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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Periods of rain. Storms possible in the afternoon.
 Tonight: Rain and storms.
 HIGH: 59 LOW: 53



Carmel Rotarians welcome state health commissioner

Dr. Weaver: Hamilton Co. has lowest rate of smoking during pregnancy

By DUBBIE BUCKLER
Carmel Rotary Club Secretary

Dr. Lindsay Weaver, State Health Commissioner for the Indiana Department of Health (IDH), addressed the Carmel Rotary Club last week and shared information about significant health concerns facing Indiana.

Weaver began her presentation sharing the IDH's mission to promote, protect, and improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers, and envisioning optimal health for every Hoosier regardless of where they live, learn, work, or play.

Dr. Weaver reviewed the state's plan to improve Hoosiers' health and reduce obesity and chronic disease through prevention and healthier choices, includes the key focus areas of a) promoting healthier food access; b) raising consumer awareness with clearer and

more informative labeling; c) promoting school wellness and fitness testing; d) expanding access to fresh, local food; and e) evaluating state programs to determine return on the state's investment in its health initiatives.

Dr. Weaver stated that a key to achieving a healthier Indiana is to connect state government, communities, schools, health-care providers, and private partners in a unified effort.

Dr. Weaver remarked that key factors underlying the IDH's plan are obesity and tobacco use. She reported that obesity among Hoosiers has continued to increase over the past 25 years, contributing to major health problems including heart disease and diabetes.

Regarding tobacco use among Indiana residents, Dr. Weaver shared some hopeful news, reporting that per the 2024 Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey, high school tobacco



Photo provided by Rotary Club of Carmel
Carmel Rotary President Doug Willard presents books to Dr. Lindsay Weaver to sign for distribution to Carmel grade schools.

use is at its lowest levels in two decades, and e-cigarette usage has dropped to 5 percent, down from a peak of 18.5 percent in 2018. However, she shared that flavored tobacco

products and the rising popularity of oral nicotine pouches pose serious health risks to teens and on into adulthood.

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A rare celebration

Over the weekend I celebrated rare disease day. It is a day that many of us "rare" people like to acknowledge and celebrate. An opportunity to raise awareness.

What are we celebrating? Why do these days matter?

When living with a rare disease, there can be limited information. Drug trials or even a sense that someone out there is fighting on our behalf can feel nonexistent. Many rare diseases will never see a cure, let alone opportunities for treatment.

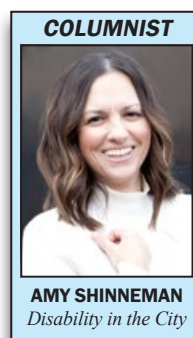
That can make it hard to harness hope. It does not stop an army of rare disease patients and advocates from trying. Trying to raise awareness for the forgotten diseases that many do not even know exist.

Take my disease for example. I live with a type of muscular dystrophy called Bethlem Myopathy. While I had heard of muscular dystrophy when I was diagnosed, I had never heard the words Bethlem Myopathy in my life.

Immediately, I set out to find as much information on Bethlem Myopathy as I could. I was starved for answers as to what made me "tick." I needed to know, what exactly goes on inside of my body that makes my muscles so weak.

It is estimated that fewer than 5,000 people in the United States live with Bethlem Myopathy.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Hamilton Heights musicians & Winter Guard shine across multiple competitions

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School and Middle School Band students had an outstanding weekend of performances, earning top honors across ISSMA, IHSCGA, and IPA events. The band program is under the leadership of Band Director Mark Snelson and Assistant Band Director Billy Cox.

High school musicians delivered exceptional results at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Mazie Emmert (Euphonium Solo) earned Silver; Rachel England (Trumpet Solo) received Gold with Distinction; and Kaylee Roberts (Euphonium Solo) also earned Gold with Distinction. The Percussion Ensemble – featuring Nicole Eberhard, Lukas Jackson, Maddy Lustig, Bella McDole, Jack Powell, Kiera Rinas, Connelly Schuster, and Ava Snelson – earned Gold with Distinction as well.

Under the direction of Guy

Groves, the Hamilton Heights Middle School Winter Guard earned three consecutive Silver ratings in the IHSCGA circuit, with strong performances at the Zionsville, Brownsburg, and DeKalb contests.

Heights Indoor Percussion (HIP) also turned in impressive results in February IPA competitions, placing third at Noblesville and first at Pendleton Heights.

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Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

From ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble to IHSCGA Winter Guard and IPA Indoor Percussion, Hamilton Heights musicians delivered an incredible stretch of performances. These photos capture the dedication, artistry, and school spirit the band and guard students bring to every stage and competition.



Braun seeks parents' input on social media law

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Republican Gov. Mike Braun on Monday said parents should provide feedback about how well Indiana's new social media law works.

The governor's comments came during a Monday afternoon news conference following the end of the 2026 legislative session on Friday.

The new social media law, which becomes effective on Jan. 1, will require social media companies to verify the ages of anyone applying for an account. If the person is younger than 16, social media companies must get parental approval, and the person's account could not have features such as autoplay, infinite scrolling, or algorithm-generated content suggestions.

Lawmakers have worked on a social media bill for a couple of years, but the efforts gained new traction after the disappearance and death of Fishers teenager Hailey Buzbee in January. Investigators said Buzbee com-

municated with a man through an online gaming platform for about a year before she ran away from home.

Braun said the bill doesn't contain everything he wants for social media companies but it's a good start, especially considering lawmakers' short timeline this session. He said he hopes the bill is a catalyst for further legislation and he wants parents and stakeholders to weigh in. Above all, Braun said tech companies need to start listening to parents and policymakers and address the problems their products are causing.

"We shouldn't have to be, as legislators across the country, worrying about stuff that you could fix to begin with," he said. "We did as much as we could with the time that we had and I'm proud of what we got done. Parents, people using it, paying for it, need to tell Big Tech, fix your own problems."



Braun

Braun said he was very pleased with the overall results of the legislative session. In all, he said 19 of 23 bills associated with his legislative agenda and 32 of 35 bills containing agency requests reached his desk.

Among the bills that reached his desk was a bill designed to reduce the costs associated with building housing. Lawmakers ended up removing provisions that would have restricted local governments' ability to require certain design elements or types of housing. Braun said the bill still encourages local governments to work more closely with housing developers and there already have been some instances of success in that area.

The governor also said he was pleased by legislation to eliminate state income taxes on tips and overtime, to strip commercial driver's licenses from people who lack work authorization in the United States, and

to ban student use of cell phones throughout the school day.

The governor also briefly addressed Monday's announcement that a group of investors headed by BlackRock would acquire AES Indiana. Braun said AES' new owners will still have to follow the state's rules. Among other things, that means having to work with an Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission which Braun has tasked with keeping utility rates as low as possible.

"It's the first time ever there's been a dynamic shift in this state to where ratepayers are the primary concern," he said.

The governor indicated vetoes are unlikely this year. He said there were a few bills this session with which he had some concerns, but his team was able to work with lawmakers to address them before the bills reached his desk.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/gov-braun-seeks-parents-input-on-new-social-media-law.

Carnegie Corporation awards Westfield Library \$10K grant

Funding to support programming around USA's 250th anniversary

The REPORTER

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded a \$10,000 gift to the Westfield Washington Public Library. The award is part of *Carnegie Libraries 250*, a special initiative celebrating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and honoring the roughly 1,280 Carnegie Libraries still serving their communities.

Scottish immigrant Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 free public libraries nationwide between 1886 and 1917. That includes the original Westfield Washington Public Library, which was awarded a \$9,000 Carnegie grant in 1920, to build the library at 104 W. Main Street. Indiana boasts the highest number of Carnegie libraries in the United States, with 164 built between 1901 and 1922.

"This gift is a meaningful reminder of

the vision that helped shape public libraries across the country," says Executive Director Sheryl Sollars. "For nearly 170 years, the Westfield Washington Public Library has served as a place of learning, connection, and opportunity for this community.



Sollars

It is an honor to be recognized as part of that enduring Carnegie tradition while continuing to meet the evolving needs of Westfield residents."

"Our founder, Andrew Carnegie, who championed the free public library movement, described libraries as 'cradles of democracy' that 'strengthen the democratic idea, the equality of the citizen, and the royalty of man,'" adds Dame Louise Richardson, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York and former head of the University of Oxford. "We still believe this and are delighted to celebrate our connection to the libraries he founded."

The Westfield Washington Public Library may use the funds to celebrate the country's 250th anniversary, further its mission, and benefit the community it serves. Patrons are invited to share their Westfield Washington Public Library photos, stories, and community celebrations at carnegielibraries.org.

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She also shared the state's grave concern about the number of women in the state who smoke during pregnancy. While Indiana's overall rate of smoking during pregnancy has dropped slightly from about 9 percent to under 7 percent, that's close to double the national rate of smoking during pregnancy. Dr. Weaver commended Hamilton County with a smoking during pregnancy rate of well under 1 percent. She compared Hamilton County's low rate to Crawford County's high rate that is greater than 20 percent, adding that 60 percent of Indiana counties have smoking while pregnant rates that are higher than the statewide average.

Board certified in both emergency medicine and

hospice and palliative care medicine, Dr. Weaver is also an Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine and still practices emergency medicine at Methodist Hospital one night a week. She joined IDH as Chief Medical Officer in 2020. She was first appointed State Health Commissioner by Governor Eric Holcomb and re-appointed by Governor Mike Braun. She also served as president of the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Emergency Medicine Physicians.

Following her presentation, Dr. Weaver answered many questions about health issues from Carmel Rotarians. Carmel Rotary Club President Doug Willard then presented books about

"Milo the Doctor" for her to sign, which Carmel Rotary then donates to Carmel elementary school libraries.

About the Rotary Club of Carmel

The Rotary Club of Carmel, founded in 1972, regularly contributes to local community projects including the Merciful H.E.L.P. Center, Crooked Creek Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Carmel Summer Lunch Program, Trinity Free Clinic, and many others. Carmel Rotary's youth outreach includes Leadership Connection, a leadership skills development and scholarship program for Carmel area high school students; Interact, a Rotary-sponsored service club for youth ages 12 to 18; and the Youth Exchange Program, hosting high school



Photo provided by Rotary Club of Carmel

students from abroad and sponsoring Carmel area outbound high school students to countries around the globe.

Carmel Rotary is proud to present and provide the leadership for CarmelFest, Carmel's annual 4th of July

parade and celebration. Carmel Rotary is also involved in global service projects within the major focus areas of: Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health; Ba-

sic education and literacy, and Economic and community development.

The longstanding primary goal of Rotary International is the eradication of polio from the face of the earth. For more information visit CarmelRotary.com.

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The season continues with several opportunities to enjoy and support Heights' student musicians:

- **ISSMA Jazz Festival** – Kokomo High School, Friday, March 6 – Middle School Jazz Band at 5:50 p.m. and High School Jazz Band at 8:30 p.m.
- **IPA Franklin Community Invitational** – Saturday, March 7 – HIP performance at 5:46 p.m.
- **ISSMA JME Organization Contest** – Elwood Jr./Sr. High, Friday, March 13 – 6th Grade Band at 5:25 p.m. and 7th/8th Grade

Band at 6:40 p.m.

- **IPA Westfield Invitational** – Saturday, March 14 – HIP performance at 4:03 p.m.
- **IPA State Prelims** follow on Saturday, March 21, with **State Finals** on Saturday, March 28.

Hamilton Heights is proud of the dedication, talent, and teamwork shown by these band and guard students. Their accomplishments reflect the strength of the district's music program and the commitment of directors, staff, and families who support them.

CELEBRATION

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Not only did I need to know, but I deserved to know. We all deserve to know answers to questions about our health.

My search resulted in a very lackluster explanation, and I felt like half of the symptoms did not even apply to me. Some did, but once again I doubted that I had finally found the answers I was looking for.

Thank goodness for genetic counselors. I was so fortunate to have one of the most patient and caring genetic counselors. No matter how many questions I asked her, she never made me feel silly or like I was bothering her. Genetic lingo is hard to understand.

Still, I did not feel totally satisfied. I then began to search online for "my people." Somewhere along the way, I found a young woman who lives in the "land down under" and has my same diagnosis. Although I am about 25 years older than her, we became fast friends. Figuring out the time difference to chat can be tricky.

I have since met many others, and have made some

deep connections, including one woman who I refer to as my soul sister. Many are here in the U.S. with some in other countries who live with Bethlem. I have also joined some groups created for my specific disease. There is no greater wealth of knowledge than the people living day in and day out with the disease.

I shared a quote on my social media on rare disease day, and it warmed my heart to see that it resonated with many in my rare community. I remember when I was first diagnosed and I read things written by people like me. It was as if they were inside my brain and pulled their words directly from my lived experiences.

Knowing I can now do that for someone else means the world to me.

This is what I shared ...

I didn't choose rare. It chose me. Living with a rare disease for 51 years has been a complicated mix of constantly juggling wanting to give up and wanting fight like hell to live my life to the fullest, before it's too late. It's wondering what the day will bring each day

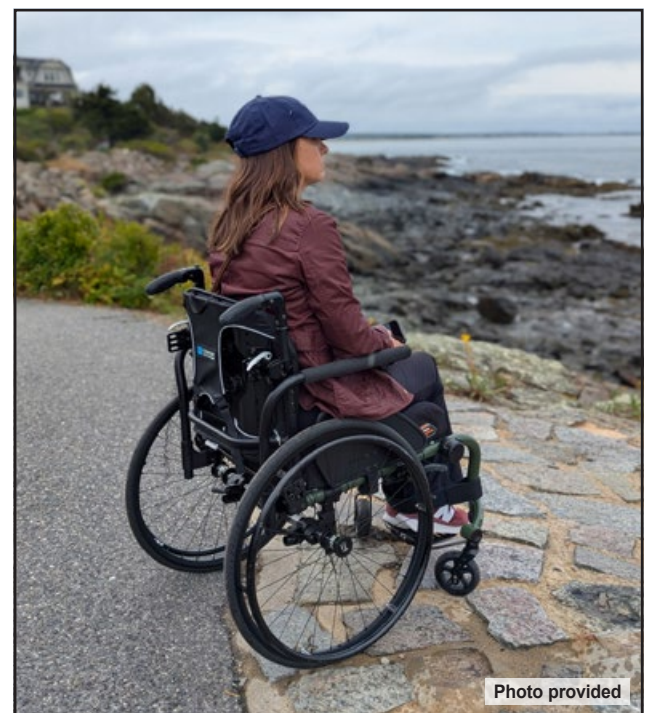


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for my body. It's pressure to perform a perfect 10 routine every day, so I don't mess up and have a devastating fall. Each step carefully calculated. It's using my wheelchair for things I could do on my feet not that long ago. It's a constant state of grieving loss. It's hard to put into words. It's sharing vulnerabilities that are tough to share, so that others in my same shoes seeking valida-

tion can find it.

Until next time ...

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Aspire Noblesville pharmacy now fully open

The REPORTER

After its historic ribbon cutting ceremony in February, Aspire's new reimagined pharmacy at its Noblesville health center is now fully open and ready to serve anyone in the community.

After a soft opening, the pharmacy is now fully staffed and stocked with medication to fulfill all prescription needs from any medical provider. The pharmacy accepts Medicaid, Medicare, and most traditional insurance.

Located at 17840 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, the pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can call the pharmacy at (317) 678-0397.

Pharmacy clients who are also Aspire patients enjoy additional benefits including free courier delivery of their medication

to their home or work and access to sliding-scale fees, making medication more affordable and accessible to low-income patients. Every Aspire health center is accepting new primary care patients with minimal wait times.

The new pharmacy model is also a key part of the Whole-Person Comprehensive Disease Management (CDM) program to serve patients with progressive chronic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, psoriasis, and chronic migraines. It also offers connection to Specialty Care Services including headache neurology, dermatology, and rheumatology needs.

"By opening this Aspire-owned pharmacy, we're improving the accessibility and affordability of



medication," Aspire Chief Medical Officer Dr. Holly Oh said. "In addition, we are integrating medication experts into our care teams, which means our patients are getting more seamless, coordinated – and better – care."

Aspire has made this exciting leap in partnership with AndHealth, a health-care organization that specializes in providing high-quality specialty care and pharmacy services to high-need populations.

About Aspire

Serving central Indiana since 1966, Aspire Indiana Health is a nonprofit community health system with services including behavioral health, primary and specialty care medicine, pharmacy, substance use disorder treatment, infectious diseases, deaf services, crisis continuum, recovery housing, abused/neglected children advocacy, and programs addressing the social drivers of health such housing and employment. Learn more at AspireIndiana.org.

Noblesville FOP Lodge 198 & Fishers FOP Lodge 199 endorse Dustin Dixon for Hamilton County Sheriff

Submitted

Dustin Dixon, candidate for Hamilton County Sheriff, today announced the endorsements of the Noblesville Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 198 and the Fishers Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 199.

With these endorsements, all four Hamilton County FOP lodges have now publicly announced their support of Dixon's candidacy. No candidate for Sheriff has ever earned the unified endorsement of all the Hamilton County FOP lodges, representing more than 600 officers from every police agency based in

the county.

"It is our honor to formally endorse Dustin Dixon for Hamilton County Sheriff," said the Noblesville Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 198. "As Sheriff, Dustin Dixon will prioritize transparency, professionalism, and the protection of the citizens of Hamilton County while standing firmly behind the deputies who serve them. We are confident he will lead with honor and uphold the highest standards of the office. We en-



Dixon

courage voters to support his candidacy."

"The membership of the Fishers FOP overwhelmingly voted to endorse Dustin Dixon for Hamilton County Sheriff," said

Jared Koopman, President of Fishers FOP Lodge 199. "Many of our members have worked right alongside Dustin for many years and seen firsthand his passion for the law enforcement profession, his commitment to serving the citizens of Hamilton Coun-

ty, and his natural ability to lead others."

These endorsements add to Dixon's growing support across Hamilton County, including:

- Sue Finkam, Mayor of Carmel
- Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185
- Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103
- Scott Fadness, Mayor of Fishers
- Chris Jensen, Mayor of Noblesville
- Doug Carter, Former Indiana State Police Superintendent and former Hamilton County Sheriff

Learn about galactic center & see Jupiter

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Learn more about efforts to study a supermassive black hole 27,000 light

years from earth at Indiana University Kokomo's free Observatory open house on Sunday, March 8.

Patrick Motl, professor of physics, will begin the open house at 8 p.m. with recent news and updates in astronomy, including a presentation on the galactic center including a supermassive black hole and efforts to map a challenging part of the sky to see.

After the presentation, stargazers may be able to see Jupiter and the winter constellations through the Observatory's telescopes, weather permitting. They include a six-inch Taka-

hashi 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.

Observation will continue through 10 p.m., weather permitting.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: Carmel continues overspending without voter approval

Dear Editor:

For the second year in three, Carmel's local government spent more than in took in – \$17 million to be exact. In 2023, they overspent by \$45.7 million.

In both cases, the major single source of revenue came from borrowing – redevelopment bonds, chiefly.

As other Hamilton County cities are trying hard to imitate Carmel, their taxpayers can go to school on Carmel's inability to balance the books.

Virtually all debt came about without taxpayer approval.

And the sky's the limit for borrowing and spending "servants of the people."

Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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Simple steps to take before severe weather strikes

In the spring, Indiana weather can turn from calm to catastrophic in a matter of moments. Even though the weather is difficult to predict and impossible to control, there are steps you can take to reduce your risk, protect your property, and recover more quickly if a damaging storm does strike.



DARRIN WALTON

erage limits to get a lay of the land. Since construction costs rise over time, make sure you have the right level of coverage to reflect current rebuilding costs. Being underinsured can leave you financially exposed when it matters most.

Proactively protect what you can

A little bit of maintenance and planning can go a long way. If you have loose shingles, siding, or gutters, secure them while you can. Also, keep an eye out for tree branches that are dead, snapped or have grown too long. They can break or fall during high winds and cause damage to your property.

Some things you can handle on the day of severe weather, as long as you're paying attention. If you know hail is in the forecast and you have a garage, make sure you can park inside. If you enjoyed a cook-out the day before storm warnings, don't forget that

your patio furniture and grill can become projectiles during strong winds.

Make a list, check it often

A lot of homeowners have a hard time remembering everything they own when a loss occurs. I see it all the time, and it can add to the stress of the situation. It is in your best interest to go room by room to document everything you own and note when the items were purchased.

Talk with your agent about the best way to document your belongings. Some popular documentation methods include checklist documents, spreadsheet tracking, photo and video logs, or dedicated mobile apps. After a storm that causes significant damage, clear documentation can significantly speed up the claims process and help ensure that you're compensated correctly.

Stock up supplies

Personal safety planning is the most important part of severe weather preparation. Make sure you know where the safest place to

ride out the storm is in your home, typically a basement or away from windows in an interior room on the lowest floor. Keep a well-stocked emergency kit handy and fill it with essentials like water, snacks, flashlights and batteries, first-aid supplies, and important documents. Also, make sure you have a way to stay informed about the weather, whether that's your phone or a dedicated radio.

Spring in Indiana can be one of the most beautiful seasons. I'm not urging you to expect the worst, but I do want you to be ready if severe weather strikes near you. These practical measures can help provide some peace of mind when the skies darken, and the sirens start shouting their warnings this spring.

Darrin Walton is the executive director of claims at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, an insurance company headquartered in Indianapolis with offices in all 92 counties. Walton is an experienced claims professional with more than 35 years in the field.

Understand & review your coverage

Commit to reviewing your coverages annually. You need to understand what your policy covers and what it doesn't cover. Take a look at your current deductibles, exclusions, and cov-

Community screening of *Bad Faith* documentary invites neighbors to explore faith & democracy

Submitted

From Strangers to Neighbors, a Carmel-based nonprofit, in partnership with Voices4Democracy Indiana, will host a community screening and discussion of the documentary *Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy* from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Carmel Public Library, Community Room B, 425 E. Main St. The screening is free but requires pre-registration.

In addition to the film screening, the event will feature post-film community conversation and Q&A session led by Dr. Matthias Beier. *Bad Faith* traces the historical roots and modern political influence of Christian Nationalism. It features interviews with scholars,

clergy, and former movement insiders who examine how religious identity has intersected with American politics. The 83-minute documentary examines the historical development and contemporary influence of Christian Nationalism and was named one of the 10 best films in 2024 by *Variety*.

Dr. Beier is an Indianapolis resident and an internationally recognized expert and speaker on assessing the difference between harmful and healthy forms of religion and on fostering a spirituality of love and peace. Last November, he debated Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith in an *IndyStar* series on Christian Nationalism to explore the use of religion by the government. He is an associate professor at Christian Theological

Seminary, holds a Master of Divinity degree and a PhD in Psychology and Religion, and has served as a United Methodist minister.

Organizers of the event note that the program is designed to create a welcoming space for thoughtful dialogue about the relationship between faith and democratic life, particularly as some immigrant neighbors face arrest and deportation.

Sharon Boller, who heads the refugee support organization From Strangers to Neighbors, said, "Right now many people do not understand the roots of current government policy and actions. This event creates a safe space for neighbors within our community to come together, learn, and engage thoughtfully with important issues

affecting our community – particularly the topic of immigrant arrests, detentions, and deportations."

The post-film discussion will give attendees an opportunity to ask questions and reflect together on how faith traditions can contribute to a humane and democratic society.

"Faith is being widely misused in our society today to stoke fear and justify inhumanity," said Beier. "In light of the documentary *Bad Faith*, I want to help answer why this is happening, and show how faith is actually designed to foster a truly humane society based on trust."

Advance registration for the March 8 public event is open at fromstrangerstoneighbors.org/events-bad-faith.



What's happening at Tipton County Public Library?

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

TCPL Creation Station: Mystery Mosaics

Stop by the Creation Station all month long to create a Mystery Mosaic Color by Number. All supplies provided, just bring your creativity and imagination. Color by number to reveal a surprise image or scene.

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

Free tax preparation

The Tipton County Public Library (TCPL) is partnering with the United Way of Howard and Tipton counties to offer free tax preparation assistance to eligible community members.

Tax preparation packets will be available at the library's front desk through March. Simply pick up a packet, complete it, and return it to the Tipton Library. A United Way representative will then contact you to schedule a review appointment at the library.

This service is designed to help qualifying residents navigate their tax preparation with expert assistance at no cost. For more information, visit the Tipton County Public Library or call during regular business hours at (765) 675-0212. [Click here](#) for more information.

March Collection Spotlights

This month, TCPL has something special for readers of all ages. Young readers can participate in Read Green, a fun, seasonal collection in the Children's Department featuring books featuring the color green.

For adult readers, be sure to explore the library's Women's History Month display, which spotlights titles celebrating women's history and the inspiring girls and women who have fought for change. Come in and discover your next great read this March.

Visit the library to browse the display in person, or explore the collection online at TiptonCountyLibrary.org.

March Digital Resource Highlight: A to Z World Food

Explore the world from your kitchen with A to Z World Food, TCPL's featured digital resource of the month. This comprehensive database takes you on a culinary journey across the globe, offering authentic recipes, cultural food traditions, and fascinating insights into cuisines from over 174 countries.

Whether you're looking to recreate a traditional dish, learn about food customs and etiquette, or simply expand your culinary horizons, A to Z World Food provides everything you need to become a more adventurous cook, all accessible for free with your library card.

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Westfield Youth Assistance opens registration for Egg My Yard

Submitted

Registration is open for the Westfield Youth Assistance Program's 2026 Egg My Yard Fundraiser. WYAP has partnered again with the Easter Bunny's helpers, National Charity League, to stuff and hide the Easter eggs, funded by the generous sponsorship from Volovic Orthodontics.

A couple things to note: Each egg will be filled with a variety of chocolate and non-chocolate sweets. (Note: WYAP is not responsible for allergy or choking hazards. Eggs are best suited for children aged 5 and up.) Deliveries can only be made to addresses within Westfield Washington Township

You can select how difficult you'd like the eggs to be hidden. The deadline for registration is Sunday, March 29. Eggs will be hidden starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4. [Click here](#) to register for Egg My Yard. This program is only available within the Westfield Washington School District.



Photo provided

ClusterTruck opens new Carmel location

The REPORTER

ClusterTruck, an Indianapolis-based digital-first delivery kitchen company redefining the food delivery experience, announced the opening of its first franchise location at 13756 N. Meridian St. in Carmel, on Friday, Feb. 27.

As ClusterTruck celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2026, its latest kitchen will offer diverse food options and strengthen delivery coverage along the North Meridian corridor and nearby communities.

The new Carmel kitchen will bring ClusterTruck's beloved made-to-order menu to residents and businesses, featuring everything from breakfast burritos and tacos to burgers, loaded tots, mac and cheese, and global flavors like pad thai. Group ordering, one of ClusterTruck's biggest benefits for customers, allows families and coworkers to place multiple orders at once, pay separately or together, and receive all items in a single, coordinated, and free delivery.

"As ClusterTruck celebrates a decade of business and continues to grow, our focus remains on delivering high-quality food through a seamless, reliable experience," ClusterTruck CEO Janet Monroe said. "The

Carmel kitchen and our new franchise model are strategic steps in our expansion, allowing us to reach new customers and better serve Indy's northside with faster, more convenient free delivery, while also positioning us to repeat the process in future franchise locations."

ClusterTruck's technology-first model and fully integrated delivery process are powered by proprietary software that meticulously manages orders and kitchen timing while also considering delivery route length. Meals are cooked to order and delivered directly to customers, ensuring they arrive hot and fresh. The franchise model is designed around smaller, highly efficient kitchens, simplified operations, and centralized prep, allowing franchisees to maintain consistency, quality and scale while serving families, offices, and institutions.

Franchisee Joe Curtis, a local entrepreneur with a background in engineering and real estate, will operate

the new Carmel location. Curtis was drawn to ClusterTruck's tech-enabled model and diverse menu as a way to provide families – like his own children and grandchildren – with a high-quality, affordable dining option that caters to every taste and fits into modern lifestyles.

"Whether you're a busy family juggling children's activities and managing picky eaters or a group of coworkers ordering lunch at the office, everyone deserves a fast, affordable meal without sacrificing quality or cravings," Curtis said. "My family has long been fans of ClusterTruck's wide-ranging menu, convenience and reliability, which is why I'm excited to bring this new location to the Hamilton County community."

ClusterTruck's other central Indiana locations are in downtown Indianapolis, Broad Ripple, and Castleton. For more information on these locations or to view the full menu, visit [ClusterTruck.com](https://clustertruck.com).



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EVIDENCES FOR THE BIBLE

This is the John Rylands Library Papyrus P52. It is the earliest New Testament manuscript discovered to date. It is dated possibly earlier than 100 AD, but no later than 150 AD. This fragment contains a Greek script of John 18:31-33 on one side and John 18:37-38 on the other.

Why is this significant?

- 1. THIS MANUSCRIPT'S DATE.** Before this discovery, critics argued the Gospel of John was written well into the second century, long after apostolic eyewitnesses to these events. But this manuscript is (at the latest) 120 years after the resurrection. Just compare it to other earliest copies of historical manuscripts around the same period: Pliny (300-440 years after), Suetonius (700-750 years), Caesar (850-900 years), or Tacitus (750-800 years).
- 2. THIS MANUSCRIPT WAS FOUND IN EGYPT.** This shows that John's Gospel was copied, distributed, and in Egypt within a few decades of its original composition. This places the date of John's Gospel to around 96 AD, during the life and authorship of the apostle John, roughly 60 years after the resurrection of Jesus.
- 3. THIS MANUSCRIPT'S TEXTUAL ACCURACY.** The content of the fragment matches the text of the Gospel of John as we know it today. This discovery supports the reliability of scripture and the accuracy of textual transmission.

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Noblesville Lions learn about Cherish Center

By LISA DICK
Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions Club welcomed Cherish Center Executive Director Wendy Gamble to their Feb. 25 meeting.

Cherish Center is a nationally accredited child advocacy center in Hamilton County. Founded in 2009, the Center provides abuse intervention and prevention services in Hamilton and Tipton counties. They manage 40 to 45 cases per month, totaling over 5,800 cases since opening. There are six staff, including forensic interviewers and family advocates.

Cherish Center works with children as young as two years as well as endangered adults of all ages. Staff work with law enforcement of all levels, the Indiana Department of Child Services, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and medical and



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club
Cherish Center Executive Director Wendy Gamble and Lions First Vice President John Einsfeld.

mental health professionals. They deal with cases of domestic violence, online grooming, and sexual abuse, with most coming from DCS.

Cherish Center is supported by grants from local, state, and federal govern-

ment, and they are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Donations provide everything from comfort items for children during interviews to trauma therapy sessions.

To learn more about Cherish Center, go to cherishcac.org.



Don't miss rocking 1950s tribute *One Night in Memphis*

The REPORTER

There's still time to get tickets for this event and others coming up at Carmel's Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to TheCenterPresents.org.

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

One Night in Memphis: The Number One Tribute to Presley, Perkins, Lewis & Cash
Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.
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One Night in Memphis is a rocking concert tribute to legendary Sun Records

recording artists Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley, featuring over 90 minutes of rockabilly, country, gospel, and pure 1950s rock 'n' roll performed live with an energetic rockabilly backup band.

Inspired by the "Million Dollar Quartet" incident of 1956, this rock 'n' roll royalty jam session of true American music features hits like "Blue Suede Shoes," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Great Balls of Fire," "Whole Lot of Shakin' Going On," "Shake, Rattle and Roll," "Don't Be Cruel," "Hound Dog" and many more.

Westfield Washington Public Library celebrates Youth Art Month

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) will host a month-long student art exhibit at the Westfield Washington Public Library featuring 55 pieces of artwork created by students from seven Westfield schools.

Participating schools include Maple Glen Elementary, Shamrock Springs Elementary, Carey Ridge Elementary, Washington Woods Elementary, Monon Trail Elementary, Oak Trace Elementary, and Westfield Intermediate School.

The exhibit, on display throughout March on the Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery Wall, highlights the creativity and talent

of young artists across the district.

"Our library is a place for stories in every form," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "Featuring student artwork celebrates imagination, builds confidence, and reminds our young artists that their voices and creativity are an important part of this community."

Jessica Coleman, Maple Glen Art Teacher, said the experience is meaningful for students.

"Our students are always incredibly excited to share their artwork," Cole-



man said. "We hope visitors enjoy seeing the talent and imagination in these young artists as much as we enjoy helping them bring their ideas to life."

Community members are encouraged to visit the Westfield Washington Public Library throughout March to view the exhibit and support Westfield's student artists.

Treasurer Daniel Elliott releases statement on acquisition of AES

The REPORTER

Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott released a statement on Tuesday, March 3 in response to the announcement of the AES purchase by BlackRock, EQT, CalPERS, and the Qatari Investment Authority.

"After learning the news yesterday of the reported deal between AES Corporation and the consortium consisting of BlackRock, EQT, the Qatari Investment Authority, and CalPERS. I have spent the last 24 hours gathering information and am increasingly worried by this potential deal and the impact it will have on Hoosiers in central Indiana.

"As Treasurer, I took actions to protect Hoosier public servants from BlackRock's ESG decisions. I'm also extremely concerned by the presence of the Cal-

PERS, the California pension fund and the influence they'll have over the lives of Hoosiers. Recently, CalPERS lost over 300 million dollars of retiree money and their mismanagement is now the subject of a Congressional probe. The Qatari Investment Authority has known ties to Hamas. This fundamentally misaligns with Hoosier values. Hoosiers deserve answers.

"Hoosiers need to be guaranteed that they will not face harm at a time when affordability is one of the most important issues facing all of us. I hope that the federal regulators that are in charge of reviewing and approving this merger will complete a full review and give Hoosiers complete transparency on the terms of this deal. Otherwise and until then, I cannot support this deal."



Elliott

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Gov. Mike Braun chalks up session wins for Hoosiers on affordability, jobs & wages, public safety & education

Submitted by Office Governor Mike Braun

On Monday, March 2, Indiana Governor Mike Braun shared victories from the legislative session for his 2026 agenda focused on kitchen table issues that matter for Hoosier families: affordability, jobs and wages, public safety, and education.

"This session, we delivered meaningful results for Hoosiers: protecting children from harmful social media content, strengthening public safety by revoking CDLs from illegal aliens, addressing rising utility costs, and establishing the framework for a new stadium in Northwest Indiana to name a few," Gov. Braun said. "I'm proud of what we accomplished and look forward to continuing our work to make life more affordable for Hoosier families, grow our economy, and keep our communities safe."

In a short legislative session, Governor Braun delivered major victories on his biggest priorities: making life more affordable by lowering energy rates and protecting ratepayers, laying the groundwork for new jobs and higher wages for Hoosier workers, cracking down on crime and illegal immigration so families can live and drive in safe communities, and giving parents the power to protect their kids from the harms of Big Tech social media companies.

Governor Braun shared the following Freedom

and Opportunity highlights from the 2026 legislative session:

Affordability

Lower energy rates

Governor Braun has taken decisive action to lower utility costs and protect ratepayers, including appointing a strong advocate for consumers in the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor and new ratepayer-focused commissioners on the IURC.

This session, he worked closely with the House to get a package of solutions – HEA 1002 – across the finish line to modernize how Indiana regulates electric utilities. Rather than the current system which guarantees a return on equity for operations and capital investments which comes at the expense of ratepayers and incentivizes over-investing, performance based ratemaking forces utilities to have skin in the game, as their return on equity is no longer guaranteed. Instead, through Performance Incentive Mechanisms, the utility must meet certain benchmarks for affordability and reliability.

Reform healthcare & lower prices

- HEA 1271, part of Governor Braun's agenda regarding medical debt, requires hospitals to provide patients with a written notice of payment assistance programs, and requires hospitals to attempt to connect patients to this program before they start the collections process.

- SEA 225 stops hospitals from pursuing medical debt unless they are fully compliant with statutory requirements regarding financial assistance, charity care, and transparency.

Saving taxpayer dollars by making government more efficient

In 2025, Governor Braun began his work streamlining the state government to work more efficiently, accountably, and with lower overhead. In 2026, SEA 277 made historic progress on streamlining and modernizing the state's environmental regulations. SEA 179 and HEA 1368 let the state, instead of the federal government, handle reviews of some highway and other projects, making the process faster, cheaper, and more efficient.

Jobs & Wages

Securing new jobs & investments

In addition to securing higher Real GDP and wage growth than the national average and surrounding states, bringing thousands of new jobs to the state, and leading innovative programs to help Hoosiers get promotions and raises at work with Power Up Indiana, Governor Braun worked with legislative leaders to lead on a package to attract \$2 billion of revitalizing investment to the Hammond area with the creation of the Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority.



Braun

Embracing the unique strengths of Indiana's regions

HEA 1406 grants IEDC statutory authority to focus more of its efforts on regional economic development,

adding legislative progress to Governor Braun's economic development strategy embracing the unique strengths of Indiana's regions and ensuring investment benefits all four corners of the state.

Public Safety

Keeping Hoosiers safe by getting tough on crime & illegal immigration

The FAIRNESS Act, supported by Governor Braun, passed this legislative session, making clear that Indiana is not a safe harbor for illegal immigration and gives law enforcement the tools they need to enforce Indiana's laws.

SEA 76 expands penalties for entities that intentionally undermine federal immigration work and empowers the Attorney General to sue non-compliant jurisdictions.

Protecting Hoosier highways from illegal immigrants with CDLs

Building upon Governor Braun's work with DHS and ICE with Operation Midway Blitz to remove illegal aliens driving trucks from Indiana's roadways, Governor Braun called for the legislature to bolster Indiana's code to ensure CDLs issued to individuals who no longer have

legal status are revoked, and to give him the tools to keep our roadways safe.

That bill is HEA 1200, which directs the BMV to revoke nondomiciled CDLs if the BMV receives credible information (including from federal agencies) that the individual no longer has the legal status or documentation that allowed them to get the CDL or poses a risk to public safety. It also directs the BMV to consult with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to identify individuals that this applies to.

Addressing homelessness with compassion & order

Gov. Braun worked hard to bring back a bill from the 2025 legislative session to connect homeless people with the essential services to help get them back on their feet.

SEA 285 bans public camping, with a focus on diversionary measures that connect homeless Hoosiers into social service networks to help them break addiction, stay safe, and get back on their feet. As homelessness continues to be a problem nationwide, Governor Braun is delivering innovative actions to work toward a solution.

Cracking down on child predators

Building on the success of Governor Braun's crack-down on child predators with the Indiana State Police, HEA 1303 raises the penalty for child exploitation and possession of child sex abuse material, and also creates a new penalty for distributing that content.

Education

Giving parents tools to protect kids from Big Tech

Governor Braun fought to keep social media safeguards for kids in a bill this session, and won a major victory for parents' rights to protect their kids from Big Tech and the harms of social media on developing minds.

HEA 1408 empowers parents to protect their children (under 16) from social media in Indiana with three new tools:

- **Parental consent:** Big Tech social media providers must screen users for age and require parental consent for children under the age of 16 to use their platforms.

- **Special under-16 accounts:** If the child's parents approve, they'll receive a special under-16 account with safeguards to protect the child from direct messages from strangers or being seen in strangers' search results, plus removing harmful and addictive features

- **Parent accounts:** Big Tech social media companies must provide a parallel "parent account" to monitor their kids' usage. Parents can see time spent, set time limits, set "blackout" windows during the day, and monitor their child's activity on the account.

Limiting cell phone distractions in class

SEA 78 expands in-school cell phone bans to be full-day ("bell to bell"). This not only reinforces student focus in the classroom, but also social presence in the lunchroom, hallway, or study hall.



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Lawrence Wayne O'Brien
April 4, 1945 – February 27, 2026



Lawrence Wayne O'Brien, 80, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on April 4, 1945, to Joseph O'Brien and Dorothy (Feller) Dagleish in Evansville, Ind. His parents precede him in death.

Larry proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University and then was the Vice President of Manufacturing for CMW for 17 years.

Larry later earned a Doctorate of Divinity degree and served as a pastor and counselor for over 23 years. He was strong in his faith and his love for music. Larry enjoyed singing in the church choir so much that he taught himself how to play the piano. He also served on many church missions over the years. Larry was a hard worker, great story teller, and loved fishing, especially at his lake house in Monticello, Ind. He loved cheering on his favorite Purdue basketball teams, and enjoyed working out to stay in shape. Most of all, he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, attending all of their events.

Larry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Yvonne; sons, Derek, Sean, and Kyle (April) O'Brien; brother, Donald (Rodilla) O'Brien; grandchildren, Sevy Carter, Izzy O'Brien, Owen, Isaac, and Evan O'Brien, and Braxton Bilibrey; as well as his extended family.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Hope Bible Fellowship, 772 N. 10th St., Noblesville. Pastor Don Jennings II, Pastor Don Jennings III, and Pastor Jeff Messer will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 234, Noblesville, IN 46061 (beholdthelamb.com).

Condolences: randalloberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE SABBATH-BREAKER PUT TO DEATH
While the Israelites were in the wilderness, a man was found gathering wood on the Sabbath day. Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and the whole assembly, and they kept him in custody, because it was not clear what should be done to him. Then the Lord said to Moses, "The man must die. The whole assembly must stone him outside the camp." So the assembly took him outside the camp and stoned him to death, as the Lord commanded Moses.
 Numbers 15:32-36 (NIV)

WESTFIELD

ADVERTISEMENT
 CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA
 Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield (the "City"), on March 4, 2026, received a written recommendation from the Westfield Ice Facility Project Evaluation Committee (the "Evaluation Committee") regarding the selection of a preferred offeror for the development, design, construction, operation, and/or maintenance of a multi-sheet ice facility in the Grand Park District within the City of Westfield (the "Project"). In accordance with Indiana Code § 5-23, the Commission will conduct a public hearing on the selection of the preferred offeror for the Project on March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Assembly Room at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. Citizens who wish to be heard may attend the public hearing and will be able to offer public comment at that time. Any citizen who wishes to contact the Commission in advance of the meeting should do so by contacting Jenell Fairman at jfairman@westfield.in.gov or via telephone at 317-804-3040. The Evaluation Committee has recommended that the City engage Nicholas & Associates ("Nicholas") as the preferred offeror for the development, design, construction, operation and/or maintenance of the Project. Nicholas's submission and the recommendation may be inspected during regular business hours of 8 am to 4 pm at the Department of Redevelopment offices located at 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. The recommendation is based on: (a) the experience of Nicholas in the development and operation of ice facilities within the Midwest; and (b) Nicholas's specific approach to developing and operating the Project. The final guaranteed maximum price to be paid for the Project will be determined by the City upon completion of the design period and will be submitted to the City Council for approval. After conducting the public hearing, the Board will determine the most appropriate response to the Evaluation Committee's recommendation, including but not limited to execution of a public-private agreement for the design, construction, and operation of the Project with the successful offeror.
 WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 R7597 3/4/26, 3/9/26

CICERO

Legal Notice
Board of zoning appeals
 The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on March 19th, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:
Docket No. BZA-0326-04-R3
 A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, IN to: allow a not-for-profit community garden, whereas Article 3.7 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance does not list a not-for-profit community garden as a permitted use or a special exception use in the "R3" district.
Docket No. BZA-0326-05-R3
 A Development Standards application has been submitted regarding the property located at 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, IN to: allow an accessory structure in front of the primary structure. Whereas Article 7.5 Accessory Structure Standards (AS) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that an accessory structure shall only be located to the side or rear of the primary structure.
Docket No. BZA-0326-06-R3
 A Development Standards application has been submitted regarding the property located at 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, IN seeking relief from Article 7.21 Fence and Wall Standards (FN) to allow a fence in the front yard to exceed three (3) feet. Whereas Article 7.21 Fence and Wall Standards (FN) states that a fence in the front yard shall not be greater than three (3) feet in height.
 Project Address: 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, IN 46034
 Legal Description: Acreage 8.53 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4
 Acreage 6.87 Section 19, Range 4
 Parcel number: 05-06-01-00-00-019.000
 05-06-01-00-00-019.001
 The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.
 Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing the Planning Director, Frank Zawadzki at fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov. Letters regarding the petitioner may be submitted via email or in person at 331 E Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034.
 The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
 Petitioner's Name: Cicero Christian Church Date 2/27/2026
 R7598 3/4/26, 3/9/26

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2026, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2026, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

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.

ARCADIA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF ARCADIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 Notice is hereby given that the Town of Arcadia Economic Development Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., local time, on Monday, March 16, 2026, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 West Main St., Arcadia, Indiana, concerning the proposed issuance by the Town of Arcadia, Indiana (the "Town") of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds, to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) (the "Bonds"). The Town will provide a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds to Clayton Properties Group, Inc., or an affiliate thereof (the "Developer"), to finance all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, renovation, equipping and development of a residential project and infrastructure improvements related thereto, which will be located in or serving the Landon Crossing Phase 1 and 2 Residential Housing Economic Development Area (the "Area"), created by the Town of Arcadia Redevelopment Commission in the Town.
 The Bonds will not be an indebtedness or general obligation of the Town and will not be payable in any manner by the taxing power of the Town. The Bonds and the interest payable thereon will be payable solely from certain tax increment revenues derived from the Area, as described in the agreement of the Town concerning the financing of the economic development facilities.
 At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, all taxpayers, residents or interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed financing in writing or in person.
 TOWN OF ARCADIA
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
 R7600 3/4/26, 3/9/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ARCADIA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (Langdon Crossing Phase 1 and 2 Residential Housing Economic Development Area)
 Notice is hereby given that the Arcadia Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Arcadia Department of Redevelopment (the "Department"), on October 28, 2025, adopted a resolution (the "Declaratory Resolution") (i) declaring that the area within the Town of Arcadia, Indiana, designated as the "Langdon Crossing Phase 1 and 2 Residential Housing Economic Development Area" (the "Economic Development Area"), is an economic development area within the meaning of Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended (the "Act"), (ii) approving an economic development plan for the Economic Development Area (the "Economic Development Plan"), and (iii) designating the Economic Development Area as an "allocation area" for the purpose of the allocation and distribution of certain property taxes (commonly referred to as "tax increment") under Section 39 of the Act.
 A detailed description of the Economic Development Area is included in the Economic Development Plan and can be inspected at the office of the Commission, Town Hall, 208 West Main St., Arcadia, Indiana.
 Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., local time, at the Town Hall, 208 West Main St., Arcadia, Indiana, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed projects for the Economic Development Area and the proceedings pertaining thereto.
 The Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed projects. Maps and plats have been prepared and, along with the Economic Development Plan, can be inspected at the office of the Arcadia Redevelopment Commission at the address set forth above.
 TOWN OF ARCADIA
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 R7601 3/4/26, 3/9/26

FISHERS

CITY OF FISHERS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE SE-26-1
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: <https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/>
View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/CityCouncil
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.
REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # SE-26-1 - Consideration of a Special Exception to allow for a private school use on a property zoned PUDR-Legends at Geist PUD.
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Boys Basketball

Royals push past Shamrocks late, advance to semifinals

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — Both Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield were clicking on offense from the opening tip in Sectional 8 play at Noblesville on Tuesday.

And shots were falling. Trading threes a few different times each in the first quarter, the Royals were able to take advantage of opportunities when points became available late in the second half, allowing them room to grow their lead to take down Westfield, 68-61.

Southeastern took a 19-15 lead after one. But it became a game of preventing turnovers offensively and forcing them on the defensive side for both squads.

“If somebody wants to see a game of runs, that was it,” said Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter. “One team would make a run and then the other would make a run. It seems like all games

in Sectional 8 come down to these types of games.”

Sophomore Varschon Clark scored seven in the second, helping to keep HSE up by just enough in the second to cling to a 34-29 lead at halftime.

“I think we felt like we had an opportunity in the first half. We got a couple stops and took a couple bad shots and let them back in it, so we were disappointed in that,” said Hamilton Southeastern head coach Bob Allen.

The fast-paced, up and down the floor tempo didn’t let up in the second half.

Westfield began the second half on a mission. The Shamrocks went on a 10-2 run for a 39-36 lead and eventually led 51-48 at the end of the third.

“We thought there would be another opportunity to extend the lead and that never really happened in the second half,” Allen added.

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Photos by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern’s Varschon Clark scored 17 points for the Royals in their Sectional 8 win over Westfield Tuesday at Noblesville. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield’s Drew Haffner scored 17 points for the Shamrocks.

Millers hold off Zionsville to win opener

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE — Noblesville coach Scott McClelland gave three reasons why his Millers won their sectional opener on Tuesday: “Resiliency, resolve and toughness.”

Because of that, McClelland said, “we get to play again Friday.”

Host Noblesville won a dramatic first-round game over Zionsville 42-38 at The Mill to advance to the Friday Sectional 8 semifinal. The Millers played a tremendous first quarter to hold a double-digit lead, then held on as the Eagles made a furious comeback in the second half.

Noblesville skipped off to an 8-0 lead during the first three minutes, with four points from Adam Fine and two more from Baron Walker and Max Flanagan. Walker then took over the

last part of the first quarter, pouring in seven points.

The Millers led 15-4 at the end of the period, then Evan Magsamen opened the second quarter with a layin to give Noblesville a 17-4 lead. Zionsville made a 6-0 run that took up the majority of the period, but a 3-pointer from Luke Fogg was the last word of the half. The Millers led 20-10 at halftime.

McClelland credited Walker with making the correct read of getting Fogg the ball to make the triple, calling it “huge.”

“He’s played really well these last four or five games,” McClelland said of Walker. “We’re going to need him to play well Friday night.”

“All that does is give us momentum,” said Walker. “It’s on our home court. We take pride in that.”

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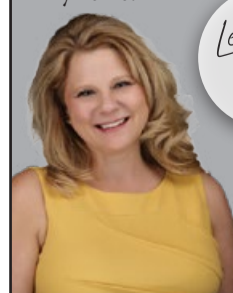


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(ABOVE) Noblesville’s Baron Walker scored 21 points for the Millers during their Sectional 8 win over Zionsville on Tuesday. (RIGHT) Evan Magsamen scored six points for Noblesville.

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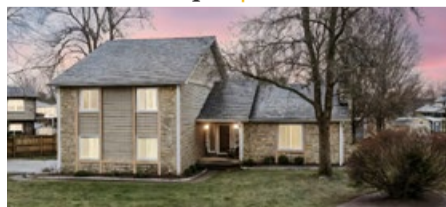
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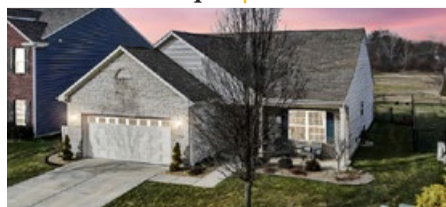
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Boys Basketball

Trailblazers run past Monrovia

The REPORTER

University opened defense of their IHSAA Sectional 42 championship with an opening round 74-44 win over Monrovia Tuesday night at Cardinal Ritter.

The Trailblazers scored 52 points in the second half to turn a six-point halftime game into a running clock for the last 4:42 of the game.

Seniors Blake Gray (22 points), Josh McGee (21 points) and Faisal Mohamud (17 points) led the way for University.

The teams traded baskets for the first five minutes of the game before Gray made two foul shots to give University a lead they would never relinquish at 9-7 with 2:38 left in the quarter. A three pointer from the right win by Gray and a McGee rebound basket with two seconds left put the Blazers up 14-7 after the first quarter.

University used a Mc-

Gee fast break layin and three pointers from Gray and Mohamud to open up a 22-12 lead with 5:02 left in the half. The Trailblazers did not score again in the first half, but the University defense held Monrovia to just four points in the last five minutes of the quarter and led 22-16 at halftime.

The Trailblazers blitzed the Bulldogs in the third quarter, quickly taking control of the game. A pair of three pointers by Gray and one by Mohamud helped get the lead back to 10 at 31-21 just two minutes into the second half. A Gray steal led to him making another three pointer from the left corner and a Cooper Cammack defensive rebound led to a Mohamud layin off a Gray assist and forced a Monrovia timeout at 36-21 with 4:44 left in the third quarter.

Gray had 11 third quarter points as the Blazers led

50-28 at the quarter break. University put up another 24 points in the fourth quarter for the win.

The Blazers were deadly from deep in the second half, connecting on 9 of 11 three point attempts. Gray made six of eight three pointers, part of a 7 for 11 shooting night. He also had three steals and handed out three assists.

McGee made 8 of 12 field goals and pulled down six rebounds, including four offensive boards. He had three assists, two blocked shots and one steal. Mohamud made 7 of 10 shots, including three of four triples. He had two steals.

Cammack pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds and handed out three assists. Noah Cortez had a team-high five assists.

University improves to 16-8 on the season and advances to play Covenant Christian at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Trailblazers won at Covenant Christian 50-44 in January.

Monrovia finishes with a 14-9 record.

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Huskies advance with win over Trojans

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights got off to a nice start at Class 3A Sectional 24 on Tuesday, cruising past host New Castle 59-42 at the Trojans' famed Fieldhouse.

The Huskies dominated the first quarter, building a 15-2 lead. Heights held on to that margin for the remainder of the game; the Huskies led 24-12 at half-

time and 43-27 after three periods.

Jackson Mikesell scored 22 points on an efficient offensive night, making 9 of 10 field goals. Rees Knapp scored 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, while Jack Kakasuleff added 11 points.

Will DeStefano collected eight rebounds, followed by six for Mikesell and five

for Austin Day. Kakasuleff dished out four assists and Knapp had two blocked shots.

The Huskies are 14-9 and return to New Castle on Friday for the sectional semifinals. Heights plays Delta in the second game at approximately 7:30 p.m., following the 6 p.m. opener between Connersville and Yorktown.

ROYALS

Drew Haffner scored 10, along with Logan Sumpter and Brock Detamore put up six each for a 22-14 third, taking away those opportunities in the third.

Something clicked and the fourth belonged to the Royals. In a game like this, when a team can double up its opponent in any quarter, let alone the fourth, it takes advantage and that's exactly what Hamilton Southeastern was able to do.

Landon Osswald scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth to help propel the Royals to a 20-10 final period, stretching things out in their favor for the seven-point first round win.

"Landon Osswald knocked down some big-time perimeter buckets for us to keep us in it," said Allen.

HSE was able to keep Haffner from playing at his

normal pace of 21 per contest. Haffner had a decent night offensively before fouling out, but the Royals made it difficult for the sharp-shooter.

"Defensively, Haffner's an incredible player and I thought we did a good job on him, being physical, keeping him in check," stated Allen.

Brock Detamore led the Rocks with 18, followed by Haffner with 17. Logan Sumpter scored nine of three triples and Luke Vandegriff eight to balance Westfield.

Westfield finishes its season at 13-9.

"There's a lot of positive energy right now with the group," Allen said. "We're excited for another opportunity to play another game and keep going."

The Royals were led by 23 from Osswald. Varschon

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Clark (17) and Luke Weemster (14) joined in double figures. Jack Jacobs also added eight.

Hamilton Southeastern (15-9) moves onto the second Friday semifinal against rival No. 1 Fishers (23-0) after Noblesville (13-10) meets up with Carmel (16-5) in the first semifinal at 6 p.m.

"They have great players. They have great athletes and a great coaching staff," Allen said. "There's a reason why they've won 53 regular season games in a row the past three years. We feel like we have confidence, winning eight straight, and we're playing loose. We're going in as an underdog, that's fine, we find a way to battle. We're excited for the opportunity. We know it's going to be a tall task and we're up for it."

OPENER

Before that, the Millers had to get past the Eagles' comeback. Camden Moore provided a preview of that by scoring five of Zionsville's six points in the second quarter. Moore continued his run in the third period, draining two 3s on his way to eight points during that quarter.

Walker scored all five of Noblesville's third-period points, and the Millers led 25-23 going into the fourth. Moore tied the game with a layin, but a quick five-point burst from Noblesville - two Magsamen free throws and a Flanagan triple - pushed the Millers ahead 30-25.

"We got some contributions from different guys and we're going to need that if we want to keep advancing," said McClelland.

Zionsville got hot from

long range during the next few minutes, with Zackery Green hitting a 3, then Nick Snively made two 3s. Snively's second triple pushed the Eagles ahead for the first time, 36-35 with 2:40 left.

But that would turn out to be Zionsville's only lead. After that, Walker took over the game.

The Butler University recruit immediately answered with a 3 to push Noblesville ahead 38-36. Rylon Gore tied the game with a layin, and Walker stepped up again, making an and-1 to put the Millers up for good, 41-38. Things weren't done yet, but Walker made a steal with under 25 seconds left. Walker was later fouled and made a free throw to clinch the game.

"It's just a game of runs, but we've been put in this situation," said Walker.

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"The coaches put us in certain situations in practice, being down or being up and just having to maintain the lead and control the game."

Walker finished the game with 21 points. Flanagan collected nine rebounds to go with his eight points, while Magsamen scored six.

"I was really proud of Luke Fogg," said McClelland. "I thought he was outstanding all night with his half-court defense. He did a great job on Moore."

It was also the fifth game this season where the Millers held an opponent under 40 points.

"I think our defense has improved tremendously all year," said McClelland. "It really has. It's given us a chance."

Noblesville is 13-10 and plays Carmel in the first semifinal game on Friday.




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Women's Basketball

IU's Maya Makalusky named Big Ten Freshman of the Week

By JOSH BODE
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Indiana University freshman forward Maya Makalusky received Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors for the second time this season.

Makalusky averaged 17 points and 4.5 rebounds in two Hoosiers wins last week, while shooting 47.4 percent from the field.

She scored 19 points on the road against Rutgers, knocking down four three-pointers. It was her sixth time knocking down at least four three-pointers this season. In the regular season finale against Penn State, Makalusky scored 15 points and hauled in five rebounds.

Makalusky becomes the sixth player in school history to have at least two Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards.

Makalusky played all 30 games in the regular season, starting 20 of them. She averaged 9.3 points and 3.1 rebounds per game in the regular season, shooting 44.7 percent from the floor and 37.4 percent from three.

IU (17-13, 6-12 in the Big Ten) closed its reg-



IU freshman forward Maya Makalusky shoots a three-pointer against Penn State.

Photo courtesy Indiana Athletics

ular season by winning six of its last eight games. Makalusky stepped up her

game in that stretch, scoring 14.5 points per game.

Makalusky is an Hamilton Southeastern graduate and was Indiana Miss Bas-

ketball in 2025.

Makalusky and the 13th-seeded Hoosiers play in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament against

Nebraska on Wednesday. Tipoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 4

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 25 at Frankfort

Danville vs. Crawfordsville, 6 p.m.

Guerin Catholic vs. Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Carmel vs. Noblesville-Zionsville winner, 6 p.m.

Fishers vs. Westfield-Hamilton Southeastern winner, 7:45 p.m.

Sectional 24 at New Castle

Connersville vs. Jay County-Yorktown winner, 6 p.m.

Delta vs. New Castle-Hamilton Heights winner, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 25 at Frankfort

Lebanon vs. Tuesday winner, 6 p.m.

Wednesday winners, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 38 at Elwood

Sheridan vs. Tipton-Taylor winner, 6 p.m.

Elwood vs. Lapel-Frankton winner, 7:30 p.m.

Sectional 42 at Cardinal Ritter

Covenant Christian vs. University-Monrovia winner, 6 p.m.

Park Tudor vs. Cardinal Ritter-Riverside winner, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS REGIONAL

Noblesville at The Gymnastics Company, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville

Championship, 7 p.m.

Sectional 24 at New Castle

Championship, 7 p.m.

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Bowling

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