

FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 2026

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning sprinkles possible, then partly sunny and cooler. Wind gusting to 35 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly clear.



HIGH: 49 LOW: 29

They may be mock trials, but the winners are real

Submitted

Fourteen teams from Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, and Westfield high schools recently wrapped up participation in the 2026 Hamilton County Bar Association's (HCBA) Mock Trial Competition.

The mock trial program began in 2000 and is an opportunity for high school students to get hands-on experience in the preparation of a case for trial and presentation in courtrooms, with local attorneys and judicial officers serving as judges for the six weeks of competition.

The competition takes place each winter in January and February. Schools can enter as many teams of up to 10 students as they wish. The teams are provided the case to prepare as well as a local attorney who volunteers to act as an attorney advisor for each team.

The students' preparation of the case includes writing opening and closing statements, developing direct and cross-examination questions, as well as memorizing witness statements for each witness role for both the plaintiff and defense sides of the case.

For the 2026 season, the students prepared the fictitious civil case of Terry Smith v. Midville Community School Corporation.

Terry Smith, a Midville student, participated in the school's nationally recognized mock trial team but had big dreams of a career on Broadway. Terry quit the mock trial team to accept the lead in the school musical with the hope it would lead to a Julliard scholarship. After quitting mock trial, Smith's mock trial teammates bully and harass her so much that she is forced

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(ABOVE) Carmel High School's mock trial team "Probable Claws" is the 2026 mock trial champion. Teacher coaches are Shawn Curtis and Bob Browning. Attorney advisors are Rodney Sarkovics and Braden Core.



(ABOVE LEFT) HSE team, "Meow Trial," is the 2026 Mock Trial Runner-up. Teacher coach is Gaye Garrett and Attorney Advisor is Brad Banks. **(TOP RIGHT)** Judge Stephenie Gookins presented Carmel senior Mahitha Konjeti with the HCBA 2026 mock trial scholarship. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** The HCBA recognized HSE teacher Janet Chandler for her dedication to the mock trial program. Ms. Chandler has been the teacher coach for HSE since the program's inception in 2000. She plans to retire at the end of the school year. Pictured with Ms. Chandler is Judge Stephenie Gookins, Judge Bill Hughes, Judge Andrew Bloch, and Judge David Najjar.



Photos provided

Who cares about what we care about?

There is a quiet but powerful difference between a thermometer and a thermostat.

A thermometer tells you what the temperature is. It observes. It reports. It reflects reality exactly as it stands.

A thermostat does something braver. It adjusts. It responds. It changes the environment to create comfort.

I have been noticing, especially in families around us, how differently daily life unfolds depending on the support available – and this difference between simply observing and intentionally adjusting has become impossible to ignore.

It is easy to be a thermometer. We notice when spaces are not accessible. We observe when someone in a wheelchair struggles with a narrow doorway. We see when a child with sensory sensitivities feels overwhelmed at a loud event. We acknowledge that a differently abled neighbor may need more time, more patience, or a different kind of support.

We see it. We register it. We move on. But being a thermostat asks more of us. It asks: How can we adjust?

When we are among the majority who can move freely, speak easily, and participate without barriers, we hold a quiet power. We can design gatherings with accessibility in mind. We can lower the music. We can provide seating. We can ask, "What would make this space more comfortable for you?" We can slow down. We can listen. Accommodation is not charity.

It is community.

True inclusion is not one-sided kindness. Differently abled individuals are not simply recipients of support; they are contributors of resilience, creativity, perspective, and strength. When we give space, we receive wisdom. When we adjust the temperature, everyone benefits.

I know there are many organizations and volunteers working tirelessly to ensure that every person feels visible and valued in our community. Their work matters deeply. But organizations alone are not enough.

Inclusion cannot be outsourced. Each of us must take responsibility for the spaces we occupy – our homes, our events, our workplaces, our sidewalks.

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COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR

Taste of Community

Mayor's commission to address the hunger problem in Carmel

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel is taking a proactive step to strengthen community well-being with the development of a new Mayor's Advisory Commission on Food Access. The group will bring experts together to find where residents are struggling to get healthy food, helping the city better coordinate local resources to fill those gaps.

"Food access is a complex issue that touches health, learning and family stability," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "While organizations exist in Carmel that work



Finkam



Worrell

convene experts and community partners to better understand

to address food needs, the food assistance space is often fragmented. I formed this commission to

where gaps exist and how we can coordinate more effectively to support our residents."

Mayor Finkam appointed City Councilor Jeff Worrell to lead the commission. Guided by a commitment to community welfare and dignity, Worrell noted the need for the group's mission based on his advocacy for local food security.

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Sheridan Community Schools listed among 'Best Places to Work'

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) was recently named one of the 2026 Best Places to Work in Indiana. This is the 21st edition of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce initiative.

The statewide survey and awards program are designed to evaluate participating organizations and honor those with the highest levels of employee satisfaction and engagement in the workplace.

"The Best Places to Work program is a great way for organizations to take the temperature of their culture and how it's resonating with today's workers," Indiana Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sindors said. "We salute each of this year's winners for their commitment to displaying best practices in their workplaces, which are enabling them to attract and retain employees, as well as drive increased productivity and overall success."

SCS Superintendent Dave Mundy applauded the announcement.

"This is a tremendous nod to the outstanding work our entire faculty and staff are doing each and every day," Mundy said. "They all deserve this recognition, and it is also a great accomplishment for our community. We appreciate everything our faculty does for our students and for one another. This recognition is a direct reflection of the dedication and commitment to excellence in Sheridan Community Schools."

SCS staff members will participate in an awards ceremony on May 13 in Indianapolis. As Dr. Mundy noted, "It's a great time to be a Blackhawk."



Mundy



Beef & Boards: where streetcorner romance turns into high-dollar love

The REPORTER

Unlikely soulmates Vivian and Edward step off of the silver screen and onto the stage at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre in *Pretty Woman: The Musical*, now on stage. The first musical of Beef & Boards' 2026 Season, *Pretty Woman* features national tour veterans leading the cast, and all of the iconic moments from the popular film.

When Edward asks Vivian for directions in late-1980s Los Angeles, she unknowingly sets them both on a course that will change their lives forever. From the glamour of Rodeo Drive to the vulnerability of two people breaking down barriers, *Pretty Woman* celebrates transformation, connection, and the power of taking chances on love.

National tour veterans Dani Kucera and Charlie Fusari headline the production as Vivian Ward and Edward Lew-

is, respectively. Kucera, who made her Beef & Boards debut as Vivienne Kensington in *Legally Blonde* and performed as a swing and understudy for Vivian Ward in the recent *Pretty Woman* National Tour, steps into the leading role. Fusari, making his Beef & Boards debut, brings his experience from the same tour, where he performed in the ensemble and understudied his starring role as Edward, the corporate mogul with a guarded heart. Also making their Beef & Boards debuts are Ariana Valdes as Vivian's friend Kit De Luca, and Ryan Hurley as David Morse. Darius-Anthony Robinson, Logan Moore, and Joey Boos return to the Beef & Boards stage as Mr. Thompson/Happy Man, Philip Stuckey, and Giulio, respectively.



Vivian Ward (Dani Kucera, right) tells Edward Lewis (Charlie Fusari) that she never jokes about money in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *Pretty Woman: The Musical*, now on stage through April 4.

Photo provided by Beef & Boards

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TRIAL

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to withdraw from the musical and miss her chance at a scholarship. Smith sued the school and the mock trial coach for damages due to infliction of emotional distress.

Carmel's team, "Probable Claws," was victorious over Hamilton Southeastern's team, "Meow Trial," in the finals held Saturday, Feb. 14. Students were recognized for each witness and attorney role with First Place and Runner-up awards.

Carmel senior, Mahitha Konjeti, was awarded the 2026 HCBA Mock Trial scholarship.

Many of the local teams will also compete in the Indiana State Bar Foundation competition in February and March in Indianapolis.

The HCBA competition took place at the Hamilton County Judicial Center and is coordinated by Judge Stephanie Gookins.

The individual award winners were:

- Best "Terry Smith" witness**
- First: Matthew Mayberry (CHS)
- Second: Kaavya Malu (HSE)

Best "Bays Sanchez" witness

- First: Nathan Kominsky (HSE)
- Second: June Billingsley (FHS)

Best "Dr. Lynn Carter" witness

- First: Reagan Faulkner (GC)
- Second: Campbell Coolidge (CHS)

Best "Dean Syndey Green" witness

- First: Evelyn Foster (CHS)
- Second: Richard Renner (NHS)

Best "Pat Putnam" witness

- First: Aida Karim (CHS)
- Second: Holden Miles (FHS)

Best "Presley Fisher" witness

- First: Eleanor Purvis (CHS)
- Second: Noelle Quimby (NHS)

Best Plaintiffs attorney

- First (tie): Amber Liwanag (HSE) & Cameron Henderson (HSE)

Best Defense attorney

- First: Leila de Leon (CHS)
- Second: Krish Gajaria (CHS)

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood



COLUMNIST
DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Update No. 167

Monday kicks off Public Schools Week, a national celebration dedicated to recognizing the essential role public schools play in shaping the lives of young people and strengthening the communities they call home.

This week invites us to pause and reflect on the profound impact of public education, not just as a system, but as a promise: that every child, regardless of background, ability, or circumstance, deserves access to opportunity, support, and a pathway to a bright future.

Strong public schools are the foundation of a thriving community. They prepare students academically, socially, and emotionally. They nurture curiosity, build confidence, and help young people discover who they are and what they can become. They serve as gathering places, support networks, and hubs of connection.

And they are instrumental to our country's future, developing the next generation of thinkers, creators, leaders, and neighbors.

For me, this week carries personal meaning. I am a proud graduate of Hamilton Heights, and the experiences I had in our public schools shaped the trajectory of my life. The teachers, coaches, and mentors who invested in me helped spark a calling that led to a lifelong career in public education. I am one of countless examples of how a strong public school can change the direction of a young person's life – and I am grateful every day to serve the same community that invested in me and continues to inspire me.

Hamilton Heights, and the community schools that came before it, have been fulfilling that mission for well over a century. For generations, Heights has helped students grow into adults

who make a powerful difference in their families, workplaces, and communities.

That legacy continues today thanks to the exceptional caliber of our teachers, administrators, staff, involved families, and strong community partners. Their dedication is what makes Hamilton Heights a destination of choice for K-12 education.

Public Schools Week is also a reminder that great schools don't happen by accident; they happen through partnership. When families, businesses, and community organizations work together, students benefit. When we show up, stay connected, and invest in our schools, we strengthen the entire community.

We invite you to celebrate the many opportunities made possible through our local public schools and to engage in activities that deepen the connection between our schools and the broader community all year long. We welcome and encourage our families, partners, and neighbors to stay

involved in all things Hamilton Heights and to stay connected through our [website](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [X](#), where you will always find "Great Kids Doing Great Things!"

This week also highlights the rich experiences public schools provide, and one of those opportunities will be on full display in our high school auditorium at the end of this month. For an ogre sized adventure live on stage, you won't want to miss *Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, presented by our Drama Department. Our talented student performers will not disappoint in this heartwarming and hilarious show for the whole family. Three special performances run Feb. 27 through March 1. Tickets are \$6 (cash or credit) at the door and will also be available online this Friday, Feb. 20 on the [district website](#).

Thank you for the privilege of serving this community and for supporting the work that shapes our students' futures.

#WeAreHuskies

PRETTY

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With an original score by Grammy Award-winner Bryan Adams and his long-time collaborator Jim Valance, alongside a book by the film's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J.F. Lawton, this production marks the first time the hit Broadway musical has been staged at Beef & Boards.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at [BeefAndBoards.com](#) or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.

Pretty Woman: The Musical is on stage for 45 performances through April 4.

Every performance includes Beef & Boards' signature dinner buffet, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

Pretty Woman is sponsored by Current Publishing and is rated PG-13 for adult content. It is licensed by Music Theatre International (MTI).

Note: Starting in 2026, all Tuesday through Saturday evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m., while the start time for Sunday early evening performances remains at 7 p.m.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

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It is in the small, everyday adjustments that real belonging is built. Making someone feel seen, heard, respected, and supported is not a grand gesture. It is often a simple one.

Today I was reminded of a familiar story.

A little boy was walking along the shore, picking up stranded fish and throwing them back into the ocean. A passerby stopped and said, "The ocean is enormous. There are thousands of fish. You cannot possibly save them all."

The boy picked up another fish, gently tossed it into the water, and replied, "I made a difference for that one."

Sometimes we look at inclusion the same way. There are too many needs. Too many barriers. Too many systems to fix.

What difference can one ramp make?

What difference can one thoughtful invitation make?

What difference can one moment of patience make?

Maybe not for everyone. But for someone, it changes everything.

Being a thermostat does

not mean solving every problem. It means adjusting the dial where you can. It means caring enough about what you care about to act on it. And here is the beautiful part: when you adjust the room for someone else, you change the temperature for yourself too.

Compassion warms everyone. Every acknowledgement matters. Every adjustment matters. Every consideration matters. Every intention matters.

Every kindness matters.

So let's not simply measure the discomfort around us.

Let's not just report what is missing.

Let's be ready to reach for the dial.

Because community is not built by observation alone. It is built by those willing to adjust – one space, one moment, one person at a time.

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"There are people and families right here in our community who are working hard and still struggling to put food on the table," Worrell said. "This commission is about listening, learning and bringing the right people together so we can better coordinate existing resources and meet real needs."

The advisory commission will focus on:

- Assessing the current landscape of food access and related services in Carmel
- Convening experts and

community partners to identify gaps, overlaps, and unmet needs

- Strengthening coordination across existing programs and organizations
- Providing data-informed recommendations to city leadership

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Footlite Musicals brings *Funny Girl* to the stage

Submitted

Footlite Musicals announces its upcoming production of *Funny Girl*, running March 6 to 22 at the historic Hedback Theatre in the Herron-Morton neighborhood of Indianapolis at 1847 Alabama St.

Performances take place Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at footlite.org/buy-tickets.

Featuring some of the most iconic songs in musical theatre history, *Funny Girl* tells the story of legendary entertainer Fanny Brice, a witty and determined young woman who defies expectations to become one of Broadway's brightest stars. From her early days in vaudeville to her rise in the famed Ziegfeld Follies, Fanny's journey is filled with humor, ambition, heartbreak, and triumph.



Photo provided

Audiences can look forward to beloved musical numbers including "Don't Rain on My Parade," "People," and "I'm the Greatest Star." *Funny Girl* stars Kennedy Wilson as Fanny Brice, a beloved local performer and Footlite veteran.

Filled with heart and powerhouse vocals, this beloved classic celebrates individuality, resilience,

and the courage to find your voice, even when the odds are stacked against you. Kevin Bell leads this volunteer cast, orchestra, crew, and creative team, who have poured incredible energy into bringing this timeless story to the Footlite stage for the third time.

Footlite Musicals is a 501(c)(3) non-profit theatre organization founded

in 1955 dedicated to providing high-quality theatrical experiences for the Indianapolis community. Through volunteer actors, directors, crew members, musicians, and staff, Footlite Musicals produces six musicals each year, offering a wide range of Broadway favorites.

For tickets and more information, visit footlite.org.

Celebrate Women's History Month with 'Women Who Rock'

The REPORTER

In honor of Women's History Month, the Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the March Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 19 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Panelists will be announced next week, so please save the date to hear from a dynamic panel

of movers and shakers in Westfield. It will be a group of amazing women who come from all walks of life and varying levels of experience. Please plan to attend what will be an insightful afternoon for all audiences.

Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight) are also available. [Click here](#) for more information.

Heart Hike returns to Ritchey Woods Feb. 28

The REPORTER

Celebrate love and heart health on the last day of February at Fishers Parks' annual Heart Hike.

Held in partnership with the Fishers Health Department, residents are encouraged to visit Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve for this short, self-led community through that park's natural trail landscape while viewing posted images of heart

shapes in nature along with heart-healthy tips from the Fishers Health Department. Interact with Fishers Parks nature education staff to learn more about the nature preserve and its wildlife.

This is an all-ages event, and all are welcome. Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve is located at 10410 Hague Road, Fishers.

[Click here](#) for more information.

CSO French Horn musicians sparkle at Carmel United Methodist Church



Photos provided by Carmel Symphony Orchestra

Carmel Symphony Orchestra's French Horn musicians Sara Petokas and Sharon Weyser were invited to perform at Carmel United Methodist Church's (CUMC) First Wednesday "Friends & Family Music Event" on Feb. 4. Petokas and Weyser enhanced their musical performance with boots that sparkled like winter icicles.

Registration open for Fishers Park's Pre-K Prom & Spring Formal events

The REPORTER

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a magical, two-part dance event on Saturday, March 28. Fishers Parks' annual Pre-K Prom and Spring Formal events return featuring a full dance floor, live DJ, refreshments, and more for kids and their grownups to get dressed up and make sweet memories together.

Registration is \$20 per

person (\$30 non-Fishers residents). All attendees must be registered prior to arriving at the event.

Pre-K Prom

Pre-K Prom is Fishers' annual dance event for kids aged 3 to 6 and runs from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St.

This event features:

- Red carpet entrance
- Live DJ

- Dancing
- Balloon drop
- Take-home keepsake
- Photo opportunities and photo booth

Spring Formal

Spring Formal is Fishers' annual dance event for kids aged 7 to 12 and runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St.

This event features:

- Red carpet entrance
- Live DJ
- Dancing and dance games
- Balloon drop
- Take-home keepsake
- Photo opportunities and photo booth
- Caricature artist
- Snacks and refreshments

[Click here](#) to register for these events.

Merchants Capital surpasses \$700M in tax credit equity raised in 2025

Submitted

Merchants Capital has announced more than \$700 million in fund investments closed across the firm's multi-investor, proprietary, and state credit offerings for the year ended Dec. 31, 2025.

The firm's capital raise, which has surpassed \$2.8 billion since the platform launched in 2021, comprises \$1.1 billion in multi-investor offerings, \$81 million in state credit syndications and \$1.7 billion in proprietary fund investments.

In 2025, the firm's fund closings included \$161.2 million in multi-investor funds and more than \$546 million in proprietary and state credit funds with large institutional investors.



Sharp



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"It was a difficult year in the tax credit equity market – the program achieved a landmark legislative victory in 2025 tax legislation that resulted in a large expansion of the affordable housing tax credit," Merchants Capital Executive Vice

President Julie Sharp said. "Naturally, the supply-demand imbalance resulted in uncertainty in the market. Given these headwinds, I am extremely proud of our ability to continue to execute at a high level and provide solutions to our invest-

tor and developer clients."

"In only five years, we have built a \$2.8 billion investment portfolio managed on behalf of more than 40 institutional investors that provides capital for safe, quality affordable housing for more than 21,000 families in 30 states," Merchants Capital Executive Vice President Josh Reed said.

"The success of this platform is a testament to our people," Merchants Capital Executive Vice President Linda Hill said. "I want to thank our team, along with our investor and developer clients, for their trust and partnership."

To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit Merchants-Capital.com.

Phi Beta Psi Fundraiser Euchre Night
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Fishers celebrating March Disability Awareness Month with community-wide events

Month-long celebration features inclusive sporting events, art exhibits, workshops & more

The REPORTER

In honor of National Disability Awareness Month in March, the City of Fishers and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability will host a month-long celebration, presented by Old National Bank, highlighting the contributions of individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities while fostering greater understanding and awareness throughout the community.

Residents of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in sporting events, art showcases, educational workshops, and family-friendly activities that spotlight inclusivity across Fishers.

“Fishers has grown and evolved since we first launched our local celebration of March Disability Awareness Month a decade ago,” said Cecilia Coble, co-chair of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability and Fishers City Councilor. “Our committee is committed to advocating for disability awareness and inclusion and making a dif-

ference in Fishers and beyond.”

The year’s celebration begins Monday, March 2, with the March Disability Awareness Month Kick-Off and Accessibility & Inclusion Awards in the Theater at the Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

“Fishers is a diverse community, and we are proud to continue our work to ensure an accessible and equitable city for all Fishers residents,” said Kelly Hartman, committee co-chair and president and CEO of KQuad Consulting. “Through this month-long celebration, we aim to bring people together, highlight inclusive opportunities, and reinforce our commitment to creating spaces, programs, and events where everyone feels welcome.”

The 2026 celebration includes programming hosted by community partners such as the Fishers Arts Council, Hamilton East Public Library, Fishers Event Center, and Fishers Community

Center, Strengthened by IU Health. This year’s lineup of events includes:

March Disability Awareness Month Kick-Off

Monday, March 2 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Theater at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive Free

Join Mayor Scott Fadness and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability to celebrate the start of March Disability Awareness Month in Fishers. Enjoy a presentation from guest speaker Jessica Minor of the accessABILITY Center for Independent Living and recognize this year’s Disability and Inclusion Award winners.

Fishers Arts Council’s Second Friday: March Disability Awareness Exhibit

Friday, March 13 6 to 9 p.m.

Fishers Art Center Gallery, 1 Municipal Drive Free

Experience an evening of visual art created

by artists who identify as having a disability. Enjoy live music, refreshments, special performances by organizations serving individuals with disabilities, and a sneak-peek performance by All-In Players in the Theater. Learn more at FishersArtsCouncil.org.

Indy Ignite vs. Columbus Fury Deaf & Hard of Hearing Night

Thursday, March 19 8 p.m.

Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale St. Tickets required

Experience the excitement of the Major League Volleyball as the Indy Ignite takes on the Columbus Fury. Fans and players alike will celebrate Deaf & Hard of Hearing Night, showcasing inclusive sports experiences for all fans. [Get tickets here.](#)

Opening Doors to Employment Breakfast

Tuesday, March 24 Networking & breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Event from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Theater at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive Free; registration required

Hiring managers and employers are invited to hear success stories and learn ways to support employees with disabilities and inclusive hiring at this free breakfast event. [Register here.](#)

Power Soccer Exhibition Featuring U.S. National Team Members

Saturday, March 28

5 to 6:30 p.m. Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health, 11400 Johnson Farm Way Free

Watch members of the U.S. National Power Soccer Team in action during a live scrimmage, followed by inspiring remarks from team members, a Q&A session, an opportunity to meet the athletes, and more.

Fishers Parks’ StoryWalk Throughout March Dawn to dusk Brooks School Park, 11780 Brooks School Road Free

Take a family-friendly walk while enjoying this month’s featured book, *Monster Hands*, written by Karen Kane and Jonaz McMillan. Learn more about this partnership with Hamilton East Public Library at FishersParks.com/StoryWalk.

NEW! Adaptive Swim Lessons Saturdays Fishers Community Center \$80 for members, \$114 for non-members Registration required

The Fishers Community Center now offers adaptive swim lessons for children ages 5 to 12 who have physical, cognitive, sensory, or behavioral disabilities. Semi-private lessons are led by Swim Angelfish-certified instructors and focus on building confidence, safety, and foundational swim

skills. Register at FishersCommunityCenter.com. **Hamilton East Public Library Workshops Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers Branch, 5 Municipal Drive Free**

Celebrate Disability Awareness Month with workshops and programs throughout March. Full details at HamiltonEastPL.org.

Disability Awareness Exhibit: March 1 to 28 | Ignite Studio

Wax Resist Art with Teaching Artist Wendy Kiefel: Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Ignite Studio. Ages 13 and up. [Click here](#) to register.

Become a Dementia Friend: Wednesday, March 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fishers Library. [Click here](#) to register.

Autism 101: Thursday, March 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fishers Library. [Click here](#) to register.

Neurodivergent Teen Hangout: Thursday, March 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fishers Library. Registration opens Feb. 24 at [this link](http://thislink).

This celebration is made possible by presenting sponsor Old National Bank and platinum sponsors Hamilton East Public Library and Fishers Arts Council.

To register for events and learn more about the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, visit FishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness.

UNITED

From July 2026 through February 2027, 10 participating organizations will receive:

- Monthly learning sessions led by local and national experts;
- One-on-one coaching around a specific data project;
- Access to tools, tem-

plates, surveys and dashboard examples;

- Peer learning and direct engagement with local funders;
- A \$5,000 grant to support organizational data strategy.

Interested applicants can [register here](#) to attend a virtual information session,

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scheduled for 2-3:30 p.m. Feb. 26.

Organizations can apply March 2 through April 1 at uwci.org/data-initiative.

The initiative is led by United Way of Central Indiana and supported by the Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative (IAAQLI).



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CENTURY 21 Scheetz to anchor Westfield's Ambrose on Main

Submitted by City of Westfield

Hudson Investing, Bowen Capital, and project partners have announced that CENTURY 21 Scheetz plans to anchor the commercial space at Ambrose on Main, further establishing the \$27 million mixed-use development as a cornerstone of Westfield's expanding downtown.

The expansion marks CENTURY 21 Scheetz's continued growth across central Indiana and signals strong momentum for Ambrose on Main as construction progresses.

"CENTURY 21 Scheetz choosing Ambrose on Main is another powerful affirmation of the growth and energy happening in downtown Westfield," Mayor Scott Willis said. "This investment reflects the confidence businesses have in our community and strengthens the vision of creating a lively, connected



Rendering provided by City of Westfield

downtown where people can work, play, and stay."

CENTURY 21 Scheetz will occupy the premiere commercial space located at the northeast corner of State Road 32/Main and East streets as part of a strategic expansion, adding



Willis

to its network of 10 offices across central Indiana. The new office will serve as a hub for more than 50 residential real estate professionals, along with full-time sales support and management staff. The location positions the firm at

the center of one of the region's fastest growing and most desirable communities, aligning with its commitment to serving buyers and sellers throughout the north Indianapolis metropolitan area.

"We are excited to expand our footprint into Westfield and be a part of

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"I don't drink anymore. On the other hand I don't drink any less either." — W.C. Fields



COLUMNIST

JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

There are many things that I love in this life: my wife, my kids, being outdoors, travel, great food, and, of course, bourbon.

Oh, one other thing; I love living in Indiana.

It's a great state that has a lot more going on in it than most people think. For example, there are around 25 distilleries in the state. Yikes! I need to get busy. I haven't visited very many of them. Today I'd like to talk about a couple that I find to be exceptional.

Just to the northeast of Indianapolis is the small, up-and-coming town of Fortville. There are many dining gems in this little burg, but it has another gem that is also truly outstanding: Moon Drops Distillery.

Located right on Broadway Street/State Road 67, Moon Drops has a very nice, newer, facility that has a beautiful cocktail bar and tasting room. They started out specializing in moonshine, which is quite good (the Lemon Shake-up is extraordinary). They then quickly branched out to make fine bourbons, all of which are very nice, but it's their special barrels that are outstanding, specifically their Ruby Port, Tawny Port, and Sherry finished offerings. All three of these range from 100 to 119 proof,

and they are absolutely wonderful.

Their latest release is the Sherry Barrel Finish. This 100-proof bourbon is rich, dark, and chocolaty, with a definite taste of sherry that adds its distinctive flavor

in a non-cloying way. Truly a uniquely superb bourbon that I would rate in my Top 10, all time. Who would've thought that such a treat would come from a small Indiana town?

Speaking of small . . . Tucked off of Old State Road 46 just a few miles west of the popular tourist town of Nashville is the tiny town — if you can call it that — of Gnowbone. Don't blink or you might miss it.

Gnowbone is home to the quaint Bear Wallow Distillery. The facility itself is small and unassuming, with a nice little tasting room/bar that makes craft cocktails. Their distilling area sits adjacent to it in the same building. Their "normal" offerings, which are marketed under the name of "Gnow Bone Bourbon" are quite good for a small distillery and, like Moon Drops, they have a nice selection of flavored moonshines.

The shining star of this place is their 120-proof Single Barrel Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Wow! This is a high-proof flavor bomb that could hold its own against ANY bourbon out there.

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Come home to *The Spitfire Grill*

The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players invites you to its production of *The Spitfire Grill*, on stage Feb. 27 to March 8 at The Switch Theatre at the Jie Eun Lee Music Academy, 10029 126th St., Fishers. The show is directed by Kathleen Horrihan.

Percy, a spirited parolee, follows her dreams to the small town of Gilead, hoping to create a new life for herself. She takes a job working at the Spitfire Grill, which has long been up for sale with no takers. Percy convinces its owner, Hannah, to raffle it off with a letter-writing contest, and the entire town is changed as a result in this story of perseverance, grace, and friendship. Based on the 1996 film, *The Spitfire Grill* is a touching and inspirational musical tale brimming with beautiful folk melodies.

Show Dates

• Friday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.



- Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 1 at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7 at 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m.

This show is recommended for ages 12 and up, as it contains some adult themes and language.

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Tri Kappa Week showcases group's spirit for local service



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Next week, Feb. 22 through 28, 2026, has been officially proclaimed Tri Kappa Week in Indiana by Governor Mike Braun. The Beta Epsilon Chapter in Noblesville works year-round to make a meaningful impact in the community. Tri Kappa's largest fundraiser of the year is the April Bingo event, which provides the majority of funding for annual scholarships. During the Christmas season, Tri Kappa holds its Red Stocking Campaign, which most recently raised \$10,000 to benefit Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Township Trustee's Office. In addition to the group's fundraising efforts, the chapter's service project this year was volunteering with Fueled for Schools, continuing the commitment to supporting local families and students. (From left) Lynn Cook, Joan Lawrence, Jerilyn Welch, Kim Clausson, Laura Yeakey, Sheri Coons, Bekke Shank, President Sara Peil, Bailey Walker, Janette McCormick, and Shawn Rinker.

Several local politicians make State Affairs' 'Power 50' list

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Feb. 19, State Affairs published the **Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs Power 50** list, which has been published annually since 1999.

According to State Affairs, the list is a "reality-based assessment of where power resides at a given moment" within Indiana.

Topping this year's list are Senate Pro Tem Rodric

Bray (R-Martinsville) and House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) at number 1 and 2, respectively.

Hamilton County individuals include Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith at No. 16, Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Mario Massillamany at No. 18, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen at No. 37, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam at No. 39, and Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness at No. 40.

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Seriously. With huge flavors of caramel and vanilla followed by the wonderful burn of 120 proof, this is a bourbon to sip, savor and cherish. One of my favorites.

There are a few other Indiana gems that we'll visit together in the future. Right now, I have to plan some trips to visit the several Indiana distilleries that I

haven't been to yet. I guarantee there are some more outstanding local bourbons out there.

Until next time ... cheers!

Jon Smyrnis is a lifelong Indianapolis area resident. He enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, kayaking, dining out, and, of course, fine cocktails and great bourbons.

AMBROSE

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Ambrose on Main," CENTURY 21 Scheetz CEO Tracy Hutton said. "Westfield continues to be one of central Indiana's most dynamic and desirable communities, and this new office allows us to better serve our clients while being part of a vibrant and growing downtown environment."

CENTURY 21 Scheetz's presence at Ambrose on Main underscores the development's role as a gateway to downtown Westfield. The project features 87 apartment homes, nearly 13,000 square feet of commercial space, and thoughtfully designed gathering areas including a rooftop patio, plaza, and courtyard. The addition of CENTURY 21 Scheetz enhances the mix of uses and brings a daily professional presence that will contribute to the energy and vitality of the district.

"We are proud to welcome CENTURY 21 Scheetz to Ambrose on Main," Hudson Investing Founder and CEO Kent Ritter said. "Their decision to expand into this development reflects the strength of the Westfield market and reinforces our vision of creating a dynamic, mixed-use destination that brings together housing, commerce, and community. Having a leading real estate brokerage anchor the project is a meaningful milestone as Ambrose on Main continues to take shape."

CENTURY 21 Scheetz is expected to open its new office in late 2026, coinciding with the completion of Ambrose on Main. Future residents, commercial tenants, and community members are encouraged to visit AmbroseOnMain.com to join the interest list and receive updates on the development.

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Atrial fibrillation can cause strokes & heart failure if untreated

Submitted by
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A steady heartbeat is a healthy heartbeat, but it's not uncommon for a heart to get out of rhythm and into atrial fibrillation, especially as you get older.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, around 10.5 million Americans are impacted by atrial fibrillation, commonly known as AFib. It is the most common type of irregular heartbeat, although many people don't know they have it until they experience a health incident.

AFib is common enough that you should know the warning signs, said Parkview Heart Institute Cardiologist Dr. Jonathan Shirazi, as proper treatment and management of AFib can allow individuals to preserve length and quality of life.

"There are truly some people who live with atrial fibrillation, they don't develop heart failure and have little to no symptoms," Shirazi said. "They can live well as long as we're managing their stroke risk."

What is AFib?

Atrial fibrillation occurs when the upper chambers of the heart, the atria, get out of rhythm and beat too fast.

That irregular heartbeat causes two main problems, Shirazi said.

First, when the top of the heart is beating too fast, it can make the bottom chambers of the heart beat faster and irregularly. If untreated, that can cause long-term damage to the heart tissue, eventually leading to heart failure.

Second, and more immediate, the disruption in contraction in the top of the heart can allow blood to pool and even form clots. That can be extremely dangerous because those clots can break off, travel through the bloodstream and block circulation to critical organs. If that happens in the brain, that's what causes a stroke. About one in six strokes are caused by AFib, and many patients had no idea that they had it.

Although some people in AFib don't have any noticeable symptoms most commonly a person will experience loss of stamina, poor energy, heart palpitations (racing/fluttering), shortness of breath that's unusual for the intensity of the activity, and/or lightheadedness.

Anyone experiencing chest pain or stroke-like symptoms should seek emergency help immediately.

Fitness trackers or other wearables can be useful for identifying an irregular rhythm. Although they're

not designed specifically for detecting AFib, if a wearable gives you a warning about an unusual heart rate, don't ignore it and be sure to discuss it with your physician.

Risk factors

AFib can impact anyone, but like most medical conditions, certain risk factors might increase your odds of developing AFib.

Shirazi noted there are "non-modifiable" risk factors – things you can't control – while there are other risks that you can actively try to reduce.

On the non-modifiable side, age and genetics are two main risks that increase the chance of developing AFib. Many heart problems, including AFib, have a genetic component, making family history a warning sign. Older individuals are also at higher risk because the body is weaker and therefore more likely to experience complications.

"If it runs in the family, that's something to which we should pay attention. And our age, though we are all supposed to get older," Shirazi said.

As far as modifiable risk factors, common chronic conditions like high blood



Shirazi

pressure and diabetes, as well as thyroid conditions, increase the risk of atrial fibrillation, particularly if these conditions are not well managed.

But another big risk factor is alcohol, Shirazi said. AFib has been linked with alcohol consumption, even if a person is only drinking one or two drinks at a time.

"Reducing alcohol consumption is a universal improvement even for people who don't drink a lot of alcohol," Shirazi said. "When alcohol is metabolized, one of the byproducts is acetaldehyde and it's a massive irritant to the top chambers of our heart."

Prevention & treatment

Reducing one's risk for AFib overlaps with the advice for prevention of most cardiovascular diseases.

Eating a healthy diet, exercising, losing weight, reducing or eliminating alcohol consumption, and managing chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, will help reduce your risk for AFib.

Research on health supplements is mixed and not high quality, Shirazi said, but vitamins with low doses of magnesium and/or potassi-

um may be beneficial, while fish oil supplements, which are recommended for some health conditions, appear to have a more negative impact when it comes to AFib.

Shirazi also noted a few less common lifestyle changes that can help, too.

Take note if your body reacts oddly after a large meal or after eating food that's really hot or really cold, as that can sometimes trigger an irregular heartbeat.

"There is an interplay between the nervous system to the stomach and the heart," Shirazi said.

Getting good sleep is also good for your heart. Sleep apnea is a risk factor for many heart conditions, but even people who just suffer multiple consecutive days of poor sleep can run into issues.

"Individuals who don't

have actual apnea, even stacking several bad nights of sleep, will make them much more likely to develop other rhythms," Shirazi said.

And lastly, good news for coffee drinkers – a couple of cups of coffee have been correlated with lower AFib risk. But there's a limit, Shirazi said.

"Two cups may actually prevent AFib according to large studies of people," Shirazi said. "You should be under 100 milligrams of caffeine per day, because more than 100 milligrams may make AFib more likely."

For people who do develop AFib, managing the condition depends on the severity of the symptoms and what a patient's goals are. But treatment breaks down

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Meeting Notice

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road.

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.

TIPTON COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CO-V-01-26 Weihe Engineers, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission, on the 4th day of March 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-01-26: Weihe Engineers, Inc., petitioner and Campbell Family Limited Partnership, owner, requests approval of two (2) development standard variances to construct an additional free-standing sign that is 85 feet in height with 647 square feet of sign face, and to construct a second on-site directional sign, with both directional signs being six feet in height with 32 square feet of sign face.

The property is more fully described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 21 North, Range 3 East in Tipton County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 12; thence South 87 degrees 27 minutes 21 seconds West (Basis of Bearings is SR 28 / US 31 Addition – Phase 1, as per Secondary Plat thereof, recorded in Book 91, Page 70 as Instrument Number 201600000001718 in the Office of the Recorder of Tipton County, Indiana) 36.68 feet along the south line of said quarter section of the centerline of U.S. 31; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 13 seconds East 115.71 feet along the centerline of said U.S. 31 to the centerline of S.R. 28; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 1572.22 feet along the centerline of said S.R. 28; thence North 0 degrees 05 minutes 42 seconds East 30.00 feet to the north boundary of said S.R. 28; thence North 78 degrees 35 minutes 42 seconds West along said north boundary 101.98 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 18 seconds West 128.04 feet along said boundary; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West 29.96 feet to the North boundary of S.R. 28 as dedicated by said SR 28 / US 31 Addition – Phase 1 (the following two courses are along said North Boundary): (1) thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 Seconds East 212.23 feet, (2) thence North 63 degrees 42 minutes 07 seconds East 34.18 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West 651.83 feet; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 65.03 feet; thence North 30 degrees 12 minutes 58 seconds West 304.94 feet; thence North 45 degrees 29 minutes 46 seconds East 63.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 173.04 feet; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West 215.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 04 seconds East 251.07 feet to the West Right of Way of County Road 625 East as dedicated by said SR 28 / US 31 Addition – Phase 1 (the following three courses are along said West Right of Way): (1) thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds East 919.49 feet; (2) thence South 15 degrees 40 minutes 44 seconds West 158.95 feet; (3) thence South 63 degrees 42 minutes 07 seconds West 231.73 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 7.405 acres, more or less.

The property is located on or near the Northwest corner of the intersection of Campbell Crossing and State Rd. 28, Tipton, Indiana.

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

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

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals
R7502 2/20/26, 2/23/26

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CO-CP-02-26

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

A repeal and replacement of the Tipton County Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan is intended to repeal and replace the 2013 Tipton County Comprehensive Plan and all plan amendments. This Comprehensive Plan affects the entire jurisdiction of the Tipton County Plan Department.

The proposed amendment may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office, located at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana no sooner than ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

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

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

Tipton County Plan Commission
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HAMILTON COUNTY

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING NOTICE TIME CHANGE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026, immediately following the Hamilton County Drainage Board meeting at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The Executive Session will be for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7), and Discussions with Attorney Subject to the Attorney Client Privilege IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19). The public session will begin at 1:15 p.m.

/s/ Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor
R7518 2/20/26, 2/23/26

Banks urges administration to investigate foreign influence behind anti-ICE activism

Submitted by Office of
U.S. Senator Jim Banks

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) sent a letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi urging a formal investigation into potential foreign influence and coordination behind a growing wave of anti-ICE activism across the United States. The full letter appears below.

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

I urge you to investigate foreign influence behind anti-ICE activism. Progressive groups across the country are organizing protests, economic boycotts, and school walkouts to oppose immigration enforcement. In many cases, they are inciting the obstruction of federal law. Some groups have been financed and organized by foreign agents, including agents of the Chinese Communist Party who were also involved with violent protests in 2020 and after October 7, 2023. It is imperative to understand how our adversaries may be sowing civil unrest on U.S. soil.

A national and coordinated anti-ICE network has activated in response to immigration enforcement by ICE and Border Patrol. The network, which has been described as an "insurgent-style operation," has advanced insurgent-style methods. In trainings, some anti-ICE groups encourage protestors to interfere with enforcement, to "strike" law enforcement officers, and to forcefully remove arrestees from custody – tactics that, as organizers acknowledge,

move beyond lawful protest. Obstructing federal law enforcement is a crime, as is harboring aliens known to be in the country illegally.

These tactics are not confined to training exercises and Instagram graphics. Activists have assaulted law enforcement officers, blocked their vehicles, and entered confrontations—with terrible and tragic results. Others have stormed churches and waged pressure campaigns on private establishments.

We must identify who is behind this chaos before it tears the country apart. Local authorities' refusal to cooperate with law enforcement feeds and intensifies it. So does financing from high-profile progressive donors and sympathy from mainstream media outlets.

But our foreign adversaries are not disinterested parties. Just last week, the State Department identified a network of progressive groups run by Neville Singham as a source of Chinese influence. Singham, who lives in Singapore, shares office space with a Chinese propaganda outlet. Many Singham beneficiaries promote the Chinese Communist Party and defend the Chinese government against allegations of genocide. Far from staying silent about immigration debates, Singham Network groups have led anti-ICE boycotts and school walkouts across the country, and have encour-

aged immigrant groups to protest ICE.

This is not the first time the Singham Network has been linked to domestic strife. Mr. Singham organized the "Shut It Down for Palestine" campaign supporting Hamas after October 7, 2023. And the Party for Socialism and Liberation, another Singham group, was one of several CCP-linked groups engaged in riots during the summer of 2020.

Nor is Mr. Singham the only foreign source involved in current events. ICE resistance trainings with the stated purpose of "interfering" with federal law enforcement have been sponsored in multiple cities by groups funded by Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss.

Wyss previously bankrolled pro-abortion ballot measures around the country and successfully got abortion enshrined as a constitutional right in multiple states. Foreign principals should not dictate America's immigration policy, and they should not encourage American citizens or guests of this country to obstruct law enforcement. At a minimum, we should know who is funding anti-ICE activism, what influence those funders are wielding, and whether they are acting as agents of our adversaries.

I urge you to investigate the groups involved in anti-ICE activities, and respectfully request an answer to the following questions



Banks

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AFIB

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into two parts, as doctors will first manage the risk of stroke while also presenting options for getting back to and maintaining a normal heart rhythm.

"One component has to be reducing the stroke risk," Shirazi said. "Regardless of any other thing we're going to try to do, the first step is always lowering the stroke risk, which typically involves using an anti-coagulant."

For patients who cannot safely take anticoagulation permanently, doctors can consider a procedure called "Watchman" to implant a device into the area of the heart where most clots form, in order to eliminate the need for anticoagulant medicine.

Options for restoring normal heart rhythm can vary from patient to patient, Shirazi said. Some people who experience few symptoms can live comfortably and safely just by managing their stroke risk; others may need electrical stimulation to restore their normal rhythm;

some may consider ablation, a surgery to lower atrial fibrillation.

Patients should discuss their options with their cardiologist to determine what intervention is best for them. Parkview has received the American Heart Association's (AHA) Get with the Guidelines Gold Plus award for using evidence-based best practices in AFib care for three consecutive years, as well as the AHA's Commitment to Quality Award in 2025.

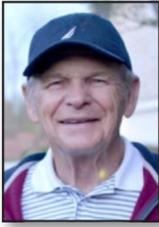
With the CDC estimating the U.S. could see up to 12 million individuals with AFib by 2050, knowing the signs and seeking treatment early can make AFib manageable.

"Atrial fibrillation is common and can be dangerous or even deadly if left untreated," Shirazi said. "But if you get diagnosed, work with your cardiologist and stay on a treatment plan, that will drastically improve the length and quality of your life."

Edward "Mike" Michael Hague

January 31, 1937 – February 17, 2026

Edward "Mike" Michael Hague, 89, Carmel, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2026.



Born in Mishawaka on January 31, 1937, he was the son of Frank and Doris (Mais) Hague. Mike built a life defined by an unwavering devotion to his family, a strong work ethic, and a quiet enjoyment of the things that brought him joy. On July 4, 1959, he married Nancy Bamber, beginning a 66-year partnership rooted in love and loyalty that carried them through decades of moves, careers, and raising a family.

Mike grew up enjoying the outdoors and fishing with his dad and Grandpa Mais, as well as enjoying the Indiana Dunes with friends. After graduating from South Bend Central High School, Mike attended Notre Dame for a year before completing his physics degree at the University of Texas. During that time, he also served in the U.S. Army, working in missile testing at Fort Bliss from 1958 to 1964, an experience that reflected his practical mind and steady sense of duty.

Mike spent his career in consumer electronics, working for Admiral, Zenith, and, eventually, RCA/Thomson Consumer Electronics, during which he traveled the world and retired in 2001. He was known for being practical, hands-on, and unafraid to take on a problem that needed fixing. Outside of work, he loved biking, long walks, and tending to his garden. He never turned down a Portillo's beef sandwich or an opportunity to talk about his mother-in-law's cooking. He followed Notre Dame football with the same loyalty he brought to most things in his life. He was comfortable with people, always striking up a conversation whenever he could. He was the happiest when he had a project to tinker with and fix around the house. He loved his country and enjoyed conversations about current events.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his brothers, Dennis Hague and Frank Hague, Jr.

Survivors include his loving wife of 66 years, Nancy Ann (Bamber) Hague; children, Melissa (David) Rosal, Steven Hague, Brian Hague (Lisa), and Christine (Ryan) Birch; eight grandchildren, DJ Rosal, Alex (Courtney) Rosal, Lauren Hague, Madison Hague, Caitlyn Hague, Kaley Hague, Eliette Birch, and Henry Birch. He was also anticipating the arrival of his first great-grandson, who will carry on his legacy by sharing his middle name, Michael.

Family and friends will gather at 9 a.m. Friday, February 27, 2026, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, where the Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon downstairs for all to enjoy.

A Committal Service with Military Honors will take place at 2:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis.

In memory of Mike, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE PEOPLE REBEL

As for your children that you said would be taken as plunder, I will bring them in to enjoy the land you have rejected. But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness. For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you. 'I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will surely do these things to this whole wicked community, which has banded together against me. They will meet their end in this wilderness; here they will die.'

So the men Moses had sent to explore the land, who returned and made the whole community grumble against him by spreading a bad report about it—these men who were responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord. Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived.

When Moses reported this to all the Israelites, they mourned bitterly. Early the next morning they set out for the highest point in the hill country, saying, "Now we are ready to go up to the land the Lord promised. Surely we have sinned!"

But Moses said, "Why are you disobeying the Lord's command? This will not succeed! Do not go up, because the Lord is not with you. You will be defeated by your enemies, for the Amalekites and the Canaanites will face you there. Because you have turned away from the Lord, he will not be with you and you will fall by the sword."

Nevertheless, in their presumption they went up toward the highest point in the hill country, though neither Moses nor the ark of the Lord's covenant moved from the camp. Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and attacked them and beat them down all the way to Hormah.

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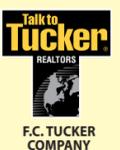


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Boys Wrestling Preview

Millers' Kincaide making up for lost time, sets sights on state title

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE—Last season, all Aidan Kincaide could do was watch from afar and ask one question.

Why now?

After a stellar freshman campaign that ended with a fourth-place medal at 157 pounds during the 86th annual IHSAA wrestling state finals in Evansville, the rising star had big goals set for his sophomore year.

Already fulfilling a promise made years prior by becoming Noblesville coach Michael Weimer's first state medalist, Kincaide turned his focus on the second part of his ambitious grade-school guarantee.

Kincaide wanted to stand atop the podium in 2024-25 as Weimer's and Noblesville's first individual state champion.

Then, the injury happened, and everything was put on hold.

"I had a couple of fractures in my back," the Noblesville junior explained while recalling his unforeseen diagnosis from November 2024. "When the doctors told me I couldn't do anything, and they told me I was done for the year, it really put me in a bad mindset."

From contender to spectator, Kincaide admittedly struggled to process the situation. However, with the support of his family, coaches and faith, Kincaide pulled himself out of the dark.

"Looking back, I'm so grateful that I was put in that position and had to go through that adversity, seeing the person I am today. It made me a better human and a better man," Kincaide said. "Bouncing back was really hard, but we're here now, back and better than ever."

For six months, Kincaide sat idle as his back healed. He was cleared to return to the mat in the summer of 2025. In the interim, his motivation grew stronger as a result.

"Seeing a lot of people accomplish what I wanted that really pushed me," Kincaide said. "I'm just trying to chase my dreams every day. A lot of recovery and a lot of putting myself in a better mindset just to be

where I'm at today."

This weekend at the 88th annual IHSAA state finals, Kincaide will be one of the favorites to contend for the 165-pound title. Ranked third in the state by Indiana-mat and unbeaten at 34-0, Kincaide has been making up for lost time.

Running through the competition this postseason, Kincaide has won at every stop (sectional, regional, semi-state) with nine consecutive pins.

His fastest fall took 29 seconds during the Pendleton Heights Regional, and his longest was 2:27 during the Elwood Sectional finals.

Part of his success is heredity.

Kincaide's father, Brian, was a two-time state qualifier at Hobart and placed third during his four-year prep career.

Kincaide's work ethic is another, which he's honed by training at Contenders Wrestling Academy with coach Sean Schmaltz.

"He's really helped me become a better wrestler. Him showing me the little details this summer has really put me over the top," Kincaide said.

On top of the bracket as a state champion is the mission once Kincaide walks inside Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis.

"Freshman year, I expected the most, and I didn't achieve what I wanted, but this year, I'm coming for it all," said Kincaide, who finished with a 37-7 record two years ago. "I'm not going to stop until I get the title. I have dreams, and I have goals and I want to achieve them."

Kincaide will face Center Grove's Owen Porterfield (26-10) during the opening-night elimination round. Friday's winners advance to the medal rounds on Saturday.

Barring an upset, Rochester senior Brant Beck (42-2), ranked second in the state, is projected to collide with Kincaide in the semifinals. Beck is a four-time state qualifier and two-time medalist. He was third at 165 in 2024 and seventh at 157 last year.

On the other side of the bracket, New Prairie sophomore Matthew Staples (35-0) is favored to reach



Justin Sicking / File photo

Noblesville's Aidan Kincaide, shown here at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, has been untouchable during the postseason. The junior 165-pounder had made nine consecutive pins in the tournament and heads into the state finals with a 34-0 record.

Who's Up First?

IHSAA Wrestling State Finals — First-Round Matches Friday, Feb. 20, at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

106 Pounds
No. 1 Connor Maddox (30-0), Soph., Westfield vs. No. 21 Rashad Nelson (33-6), Sr., Merrillville

No. 14 Nolan Culp (27-6), Fr., Hamilton Southeastern vs. No. 19 Vince McCoy (41-4), Soph., South Bend Riley

120 Pounds
Aiden Driscoll (32-14), Soph., Westfield vs. No. 1 Case Bell (31-3), Soph., Brownsburg

No. 19 Seth Lamb (37-7), Jr., Fishers vs. No. 4 Case Bridge (30-10), Soph., Avon

126 Pounds
No. 16 Brody Weimer (37-5), Fr., Noblesville vs. No. 11 Wyatt Ulrey (32-4), Jr., Evansville Mater Dei

138 Pounds
No. 29 Parker Culp (36-11), Sr., Hamilton Southeastern vs. No. 5 Hunter Douglas (39-1), Sr., Homestead

165 Pounds
No. 3 Aidan Kincaide (34-0), Jr., Noblesville vs. No. 15 Owen Porterfield (26-10), Soph., Center Grove

No. 21 Cohen Davis (30-8), Jr., Hamilton Southeastern vs. No. 6 Oliver Hallett (31-2), Sr., Indian Creek

190 Pounds
No. 23 Camden Funk (34-10), Sr., Fishers vs. No. 8 Xavier Palacios (44-2), Sr., Bellmont

215 Pounds
No. 2 Julian Burgett (40-3), Sr., Fishers vs. No. 14 Derek Morrison (39-6), Sr., Wawasee

285 Pounds
No. 25 A.W. VanKirk (33-10), Soph., Hamilton Southeastern vs. No. 1 Kameron Hazelett (38-2), Soph., Lowell

the finals after winning the 157-pound state title in 2025. Staples is ranked first in the state (at 165) and sixth in the nation (at 157) by FloWrestling.

"Being dominant is going to help me every step

of the way," Kincaide said. "When the stages get brighter, I shine bright like a diamond. I'm going to go out and just do what I do. Big crowds just make me elevate my game. I'm ready for it."

Boys Basketball



Photo provided

University boys basketball coach picked up his 200th career win as the Trailblazers beat KIPP Indy Legacy 70-48 on Thursday. Blanding won 154 games as the University girls coach and 46 as the boys coach.

Blazers win, Blanding collects his 200th victory

The REPORTER

Coach Justin Blanding picked up his 200th career win Thursday night as University rolled to a 70-48 win at KIPP Indy Legacy. Blanding amassed 154 wins in eight seasons coaching the Trailblazer girls and has 46 wins in his third season at the helm of the University boys. He has a 200-70 overall record.

Josh McGee led three Blazers in double figures with 17 points. Blake Gray scored 14 and Peter Morales added 12.

University started fast, scoring the first nine points of the game. McGee and Cooper Cammack opened the scoring with driving baskets before Gray buried a three pointer from the right corner. Noah Cortez, making his first career start, found Gray for a fast break bucket to force a Legacy timeout. The Trailblazers led 12-8 after one.

The Blazers took control of the game to open the second quarter, scoring the first twelve points to open up a 24-8 lead. Morales made a three pointer before grabbing a defensive rebound and passing ahead to Jaxen Bennett for a lay-in. Bennett scored again on the fast break off a Gray assist. Morales capped the run with a three pointer from the left corner off a kickout from Cammack.

University closed the half on a 7-0 run to take a 35-16 lead to the locker room. Faisal Mohamud found Morales for a three pointer, DJ Willis scored off a Morales assist and McGee closed the first half scoring with a rebound bucket.

The Blazers removed any hope of a Pride comeback starting the first quarter on a 7-0 run. Mohamud assisted Gray on a pair of layins and made a three pointer from the left corner. University led by as many as 28 points in the quarter and had a 54-28 lead after three.

University had 21 assists on 30 made field goals as six different players had at least one helper. Gray led with six assists while Cortez had four and McGee three. McGee led with eight rebounds and had three steals. Cortez added three steals and blocked a shot.

Blanding was pleased with his team's performance. "I am very proud of my team and how we played tonight. We played hard and executed the game plan which is always exciting. We really took some nice steps in the right direction and it was good to get a win after a tough one we had last week."

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compared to this time last year

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January pending home sales
compared to this time last year
0.0%

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More Homes
For Sale
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2.3%
Price Increase
1/25 vs. 1/26

Months of Inventory Change
21.9%
1/25 vs. 1/26

Interest Rates
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With an APR of 6.147%

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Boone Sales Up 13.5%
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The coach was effusive with praise for those who helped him reach his milestone win. "I am honored to have coached so many great young men and women over the years to get 200 overall wins. It is a testament to the players we have had here along with their hard work and dedication to the program. I also want to thank the administration for believing in me and continuing to support me and the

program. It is truly an honor to coach here." The win improved University to 14-7 on the season. The Trailblazers will close out the regular season next week with two home games. University will host Guerin Catholic Tuesday in an all-county game before ending the regular season on Thursday by hosting Indiana Math & Science in a senior night contest. Legacy falls to 8-14 on the season.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 20

BOYS BASKETBALL

Avon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
 Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
 Carmel at Warren Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Fishers at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
 Franklin Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 North Montgomery at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
 Hoosier Conference placement game
 Hamilton Heights at Lafayette Central Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

State finals first round, 3 p.m. at Gainbridge Fieldhouse

Saturday, Feb. 21

BOYS BASKETBALL

New Haven at Noblesville, 3 p.m.
 Carmel at Providence, 7:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Jay County, 7:30 p.m.
 North Central at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONAL FINALS

Diving prelims, 9 a.m.
 Swimming and diving finals, 1 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel
 Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers
 University at Lawrence Central

BOYS WRESTLING

State finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse
 Quarterfinals and semifinals, 9 a.m.
 Placement matches, 4:30 p.m.
 Championship matches, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

BOYS BASKETBALL

Crispus Attucks at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at University, 7:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.
 Mt. Vernon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Noblesville at Muncie Central, 7:30 p.m.
 North Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Rushville, 8 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Boys Basketball

Golden Eagles clinch unbeaten Circle City Conference title

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
 For The Reporter

Last night's Circle City Conference game at The Nest helped to keep proving that the Golden Eagles are well into preparations for the sectional.

Guerin Catholic had a lead at halftime that they saw evaporate in the second half. The Golden Eagles took Roncalli to overtime to claim second consecutive conference championship on their home floor, 41-37.

Guerin got up 14-7 in the first and the second was a similar, but lower scoring 9-6, giving GC a 23-13 halftime advantage.

The visiting Royals climbed right back into it in the second half. Roncalli overcame the 10-point halftime deficit, outscoring Guerin 22-12 in the second half, to force the extra period.

The Golden Eagles held Roncalli in check in the overtime, taking it 6-2 to hold on for the home victory.

Carter Murans was the



Photos by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE) The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team won an undefeated Circle City Conference championships on Thursday. The Golden Eagles held off Roncalli in overtime, 41-37. (BELOW) Guerin Catholic's Carter Murans scored 15 points.

lone double-digit scorer with 15 on 6-for-9 shooting. The trio of Andrew Reithman, Zach Tansel and Luke Keller each scored seven.

Guerin Catholic (17-5) has its final home game of the regular season on Saturday against North Central at 2:30 p.m.



Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Men's Basketball

Charge edge Boom in tight finish, 124-120

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom

ers, fell short to the Cleveland Charge (15-6), 124-120, on Thursday night at The Arena at Innovation

Mile.

Gabe McGlothan led the Boom, recording his second consecutive double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds on an efficient 8-of-10 shooting performance, including 5-of-6 from beyond the arc. DaJuan Gordon followed with 20 points, five rebounds, and three steals, while Cameron Hildreth added 19 points, eight rebounds, and six assists.

For Cleveland, Riley Minix and Emanuel Miller posted 31 points each, with Minix also grabbing a game-high 16 rebounds. Killian Hayes delivered 18 points, seven assists, four rebounds, and three steals in just 23 minutes of action.

The Boom showed no signs of rust in their return from the All-Star break, shooting 60 percent from the field and 62.5 percent from deep in the opening quarter to take a 33-30 lead. McGlothan and Hildreth shouldered the early scoring load, combining for 22 of the team's 33 first-quarter points. Cleveland surged

early in the second quarter, taking a five-point lead before Noblesville responded with a 25-8 run to push ahead by 13 late in the half. Four Boom players reached double figures before intermission, led by McGlothan's 14 points, as Noblesville carried a 67-56 advantage into the break.

After not seeing the floor in the first half, Hayes opened the third quarter and immediately sparked a 17-5 Charge run, helping Cleveland swing momentum and pull in front by three with under seven minutes left in the frame. The Boom countered to reclaim a six-point lead, but nine costly turnovers converted into 19 Cleveland points - proved pivotal, as the Charge took a 92-91 lead into the fourth. In a tightly contested final period featuring 10 lead changes, Cleveland managed to hold on down the stretch after the Boom's game-tying three-point attempt fell short in the final seconds.

The Boom turn their attention to a back-to-back set against the Capital City Go-Go, beginning Saturday at The Arena at Innovation Mile. Coverage will stream live on NBAGLeague.com, with tipoff set for 7 p.m.

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Boys Swimming Sectionals

Hounds, Millers advance all swims to finals

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys swim team hosted the sectional preliminaries on Thursday, and everything went according to plan.

The Greyhounds advanced all 27 of their swims to Saturday's sectional finals. Carmel will have 26 in the championship, or "A" heat and one more in the consolation, or "B" heat.

The Hounds are chasing a 13th consecutive state championship and are well-positioned to qualify several for next week's state meet. Carmel will be top-seeded in 10 events at the sectional final, including all three relays.

Three Greyhounds earned No. 1 seeds in two events. Allen will be the first seed in the 200 and 500 freestyles, while Zheng is the top seed in the individual medley and breaststroke, and Carter Hadley is seeded first in the 100 free and backstroke.

Jack Street will be first-seeded in the butterfly race for Carmel.

Noblesville also advanced all 27 swims to the finals, with 17 making the "A" heat and the other 10 reaching the "B" heat. Two Millers are seeded second in their events: Drew Setmeyer is the second seed in the 100 free, while Joshua Naas picked the No. 2 seed in the breaststroke.

Westfield qualified 23 swims for the finals, placing 16 in the "A" heat and seven in the "B" heat. Zach Welch is the No. 2 seed in the 200 and 500 freestyles and the Shamrocks also earned the second seed in the medley and 400 free relays.

Guerin Catholic advanced 10 swims to the finals, five in the "A" heat and five in the "B" heat.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) Carmel's Cory Han swims in the individual medley at the sectional preliminaries on Thursday. Han is seeded second in that event for the Saturday finals. (TOP RIGHT) Noblesville's Brayden Wright reached the "A" heat of the backstroke after finishing fourth in the prelims. (RIGHT) Westfield's Griffin Barents Froman qualified for the "A" heat of the breaststroke, placing fifth in the prelims.



Sam Holl is the Golden Eagles' highest seed at fifth in the 500 free, and GC's medley relay team is also seeded fifth.

Positions 1-8 qualify for championship ("A") heat, positions 9-16 qualify for consolation ("B") heat, positions 17 and 18 are alternates.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Andrew Dubois, Yi Zheng, Jack Street, Aiden Jent) 1:35.49, 2. Westfield (Alden Thomas, Will Chambley, Noah Lorincz, Estaban Rousel) 1:38.22, 3. Noblesville (Brayden Wright, Eli Clutch Creakbaum, Jackson Teske, Caden Ellis) 1:40.50, 5. Guerin Catholic (Lucas Morse, Will Ladine, Sam Holl, Adam Jurewicz) 1:44.47.

200 freestyle: 1. William

Allen (C) 1:41.82, 2. Zach Welch (W) 1:43.16, 3. Lewis Zhang (C) 1:43.58, 4. Landon Wendel (W) 1:44.45, 5. William Lathrop (C) 1:46.40, 7. Adam Hill (N) 1:51.68, 8. Coleman Codalata (N) 1:52.33, 9. David Naas (N) 1:53.30, 11. Aiden Willig (W) 1:57.33, 16. Blake Durlinger (GC) 2:09.01.

200 individual medley: 1. Zheng (C) 1:52.03, 2. Cory Han (C) 1:53.19, 3. Joshua Naas (N) 1:54.87, 4. Noah Moeller (C) 1:55.92, 5. Gareth Thomas (W) 1:56.42, 6. Chambley (W) 1:57.56, 7. Holl (GC) 2:00.06, 8. Collin Monger (N) 2:00.50, 9. Griffin Barents Froman (W) 2:01.09, 11. Keaton Hoffman (N) 2:11.04, 21. David Cachillo (GC) 2:50.76.

50 freestyle: 2. Donald Zhao (C) 21.76, 3. Drew Setmeyer (N) 21.89, 4. Lukas

Billier (C) 22.14, 6. Eddy Zhu (C) 22.18, 8. Brayden Wright (N) 22.30, 11. Jackson Burgess (W) 22.92, 14. Creakbaum (N) 23.12, 15. Lorincz (W) 23.78, 22. Durlinger (GC) 25.54, 26. George Hein (GC) 28.51.

100 butterfly: 1. Street (C) 50.40, 2. Zhu (C) 51.58, 3. Liam Hayward (N) 51.80, 4. Teske (N) 52.08, 5. Thomas (W) 52.13, 6. Moeller (C) 52.32, 8. Lorincz (W) 53.91, 10. Codalata (N) 55.64, 14. Lucas Morse (GC) 1:01.13, 20. Avi Arun (W) 1:09.74.

100 freestyle: 1. Carter Hadley (C) 45.98, 2. Setmeyer (N) 47.75, 3. Biller (C) 47.76, 4. Lathrop (C) 47.78, 5. Ladine (GC) 47.99, 7. Thomas (W) 49.47, 10. D. Naas (N) 51.53, 13. Caden Ellis (N) 52.64, 15. Evan Hess (W) 53.35, 17. Jon

Obusek (W) 54.73, 18. Jurewicz (GC) 55.50.

500 freestyle: 1. Allen (C) 4:35.75, 2. Welch (W) 4:37.15, 3. Austin Bruford (C) 4:39.77, 4. Zhang (C) 4:42.85, 5. Holl (GC) 4:49.84, 6. Wendel (W) 4:49.90, 7. Monger (N) 4:52.41, 9. Hill (N) 5:00.76, 10. Willig (W) 5:21.21, 14. Hayden Wong (N) 5:37.63.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Lathrop, Zhao, Allen, Biller) 1:27.42, 3. Westfield (Burgess, Rousel, Lorincz, Wendel) 1:31.28, 4. Noblesville (D. Naas, J. Naas, Codalata, Hayward) 1:31.84, 9. Guerin Catholic (Durlinger, Hein, Cachillo, Jurewicz) 1:45.86.

100 backstroke: 1. Hadley (C) 51.15, 2. Street (C) 51.69, 3. Teske (N) 52.07, 4. Wright (N) 52.54, 5. Andrew

Allen (C) 52.88, 6. Thomas (W) 53.65, 7. Burgess (W) 55.90, 9. Hoffman (N) 59.68, 10. Hess (W) 1:00.58, 14. Morse (GC) 1:06.85.

100 breaststroke: 1. Zheng (C) 56.46, 2. J. Naas (N) 57.70, 3. Chambley (W) 58.45, 4. Han (C) 58.55, 5. Barents Froman (W) 59.36, 6. Rousel (W) 59.43, 7. Creakbaum (N) 1:00.78, 9. Luke Feller (C) 1:01.62, 10. Ladine (GC) 1:01.78, 11. Ellis (N) 1:06.26, 21. Cachillo (GC) 1:16.06, 24. Hein (GC) 1:26.07.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Bruford, Zhu, Zhang, Hadley) 3:14.27, 2. Westfield (Wendel, Hess, Thomas, Chambley) 3:21.45, 4. Noblesville (Hill, Setmeyer, Monger, Hayward) 3:27.43, 7. Guerin Catholic (Durlinger, Jurewicz, Ladine, Holl) 3:33.74.

Tigers, Royals send all swims to finals

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Sectional host Fishers advanced all 27 of its swims to the sectional finals after their performances at Thursday's sectional preliminaries.

The Tigers qualified 24 swims to the championship, or "A" heat, with the other three going to the consolation, or "B" heat. Fishers also picked up four top seeds for the Saturday finals.

Elijah Fishman earned the top seed in the individual medley, while Caden Askren picked up the first seed in the 500 freestyle. Logan Senior led a 1-2-3 finish in the backstroke. Fishers finished the meet by earning the No. 1 seed in the 400 free relay.

Oak Hill picked up the top seed in the other seven events.

Hamilton Southeastern also advanced all of its swims to the finals, sending 23 to the "A" heat and the other four to the "B" heat.

Camden Bailey picked up the second seed in the 100 free, with the Royals' 400 free relay earning the second seed as well.

Hamilton Heights qualified

12 swims to the finals, with seven reaching the "A" heat and five going to the "B" heat.

Aiden Clarke will be the third seed in the individual medley at Saturday's finals. The Huskies' 400 relay team also picked up the third seed in that event.

Positions 1-8 qualify for championship ("A") heat, positions 9-16 qualify for consolation ("B") heat, positions 17 and 18 are alternates.

200 medley relay: 2. Fishers (Qwinton Upshaw, Elijah Fishman, Logan Senior, Grayden Jones) 1:37.69, 3. Hamilton Southeastern (Alden Sealls, Grayer Belaire, Bryce Salvadori, Nolan Pugh) 1:40.25, 6. Hamilton Heights (Luke Allwardt, Hudson Holt, Eli Heuer, Owen Semester) 1:56.11.

200 freestyle: 2. Carter Schultz (F) 1:42.89, 3. Caden Askren (F) 1:44.75, 4. Camden Bailey (HSE) 1:46.06, 5. Ivan Semko (HSE) 1:47.75, 6. Hagen Lee (F) 1:49.81, 7. Sawyer Green (HSE) 1:50.22, 15. Jack Powell (HH) 2:07.85, 23. Iain Van Elk (HH) 2:24.99, 26. Will Monnin (HH) 2:29.83.

200 individual medley: 1. Fishman (F) 1:55.42, 2. Salvadori (HSE) 1:58.13, 3. Aiden Clarke (HH) 1:58.88, 4. Jagger Chan (HSE) 1:59.22, 5. Josh Lawrence (HSE) 1:59.87, 6. Upshaw (F) 2:00.40, 9. Luis Sanchez (F) 2:05.37, 20. Allwardt (HH) 2:51.53.

50 freestyle: 2. Alex Koo (F) 20.77, 4. Dylan Geesaman (F) 22.15, T6. Pugh (HSE) 22.55; Rowan Donald (HH) 22.55, 9. Zakariya Akhtar (F) 22.85, 10. Braeden Van Hyfte (HSE) 22.86, 13. Jackson Reine (HSE) 23.94, 16. Isaac Correll (HH) 24.46, 21. Heuer (HH) 25.38.

100 butterfly: 2. Koo (F) 50.96, 3. Senior (F) 51.66, 4. Zachary Marchisin (HSE) 53.14, 5. Jones (F) 53.42, 6. Sealls (HSE) 54.23, 7. Lawrence (HSE) 54.56, 21. Tyler Miller (HH) 1:23.54.

100 freestyle: 2. Camden Bailey (HSE) 47.15, 3. Schultz (F) 47.49, 5. Caleb McCoy (F) 48.97, 6. Donald (HH) 49.13, 8. Van Hyfte (HSE) 50.56, 9. Xander Goss (HSE) 51.75, 12. Akhtar (F) 53.72, 14. Isaac Correll (HH) 54.15, 21. Heuer (HH) 58.37.

500 freestyle: 1. Askren (F)

4:40.05, 2. Salvadori (HSE) 4:43.88, 3. Marchisin (HSE) 4:44.75, 4. Clarke (HH) 4:49.78, 5. Brody Chop (F) 4:51.20, 6. Lee (F) 4:52.60, 7. Ivan Semko (HSE) 4:52.82, 18. Powell (HH) 5:58.20.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Fishers (Fishman, Schultz, Lee, Askren) 1:29.54, 4. Southeastern (Marchisin, Lawrence, Bailey, Semko) 1:31.14, 5. Heights (Holt, Correll, Clarke, Donald) 1:32.16.

100 backstroke: 1. Senior (F) 52.51, 2. Jones (F) 54.30, 3. Sealls (HSE) 55.44, 4. Carter Nelson (HSE) 56.89, 5. Sanchez (F) 57.20, 6. Goss (HSE) 57.90, 19. Allwardt (HH) 1:17.65.

100 breaststroke: 2. Upshaw (F) 58.29, 3. Geesaman (F) 58.41, 4. Fishman (F) 58.56, 5. Chan (HSE) 59.13, 7. Belaire (HSE) 59.96, 9. Pugh (HSE) 1:01.10, 11. Holt (HH) 1:03.22, 13. Semester (HH) 1:09.87, 22. Monnin (HH) 1:29.02.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers (Lee, Askren, Senior, Schultz) 3:21.48, 2. Southeastern (Salvadori, Lawrence, Semko, Goss) 3:23.51, 3. Heights (Holt, Correll, Clarke, Donald) 3:27.69.

University's Nolan Barger makes backstroke "B" final

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University's Nolan Barger qualified for the sectional finals of the backstroke at Thursday's Lawrence Central sectional preliminaries.

Barger finished 14th in the prelims, so he swam Saturday in the "B" heat of that event. Complete University results now follow.

200 freestyle: 21. Cael Head 2:16.96.

50 freestyle: 34. Isaiah Hoffman 37.27.

100 butterfly: 17. Head 1:09.68.

100 freestyle: 18. Nolan Barger 58.14, 36. Hoffman 1:26.38.

100 backstroke: 14. Barger 1:09.15.

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