tri-West holding a commanding 25-3 record, including 5-0 in the playoffs. They met in last year’s sectional semifinal, won by the Bruins (37-35).

Cascade is one of the highest scoring teams in the state at 58.4 per game. The Cadets did just that over Indianapolis Washington last week in the sectional opener, 58-0. Their lowest output was in Week 2 at Danville (41-

25), otherwise Cascade hasn’t been challenged, winning by an average of 49.8 per contest.

Head coach Connon Simmons is 38-26 in his sixth year.

The Cadets were 7-0 in the Monon Conference, taking down Southmont, Western Boone, Greencastle, North Putnam, Crawfordsville, North Montgomery and Frankfort.

Brady Trebley now has 1,612 yards, 24 touchdown passes and zero interceptions. Dayton Mink has 603 rushing yards and 14 scores, while Toby Savini has 10 TDs (2 last week) and 542 yards.

The Bruins won at West Vigo last week, 35-14.

Tri-West finished second to Triton Central in the Hoosier Legends Conference, where they also compete with Indian Creek, Speedway, Beech Grove and Monrovia.

Head coach Jason Ward is 60-22 in his seventh year, winning three sectional titles in the last four years.

Quarterback Jack Sorgi is fifth in the state (first in 3A) with 2,628 passing yards and 29 TDs. Wanson Hall leads the rushing with 525 yards and five scores, along with Carter Cummings (949), Jax Garver (685), Quinten Alexander (421) and Eli Morgan (350) have combined for 27 receiving touchdowns.

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 Harrison at Carmel, 7 p.m.

Sectional 4  
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 Fishers at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Sectional 29  
 Cascade at Tri-West, 7 p.m.  
 Crawfordsville at Guerin Catholic, 8 p.m.

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 Carmel vs. Harrison, 4 p.m. at IUPUI

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 Carmel vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m. at IUPUI

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Class 3A north semi-state at Huntington North  
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 NorthWood vs. Mishawaka Marian, noon  
 Championship, 7 p.m.

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**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
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 Southmont at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.  
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All products are on sale at their lowest remaining prices, with increases

coming in 2026. The \$5 per-ticket service fee will be waived on items purchased before Jan. 5. Kids 15 and under will continue to be admitted free in general admission locations to all 2026 racing events at IMS when accompanied by an adult general admission ticketholder.

Month of May concert lineups, including performers and ticket sale information, will be announced soon.

Fans can register at [IMS.com](http://IMS.com) to receive ticket information for the 2026 BC39 presented by Avanti Windows & Doors and the USAC Indiana Sprint Week event. Dates for these events will be announced later.

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Speedway sectional to start their post-season run. Chatard beat Indianapolis Washington 8-0 in the semifinals and No. 10 Cardinal Ritter 2-1 in the championship match.

In the regional, the Trojans hosted New Castle in the semifinals and won 4-0. That sent them back to Speedway for the regional final, which Chatard won 2-0 over Cascade. The Trojans defeated No. 8 Heritage Hills 2-1 to win the Evansville North semi-state.

Senior Vikas Walling leads the Chatard scoring with 23 goals, with senior Andrew Taylor adding 13 goals. Eli Yancey is the assists leader, dishing out seven during the season.

Guerin Catholic hosted its own sectional, where

the Golden Eagles beat Western Boone 12-0 in the semis before getting past No. 3 Park Tudor 3-2 in the championship.

From then on, it’s been smooth sailing. Guerin Catholic traveled to Delta for the regional semifinal and won 5-1, then beat West Lafayette 6-0 to win the regional title at Concordia Lutheran. At the Chesterton semi-state, GC blitzed No. 4 Hanover Central 5-0.

Two senior stars have led the way for Guerin Catholic’s offense. Will Scheu has put in 23 goals, making him first in scoring; he is second in assists with 20. Christian Zermeno has the second-most goals with 19, but leads in assists with 23.

Other top scorers are

junior Gus Allen and senior AJ McMurtrey with seven goals each, while junior Connor Klen and seniors Adam Jurewicz and Braden Lindley all have five goals. Senior goalkeeper Ryan McGrath has nine shutouts.

Alvarez credits the Golden Eagles’ tough schedule for helping the team play well. Over half of GC’s schedule consists of 3A teams, and Guerin Catholic beat Louisville Trinity, one of Kentucky’s top teams, 1-0 on Sept. 20.

“Going through that whole process and coming out the way they did, there’s a really unique vibe with these boys,” said Alvarez. “They just feel confident, they get stronger throughout the game and that’s been really fun to watch.”

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