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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Today:** Mostly cloudy, with a few flurries or snow showers. Minor accumulations.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy. Snow chances after midnight.



HIGH: 25 LOW: 21

# Even Leonardo could not have imagined this world

*Three new DaVinci 5 surgical robots ready to help heal you*

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health announces a major upgrade to its surgical program: the retirement of its single older DaVinci robotic system and the addition of three new state-of-the-art DaVinci 5 surgical robots. This expansion significantly enhances Riverview Health's capacity to provide exceptional care to the community, offering minimally invasive procedures across multiple specialties.

The DaVinci 5 represents the latest innovation in robotic-assisted surgery, offering enhanced precision, improved ergonomics for surgeons, and optimized patient outcomes. With these new systems, Riverview Health will continue to lead in delivering advanced surgical care close to home.

"This investment underscores our dedication to innovation and patient-centered care," Riverview Health Interim CEO John Bowen said. "By upgrading to the most advanced surgical technology available, we are ensuring that our patients have access to the safest, most effective procedures right here in their community."

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Riverview Health held a launch event at Riverview Hospital to celebrate this milestone with mem-



The event featured live demonstrations of the DaVinci 5 technology, a hands-on experience for attendees, and in-depth discussions with Riverview's DaVinci-qualified surgeons about the benefits and capabilities of robotic-assisted surgery.

Photos provided by Riverview Health

bers of the Riverview Board of Trustees, Hamilton County Commissioners, and the public. The event featured live demonstrations of the DaVinci 5 technology, a hands-on experience for attendees, and in-depth discussions with Riverview's DaVinci-qualified surgeons about the benefits and capabilities of robotic-assisted surgery. This interactive experience showcased how these advanced systems will transform surgical care for the community.

"The DaVinci 5 platform

allows us to perform complex surgeries with greater accuracy and control, which translates to faster recovery times and better overall results for our patients," General Surgeon Dr. John Martin said. "It's an exciting step forward for both our surgical team and the people we serve."

This major advancement is a direct result of the strategic partnership between Riverview Health and Parkview Health, which was formed to strengthen healthcare services in the region. Through this collabor-

ation, Riverview Health has been able to leverage shared resources and expertise, making it possible to invest in cutting-edge technology like the DaVinci 5. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to improving access to high-quality care for patients across central Indiana.

"Adding these three DaVinci 5 robots is not just a technology upgrade, it's a reflection of our long-term commitment

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# Your church family

I was thrilled to be a part of the Noblesville High School Career Fair last fall. While I was there, I ran into a former co-worker of mine. This gentleman, whom I'll call Nathaniel, is top-notch.

Somehow, we began discussing my upcoming book, *Happy and Solo at Church*. I was telling him how my life had drastically changed through writing it. He shared stories about his family's church.

"My wife always lingers after the service and talks to people," Nathaniel said, "But not me. I head straight for the parking lot."

I smiled and nodded but didn't comment. I wished I would have, because my heart ached a bit for him afterward.

If someone were to ask me what my top tip is from *Happy and Solo at Church*, it would be to create, build, and love on your church family. Once you start that process, you cease being alone at church and attend services because you want to, not because you have to.

Why do I use the phrase "church family" vs. "church friends"? Simply because, if we're Christian, we all have the same Father.

My mom and dad, both good people, didn't become part of a church family. We all went to Catholic mass each week but never arrived early or lingered afterwards to chat with people. We weren't involved in any ministries. So, it's not something that came naturally to me.

Once my church life changed drastically in the summer of 2020 thanks to my former priest's help, I began to worship differently. I started arriving earlier and learning people's names. I stopped waving each week to the (also solo) ladies across the aisle and began to sit with them instead.

I lingered after church to catch up with people and see how they were doing. My husband John and I invited our priests over for dinner in the summer of 2024, and we spent three hours on our back deck swapping stories and laughter. I signed up for more church activities, including our incredible pilgrimage to Italy last fall.

Think about it – if you're a churchgoer, you probably see individuals at your place of worship more often than most of your friends. Why not build relationships with them?

I've changed since I found and formed my church family. There are more smiles, laughter, conversation, hugs, and prayer in my life. I often deliver lasagna or other meals to church family members. Most of all, I get to love on more people.

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**COLUMNIST**



AMY SHANKLAND  
*Perfectly Imperfect*

# Noblesville Schools looks to cut staff & expenses to address budget deficit

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

**Noblesville Schools announced** Wednesday that it will implement targeted staffing reductions "in the coming weeks" to address significant financial challenges and a multimillion-dollar budget deficit.

The district aims to save more than \$3 million in annual expenses through the staff reductions and other cost-cutting measures. Noblesville Schools touts itself as the Hamilton County city's largest employer, with more than 1,800 employees.

A recent newsletter from the district in January highlighted financial concerns. A combination of increasing in-

flation, declining student enrollment, and Indiana's property tax overhaul reduced annual funding and drove the district into a budget deficit.

The deficit comes as a local referendum that provides \$25 million a year for operations and staffing is scheduled to expire at the end of 2026. Noblesville Schools has not announced plans for another referendum, although it said more information would be shared in the summer. A referendum could go on the ballot as soon as Nov. 3.

Noblesville in the fall semester recorded 10,104 students. The decline in student enrollment has happened due to lower birth rates and fewer school-age families living in

Noblesville, the announcement said. It's faced a trend of more students graduating than kindergartners beginning school.

The drop in enrollment comes as the population for the area that the district serves has grown to 68,447 in 2024 from 64,343 in 2020, according to **STATS Indiana**.

District officials also cited the high cost of local housing. According to January figures from realty firm F.C. Tucker Co., Hamilton County had the highest year-to-date median home sale price in the central Indiana region at \$458,990. Figures were not immediately available for Noblesville itself.

Additionally, the Noblesville announcement said, the state

property tax overhaul passed in the 2025 legislature was expected to reduce funding to the district by "millions of dollars a year," the announcement said.

District voters in 2018 approved a funding referendum that provides approximately \$25 million annually for staff and operating expenses. The funds have been used to maintain competitive teacher salaries, school safety initiatives, mental health support, manageable class sizes, and academic and career technical programs.

Superintendent Dan Hile said the district is taking steps to address its issues before it becomes a "crisis." Over the past

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# Tipton County Foundation names Myerly Scholars

**Submitted**

Thanks to the bequest of Howard N. Myerly, who established the significant George R. Myerly & Sons Scholarship Fund in memory of his grandfather, the Tipton County Foundation has granted Myerly Scholarships to the remaining finalists in the demanding LEC-SP process.

In 1842, George Myerly and his wife Susannah, originally from Maryland, established a farm in eastern Tipton County. They took part in the official organization of the County. Their son Silas, his son George R., and his son Lee all continued farming, as did Lee's son Howard. Howard was also a die setter at the Guide Lamp Division of General Motors in Anderson for 32 years, retiring in 2000.

Howard made arrangements that, upon his death, the farm would be sold, and the proceeds given to the Tipton County Foundation in honor of his grandfather, to provide an



Hoover



Foerg



Day



Butler



Sargent



Walker

endowment that would assist in funding higher education for county high school graduates, forever.

The Class of 2026 Myerly Scholars are:

**Alyssa Hoover** is the daughter of Troy and Christine Hoover of Tipton. She is a senior at Tipton High School, where she served on the Mayor's Youth Council and as the Key Club President. She plans to double major in social work / human services and developmental sciences at Purdue, IU Bloomington, or St. Mary's. She then intends to pursue a master's in social work so that she can engage in a career

where she works with children in a healthcare setting in the local area.

**Brogan Foerg** is a Tipton High School senior and the son of Nicole Foerg. He plans to attend Purdue University or Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to obtain his degree in mechanical engineering / flight technology. He is Student Body President at THS, a 10-year 4-H member, and a member of the National Honor Society.

**Grant Day** is a Tipton High School senior and the son of Mary and Ryan McAllister and Brian and Christina Day. He plans to attend Butler University to major in marketing with a minor in psy-

chology. He is currently a THS tennis player, Vice President of the THS Band, and a member of National Honor Society.

**Josie Butler** is the daughter of T.J. and Diane Butler of Tipton. She is a senior at Tipton High School where she cheers and is a member of National Honor Society as well as the golf team. Josie has been accepted with distinction to the University of Indianapolis with early assurance to the Master of Science in Athletic Training program. Her career goal is to work as an athletic trainer for a professional sports team.

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## HSE invites parents to seminar on protecting kids in the digital age

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Southeastern Schools will hold a parent-focused presentation on internet and social media safety as part of its ongoing commitment to student well-being.

"Protecting Kids in the Digital Age: Internet & Social Media Safety" will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 in the Leonard Auditorium at Hamilton Southeastern High School. Enter through Door 18.

This even is open to any adults, not only HSE parents and families.

Tiffany Preston, a former Assistant United States Attorney with nearly 17 years of experience investigating internet crimes against children, will share practical guidance for families on device safety, recognizing warning signs of unsafe online interactions, and understanding risks associated with popular apps and games.

The event is intended for adults only due to the sensitive nature of the content. Members of the district's crisis response team will be present to provide support.

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# DA VINCI

to innovation, excellence and partnership.” Riverview Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Eric Marcotte said. “With this investment, Riverview Health is better prepared to meet the surgical needs of a growing and evolving community.”

The new robotic systems will be utilized across a range of procedures, including general surgery, urology, gynecology, and more, reinforcing Riverview Health’s position as a leader in advanced surgical care.

For more information about Riverview Health and its surgical services, visit [riverview.org](http://riverview.org).



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year, the district has implemented several cost-saving measures, including “only modest” salary increases for teachers and staff, and the freezing of salary increases for school board members and administrative leaders. The district also has re-duced several positions, renegotiated contracts, shifted equipment purchases, and implemented new technology efficiencies to maximize revenue generation.

Hile said in a statement in the release, “These efforts have been helpful, but they are not enough to address the gap we’re facing. Staffing is our highest ongoing cost and we must make adjustments there to realign with our current revenue.”

The announcement said the cuts will try to minimize impacts on students and use natural attrition, such as not backfilling positions when employees leave.

The district clarified that recent construction projects, such as the expansion of Noblesville High School, are not related to the operating deficit. The construction projects were funded through bonds and loans rather than classroom or referendum dollars. Hile explained that state laws govern how different types of school funding can be spent. “The construction projects were funded by bonds (loans) with no use of classroom or referendum dollars, while current financial challenges are related to ongoing operating expenses for staffing and education. The district is not legally allowed to use funds from one area to cover the other.”

**Noblesville Schools financial highlights**  
**Source: Noblesville Schools website**

• 2026 certified assessed value \$5,625,603,524 (5

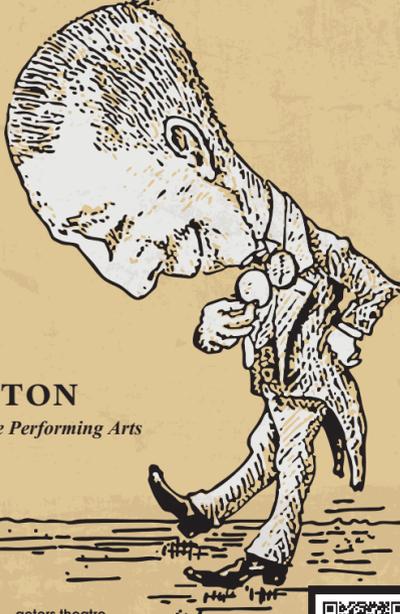
percent increase).

- 2026 property tax rate \$1.2510 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Decreased tax rate for seventh year in a row.
- Credit rating AA.
- Standard and Poor’s credit rating ranks Noblesville Schools as a top four best finance district in the state.
- Debt is structured to have an aggressive payoff.
- Teacher salary range is \$48,000-\$93,000.
- Average daily membership (student count) for fall 2026: 10,104.
- Ten schools and five district buildings, 18 athletic fields, over 2 million building square feet, and 550 acres.

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**AN EVENING WITH JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY**

*You may know his name, but you don't know his story. Join us for An Evening with James Whitcomb Riley and hear how a simple country poet from Greenfield, Indiana became one of the best-selling authors of his time!*



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# FAMILY

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If you’re more of an introvert, that’s okay. Maybe your church family will include two or three people that you regularly sit with. That’s still better than you going to church alone not interacting with others week after week.

While my book focuses on solo church attendees, I

believe building a church family helps families and couples, too. Which leads me back to Nathaniel.

If you’re a church goer and recognize yourself in this column, whether you’re Nathaniel or someone else, I hope you’ll build or grow your church family starting

this week. It will drastically grow your happiness and worship experience.

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

# MYERLY

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Logan Sargent is the son of Carl and Amy Sargent and a senior at Tri-Central High School. He plans to attend either IU Bloomington, Taylor, Indiana-Wesleyan, or Ball State to major in business administration and sports management. He is a multi-sport athlete, playing basketball, baseball, and soccer. He is also an FCA student leader at TCHS, and the Senior Class President.

Noah Walker is a Tipton High School senior and the

son of Patrick and Cecilee Henderson and Jeff and Jill Walker of Tipton. He plans to pursue a degree at a small private institution in elementary education and special education. He is currently a member of the varsity cross country and track and field teams, the Tipton Mayor’s Youth Council, and IU Kokomo’s tomorrow’s teachers’ program.

The 2026 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship applicants were all exceptional in their academics,

as well as their involvement with their schools and community. Congratulations are in order as they finish high school and move on toward furthering their education.

Through philanthropic donor services, strategic grantmaking, and constructive leadership, the Tipton County Foundation, your hometown community foundation, forever unites the gifts of many to serve the causes that matter to all.

**Thanks for reading!**



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### What's happening at Tipton County Public Library?

For more information, go to [TiptonCountyLibrary.org](http://TiptonCountyLibrary.org), call (765) 675-0212, or visit during regular hours.

#### TCPL Creation Station: Valentine's Day Crafts

Spread the love this February at Tipton County Public Library's Creation Station.

Throughout the entire month, drop by to design heartfelt valentines for the special people in your life. Whether you're 5 or 95, all supplies are provided – just bring your creativity and imagination. Create handmade cards, decorations, and more in this free, drop-in program.

No registration is required; stop in during regular library hours. All ages welcome.

#### Read the Romance Collection

The Tipton County Public Library invites readers to fall in love with its romance collection this month. The featured display showcases heartwarming love stories, passionate encounters, and the journeys of characters finding their happily-ever-afters.

From contemporary romances to historical settings, the collection offers engaging reads for anyone captivated by tales of connection, chemistry, and the triumph of love. Whether patrons prefer small-town sweethearts, enemies-to-lovers stories, or epic romantic adventures, the library's selection has something to make everyone's heart flutter.

Visit the library to browse the display in person, or explore the collection online at [bitly.tiptonpl.org/romance](http://bitly.tiptonpl.org/romance).

# U.S. House passes Medal of Honor bill for Major Dockery

#### Submitted by Office of Rep. Victoria Spartz

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 7194, the Nicholas Dockery Medal of Honor Act.

"I want to thank my House colleagues for their unanimous support of the legislation to award the Medal of Honor to Major Nicholas Dockery, a true American hero who grew up in Indiana's 5th District," Congresswoman Victoria Spartz said. "I am very proud of Nick and honored to represent him."

Major Dockery served as a platoon leader in Kunar and Kapisa Provinces, among the most dangerous areas of the Afghanistan conflict. During a patrol, his platoon was ambushed by enemy forces using machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. Under intense fire, Major Dockery repeatedly crossed open ground to rally his soldiers, fought his way to those trapped, and engaged enemy forces to

rescue an unconscious soldier while providing life-saving care.

More than a decade later, the soldiers who served beside him remain united in their belief that his actions that day merit the Medal of Honor. Major Dockery's career includes enlisted service in the Indiana National Guard, graduation from West Point, service as a Green Beret, and selection as a Presidential Leadership Scholar. His awards include two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, the Nininger Award for Valor, the MacArthur Award for Leadership, and the Military Times Soldier of the Year.



Photo provided

Congresswoman Spartz with Major Nicolas Dockery.

This legislation now heads to the Senate for consideration. [Click here](#) to read the full bill text.

## The Cooper House receives \$5K Lilly Scholars Network grant

#### The REPORTER

The Lilly Scholars Network (LSN) has awarded 28 organizations around the state a total of more than \$100,000 in grant funding through the LSN Lead Forward Community Grants (LFCG) program. These grants will support a wide range of community-driven projects led by Lilly Endowment Community Scholars in partnership with local organizations throughout Indiana.

Among those grant projects is The Cooper House's Upstairs Visitation and Playroom Transformation. This project aims to

better support foster care families and will help transform the third-floor space of The Cooper House into a more comfortable and welcoming environment for family visitations. The grant amount is \$5,000, and the scholar partner is Jordan Thomas (2010, Fulton County).

LSN, with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. and guidance from Indiana Humanities, empowers Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to actively engage with their Indiana communities and address various needs to make a positive impact across the state.

#### About the

#### Lilly Scholars Network

Guided by Indiana Humanities and generously supported by Lilly Endowment Inc., the Lilly Scholars Network's (LSN) vision is to cultivate a lifelong community of changemakers dedicated to advancing Indiana's future through impactful leadership and service.

Guided by this vision, the LSN mission is to engage Lilly Scholars with one another, their communities, and Indiana to create positive change across the state and beyond. For more information, visit [LillyScholars.org](http://LillyScholars.org) and [LillyScholars.org/leadforward](http://LillyScholars.org/leadforward).

# Everybody Loves Lasagna

**Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheridan Lasagna Dinner**

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**Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Rd.**

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## Community News

### Phi Beta Psi's Euchre Tournament set for Saturday

It's time for Phi Beta Psi Sorority Sheridan Chapter's annual Euchre Tournament.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at The Studio On Main, 302 S. Main St., Sheridan

Cost to play is \$20, plus \$1's to pay the pig. Snacks are included.

## Perfect date night with Carmel Symphony Orchestra's "Love Letters from Paris: Music from the Heart"

### The REPORTER

Continue your Valentine's Day celebration as the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and United Fidelity Bank present "Love Let-

ters from Paris: Music from the Heart" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Hear romantic heartfelt works including Mozart's "Paris" Symphony, alongside "The Lover" by Jean Sibelius and "Love's Greeting" by Edward Elgar.

Through a stirring performance of Mozart's "Paris," the audience will experience moments of playful surprise and buoyant sophisticated spirit. Closing the evening, Mozart's unique double concerto features a special combination of harp and flute that is sure to set an elegant and romantic mood for your date night.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets, or you can call the Fifth Third Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

### Repertoire: Featuring Conductor Kelly Corcoran

- Jean Sibelius – Rakastava, op.14, "The Lover"

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Symphony No. 31, K. 297, "Paris"

- Edward Elgar – Salut d'amour, op. 12, "Love's Greeting"

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – Concerto for Flute and Harp, K. 299 featuring soloists Tamara Thweatt, flute and Melanie Mashner, harp

### About the CSO soloists Dr. Tamara Thweatt

Flutist Tamara Thweatt has performed across the U.S. and in Europe as a soloist, chamber, and orchestral musician. She serves as Principal Flute with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. Previously, she was Piccolo and



Thweatt



Mashner



Corcoran

3rd Flute of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and has served as guest musician in subscription concerts of the Chicago Symphony, National Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, Detroit Symphony, and Indianapolis Symphony.

As a Fulbright Scholar to England, Thweatt spent a year of intensive study in the studio of Trevor Wye and performed in Fulbright-sponsored recitals in London and Berlin. She recently performed in Jelgava, Latvia, as a musical ambassador for the Carmel.

Dr. Thweatt earned her DMA from the University of Michigan, a Master's degree from Northwestern University and a Bachelor's degree from Florida State University. She is an active contemporary music flutist and has premiered numerous new works.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Dr. Thweatt.

### Melanie Mashner

Harpist Melanie Mashner is Principal Harpist of the CSO, as well as the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra. Additionally, she serves as Personnel Manager for the CSO and maintains a private harp, cello, and piano studio in northern Indianapolis.

As a passionate orchestral musician, Mashner has performed with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Evansville Philharmonic, Virginia Symphony, and Indianapolis Symphony Orchestras, and as a frequent soloist with the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra and Endless Mountain Music Festival in Mansfield, Pa.

Mashner served as Graduate Assistant Instructor in Harp for the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music from 2018 to 2020, where she worked and studied with renowned international concert artists including Florence Sitruk, Susann McDonald, Elizabeth Hainen, and Emile Naumouff. She lived in Vienna, Austria, for six months where she worked with Vienna Philharmonic Harpist, Anneleen Lenaerts, as the Global Leader Award recipient from the National Society of Leadership and Success, and was also a scholarship recipient at the 2018 Bowdoin International Music Festival with renowned harpist June Han.

Mashner was selected as a featured performer in the Orchestral Audition Showcase of the 2022 World Harp Congress in Cardiff, Wales, and holds her MM, BM, and Performer's Certificate from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Melanie Mashner.

### About Conductor Kelly Corcoran

Kelly Corcoran, cel-

ebrated for her insightful and energetic approach to the podium, will guide the orchestra through an exhilarating journey highlighting the timeless relevance and raw passion of these masterworks. Guests will experience the boldness and beauty that define Beethoven and Brahms, as well as the exceptional artistry of the CSO musicians.

An internationally recognized conductor, Corcoran returns to the Palladium to inspire both musicians and audience alike. Known for her expressive interpretations and deep commitment to artistic excellence, Corcoran has led orchestras across North America and Europe. Her passion for connecting audiences with classical music's emotional core will be on full display, promising an evening of unforgettable artistry.

### About United Fidelity Bank

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### About the CSO

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is a company of musicians with roots in the Carmel community dating back to the mid-1920s and fully incorporated as a non-profit in 1976. In 2022, the CSO transitioned from a primarily volunteer ensemble to a fully professional orchestra. The CSO is proud to be a Resident Company of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

The 65-member orchestra of professional musicians performs at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, a 1,500-seat concert hall at the Center. The CSO performs concerts featuring an eclectic repertoire of some of the world's greatest symphonic music and is committed to enhancing our community's quality of life through creative, artistically excellent performances and educational experiences for diverse audiences of all ages.

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# Come fly way with the Great American Crooners

**The REPORTER**

Great American Crooners highlights singers such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Bobby Darin, whose velvety voices and sentimental serenades made them superstars on stage and on screen.

Click here to get your tickets for "Great American Crooners: A Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents Production," part of the BHI Senior Living Songbook Series. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel.



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bie Lee and Shenel Johns, who both have graced Jazz at Lincoln Center's stages, and *Downbeat Magazine's* No. 1 Rising Star Male Vocalist, Benny Benack III. Enjoy incredible true stories about

legendary artists and relive classics like "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Misty," "I Only Have Eyes for You" and "Moon River" in this stylish evening of timeless tunes and world-class talent.

# She L.E.A.D.S. Conference returns to Carmel March 5

*Conference to feature interactive keynote on confidence, presence & leadership*

**Submitted**

The second annual She L.E.A.D.S. conference will take place on Thursday, March 5, at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel, offering a two-part experience focused on leadership development, mentorship, and career exploration.

Presented by Majestic Care and hosted by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, the conference is designed to support professional women while introducing middle school girls to future career paths and leadership opportunities.

Following a strong inaugural year, She L.E.A.D.S. continues to grow as a multi-generational initiative centered on Leadership, Empowerment, Advancement, Development, and Service, with this year's program featuring an interactive keynote and expanded professional development opportunities for learning, mentorship, and confidence-building.

"She L.E.A.D.S. is about women leading with purpose and building networks to help them move forward," Finkam said. "When women can hear honest stories, ask real questions, and connect with one another, they leave with practical takeaways and stronger relationships. And when girls see leadership and different career opportunities up close, it changes how they see themselves and what they believe they can pursue."

The conference is structured in two segments:

**Women's Segment**  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will participate



in professional development opportunities, including a keynote address by a local business owner and personal stylist, panel discussions with community and business leaders and networking sessions.

The keynote, "Styled for Purpose: Confidence, Identity, and the Power of an Intentional Presence," will be delivered by Michele Dieckmeyer, founder of Fringe & Form. Dieckmeyer will explore the connection between confidence, personal presence, and leadership, drawing from her background in healthcare and her work helping women build intentional, professional wardrobes. Prizes and giveaways will be awarded.

**Middle School Girls' Segment**  
4 to 6:30 p.m.

This session features hands-on demonstrations highlighting a range of career paths, including construction, science, technology, digital creation, medicine, and city infrastructure. Students will rotate through short, interactive experiences designed to spark curiosity and build confidence. The session concludes with a welcome from Mayor Finkam and an interactive mini-work-



Finkam

shop focused on confidence, self-presentation, and professional readiness.

Registration is now open. Those who register by Tuesday, Feb. 10 will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$250 gift card and a personal styling session at Fringe & Form, a premier women's clothing boutique in Carmel.

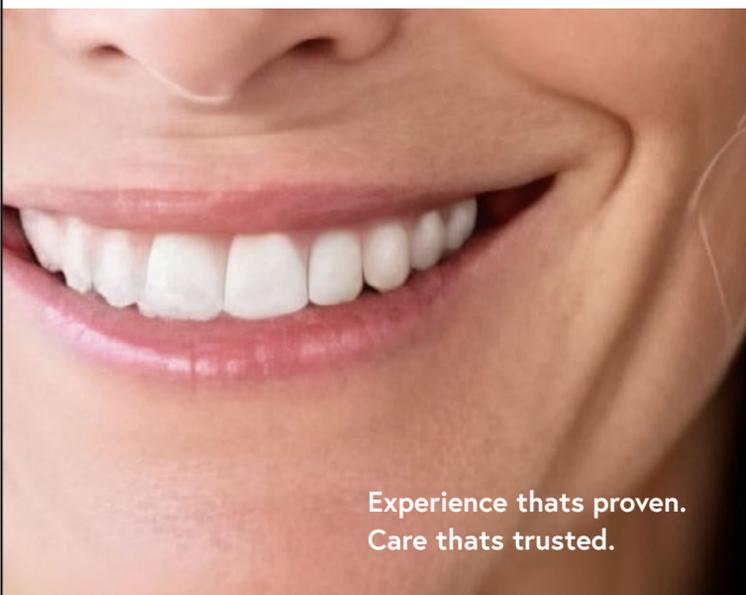
More information and registration details are available at [SheLeadsCarmel.com](http://SheLeadsCarmel.com).

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# Stars & planets can be seen for free IU Kokomo Observatory open house

**The REPORTER**

Jupiter, Saturn, and the winter hexagon of constellations will be the stars of the show at Indiana University Kokomo's free Observatory open house on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Patrick Motl, professor of physics, will begin the open house at 7 p.m. with recent news and updates in astronomy, including new observations of the familiar and long-studied Ring Nebula (M57), which is called a planetary nebula.

"Planetary nebulae form at the end of a sun-like star's life," Motl said. "A hot white dwarf illuminates the stellar remains ejected into space like a neon sign in the sky. Recent observations of M57 have found an elongated region of ionized iron atoms - a very surprising result as sun-like stars are not expected to produce iron through nuclear fusion. Perhaps the iron emission is coming from a disrupted planet that once orbited the

star. Like many results in science, this new study of M57 raises more questions than it answers."

After the presentation, stargazers may be able to see Jupiter, Saturn, and the winter hexagon of constellations through the Observatory's telescopes, weather permitting. They include a six-inch Takahashi refracting telescope and a 16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its larger light-collecting area.

"This is a great time of year to see the Orion Nebula, a beautiful, nearby star-forming region," Motl said.

Observation will continue through 9 p.m., weather permitting.

The Observatory is at 2660 S. Washington St. Free parking is available on campus.

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# From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

## Update No. 166

As we celebrate National School Counseling Week, we pause to recognize the extraordinary impact our school counselors make across Hamilton Heights each day. Their work reaches far beyond scheduling and guidance – they are essential members of our student support team, helping to

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

create learning environments where every child feels safe, encouraged, and equipped to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our counselors walk alongside students as they navigate challenges, discover their strengths, and plan for the future. Their compassion, expertise, and steady presence strengthen

the culture of every building and help shape the overall well-being of our school community.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication and service of our counseling team: Tricia Rudy and Nikki Wert (HHES), Sabrina Duncan and Chelsea Pacheco (HHMS), and April Baugher, Jessi Cantlon, Jason MacLaughlin, and Lori Watson (HHHS).

Your commitment to students and families makes a profound difference – one conversation, one connection, one day at a time.

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We are also celebrating Black History Month. Our school community is committed to creating an inclusive learning environment for all our students, regardless of race or ethnicity. Our students, staff, and community can benefit through culturally relevant teaching, learning, and

activities centered around the rich cultural heritage, achievements, sacrifices, triumphs, and the essential role of African Americans in shaping our country.

Please join us in embracing this opportunity for growth by engaging your children with meaningful conversations about Black History Month at home to better understand and appreciate the countless Black individuals who have given their gifts and their lives in pursuit of a society that is free, just, and equitable for all.

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As we look ahead to School Resource Officer Appreciation Day on Thursday, Feb. 15, we extend our sincere gratitude to our outstanding SRO team: Deputies Josh Ireland, Jon Tindal, and Kevin Neal. Their presence on our campuses reflects far more than security; it represents partner-

ship, trust, and a daily commitment to the well-being of our students and staff.

Our SROs serve as a vital link between Hamilton Heights, local law enforcement, and the broader community. They are visible, approachable, and deeply engaged in school life – helping to maintain a safe environment while also building meaningful relationships that support students' confidence and sense of belonging.

Beyond their protective role, they are mentors, advocates, and steady role models. The connections they form with students and staff leave a lasting imprint, shaping lives in ways that extend far beyond the school day. We are grateful for their dedication, professionalism, and heart for service. Their work strengthens our schools and enriches the experience of every Husky they support.

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If you have a student preparing to begin their journey at Hamilton Heights, mark your calendar for this year's Kindergarten Roundup on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Husky Hangout at the elementary school. Registration opens on Friday, Feb. 20. Our Kindergarten educators provide an exceptional blend of engaging, inspiring, and fun learning experiences that build the foundation for success in school for our littlest Huskies. More information on what you need to do to begin your child's educational journey at Heights can be found at [hhschuskiies.org](https://hhschuskiies.org).

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Thank you for your partnership, involvement, and support as we continue to make this school year a positive and engaging experience for every student.

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## TIPTON COUNTY

Candidates who have filed for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election as of Wednesday, Feb. 4

### U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Steven Avitabile Avit (D)  
J.D. Ford (D)  
Scott A. King (R)  
Jackson Franklin (D)  
Dylan McKenna (D)  
\*Victoria Spartz (R)

### STATE SENATOR

District 21  
\*James (Jim) Buck (R)  
Joseph Kazlas (D)  
Tracey Powell (R)  
Kirsten Root (D)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 38  
Mark Hufford (R)  
Nate Stout (D)  
\*Heath R. VanNatter (R)

### CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 36<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Matthew B. Quigley (R)

### COUNTY ASSESSOR

Shannon Cassons (R)

### COUNTY AUDITOR

Jon DeBaun (R)

### COUNTY CLERK

Brent R. Baird (R)  
Rhiannon Rhi Tansy (D)

### COUNTY SHERIFF

Craig R. Henderson (R)  
Matt Tebbe (D)

### COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Justin K. Clouser (R)

### COUNTY SURVEYOR

Jason R. Henderson (R)

### COUNTY TREASURER

Christy Crawford (R)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1  
Dennis L. Henderson (R)  
Kirk D. Retherford (R)  
Ken Ziegler (D)

### COUNTY COUNCIL

District 2  
Jim Purvis (R)  
C.J. Taylor (R)  
Matthew Terry (D)  
Zack Timm (R)

District 3  
Matthew L. Deckard (R)  
Maureen A. Dougherty (D)  
Janice L. Smith (R)

District 4  
Dan Delong (R)  
Chase Meyncke (D)  
Mike Terry (R)

### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Cicero Township  
Amber R. McLearnan (R)

Jefferson Township  
Jerry L. Larson (R)

Liberty Township  
Paul Kingery (R)

Madison Township  
Chuck Bell (R)

Wildcat Township  
Amanda Tolle (R)

### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Cicero Township (vote for 3)  
Carla Good (R)

Jane F. Harper (R)

Janette Martin (D)

Steve Niblick (R)

George Sullivan-Davis (D)

Jefferson Township (vote for 3)  
Mark S. Boyer (R)

Forrest Frosty Featherstone (R)

Tim Stafford (R)

Liberty Township (vote for 3)  
Layton C. Henderson (R)

Madison Township (vote for 3)  
Taylor Fettig (R)

Mark E. Noble (D)

Wildcat Township (vote for 3)  
Carl R. Colbert (R)

Nicholas Grant (R)

Jeff Lacy (R)

Barry Tolle (R)

### STATE DELEGATE – REPUBLICANS

At Large  
Brent R. Baird

Michael Bollman

Mike Cline

Jason R. Henderson

### STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS

At Large  
Maureen A. Dougherty

Janette Martin

Miguel S. Mike

George Sullivan-Davis

Matthew Terry

### PRECINCT CMTE. – DEMOCRATS

Cicero 2: Tom Frye

Cicero 3: Janette Martin

Cicero 4: Thomas Dolezal

Cicero 6: Matthew Terry

Cicero 7: George Sullivan-Davis

Liberty 1: Linda S. Smeltzer

Jefferson 1: Karen Dell

Prairie 1: Maureen A. Dougherty

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Tracey Powell (R)  
Kirsten Root (D)

### District 25

Tamie Dixon-Tatum (D)  
\*Mike Gaskill (R)  
Todd Shelton (D)

### District 29

V. Roni Ford (R)  
David W. Greene, Sr. (D)

Demetrice Hicks (D)

Kristina Moorhead (D)

John Ruckelshaus (R)

### District 31

Juanita Albright (R)  
Andrew J. Dezelan (D)

Tiffanie Ditlevson (R)

Kerry J. Forestal (D)

Travis Hankins (R)

Lasima O. Packet (D)

Catherine Torzewski (D)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 24  
Racheal Bleicher (D)

\*Hunter Smith (R)

### District 29

Coumba Kebe (D)

\*Alaina Shonkwiler (R)

Devon Wellington (D)

### District 32

\*Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D)

### District 37

\*Todd Huston (R)

Joel Levi (D)

### District 39

Lindsay Gramlich (D)

\*Danny Lopez (R)

### District 88

\*Chris Jeter (R)

Stephanie Jo Yocum (D)

### SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Superior Court No. 3  
Chris Evans (R)

Amy B. Summerfield (R)

Superior Court No. 4  
Chadwick Hill (R)

Angela Brown Swenson (R)

Trampas Alan Whalin (R)

Superior Court No. 5  
\*David K. Najjar

Superior Court No. 8  
Danica L. Eyster

Emily L. Angel Shaw

Superior Court No. 9  
Christopher Barrows

Sarah Shields

Paul C. Sweeney

### COUNTY ASSESSOR

\*Kevin W. Poore (R)

### COUNTY CLERK

Beth Sheller (R)

### COUNTY CORONER

Brad Craig (R)

\*Jeff D. Jellison (R)

### COUNTY PROSECUTOR

\*Josh Kocher (R)

### COUNTY RECORDER

\*Trini Beaver (R)

### COUNTY SHERIFF

Dustin K. Dixon (R)

John Lowes (R)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER

District 1  
\*Christine Altman (R)

### COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1  
Christopher Daniel (D)

\*Tim Griffin (R)

### District 2

Nathan Bullock (D)

\*Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

### District 3

\*Mark F. Hall (R)

### District 4

\*Ken Alexander (R)

Jason E. Frank (D)

### ARCADIA TOWN COUNCIL

District 2  
\*Amanda Engle (R)

District 3  
\*Doug Grishaw (R)

### CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large (vote for 2)  
\*Joe Cox (R)

Harrison J. Massone (R)

### SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large  
\*Daniel A. Bragg (R)

\*Michael Foote (R)

District 1  
Garrett Gossard (R)

District 2  
Heidi Kienholz (R)

District 4  
Andrew R. Porterfield (R)

Terry Thompson (R)

### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Clay Township  
\*Paul D. Hensel (R)

Delaware Township  
\*Deborah Debbie Driskell (R)

Fall Creek Township  
\*Doug Allman (R)

Jackson Township  
\*Robyn Cook (R)

Noblesville Township  
\*Theresa Caldwell (R)

Washington Township  
Jeffery Bledsoe Jr. (D)

\*Jamie Goetz Mills (R)

Wayne Township  
\*Laura McNamara (R)

White River Township  
Lisa Suzanne Flanders (R)

### TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Clay Township (vote for 3)  
\*Paul K. Bolin (R)

David Haboush (R)

Steven Litzelman Nisi (D)

Matthew J. Phelps (D)

Morgan B. Rinehart (R)

Delaware Township (vote for 3)  
Bethann Buddenbaum (D)

Jennifer Dean Chaudhry (D)

\*Rick Fain (R)

\*Kim Logan (R)

\*Marilyn A. Schenkel (R)

Patrick Schooley (D)

Fall Creek Township (vote for 3)  
\*Susan Davis (R)

Diane Eaton (R)

Lynne Goodin (R)

Alex J. Hunt (D)

Nicholas Edward Musselwhite (D)

Mulalo Rikhotso (D)

Joe Weingarten (D)

Jackson Township (vote for 3)  
Kimberly Chance (R)

Elizabeth Fouch (R)

Andre Maue (R)

\*Jeffery S. Roberts (R)

Eric Scherer (R)

Noblesville Township (vote for 3)  
\*Joe Arrowood (R)

Paula Jo Gilliam (D)

Thomas (TJ) Houghtalen Jr. (R)

\*Peggy R. Pfister (R)

\*Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Joe Spangler (R)

Washington Township (vote for 3)  
\*Jim Ake (R)

Bennie Britt (D)

Michael Cardwell (D)

\*Danyeale Easterhaus (R)

\*Erica Strahm (R)

Wayne Township (vote for 3)  
\*Robert Dustin Hiday (R)

\*Joy Sisson Kiskaden (R)

White River Township (vote for 3)  
\*John Dean (R)

\*Edward Trent Gordon (R)

Brian Niec (R)

Jamie Rulon (R)

Paula V. Trowbridge (R)

## CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Letter to the Editor

# Reader says Noblesville should be proud of high school student protestors

Dear Editor:  
I appreciate **Chris Hartig's thoughtful letter** in support of the Noblesville High School students who peacefully exercised their right to protest. It is encouraging to see community members recognize young people not as passive recipients of the world they inherit, but as active participants in shaping it.

Peaceful civic action is not a disruption to education, but an extension of it. When students engage respectfully with complex, real-world issues, they are practicing critical thinking, empathy, and democratic participation. These are skills our schools strive to cultivate.

Regardless of individual viewpoints on immigration policy, it is important to acknowledge that these issues affect *real families* within our community. The students who marched did so with care and intention, modeling civil discourse and compassion – values that strengthen both our schools and our city.

Noblesville should be proud of young people who are learning how to raise their voices peacefully, thoughtfully, and with respect for others. Encouraging this kind of engagement helps ensure a more informed, empathetic, and resilient community for all.

**Jessica Garten Vandergraaf**  
Noblesville

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# Indiana's fiscal discipline delivers \$676M surplus, low debt & AAA Credit

Submitted by **Office of Comptroller Elisa Nieshalla**

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla released the 2025 State of Indiana's Financial Report, summarizing key findings from the audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the official accounting of state finances for fiscal year 2025.



Nieshalla

year-end surplus was only six cents, a contrast that underscores the impact of structural reforms and sustained fiscal discipline.

As one of only 13 states to hold a AAA credit rating from all three major rating agencies, Indiana's net tax supported debt also declined again this year, falling from \$186 per capita last year to \$169 this year.

**Highlights of the 2025 Financial Report**

- \$26.4 billion in General Fund revenue (up 6.8 percent from fiscal 2024)
- \$676 million year end surplus
- \$2.5 billion in reserves (11 percent of General Fund expenditures)
- \$33.5 billion net position
- AAA credit rating reaffirmed by Fitch, Moody's, and S&P
- Fourth-lowest debt per capita state in the nation

"Providing financial transparency is essential, and I'm also excited to announce the Indiana Transparency Portal will expand this year with a new federal funds dashboard, making it easier for Hoosiers to see how those dollars are spent," Nieshalla said.

The State Comptroller's Office has achieved 32 consecutive years of recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting.

The 2025 State of Indiana's Financial Report is available [here](#). Explore the Indiana Transparency Portal [here](#).

"Commonsense fiscal leadership over two decades continues to reap rewards for Indiana as we have the fourth-lowest debt per capita among states, well funded pensions, healthy cash reserves and a AAA credit rating," Nieshalla said. "We have become a long-term, reliable model of fiscal responsibility."

State general revenues totaled \$26.4 billion in fiscal 2025, a 6.8 percent increase over the prior year, and income tax revenues rose 6.9 percent, even as income tax rate reductions continue. Total revenues reached \$53.8 billion, while expenses were \$51.9 billion, fulfilling the state's constitutionally bound duty to maintain a balanced budget.

Indiana's net position grew to \$33.5 billion in fiscal 2025, a key measure of long term financial stability that reflects the strength of our balance sheet. The fiscal year closed with a \$676 million surplus and \$2.5 billion in reserves, the latter of which is equal to 11 percent of State General Fund expenditures. Just over 20 years ago, the

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- Clay 2: Cynthia Henry
- Clay 12: Jessica Irvine
- Clay 23: Dawn Sparks
- Clay 24: Erin Retif
- Clay 28: Edwin Russell
- Clay 31: Deborah Pickett
- Clay 40: Mindi Epstein
- Clay 47: Amber Davis
- Clay 48: Beth Sprunger
- Clay 49: Jessica Griffith Cortwright
- Clay 51: Mark Taber
- Clay 55: Lawrence McCormack
- Clay 56: Darlene Mundy Dimmer
- Clay 57: Sarah Ogren
- Clay 65: Catherine Patterson
- Clay 68: Annette Gross
- Delaware 5: Amy Klodzen, Justin D. Switzer
- Delaware 6: Greg Goodnight
- Delaware 8: Ronald F. Crawford
- Delaware 9: Sara Schmitt
- Delaware 19: Bill Stuart
- Delaware 20: Judy Delp
- Fall Creek 1: Barbara A. Jenkins
- Fall Creek 2: Lisa Olivero
- Fall Creek 16: Glen D. Kemery
- Fall Creek 23: Mary Dankoski
- Fall Creek 24: Mani Subramaniam
- Fall Creek 25: Jasmine Jackson, Sarah Renfro
- Fall Creek 33: Deetta Steinmetz
- Fall Creek 47: Natasha Retz
- Jackson 6: Dorcia Bradley
- Noblesville 2: Jeffrey Nickloy
- Noblesville 9: Christopher Hartig
- Noblesville 16: Carson M. Piedmonte
- Noblesville 18: Daryl Cobranchi
- Noblesville 20: Sarah Elizabeth Fix
- Noblesville 27: Julia Ann Resler
- Noblesville 29: Brian S. Jonasen
- Sheridan 1: Kirsten Root
- Sheridan 3: Cheryl L. Popiela
- Sheridan 4: Pam Williams
- Wayne 1: Mary Frischkorn-Meza
- Wayne 5: Amber McKibbin
- Wayne 7: James (Jim) Harter
- Westfield 3: David M. Garcia
- Westfield 4: Shelly A. Brown
- Westfield 5: Axel J. Sundling
- Westfield 6: Kim Qian
- Westfield 8: Evelyn J. Davis
- Westfield 10: Amy Christmas
- Westfield 12: Matt McNally
- Westfield 14: Andrew D. Kauffman
- Westfield 18: Dwayne Lewis
- Westfield 19: Melissa Auciello-Brogan
- Westfield 20: Jacquelyn Grigg
- Westfield 24: Elizabeth H. Anderson
- Westfield 25: Bennie Britt
- Westfield 26: Rhonda Ann Cardwell
- Westfield 28: Philip E. Gidley
- Westfield 31: Charles Casey Miller-Brock
- Westfield 33: Brandee L. Easterday
- Westfield 34: Cheryl L. Austin
- Westfield 35: Tracy M. Wheeler

**STATE DELEGATE – DEMOCRATS**

**Adams Township (vote for 6)**

- Cheryl L. Popiela
- Kirsten Root
- Pam Williams

**Clay Township (vote for 40)**

- Kirk Boller
- Sharon Boller
- Robert J. Bonner
- Ben Boyce
- Andrea A. Burnett
- William Clontz
- Jason Cookson
- Christopher Daniel
- Amber Davis
- Deborah K Dean
- Darlene Mundy Dimmer
- Robert Draper
- Sara Draper
- Karen H. Elliott
- Mindi Epstein
- Pam Fischer
- Lindsay Gramlich
- James A. Grimes
- Annette Gross
- Cynthia Henry
- Sandra Hoy
- Jessica Irvine
- Cynthia Johnson
- Grace Johnston
- Mary F. Kinietz-Boyden
- Elizabeth S. Kinn
- Sarah Koch
- Kirsten D. Kowalewski
- Michele S. Lassaux-Harlan
- Kathleen Gallagher Liddy
- Rebekah Martin
- Lawrence McCormack
- Susan Mills
- Marcia Molenda
- Annalise Moore
- Stacy Moore
- Kristina Moorhead
- Steven Litzelman Nisi
- Sarah Ogren
- Catherine Patterson
- Deborah Pickett
- Zach Phillips
- Stephen K. Ring
- Susan Kelly Ring
- David Rosenthal
- Edwin Russell
- Beth Sprunger
- Elizabeth Stippler
- Beverly Thornburg
- Jean M. Upton
- Judith A. Weitzman

**Delaware Township (vote for 20)**

- Nancy Arce
- Ronald F. Crawford
- Judy Delp
- Michelle Eli
- Amy Klodzen
- Lasima O. Packett
- Litsi Plonski
- Ross Reinhardt
- Diana W. Rigsbee
- Bill Stuart
- Alexander J. Waclawik

**Fall Creek Township (vote for 20)**

- Sarah Arbuckle
- Patricia Trish Biggs
- Samantha R. Chapman
- Daniel R. Cooper
- Nancy Kuehl Coughlin
- Mary Coyle
- Jeb Stuart Cox
- Eric Crouse
- Jane B. Crouse
- Mary Dankoski
- Wanda Riesz Duchnowski
- Danielle Estridge
- Sonia Ivy Fuller
- Janis Kaye Hinchcliff
- Tally Loper
- Dylan Zachary Noble
- Lisa Olivero
- Mulalo Rikhotso
- Amanda R. Slonaker
- Deetta Steinmetz
- Mani Subramaniam
- Joe Weingarten

**Jackson Township (vote for 6)**

- Dorcia Bradley
- John Bradley

**Noblesville Township (vote for 20)**

- Jennifer Bishop
- Kathleen A. Boyle
- Michelle Clarke
- Diane E. Evans
- Sarah Elizabeth Fix
- James Foote
- Angie K. Foreman
- Paula Jo Gilliam
- Lori C. Hand
- Christopher Hartig
- Riley Issacs
- Brian S. Jonasen
- Sandra Kaufman Jonasen
- Coumba Kebe
- Debra Marcum
- Joseph Marcum

- Douglas May
- Jennifer Midkiff
- Jeffrey Nickloy
- Christian Renner
- David S. Resler II
- Julia Ann Resler
- Michele A. Tharp-Taylor
- Roger W. Tharp-Taylor
- Jessica Garten Vandergraaf
- David R. Wellington
- Devon Wellington

**Washington Township (vote for 20)**

- Elizabeth H. Anderson
- Melissa Auciello-Brogan
- Cheryl L. Austin
- Nicholas Harrison Bayh
- Racheal Bleicher
- Bennie Britt
- Rhonda Ann Cardwell
- Amy Christmas
- Stacy Collins
- Emily M. Cook
- Alyssa Crawford-Paree
- Gabriel Crawford-Paree
- Evelyn J. Davis
- Brandee L. Easterday
- Natalie K. Fonte
- David M. Garcia
- Philip E. Gidley
- Robert (Bob) Hewitt
- James Hiatt
- Gabrial Hohnke
- Kirk King
- Karen Klutzke
- Jennifer Ann Kocolowski
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- Clay 1 (vote for 5)**
- Gary Duncan
- Fred Glynn
- Timothy M. Hensel
- Alexander T. Stencel
- Clay 2 (vote for 5)**
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- Robert W. Bowser III
- Brad Craig
- Thomas P. Dakich
- Andrew Flittner
- Stephanie Flittner
- Will A. Haines
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- Edison Gene Perry
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- Patricia Bratton
- Robin Clark
- Lisa Elmore
- Diane Frantz
- Diane Gomez
- Roxy Morgan
- Camille Svihlik
- Charles Svihlik
- Rich Taylor
- Clay 4 (vote for 5)**
- Rob Brown
- Raju Chinthala
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- Carl Mills
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- Cynde Vits

**Delaware 2 (vote for 5)**

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- Diane Eaton
- Dawn Lang
- Angela Morris
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- Ellen Cortrecht
- Tim Cortrecht
- Mike Davis
- Lisa D. Hall
- Mark F. Hall
- Dana D. Webster
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- Scott A. Baldwin
- Susan Beckwith
- Ashley Jasinski
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- Amy Lindquist
- Graham Louhead
- Stu Rhodes
- Beth Sheller
- Emily Daniels Spaulding
- Martin Strother

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- Timothy Enyart
- Mike Neal
- Kate Healey Snedeker
- Washington 2 (vote for 5)**
- Matt Dooley
- Richard (Rich) J. Hardcastle Jr.
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**Thanks for reading!**

# Indiana Democratic Party mourns passing of former Congressman Lee Hamilton

## Submitted by Indiana Democratic Party

Indiana Democratic Party Chair Karen Tallian released the following statement on Wednesday, Feb. 4 on the passing of former Congressman Lee Hamilton:

"Our hearts are heavy today as we mourn the loss of a giant in Hoosier Democratic politics. Former Congressman Lee Hamilton had a tremendous impact on our state and our country, served Southern Indiana as a champion for working families, and shaped foreign policy in Congress for decades. Our thoughts are with the family of Congressman Hamilton and the entire Southern Indiana Democratic community.

"Rep. Hamilton's legacy of service continues to reverberate, and his leadership continues to be a shining example of how legislators should serve their constituents in Congress. He exemplified public service in his responsiveness and ability to work across the aisle, even on the most important issues. Through his work on the Iran-contra scandal, the 9/11 Commission, and the Iraq Study Group, Rep. Hamilton fought so the American people would always have a transparent look at their government.

"It may be impossible to fill the shoes that Rep.

Hamilton walked in, but his legacy has never been more important at a time when political divides continue to grow. May we carry on Rep. Hamilton's vision of leadership that isn't afraid of working across the aisle, even when it may be politically inconvenient."

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In addition to the statement from Chair Tallian, Ninth District Democratic Party Chair Adam Dickey also released the following statement:

"Today we are deeply saddened by the loss of our friend and mentor, former Congressman Lee H. Hamilton. His accomplishments – whether in the halls of Congress, in the world of foreign affairs and international relations, as a lawyer and in civic life, or as a scholar and academic – will long be celebrated and serve to illustrate the model of a true American Statesman. He was a defining figure in Indiana politics and specifically for our 9th Congressional District and Democratic Party.

"But Lee's most profound impact will always be as a friend and mentor, and I am proud to have been blessed to call him both. Whether as a young kid witnessing his care and concern for others, as a role model

instructing our system of



Lee Hamilton  
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governance, or as a mentor who would help navigate political opportunities and challenges, he never lost sight of what truly matters – the bond we share to each other.

"Whether as a confidant to presidents or a mentor to those of us here at home, Lee genuinely cared for those he served and worked to make our world a better place. Indeed, it is fitting that one of my last contacts with him in the past few months was to arrange an opportunity for him to mentor young leaders just starting their path as community servants.

"I and our party extend our deepest sympathies to the Hamilton family, as well as his extended family and friends during this difficult time."

# Gov. Braun orders flags lowered to half-staff in honor of former U.S. Representative Lee Hamilton

## Submitted by Office Gov. Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun has directed flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of former U.S. Representative Lee Hamilton, who died on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Representative Hamilton served Indiana's 9th Congressional District from 1965 to 1999.

"Indiana mourns the passing of Lee Hamilton, a man whose life embodied integrity, civility, and public service," Gov. Braun said. "We extend our prayers to his family and honor his legacy of

servicing Hoosiers."

Braun has ordered flags to be lowered statewide at all state facilities immediately until sunset on the day of his internment, which will be shared once public. He encourages all Hoosiers to help honor Hamilton by lowering flags to half-staff at their homes and businesses.



Braun

# Sen. Young: "Indiana lost a giant"

## Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senator Todd Young released this statement on X on Wednesday, Feb. 4, on the passing of former Congressman Lee Hamilton.

"Indiana lost a giant today. Lee Hamilton was a statesman, a respected voice

on national security, and a strong advocate for Hoosiers. He was also a friend, an insightful writer, and a unique voice on the institution of Congress.

"My deepest condolences to Lee's family and loved ones as they celebrate his remarkable life."



Young

# Former Senator & Ambassador Joe Donnelly mourns the passing of Lee Hamilton

## Submitted

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, former United States Senator for Indiana and former Ambassador to the Holy See Joe Donnelly released the following statement on the passing of former Congressman Lee Hamilton.

"All Hoosiers mourn the loss of Congressman Lee Hamilton. He was a giant in our country, and made our nation a wiser, stronger, and kinder place. Lee Hamilton was a mentor to me when I served in Congress, and he also touched the lives

of thousands of people while he was at Indiana University. He always gave of himself to others.

"My family's sympathies go out to the Hamilton family. Congressman Lee Hamilton was a great American, a proud Hoosier, and we know he is with his wife Nancy in the arms of a loving God."



Donnelly



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# Red Cross: 20,000 donations uncollected due to winter storms

**The REPORTER**

The American Red Cross urges people to take action now to help offset the severe impact of recent winter storms on efforts to rebuild the blood supply during an ongoing blood shortage. Donors of all blood types are asked to make a blood or platelet donation appointment as soon as possible.

Over 500 blood drives have been canceled since the beginning of the year, causing more than 20,000 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. In the Indiana Region, 33 blood drives have been affected, with 829 blood product donations going uncollected. In addition to the disruption of blood drives, dangerous weather conditions have also made



**American Red Cross**

it tougher to transport vital blood products, which could potentially affect deliveries to hospitals in some locations.

Patient care is at risk, so donors in unaffected areas are asked to book an appointment to give blood or platelets now by using the Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Those in areas facing extreme winter weather are asked to give when it's safe to do so.

All who come to give through Feb. 28 will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Heart](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Heart) for details.

**Upcoming donation opportunities**

**Carmel**

- Feb. 9 from noon to 5 p.m., Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St.
- Feb. 18 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 W. Main St.
- Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Delta Faucet, 55 E. 111th St.

**Fishers**

- Feb. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m., Billericay Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road
- Feb. 12 from 1 to 6 p.m., IU Health Fishers, 13100 E. 136th St.
- Feb. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun King Brewing, 9713 District North Drive, Suite 1220

**Noblesville**

All blood drives will be held at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center, 14765 Hazel Dell Crossing, Suite 700

- Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- Feb. 11 from noon to 6:15 p.m.
- Feb. 12 from noon to 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- Feb. 17 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
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- Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- Feb. 25 from noon to 6:15 p.m.
- Feb. 26 from noon to 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**Westfield**

- Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ascension St. Vincent YMCA, 874 Virginia Rose Ave.

**Zionsville**

- Feb. 19 from noon to 6 p.m., Security Federal Savings Bank, 10880 N. Michigan Road

**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**MIRIAM AND AARON OPPOSE MOSES**

*At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you." So the three of them went out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words:*

*"When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.*

*But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house.*

*With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord.*

*Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"*

*The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.*

*Numbers 12:4-9 (NIV)*

**Meeting Notices**

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2026.

The Board of Finance will meet at 2 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 2:05 p.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Note: The public session start time of 2 p.m. may have a delayed start due to an extended executive session.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom / Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to [PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com).

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## Time change: let's try the shot clock

Your views can evolve over time.

Mine certainly have. That includes a topic that might change how Indiana high school basketball games are played next season.

Kyle Neddenriep of the *Indianapolis Star* reported last week that shot clocks might be coming to Indiana games next season. After the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association announced the results of a survey that said 68 percent of coaches polled favored a shot clock, a proposal will go before the IHSAA at its Feb. 20 executive committee meeting for a 35-second shot clock.

The IHSAA will consider the IBCA's proposal at its May 4 board of directors meeting. Since Indiana is very, um, passionate about high school ball, there have been opinions.

### What others are saying

The Kouts Twitter/X basketball account (@MustangBasketb1) replied to Neddenriep's post and disagreed with the need for a shot clock. "We are not AAU, so let teams find a way to compete when they are underdogs," the account said.

That led to a response from Jim Reamer, the owner of the basketball news website courtsideindiana.com and one of the more knowledgeable people about Indiana basketball.

Reamer has been supportive of a shot clock for years. "It eliminates a lot of late game fouling, improving the end of games," he said. "No one enjoys teams fouling with [two to three] minutes to go."

Andrew Smith, the sports media director for New Palestine High School and a former girls coach, said he wasn't in favor. Smith said no clock "allows teams with good ballhandlers to be able to match up against a bigger, faster, team," although he did acknowledge that it prevents teams from "sitting on a lead and taking [one to two] minutes off per possession."

"If I'm down three with a minute to go, with no clock, I likely have to foul," said Smith. "With a clock, I can play defense because we know we're getting a possession back."

### What I think

The topic of shot clocks

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Sports Editor

has been around for a while. About 10 years ago, if someone had asked me about using shot clocks, I would've been a hard "No." I simply didn't think it was necessary, and I was concerned about the

cost of purchasing them. We'll get to that in a second.

But as time has gone on, I have softened my view. The main reason is because of what Smith mentioned: teams sitting on a lead and passing the ball around to eat up the game clock. I've seen teams do that with a lead of less than five points – make a basket, get the ball back and play keep-away until the final buzzer.

Is that within the rules? Yes. But does it make for compelling basketball? Not really. As Reamer noted, at that point the losing team's only option is to foul, and it's not much fun to watch the final two minutes of a game become 10 minutes because of endless free throws.

So, let's give shot clocks a try. I've noticed that several of our big schools already have shot clocks, so they will be ready if and when the clocks are approved.

Now, there are two logistical hurdles to overcome. The first one, as I mentioned before, is obvious: shot clocks are expensive. The Daktronics website lists a pair of game time shot clocks – a combo version – at over \$5,000. If shot clocks are mandated, there should be some financial compensation available for schools that have a limited budget.

Then there is the matter of personnel. You will need someone to operate the shot clock. I don't think this is an issue, though – you're paying someone to push a few buttons on a control pad. I'm certain that schools can find someone capable of that complicated task.

Adding shot clocks will take some getting used to, but they might make basketball in Indiana better in the long run. They also could make the game more fun – and shouldn't that still be the main point of high school sports?

*Richie Hall has covered high school sports for more than 25 years, 18 of those years in Hamilton County. You can email him at sports@readthereporter.com.*

## Gymnastics

# Nobbe breaks Millers' beam record at Plymouth

### The REPORTER

Noblesville gymnast Hailey Nobbe broke a quarter-century old record on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Nobbe put together an outstanding balance beam routine for the Millers when they competed at the Plymouth Invitational. The junior scored 9.60 on the event, easily breaking the old record of 9.35, which was set in 2001.

Nobbe and fellow junior Valorey Bittles led Noblesville to a fourth-place finish at Plymouth with a team score of 103.00.

Bittles finished second in the all-around, scoring 35.70. She was the runner-up in the vault event (9.35) and took sixth on the uneven bars (8.30), in addition to scoring 9.20 on beam and 8.85 in the floor exercise.

Nobbe was a close third in the all-around, totaling 35.50. She finished third on the beam and fourth on the bars (8.70), also earning scores of 8.65 on floor and 8.60 on the vault.

Vera Deichman and Emmerson Leckrone both scored 30.60 for their all-arounds. Leckrone scored 8.45 on vault, 8.05 on beam, 7.65 on floor and 6.45 on bars. Deichman's scores were 8.00 on vault, 7.90 on

floor, 7.35 on bars and 7.35 on beam.

### Home victory

The Millers returned home to Hollywood Cheer and Tumble on Tuesday to compete in a three-team meet with Edgewood and New Palestine.

Noblesville won the meet with a score of 101.125. All four of their gymnasts finished in the top six in the all-around, with Bittles the winner by scoring 36.025.

Bittles won three individual events. She totaled 9.325 on floor, 9.025 on vault and 9.00 on bars.

Nobbe took third in the all-around, placing second on bars and floor and third on vault.

Deichman placed fifth in the all-around, with a sixth-place finish on beam. Leckrone was sixth in the all-around, taking third on floor and fifth on vault.

Shelby Sacerich won the junior varsity with an all-around score of 22.325.

Complete scores now follow.

**All-around:** Valorey Bittles 36.025, Hailey Nobbe 32.675, Vera Deichman 31.225, Emmerson Leckrone 31.15, Phoenix Rollins 26.125, Lilly Martin 23.425, Shelby Sacerich 22.325.



Photo provided  
Noblesville's Hailey Nobbe set a new Millers school record score of 9.60 on the balance beam during the Plymouth Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 31.

**Vault:** Bittles 9.025, Nobbe 8.675, Deichman 7.60, Leckrone 6.75, Nobbe 6.525, Rollins 6.30, Martin 5.70, Sacerich 5.475.

**Uneven bars:** Bittles 9.00, Nobbe 8.35, Deichman 7.15, Leckrone 6.95, Rollins 4.60, Sacerich 3.925, Martin 3.275.

**Balance beam:** Bittles 9.60, Nobbe 9.60, Deichman 8.425, Rollins 7.625, Martin 7.00, Sacerich 5.625.

## Boys Basketball

# Blazers comeback falls short against Lions

### The REPORTER

Tuesday night at Liberty Christian the University boys were facing a double-digit fourth-quarter deficit for the second time in two nights. The Trailblazers again staged a furious rally, but unlike Monday night when they scored a buzzer-beating win over Bishop Chatard, the University comeback fell short and University fell to Liberty Christian 69-65.

The contest with Liberty Christian was to decide the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference (PAAC) North Division championship and it lived up to the billing.

The first half of the game was a back-and-forth affair with neither team leading by more than two possessions. The opening 16 minutes saw eight ties and four lead changes. A pair of Faisal Mohamud

free throws with 16 seconds left in the half gave University a 30-28 halftime lead. Mohamud had seven first half points with Josh Henderson leading the Blazers in first half scoring with 11 points, including making seven for seven free throws.

University stretched their lead to 36-30 early in the third quarter on a pair of Mohamud baskets sandwiched around a driving bucket by Henderson. The Lions charged back to take a 41-40 lead with 3:10 left in the quarter before Mohamud made two free throws to put University back in front 42-41. 5-11 senior Noah Cortez sparked the Trailblazers with a tip in basket and a three pointer from the left wing for a 47-41 lead. After a pair of Liberty Christian foul shots, Mohamud gave University their largest lead of

the night at 50-43 with 1:00 on the clock. The Lions answered with a banked three pointer and a foul shot off of an offensive rebound to cut the University lead to 50-47 at the end of third quarter.

Liberty Christian ran its scoring streak to 14 in a row by scoring the first ten points of the fourth quarter. Cooper Cammack broke the University scoring drought with a basket at the 3:55 mark. The Lions stretched their lead to 63-53 with three minutes remaining and still led 66-57 with less than a minute on the clock.

Peter Morales made a three pointer from the left wing with 55 seconds left to give University hope for a comeback. After a pair of missed Lions foul shots, Henderson made two free throws with 39 seconds left to cut the lead to 66-

62. Liberty Christian's Kendrick Martin made a foul shot with 29 seconds before Josh McGee's three pointer from the right wing got University within 67-65. The Lions' Tywayne Fuller sealed the victory with a pair of free throws.

Henderson led the Trailblazers with 19 points. Mohamud had 16 and McGee 10.

University had no answer for Martin. The 6-3 junior poured in a game high 31 points. Fuller and Monte Dillard had 11 each for the Lions.

Liberty Christian finished 3-0 in the PAAC North and will play at Park Tudor for the PAAC championship on Feb. 13. University falls to 11-4 overall and 2-1 in the PAAC North. The Trailblazers will play at Shortridge in the third-place PAAC game on Feb. 13.

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## Wrestling

# Boys regionals are Saturday

## The REPORTER

The second step of the IHSAA boys wrestling state tournament takes place Saturday with the regional round.

Five county teams will compete at North Montgomery after qualifying out of the Frankfort sectional. Westfield won the team championship at Frankfort on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Carmel qualified 12 wrestlers into the regional, with Hamilton Southeastern advancing 10. The Shamrocks and Fishers both sent nine wrestlers to the regional, with Sheridan's Alexander Cravens also qualifying.

The other three county teams will participate in the Pendleton Heights regional. Noblesville dominated the Elwood sectional, winning with 327.5 points and qualifying all 14 of its wrestlers out to Pendleton Heights.

Hamilton Heights qualified six wrestlers to the regional, with Guerin Catholic advancing four.

Both regionals start at 9 a.m. Live results for North Montgomery can be found [here](#), while the Pendleton Heights live scoring can be found [here](#).

IndianaMat.com released its final set of state rankings on Friday, Jan. 30, just prior to sectionals across the state. Here is a list of ranked wrestlers from Hamilton County.

**106 pounds:** 1. Connor Maddox, Westfield, 14. Nolan Culp, Hamilton Southeastern, 25. Henry Antrobus, Noblesville.

**113 pounds:** 12. Brayden

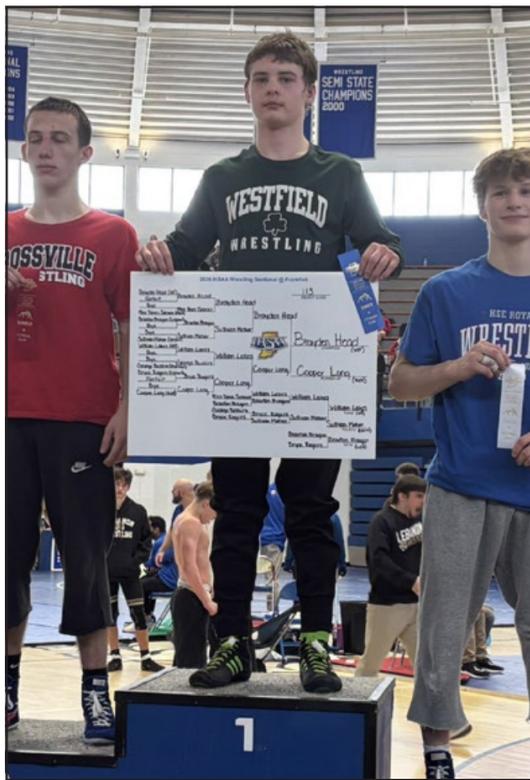


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**Westfield's Brayden Head won the 113-pound sectional championship at the Frankfort sectional on Saturday, Jan. 31. Head is ranked No. 12 in the class in the final set of IndianaMat.com state rankings.**

Head, Westfield.

**120 pounds:** 19. Seth Lamb, Fishers.

**126 pounds:** 16. Brody Weimer, Noblesville.

**132 pounds:** 22. Zach Nekolite, Noblesville.

**138 pounds:** 29. Parker Culp, Hamilton Southeastern.

**144 pounds:** 22. Isaac Suddarth, Noblesville.

**150 pounds:** 15. Simon Kuhn, Hamilton Heights.

**157 pounds:** 25. Dylan

Lane, Hamilton Southeastern.

**165 pounds:** 3. Aidan Kincaide, Noblesville, 21. Cohen Davis, Hamilton Southeastern.

**175 pounds:** 30. Evan Nicholls, Noblesville.

**190 pounds:** 23. Camden Funk, Fishers.

**215 pounds:** 2. Julian Burgett, Fishers.

**285 pounds:** 25. AW Vankirk, Hamilton Southeastern, 28. Jackson Apple, Noblesville.

## Commemorative milk bottles, cartons return for 2026 Indy 500

### Submitted by IMS

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, American Dairy Association Indiana and the Prairie Farms Family of Companies once again are collaborating to bring Indianapolis 500-branded single-serve milk bottles and cartons to fans across 20 states.

More than 25,000 retailers across North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama will be stocked with single-serve milk bottles celebrating five winners of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The commemorative bottles will be available in both the Prairie Farms and Hiland brands in their respective markets. Bottle styles may vary by region.

"Much like racing, dairy farming is built on early mornings, precision and resilience—values rooted in a shared pursuit of excellence that make the Indianapolis 500 and its iconic milk celebration a natural fit," said Jenni Browning, CEO of the American Dairy Association Indiana, which represents Indiana dairy farmers.

Each milk type will feature a different Indy 500 winner, allowing fans to collect them all. Fans who collected bottles last year will notice all-new designs and featured drivers:

- 2 percent reduced-fat milk features back-to-back winner Josef Newgarden (2023, 2024)

- Whole vitamin D milk features defending winner



Graphic provided

Alex Palou (2025)

- Premium chocolate milk features 2016 Indy winner Alexander Rossi

- 1 percent low fat chocolate milk features 2008 Indy winner Scott Dixon

- Premium strawberry milk features four-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves (2001, 2002, 2009, 2021)

These single-serve bottles will be in retail locations beginning March 1.

In addition to the collectible single-serve bottles, approximately 200 million half-pint cartons decorated with a graphic in celebration of Winners Drink Milk are being distributed to schools throughout the same states now.

"The Prairie Farms Family of Companies is proud to partner with IMS and ADAI again this year," said Matt McClelland, CEO and executive vice president of Prairie Farms Dairy. "Not only does this partnership allow us to celebrate this iconic tradition in retail stores and schools, but it also gives us the opportunity to recognize the commitment and dedication of our farmer owners."

"Fans loved the commemorative milk bottles last year, and many attempted to collect all five," said INDYCAR and IMS President J. Douglas Boles. "These milk bottles and

cartons allow our fans to be a part of the Race Day excitement and celebrate like an Indy 500 winner—with a cold drink of milk."

An ice-cold bottle of milk after 500 miles of racing is one of the most iconic celebrations in all sports. The tradition of drinking milk after winning the Indianapolis 500 dates back to 1936, when Louis Meyer, an avid drinker of buttermilk, requested a bottle after winning his third Indy 500. As the story goes, a dairy industry executive saw the newsreel footage of the iconic moment and requested milk be made available to the winner of each Indianapolis 500 thereafter.

These days, buttermilk is no longer offered as an option. All 33 drivers entered in the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge submit their milk preference to the Dairy Association in advance. They can choose between whole milk, 2 percent reduced fat milk or skim milk. Whole milk is the most popular choice, but there are some drivers that still request buttermilk in honor of Meyer.

The 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 24. Tickets are on sale at [IMS.com](#) or by calling or visiting the IMS Ticket Office.

## Boys Basketball

## Huskies get tough win at KIPP Legacy

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team took a mid-week trip to the north side of downtown Indianapolis on Wednesday. KIPP Indy Legacy is in just its sixth season as a program and second year of being eligible for the state tournament.

The Huskies escaped downtown Indianapolis with a grinding 60-49 win over the host Pride.

The Pride got up on Heights 13-10 through one quarter.

Heights fought back in the second to tie the game 26-26 at halftime.

The third was another tight period, fending off KIPP 17-14 for a 43-40 advantage.

The Huskies got some breathing room in the fourth to finish off the Pride, outscoring the home team 17-9 to come away with the 11-point win.

The victory is the ninth

consecutive for Heights and brings their overall record to 9-7. Hamilton Heights hosts the Winchester Falcons (9-8) at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

The Huskies were led by three in double figures. Rees Knapp led the way with 15 points and four rebounds, Jackson Mikesell had 13 with eight boards and Jack Kakauleff chipped in with 12 and four assists. Caleb Sullivan also scored eight and had five rebounds.

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# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Men's Basketball

# Thompson, McGlothan set to represent Boom at NBA All-Star 2026

### Thursday, Feb. 5

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Lawrence North at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Mt. Vernon, 7:30 p.m.  
Sheridan at Herron, 7:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMS

University at Lafayette Jefferson, 5:30 p.m.  
Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel, 6 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 6

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS

Sectional 8 at Carmel  
Carmel vs. Zionsville, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:45 p.m.  
Sectional 42 at Park Tudor  
Monrovia vs. Riverside-Park Tudor, 6 p.m.  
University vs. Covenant Christian-Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 7

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Alexandria, 1:30 p.m.  
Center Grove at Noblesville, 2:30 p.m.  
Heritage Christian at University, 2:30 p.m.  
Winchester at Hamilton Heights, 2:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Culver Academies, 7:30 p.m.

#### BOYS WRESTLING REGIONALS

Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at North Montgomery, 9 a.m.  
Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 9 a.m.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL SECTIONALS

Sectional 8 at Carmel  
Championship, 7 p.m.  
Sectional 42 at Park Tudor  
Championship, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Feb. 10

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Indpls. Metropolitan at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
New Palestine at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
University at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 13

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Fishers at Center Grove, 7:30 p.m.  
Harrison at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Sheridan at Carroll, 7:30 p.m.  
University at Pioneer Conference playoff game, 7:30 p.m. at Shortridge

### Saturday, Feb. 14

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Avon at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.  
Lebanon at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
Maconaquah at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to [sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com).

### The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, announced today that two-way guard Ethan Thompson and forward Gabe McGlothan have been selected to participate in multiple events during NBA All-Star 2026.

Thompson, in his fifth season, will make his second appearance in the NBA G League Next Up Game presented by AT&T. He is averaging career highs of 26.6 points, 6.0 rebounds and 5.9 assists per game while shooting 46.8 percent from the field throughout the 2025-26 season. Thompson will also compete in the NBA G League State Farm Three-Point Contest, where he ranks second in the league in three-point field goal percentage, shooting at a 53.6 percent clip during the regular season.

McGlothan, in his second season, will make his first appearance in the NBA G League AT&T Slam Dunk contest. The contest will feature two rounds, with four dunkers competing in the opening round and attempting two dunks each. The top two scorers will advance to the final round, where two additional dunks will determine the champion.

The NBA G League State Farm Three-Point Contest will take place Saturday, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p.m., followed by the NBA G League AT&T Slam Dunk contest at 3:30 p.m.



Photos by Mike Navarro

The Noblesville Boom's Ethan Thompson (55, top) and Gabe McGlothan (30, above) will represent the team at the NBA All-Star 2026. Thompson will appear in the NBA G League Next Up Game, while McGlothan will compete in the NBA G League AT&T Slam Dunk Contest.

The NBA G League Next Up Game presented by AT&T will be held Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2:30 p.m. All events will stream live on the NBA Channel. Tickets and team updates are available at [NoblesvilleBoom.com](http://NoblesvilleBoom.com), and fans can stream every game live at [NBAGLeague.com](http://NBAGLeague.com).

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