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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Scattered morning and midday showers. Partly sunny afternoon.
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This is a headline about a show that has no title

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Hyperion Players' latest production, *[title of show]*, will stage for one weekend only at The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St, Fishers.

No, dear readers, The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper has not decided to bow at the altar of AI. The title of the show is in fact *[title of show]*.

(Author's note: As this article is being written, my headline placeholder reads, "Hed goes here.")

The Reporter spoke with Hyperion director Lauren Taylor about what audiences can expect from this fun and funny musical that takes audiences behind the scenes to watch the process of drafting a play.

"*[title of show]* was created by the authors Jeff Bowen and Hunter Bell over only three weeks," Taylor said. "It was originally a show written to be in a musical festival in New York. Jeff and Hunter are the authors, and they're also the main characters in the story."



The cast of *[title of show]* includes (front row, from left) Zarah Shejule, Emery Haley, Josh Rooks, Navar Watson. (Back row) Abi Overdorf and Lauren Taylor (who is also the director).

Two struggling writers hear about a new musical theatre festival. The deadline for submissions is only three weeks away. With nothing to lose, the pair

decides to try to create something new with the help of their friends. One of the authors suggests they write about what to write about. They make a pact to

write up until the festival's deadline. The title, *[title of show]*, is taken from the space on the

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Tickets on sale now for Sheriff's Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will hold its fifth annual Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, May 20. The event will be held at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m., with the program running from 7:15 to 9 a.m. Communi-

ty members, faith leaders, public safety personnel, and local partners are invited to attend this special morning of reflection, gratitude, and community connection. The annual event highlights the partnership between faith-based organizations and public safety, while recognizing the impact of the Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy

Program throughout Hamilton County.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Chaplaincy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-denominational, faith-based organization that serves public safety personnel, staff working in public safety facilities, individuals housed in the jail, and residents across Hamilton

County. The mission of the chaplaincy is to provide compassionate support through qualified ministers and counselors who assist with personal, marriage, job-related, and spiritual matters, while also offering support during times of crisis and emergency.

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Here comes Peter Cottontail hoppin' down the Nickel Plate rail

The REPORTER

Springtime is rolling into Noblesville, and the Nickel Plate Express is inviting families to celebrate the season with its annual Easter Express train rides.

Departing from Hobbs Station in Forest Park, the Easter Express offers a one-hour roundtrip ride aboard historic 1950s railcars filled with Easter-themed fun. This year, guests will help Farmer Matt solve a festive mystery as he searches for his missing Easter eggs along the rails.

During the ride, families will enjoy interactive storytelling, sweet treats, and a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad is part-

nering with Headquarters HQ to bring the best bunny around on board for this year's experience. Children will have the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny, take photos and receive a treat, making it a memorable outing for younger guests.

"We love bringing families together for simple, joyful experiences," Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Executive Director Emily Reynolds said. "The Easter Express is all about creating moments that families can share and remember long after the ride is over."

Rides are scheduled for March 28, March 29, and April 4, with multiple departure

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Photo provided by Nickel Plate Express
You can help the Easter Bunny find Farmer Matt's missing eggs aboard the Nickel Plate Express.

No filter

I believe one of the joys of warmer springtime weather is chatting with neighbors you haven't seen since fall. Most adults stay cooped up at home when the weather is frigid and only venture out when necessary. My winter lunchtime dog walks usually amount to a quick trip around the block before we all freeze.

On a recent Saturday, however, the weather was glorious. My husband John and I decided to take a walk to Seminary Park with our pups, repeating the **Dog Walk Ballet**, of course.

I was delighted to see our neighbors, Grant and Bailey, and their three adorable children enjoying the playground. It's always so fun to see little ones grow up, and for those of us who don't see them as often, it seems to happen overnight. That's why kids must deal with grown-ups saying "Wow, have you grown!" all ... the ... time.

I did say this to their youngest, an adorable, energetic little boy who I swear was just a baby yesterday. But then I noticed their oldest child, their daughter Noa, as she ran around the playground. Thanks to a sign Grant and Bailey had displayed in their yard, I knew she was in kindergarten.

"Hey, Noa," I yelled, "How do you like kindergarten?" Noa was running around with her other brother. I figured she didn't hear me, so I repeated the question. She sighed pensively.

"I just don't feel like talking right now," Noa said. All four of us adults chuckled. I couldn't love that statement more.

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National housing expert to present on 'Missing Middle Housing' in Carmel

Submitted by City of Carmel

The Carmel Mayor's Advisory Commission on Housing will host a public presentation, Missing Middle Housing, on Thursday, March 26, featuring nationally recognized housing expert, architect, and urban designer Daniel Parolek, founder of Opticos Design.

The Commission meeting will begin at 9 a.m., with Parolek's presentation scheduled to start at 10 a.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. The meeting will be held in the Carmel City Hall Council Chambers and will be **streamed online for public viewing**.

Parolek is a nationally recognized leader in housing and urban design and is widely known for creating and advancing the concept of Missing Middle Housing – a range of house-scale housing types such as duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes designed to fit within walkable neighborhoods. These housing types help to expand attainable options for middle-income households and the choices many American families want.

The presentation is part of Carmel's ongoing Missing Middle Housing Study, an effort led by Opticos Design that examines local zoning regulations and policy barriers that may affect the production of smaller-scale housing. The study will review existing zoning districts, analyze development feasibility, and identify potential updates that could better align housing regulations with the changing housing market.

"Carmel's continued success depends on providing a range of housing choices for residents at different stages of life," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "This study will help us better understand how our current policies shape housing opportunities and how we can thoughtfully plan for the future while maintaining the high quality of life our community expects."

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

After weighing positives & negatives Cicero council members 100% charged up for BESS

The REPORTER

A new Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is coming soon to Cicero. On Tuesday, March 17, after a three-hour meeting, the town council voted unanimously to approve the project.

In January, The Reporter covered the Cicero/Jackson Township meeting at which the proposed BESS facility was presented to the plan commission and over 150 residents who attended that meeting. The plan commission voted 6-3 to send it

to the town council with a negative recommendation. You can read about that at [this link](#).

On March 17, the town council and dozens of residents in attendance heard from several independent experts hired by the town to research various aspects of the BESS proposal.

Experts speaking to the council and residents included representatives from:

- Environmental consulting firm August Mack spoke about potential environmental impact.

- Integra Realty Resources spoke about the potential impact on real estate prices.

- Cicero's financial advisor, Baker Tilly accounting firm, spoke about potential financial impact.

- Barnes & Thornburg law firm spoke about potential financial impact of TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) district.

- Taft Law firm spoke about the revisions to the zoning ordinance.

Council President Joe Cox, along with council members

Emily Pearson, Dennis Johnson, Eric Hayden, and Jacob Everett all voted in favor of the zoning ordinance, allowing Aypa Power to proceed with the BESS facility called Nickel Plate Reliability Project LLC, which will be located on State Road 19 near 221st Street.

You can watch the entire Cicero Town Council meeting at the following links:

- Part 1: tinyurl.com/CiceroBESSmtg1
- Part 2: tinyurl.com/CiceroBESSmtg2

Correction

The Reporter published a story submitted by Ascension St. Vincent in our Thursday, March 12 edition, “Ascension St. Vincent Carmel first in Indiana to earn international accreditation for robotic surgery program.”

On Wednesday, March 18, The Reporter learned that Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Ind., had previously received that accreditation in 2020, which you can read about [here](#).

The Reporter has made corrections to both the headline and content of the Ascension St. Vincent story on our website. You can read the revised version [here](#).

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

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birth through four are not permitted in the Performing Arts Center. Childcare is not available.

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TITLE

festival’s application form which asks for the “[title of show].” In the span of 90 minutes, you watch as they write and perform their show at the festival and learn lessons about themselves as people, friends, and artists.

“This show is different in that it’s showing you the process of how you get from beginning to a finished product,” Taylor said. “You

really get to see their artistic process, the things that they talk about, the things that they are dreaming about while they’re writing this, what they want to accomplish, and how their relationships change. There are parts of it where they acknowledge that they are writing a play and that the audience can see them. So we have a little bit of meta going on there. Then there are parts of the play where they’re just straightforward acting through the scene.”

Taylor told The Reporter this play is, in some ways, reflective of how Hyperion Players itself evolved, which is one reason she chose to direct it.

“We began Hyperion much like they began their show,” Taylor said. “I was one of the founding members, and we ended up meeting in living rooms – mine, a lot. I would host a lot of that. We would just look at scripts that we enjoyed, talk

Get Your Tickets for [title of show]

When: March 26, 27, and 28 only at 7:30 p.m.
Where: The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St., Fishers.
Cost: \$15 for general admission.
Where to buy: Buy tickets online at [hyperionplayers.com/tickets](#).
Content advisory: Strong language, including sexual references.

through ‘If we did put this on stage, how would we do it?’ The parallels there are friends coming together in a creative process to make something that’s great that they feel excited about. That tone that comes through during the musical and really resonated with me.”

Hyperion has a history of thinking outside the box for their productions. Staging a play about writing and performing a play on a tight deadline is just one more example of that mindset.

“If you like watching the creative process or you’ve ever wondered what they do to put a musical on stage, it’s a nice peek into that,” Taylor said. “The author has described it as a love letter to Broadway. You’ll see a lot

of references to people in New York who have graced the stage.”

Taylor told The Reporter she is delighted with both her cast and crew, and she knows audiences will be as well.

“This crew is hilarious and his cast has been fantastic,” Taylor said. “These actors have exceeded anything I could have hoped for. They really get the creative process. The way that they work together is very natural. You will forget that you’re watching actors on a stage.”

[title of show] stages March 26 to 28 at 7:30 p.m. each night at The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St., Fishers. General admission tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased online at [hyperionplayers.com/tickets](#).

No FILTER

Don’t you wish we could get away with uttering this unfiltered phrase as adults? Boy, there are so many situations where it would come in handy. On an airplane when all you want to do is sleep or read. In a grocery store when you’re in a hurry and have no time ... and you run into one of the chattiest strangers ever.

Noa was simply being honest. She was enjoying a beautiful day with her siblings and parents, doing what kids should do – playing outside with abandon. Why would she want to stop and talk to some adult she doesn’t even know? If I had simply thought a bit before opening

my mouth, I wouldn’t have interrupted her.

I’m not saying children or adults should have the freedom to say mean things. I recall an incident when I was three when I was having lunch at Tony’s, an Italian restaurant, with my sister Vicky and my mother. A rather large man walked in, dressed mostly in white, and I began loudly asking Vicky and Mom, “Why’s that man so fat?” The more they tried to keep me quiet, the louder I became. I couldn’t apologize to them both years ago for this incident.

No ... I’m saying it would be glorious to have this freedom as a grown

up. To say how we really feel to strangers when we don’t want to be interrupted – *nicely* – and not worry about every phrase, inflection, word, etc. And to know the person hearing us will accept our truth and not let it bother them.

I was inspired by Noa last Saturday and look forward to more of her wisdom in the warmer months ahead.

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

PRAYER

Under the leadership of Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler and Staff Chaplain Daniel Hester, the Chaplaincy Program oversaw 170 community volunteers in 2025 who helped deliver impactful programming within the jail and Community Corrections facilities. Volunteers led a variety of programs including Bible studies, worship services, AA support groups, Christian recovery classes, the Al-

pha program, Catholic Bible studies, and Spanish-speaking Bible studies.

The program’s impact in 2025 included:

- 1,860 volunteer service hours provided to the Sheriff’s Office
- 5,747 inmates attended classes within the jail
- 2,761 participants attended classes at Community Corrections
- 3,344 inmate requests received and answered by

the Chaplain’s Office

- 17 inmate baptisms

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office invites members of the community to attend the breakfast and join in recognizing the continued partnership between faith leaders, volunteers, and public safety professionals.

Tickets are \$50 per person and be purchased at [this link](#). Tables of eight can be purchased for \$350 at [this link](#).

HOUSING

During the presentation, Parolek will discuss the concept of the “Missing Middle Sweet Spot,” which evaluates housing solutions based on three key factors: feasibility for builders, attainability for residents, and livability within neighborhoods, strategies from their Missing Middle planning and zoning work from

around the country and the creative Missing Middle Housing design solutions they have delivered in partnership with developers.

Findings from the Missing Middle Housing Study, presentation and discussions will inform the Commission’s work to expand housing choices that are both accessible to residents

and compatible with Carmel’s existing neighborhoods.

[Click here](#) for more information about Missing Middle Housing and Daniel Parolek’s book.

[Click here](#) to learn about Opticos Design, where you can learn more about his award-winning planning, zoning, and architecture work.

HOPPIN’

times each day. Advance booking is recommended as many departures sell out, though private caboose rentals are still available for families looking to make the experience extra special.

The Easter Express is fun for all ages, with tickets starting at \$28. Children under 3 may ride free on an adult’s lap.

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad offers train and railbike excursions through-

out the year, with spring rides like Easter Express, Fiesta on the Rails, and Agave Express helping kick off the season.

Tickets and additional information are available at [NickelPlateExpress.com](#).

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Noblesville gets \$2M in 'HELP' to finance city equipment

Submitted by Office of Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott

Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott has announced that the Indiana Bond Bank assisted the City of Noblesville with financing essential equipment through its Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program.

The \$2,723,431 purchase was made possible through this program, and included equipment for the police, fire, street, and parks departments.

"The HELP Program is super simple with just a one-page form, helping cities and towns score great rates with flexible terms," Treasurer Elliott said. "Without it, many places might not afford the gear they need to keep things running smoothly."

The HELP program assists Indiana communities in obtaining essential equipment through a standardized and efficient lease-purchase process. It provides standard-term leases with flexible repayment options at competitive rates. By effectively securing competitive

bids from various financial institutions statewide, the program ensures the lowest financing costs, thereby saving taxpayer money.

Since its inception, the HELP program has financed over \$471 million in essential equipment for Indiana communities.



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About the Bond Bank

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) was established as a self-supporting quasi-government entity by the Legislature in 1984. A seven-member board oversees the Bond Bank, with the Treasurer serving as the chair of the board, the Public Finance Director of the Indiana Finance Authority is statutorily appointed, with the remaining five members being appointed by the Governor.

The Bond Bank assists local governments in the process of issuing debt and provides the following programs: the Advance Funding Program, Community Funding Resource Program, Hoosier Equipment Lease Purchase (HELP) Program, Fuel Budgeting Program, and Interim Loan Program.

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis endorses Tracey Powell for State Senate District 21

Submitted

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis has endorsed Tipton County Commissioner Tracey Powell for Indiana State Senate District 21 ahead of the May 5 Republican primary.

"I've spent most of my life living in District 21, and Tracey Powell has the experience, the values, and the work ethic that our communities need in the State Senate," Mayor Willis said. "I have seen firsthand how Tracey approaches public service, and I am confident he will be a strong voice for the people of this district. I endorse him for State Senate, and I hope that the residents of District 21 will join me in voting for him on May 5."

Mayor Scott Willis is a long-time leader in Westfield. He led the Westfield GOP Club, and later served on the City Council from 2020 to 2023. He has served

as Mayor since 2024 after a successful career in the private sector and U.S. Marine Corps. His endorsement reflects growing momentum behind Powell's campaign across District 21.



Powell

"Mayor Willis is the kind of leader who has delivered real results for his community, and his support means everything to me," Powell said. "I am grateful for his endorsement and energized to keep building the coalition that will take us to victory in May."

Powell is a Tipton County Commissioner, chiropractor, farmer, and small business owner running on a platform of cutting taxes, strengthening schools, supporting healthcare access, and delivering results for the families and businesses of District 21.

Learn more about the candidate at PowellForIndiana.com.

Lions & Feeding Team work with Gleaners to serve local families



Photo provided

The Noblesville and Westfield Lions Clubs, along with The Feeding Team, distributed food from Gleaner's to 500 people in 125 families on Saturday, March 14 at Hamilton Heights High School. Thanks go to Lion George Long for designing and creating the new Stop and Pull Forward paddles that help volunteers direct traffic. The next distribution will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Harbour Shores Church in Cicero. Chris Barrows told The Reporter he was "honored to help volunteer with The Feeding Team. My good friends, Mark and Lisa Hall, have created The Feeding Team to help with food insecurity in Hamilton County." If you too would like to help The Feeding Team either by volunteering or donating, please visit them online at FeedingTeam.org.

Reitenour unveils "Back to the Constitution" election plan in Secretary of State race

Submitted

Republican candidate for Indiana Secretary of State Jamie Reitenour is drawing a clear contrast in the statewide race, presenting what she calls a "Back to the Constitution" approach to Indiana elections as her campaign launches a multi-county town hall tour across the state.

Speaking last Saturday at the Clark County GOP Chairman's Breakfast Candidate Forum, Reitenour outlined a fundamentally different vision for the Secretary of State's office: one centered on hand-marked paper ballots, precinct-level voting and vote counting completed on Election Day (Constitutionally "one day"), and restoring local control over elections.

As public coverage has largely framed the race around other candidates, Reitenour's campaign is emerging as a distinct alternative – not only within the Republican field, but across all candidates – focused on transparency, eliminating voting machines as a significant statewide cost reduction, and citizen oversight of elections.

"The question is not just who can run the office," Reitenour told attendees. "The question is whether we are going to return elections to the people – where they can see it, verify it, and trust it."

Reitenour pointed to her professional experience managing regulatory

compliance for more than 1,500 loan officers at what was then the second-largest mortgage broker in California, emphasizing her background in oversight, accountability, and adherence to strict legal standards.

She also shared her personal journey growing up in a military family, describing how frequent moves shaped her perspective on service and stability.

"For much of my life, home was wherever the couch was," she said. "But when we came to Indiana, it was the first place that truly felt like home."

On election policy, Reitenour presented what has become the defining contrast of her campaign: a system of hand-marked paper ballots, cast and counted at the precinct level on Election Day (Constitutionally "one day"), with results visible and verifiable within the community.

She argued this approach would increase transparency, reduce long-term costs tied to voting machine contracts, and allow citizens to be involved more, continuing the bipartisan volunteer requirements and tradition of Indiana elections.

Reitenour also voiced opposition to centralized voting centers, advocating instead for traditional precinct-based



Reitenour

voting.

"When you keep voting local, you keep it accountable," she said. "You remove layers of complexity and return oversight to the people where it belongs."

When asked questions outside the role of Secretary of State, Reitenour refrained from engaging in local political disputes but shared consistent feedback she has received while traveling across Indiana.

"As I travel Indiana, I hear three things from Hoosiers: their utility costs are rising, their land is being taken, and they do not want data centers – hard stop," she said.

Reitenour also emphasized the need for fiscal discipline within the Secretary of State's office, calling for regular reviews of vendor contracts and spending to eliminate unnecessary costs and ensure taxpayer dollars are used efficiently. She noted that one of the most immediate and significant

savings opportunities lies in reducing the millions of dollars spent on voting machines at both the state and county levels by transitioning to a precinct-based, paper ballot system.

Following the event, Reitenour drew strong support from attendees. She said many attendees expressed their support, breaking the narrative that "everyone feels they have to vote for Diego Morales." Attendees also shared that they identified with the substance and direction of Reitenour's campaign.

Throughout her remarks, Reitenour returned to what she described as the core requirement of the office: adherence to the Constitution and alignment with the values of the people.

"We must start with the Constitution," she said. "You need to elect someone who not only has the skills to run the office – which I promise is not a problem – but someone who aligns with your values. If we don't, the state will go off the rails, and I don't want that for my kids or for Indiana's future."



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Carmel announces spring & summer construction schedule

The REPORTER

With spring approaching, Carmel is kicking off infrastructure improvements designed to enhance safety, mobility, and long-term reliability of roadways across the community. As always, construction season means two things: progress ... and orange barrels.

College Avenue Final phase: April through Fall

The final phase of the College Avenue reconstruction is now underway. This includes the closure of the southbound lane as crews reconstruct the west side of the roadway. This marks the last major segment of the College Avenue project, with completion anticipated this fall.

“We recognize College Avenue has required patience and flexibility from residents and businesses alike,” City Engineer Bradley Pease said. “The good news: we are in the home stretch. This final phase will deliver a safer, smoother corridor built to serve Carmel for decades to come.”

East Carmel pedestrian safety improvements April 1 through early August

Beginning on Wednesday, April 1, extensive work will begin on the east side of Carmel to install raised pe-

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Motorists and pedestrians can find these raised crosswalks all around Carmel.

destrian crosswalks within several roundabouts along Hazel Dell Parkway and Gray Road.

- **Phase 1 (30-day closure):** 126th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway
- **Phase 2 (30-day closure):** 126th Street and Gray Road
- **Phase 3 (30-day simultaneous closures, summer break):** Cherry Creek Boulevard and Hazel Dell Parkway; 116th Street and Gray Road

• **Phase 4 (46-day closure, summer break):** 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway

• **Phase 5 (30-day closure):** Main Street and Gray Road

All raised pedestrian crosswalk installations are set for completion in September, reinforcing Carmel’s ongoing commitment to student and neighborhood safety.

“Raised pedestrian crossings are the next evolution in roundabout safety,” Pease said. “They’re engineered to cue drivers to slow at the exact point where people cross, without sacrificing the flow that makes roundabouts work. The result is simple and powerful: lower speeds and a safer, smarter intersection that reflects Carmel’s commitment to leading the nation in safety, innovation

and livability.”

Westfield Boulevard April through October

This summer, residents can also expect significant work along Westfield Boulevard, including:

- Construction of the long-anticipated 106th Street roundabout (90-day closure)
- Replacement of the aging culvert at 109th Street and Westfield Boulevard
- Completion of the multi-use path running the length of Westfield Boulevard

These upgrades will improve drainage, connectivity, and multimodal access along one of Carmel’s key corridors.

Merchants Square improvements April through 2027

The city is also advancing final plans for substantial improvements in the Merchants Square area. The project includes:

- Major sanitary sewer upgrades
- Extension of Kinzer Avenue to Carmel Drive
- New roundabouts at Carmel Drive and AAA Way, Carmel Drive and Kinzer Avenue and 116th Street and AAA Way

Project teams are continuing coordination efforts and additional details will be shared as plans are finalized.

Expanding West Side multi-use path connectivity March through Fall

In addition to roadway and intersection improvements, the city is wrapping up major investments in multi-use path connectivity on the west side of Carmel. Significant progress is being made along 136th and 141st streets, along with the closure of several smaller but critical gaps throughout the network.

“These projects are designed to create a more seamless, contiguous path system that safely connects neighborhoods, schools, parks and commercial areas,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “By filling in these missing links, the City is building infrastructure that community members of all ages can use and enjoy for generations to come – whether walking, running or cycling.”

As with all of this season’s projects, city officials appreciate the community’s patience while long-term investments are made in safety, accessibility, and quality of life.

For questions or additional information or support on road construction matters, please contact Joshua Kirsh in the Engineering Department at JKirsh@Carmel.IN.gov.

Westfield Young Professionals Leadership Summit is one week away

The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals Council (WYPC) for a one-of-a-kind professional and personal development experience scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 N. East St., Westfield.



The conference is open to anyone who lives or works in Hamilton County and is looking to sharpen their skills, network, and grow personally and professionally. The all-inclusive cost of \$60 per person includes leadership training, lunch, snacks, service project with Student Impact, and a ticket to the post-conference networking happy hour.

Registration (which closes at end of business on Friday, March 20) is available at [this link](#).

This year’s keynote speaker will be Danyele Easterhaus of Danyele Easterhaus Consulting.

Breakout session topics will include:

- **Building a Championship Culture** – Amber Cox, COO of Indiana Fever
- **Building Without a Playbook: How to lead, decide, and grow when there is no clear roadmap** – Kara Riggle, President & Co-owner of 92c Partners
- **Beyond the Scoreboard: Sports, Leadership, & Community Im-**

pact – Gabe Amick, Senior Sports Development Manager of Hamilton County Sports Authority

• Civility: The Strongest Stance You Can Take

– Jeff Worrell, Founder of Carmel Civility Foundation

If you have questions, please send an email to info@westfieldchamberindy.com.

Attention business owners & supervisors

WYPC fully recognizes that key staff members taking a day off from the office is a big ask. That’s why speakers and presenters have been carefully selected who will help those staff members grow and come back to your company re-energized and ready to meet the moment.

About Westfield Young Professionals

The new Westfield Young Professionals Council is a networking group for young professionals under 40 in Westfield, but it is more than that. WYPC offers a space for people to grow their careers, for those new to Hamilton County and Indianapolis to make lasting friendships, and for young professionals to grow themselves personally. Through this opportunity, young professionals will become invested members of the community, looking for ways to give back to Westfield and each other.

DNR establishes permanent invasive carp harvest permit

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has established a new permanent rule that became effective in December 2025 ([312 IAC 9-10-28](#)) creating an invasive carp harvest permit. This new permit opens new avenues for large-scale removal of invasive carp, fosters economic opportunities, and protects native fish populations and recreational users.

Invasive carp species, including silver, grass, and black carp, have become a significant issue across the Midwest negatively impacting native fish populations and recreational activities like boating and fishing.

The new permit is free to encourage commercial fishing interest in removing these fish from public waters and help protect native ecosystems. Permit holders may use gill nets and seines in approved locations, gear

types that are otherwise unauthorized for commercial fishing. Anglers must submit a fishing request before harvest specifying the date, location of their fishing, and gear to be used.

All native fish (bycatch) must be immediately released upon capture, and all gear must be attended at all times; no overnight sets are allowed.

Detailed reports of harvested pounds along with bycatch must be submitted to DNR within seven days of fishing.

Harvested invasive carp must not be transported live and are required to be packed on ice or dry when moved to a market or processor.

Interested individuals can find additional information by visiting wildlife.IN.gov/licenses-andpermits/permits-commercial-licenses or by emailing CarpHarvestPermit@dnr.IN.gov.

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DNR opens Discover the Outdoors field trip grant applications

The REPORTER

Educators interested in taking K-12 students on field trips to an Indiana State Park property in the 2026-2027 school year can receive financial help through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF). Grants from the Discover the Outdoors field trip grant program are available for all K-12 educators. “Spending time in our state parks is a favorite pastime and something that every student in Indiana

should experience,” Governor Mike Braun said. “This grant helps teach students about Indiana’s natural heritage through our forests, lakes, and other unique natural areas, and I encourage schools to apply.” Since the grant program’s inception in 2013, a total of 355 grants have been awarded, providing the opportunity for more than 30,800 students to visit state parks at less cost to the schools and students. “The Foundation’s mission is to celebrate and

preserve Indiana’s natural legacy,” INRF Executive Director Jody Kress said. “This grant gives children an adventure that showcases some of Indiana’s natural and cultural treasures and teaches the importance of protecting and preserving them for everyone to enjoy.” Indiana has 24 state parks, eight state-managed lakes, two state recreation areas, and two off-road state recreation areas eligible for field trip funding that will engage students in learning about Indiana’s fish, forests,

wildlife, natural habitats, conservation, and outdoor recreation opportunities. “Field trips to Indiana state parks not only connect students to Indiana’s incredible natural and cultural resources but also instill great memories that they will carry into adulthood,” Indiana State Parks Director Brandt Baughman said. The maximum grant award is \$500 per application. The grant may cover the school’s transportation costs, program fees, and other applicable material

costs. Applications are accepted March 15 to April 30 prior to the school year for which the grant is requested. Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than April 30. Applicants will be notified by May 15 regarding potential grant awards. The grant application is at on.IN.gov/state-park-group-programs. Read more about the impact this grant has had at indiananr.org/the-inrf-difference/education.

A video explaining the program is at [this link](#). The INRF is accepting donations to the fund from individuals, businesses, and anyone else who supports the idea of getting kids outdoors. The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children. Donations can be made at indiananr.org/donate. For further information, email discoveroutdoors-grants@dnr.IN.gov.

American Structurepoint, City of Noblesville & Hamilton County receive ‘Project of the Year Award’ for Reimagine Pleasant Street

Submitted

American Structurepoint, the City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County have earned a 2025 Project of the Year Award from the Indiana Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the Reimagine Pleasant Street Project in Noblesville. The APWA Indiana Chapter Public Works Project of the Year Award recognizes excellence in the management and delivery of public works projects, honoring the agencies, engineers, and contractors who make them successful. The Reimagine Pleasant Street project team received the award for projects over \$5 million. American Structurepoint provided program management services and served as the lead engineer for Phases 1 and 3 of the Reimagine Pleasant Street Project, a \$125 million, multiyear initiative that added 2.5 miles of new roadway to improve east-west connectivity and public safety in Hamilton County. “American Structurepoint is honored to have partnered with the City of Noblesville and Hamilton

County to bring the transformative Reimagine Pleasant Street Project to life and improve connectivity for the community’s residents and visitors,” President Cash Canfield said. “We also thank all of the consulting engineering and contracting firms for their collaboration and teamwork to complete this project on schedule and on budget.” Project improvements included a new bridge over White River, six new roundabout intersections, pedestrian tunnels, and an extension of the Midland Trace Trail. Public art, landscape architecture, and historic preservation elements were incorporated throughout the project area to honor Noblesville’s unique character and historic features. “We have seen the positive impact Reimagine Pleasant Street has had on Noblesville so far and look forward to its full completion that has been four decades in the making,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “We are honored to receive this award and appreciate all of our partners who delivered this project for our city.” Project partners also recognized for their contributions to the award-winning



The new roundabout at State Road 32 and Hague Road serves as the west-end connection point with the new Pleasant Street. This photo looks toward the southeast, with Downtown Noblesville in the upper-left portion of the picture.

project include USI Consultants, Inc., the engineer for the Phase 1 new bridge over White River; Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) Civil Engineers, Inc., the engineer for Phase 2; Beaty Construction, Inc., Phase 1 contractor; Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc., Phase 2 contractor; and Gradex, Inc., Phase 3 contractor. The Reimagine Pleasant Street project was substantially completed and opened to traffic in late December 2025. Additional minor construction will occur until Summer 2026.

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Chinese & other foreign actors complicit in toll-road messages & other text scams sent to Hoosiers

Submitted by Office
of AG Todd Rokita

Thousands of Hoosiers are receiving a sternly worded text warning – supposedly sent by a court – that they must immediately pay fines for toll road violations or appear for a hearing.

The text looks authentic. It features official-sounding language and an image of Indiana’s state seal.

By scanning a convenient bar code, the texts explain, recipients of the message can quickly and easily “pay their fine” and remedy their predicament, avoiding the need to go to court.

The problem is that the texts come from impostors perpetrating a phishing scam.

Phishing is a type of cyberattack where scammers impersonate legitimate organizations to trick victims into clicking malicious links, opening infected attachments, providing credentials, or outright making financial payments.

“Don’t fall for these schemes,” Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said. “Ignore these texts. Just delete them.”

Traditionally, Hoosiers have been well-advised to look for telltale signs of scams, such as:

- Urgent or threatening language.
- Website and email addresses that do not match the official domain of the

supposed sender – although scammers DO often use names changed only slightly from the real ones.

- Unusual requests for sensitive personal information, such as passwords, Social Security numbers, or bank details, which legitimate organizations do not ask for via text.

- Generic greetings and poor grammar.

- Inaccurate or sloppy renderings of such features as the state seal.

While such factors can still be giveaways, the cybercriminals behind these bogus alerts continue becoming more sophisticated in their presentation and tactics – making it more difficult to tell what’s legitimate and what’s not.

The best advice is to avoid doing any business via text. Whereas scammers used to operate primarily by crudely mass-blasting their messages, nowadays their methods are data-driven and highly localized.

Modern fraudsters are now served by a growing cottage industry of third-party accomplices operating worldwide that provide specialized products and services – from startup software to dedicated tech support.

A Chinese-language ser-



Rokita

vice openly sells “U.S. traffic fine data,” enabling fraudsters to target victims with recent violations – thereby reaching individuals all the more likely to believe the ruse that they are on the hook for unpaid fines related to their recent infractions.

Government agencies in the United States have no way currently to stop the scammers before they strike, but leaders worldwide are collaborating to develop better means to keep up with the perpetrators’ technologies and attack cybercrime on a global scale.

“Modern text fraud is an organized and innovative criminal enterprise,” AG Rokita said. “We are doing everything in our power to bring these lawbreakers to justice, but we must maintain a laser focus for now on raising awareness and providing education in order to help Hoosiers avoid becoming victims in the first place.”

Attorney General Rokita advises Hoosiers to take the following precautions:

- **Do Not** click on any links in unsolicited email or text messages.
- **Do Not** provide personal information, such as your driver’s license number or Social Security number.

- **Do Not** share any card or account information through text messages or unverified links.

- **Report** the unwanted text messages as junk on the app you use and block the phone number or email address.

- **Contact** your phone provider for call/text blocking solutions. Many manufacturers have built-in features to block unwanted calls or offer apps to block and label potential spam calls.

- **Forward** spam emails to the FTC at spam@uce.gov and report at report-fraud.ftc.gov.

Important reminder: Legitimate toll notifications from the Indiana Toll Road never arrive via unsolicited text messages demanding immediate payment through a link or QR code. Always verify any alleged toll or violation directly through your account at indianatollroad.org or by calling the official customer service line at (574) 675-4010.

If you have already provided personal information or money through a link in these email or text messages, file a consumer complaint immediately online at indianaconsumer.com or call (317) 232-6330.

For more information on avoiding scams, visit the Indiana Attorney General’s website at in.gov/attorney-general.

Tipton School Board Briefs: March 10, 2026

Submitted by Tipton
Community School Corp.

Tipton Community School Corporation Board Briefs is designed to share highlights from the most recent School Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Official minutes of each Board meeting are posted on the district website and are available for public viewing.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees is Feb. 10. School board meetings are conducted from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the TCSC Board Room at the Administrative Offices and are open to the public.

Blue Future
Awards

T C S C School Board President Rob Cochrane presented Blue Future Awards to Cadence Stout, Addie Gilson, Ava Brewer, Luke Walker, and Hope Walker for their behind-the-scenes work at TCT’s Cinderella production. The following high school recipients were recognized by Principal Craig Leach and Band Director Lisa Wallyn with Blue Future Awards for athletic and band achievements: Will Wolford and Brayden Hight (Semi-State Wrestling Qualifier).

Kinzey Baugher, *Colt Buttkie*, *Corvyn Chambers*, *Connor Clouser*, *Zoe Garrison*, *Josiah Goshern*, *Emma Gunn*, *Ryan Hare*, *Sarah Jane Hill*, Savannah Lucas, Cadynce Martin, Cheyenne Mulvaney, *Selkie Parsons*, Amelia Porter, *Jude Rockwell*, *Aria Shuler*, Kaiden Vaughn, *Willian Waincott*, *Luke Walker*, *Jake Wray*, Roland Yates, Adelynn Yeary (*italicized denotes State Bound*) (District Solo and Ensemble Gold Rating).

TCSC Multilingual Coordinator JR Dover presented Jessica Nichols and Community Service Students with a Blue Future Award for helping the Homeless in Indianapolis with Dr. Andrews.

TMS Principal John Ayars presented the following band students with Blue Future Awards for their recent performance accomplishments: Nicolette Biros, Hailyn Leiding, Avery Hazlett, Owen Goings, Sophia Leyva, Genevieve Pearson, Vanessa Lee, Levi Comer, Damon Saltzman, Emma Shirley, Emily Vaughn, Caleb Furlani, Elliot Jones, Karson Webster, Eli Long, Caitlyn Carothers, Gunner Moore, Zoe Shirley, Alaina Mast, Kohen Habrych, Lo-

retta Harbaugh, Bryleigh Bales, Hailey Carr, Kat Case-Baez, Cecilia Shimer, Logan Harns, Jack Lamie, and Sam Ramirez (District Solo and Ensemble Gold Rating); Eli Long (Gold “With Distinction” State Solo and Ensemble).

TES Principal Brian Johnson and Assistant Principal Sara Wiggington recognized Carolyn Friend with a Blue Future Award for going above and beyond in her service of a student and their family.

Associate
Superintendent Report

Associate Superintendent Scott Jaworski provided an update on Indiana’s new K-12 accountability model.

The Indiana Department of Education has introduced a new K-12 accountability model that broadens how school performance is measured. Aligned with the Graduates Prepared to Succeed framework, the system expands beyond standardized test scores to include indicators of academic mastery, career and postsecondary readiness, communication, collaboration, work ethic, and civic, financial, and digital literacy.

School letter grades will now be based on points earned by individual students through state assessment performance and additional measures such as attendance, advanced coursework, and career credentials. High school accountability will also incorporate readiness seals, credentials of value, graduation rate, and SAT proficiency.

The state will begin with a “Year Zero” baseline year to establish initial data before full implementation. The new model maintains

strong expectations for academic achievement while recognizing a broader definition of student success and preparation for life beyond high school.

New Business
MOU for one-time
retirement incentive
approved

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between TCSC and the Tipton Education Association establishing a one-time retirement incentive for certified staff as part of efforts to address financial pressures related to SEA 1.

The incentive provides \$50,000 paid over five years, which may be taken as cash or applied toward an eligible TCSC insurance plan, and includes a buyout of up to 100 sick days at \$100 per day. Participation is limited to the first eight eligible staff members unless both parties agree to expand the program.

The MOU will also require approval from the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board (IEERB).

Mowing contract for
2026-2027 approved

The Board previously authorized advertising for mowing bids at the Feb. 10 meeting, with notices published in the *Kokomo Tribune*, *Tipton Tribune*, and on social media. Seven bids were received on March 2. It was recommended that the two-year mowing contract be awarded to Cage and Company LLC as the lowest, most responsive bidder.

Important dates

- March 19 to 23: Senior Trip
- March 26: Snow Make-up Day (school will be in session)
- March 27 to April 5: Spring Break
- April 6: Flex Day
- April 14: Monthly Board Meeting

Carmel Community Players announces youth auditions for upcoming Disney play

The REPORTER

Carmel Community Players (CCP) announces auditions for Disney’s *Descendants: The Musical*, a Rising Star Production.

Auditions will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12 at CCP Warehouse, 510 3rd Ave. SW, Carmel. Auditions will be held in 30-minute time slots, with limited spots per slot. Please register for your time slot in advance.

How to register

1. **Sign up** for your audition time slot.
2. Print, complete, and bring your **audition form** on your scheduled day.
3. Review the **parent information**.

What to prepare

Please bring your completed audition form. Each auditioner will need to prepare a one-minute vocal audition. Please bring a pre-recorded backing track (A Bluetooth speaker for device connection, or

a laptop for thumb drives will be available.)

Auditions will consist of vocal auditions and cold reading from the script. Auditioners will not be held past their 30-minute time slot.

Everyone who auditions will be offered a role. CCP is open to gender-flexible casting, but the genders of the characters must remain as written, per Disney licensing requirements. You may choose to decline your offered role; it will not affect your eligibility for any future CCP shows.

Cast members must make every effort to attend scheduled rehearsals. The rehearsal schedule will be set up around cast member conflicts to the best of CCP’s ability. No rehearsals can be missed after June 2,



except for illness. Anyone with conflicts between June 3 and June 11 are advised not to audition, as all cast members must be available for all performances.

The Rising Star Production is reserved for youth performers, per the Encore Association. Auditions for Disney’s *Descendants: The Musical* will be open to anyone who will be entering sixth grade next school year up to age 20.

Synopsis

Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, Disney’s *Descendants: The Musical* is a musical jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films. Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous

villains who ever lived – the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island ... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents’ wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

Performances

All performances will be held at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

- Friday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 14 at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 20 at 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Harry Connick, Jr. to return in July

Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Friday for acclaimed New Orleans artist

The REPORTER

Grammy and Emmy Award-winning singer, composer and actor Harry Connick, Jr. and his renowned band will return to Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in July.

The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 20, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Tickets starting at \$165 go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office.



Photo by Georgia Connick

The concert is the first to be announced from the 2026-2027 *Center Presents* Season sponsored by Allied Solutions, which will be fully unveiled in May. Connick previously performed at Allied Solutions Center in 2015 and 2018.

A consummate performer, Connick has exemplified excellence in the entertainment world for decades – be it music, film, television, or Broadway. His prodigious talent has earned him Grammy, Emmy, and Tony recognition, plus album sales in excess of 30 million and sold-out concerts around the world. Backed by his stel-

lar band, this special concert will showcase the full breadth of Connick’s artistry – from jazz standards and New Orleans classics to his masterful originals and career-defining hits.

Connick’s art is rooted in the music of his native New Orleans, where he began performing as a pianist and vocalist at age 5. Highlights of his music career include the multi-platinum albums *When Harry Met Sally*; *Blue Light, Red Light*; *When My Heart Finds Christmas*; *Come by Me*; and *Only You*. He has appeared in 21 films and also earned Tony Award nominations as a lead actor in *The Pajama Game* and as a composer/lyricist for *Thou Shalt Not*. Connick’s national daytime television show *Harry* earned 11 Daytime Emmy nominations in its two seasons, including two nominations for best host.

Track chairs to increase access to nature at every Indiana State Park, funded by Lilly Endowment

The REPORTER

Visitors to Indiana State Parks with limited mobility will soon have a free tool available to help them get outside and explore trails, with state-of-the-art track chairs coming to all Indiana State Parks throughout the state.

“Nature is for everyone, and that includes the ability to enjoy the scenic trails at Indiana State Parks,” Governor Mike Braun said. “By making at least one track chair available at every state park, we’re opening miles of trail to explore to more people statewide and positioning Indiana as a national leader for accessibility at our state parks.”

A track chair is an all-terrain, electric-powered wheelchair that helps people with limited mobility safely explore rugged, off-road environments.

Purchase of 45 track chairs was made possible by \$1 million in funding from Lilly Endowment Inc. The funds were part of a \$50 million grant the foundation made to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in 2024 to support new development and upgrades across the Indiana State Park system. The track chairs will be distributed



Photo provided by Indiana DNR

tributed statewide for use at each Indiana State Park and Indiana State Park Inn. The new chairs supplement the 13 powered mobility chairs that are currently available at Indiana State Parks.

This investment makes Indiana the current national leader in the availability of track chairs at state parks, with a greater number of chairs than any other state park system in the country.

“DNR works daily to ensure Indiana’s public lands are accessible to all,” DNR Director Alan Morrison said. “Whether it’s traversing a trail, viewing wildlife, enjoying the beach, fishing, hunting, or other outdoor pursuits, our DNR properties are open and welcome to Hoosiers of all interests and abilities. With support from Lilly Endowment, we’re proud to be the national leader in track

chairs at our state parks.”

More information about accessibility at DNR properties is at on.IN.gov/dnr-accessibility and information on Lilly Endowment’s investment in Indiana state parks is available at this link.

‘A Seat on the Aisle’ listed among Internet’s top theatre blogs

Submitted

Once again, *A Seat on the Aisle* (ASOTA) has been named as one of the Top 90 Theatre Blogs on the World Wide Web for 2026, according to bloggers.feedspot.com/theatre_blogs.

ASOTA creator Ken Klingenmeier said in his announcement: “I share this honor with the team of writers who assist me with reviews for a great number of the productions that we



Klingenmeier



cover. They are the reason we can continue to publish top level critiques of theatre in central Indiana, both on the blog and in the Hamilton County Reporter. Thanks to everyone who supports our efforts – especially the many local theatre companies that sponsor our admission.”

You can read great theatre reviews from the ASOTA crew online at asota.wordpress.com.

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Don't miss these April performances at the Center

The REPORTER

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

Local Mix Music Series

The Operators
Thursday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The Tarkington & Online

The Operators formed in 2018 from members of Indianapolis ska/punk bands the Circle City Deacons, Harley Poe, Lockstep, and Indien, later joined by lead vocalist Brittany Brumfield. The group delivers a mix of neo-traditional ska sounds with the energy of punk, marked by shifting tempos and rhythms and bright and tight horn arrangements. Recordings have included *Leave the Light On* (2021) and *Self-Titled Second Album* (2024) on Chicago's JumpUp Records

[Click here](#) for tickets.
Peanut Butter & Jam Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre
Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

The Studio Theater

Bring your little ones to the next Peanut Butter & Jam. After a brief performance, the dancers of GHDT will lead the audience through an adventure of movement and music, exploring basic concepts of dance. This enriching and captivating program will energize and encourage artistic creativity in participants of all ages.

[Click here](#) for tickets.
Illusionist Rick Thomas
Saturday, April 4 at 8 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

In *Mansion of Dreams*, the crowning achievement of award-winning Master Illusionist Rick Thomas, stunning magic, extreme comedy, exquisite dancers, and an inspiring story are woven into an amazing stage production. Thomas has been featured many times on national television, including NBC's *The World's Greatest Magic*, the CW's *Masters of Illusion* and his own special on ABC. His career honors have included the coveted "Magician of the Year" from the Academy of Magical Arts and magic's highest recognition, "Illusionist of the World" at the World Magic Awards. Now witness for yourself the most intriguing, innovative, and mind-blowing grand illusions in the world with *Mansion of Dreams*.

[Click here](#) for tickets.
Chris Thile
Friday, April 10 at 8 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

Grammy-winning mandolinist, singer, songwriter, composer, and MacArthur "Genius Grant" Fellow Chris Thile is hailed by NPR as a "genre-defying musical genius." Thile is a founding member of the influential string bands Punch Brothers and Nickel Creek and has collaborated with countless luminaries from Yo-Yo Ma to Fiona Apple to Brad Mehldau.

The wide-ranging program of this solo performance will feature selections from his acclaimed solo recordings of Bach's Sonatas and Partitas – including the second volume released November 2025 – alongside his signature post-genre blend of compositional rigor, folksy stagecraft, and improvisational brilliance.

[Click here](#) for tickets.
Michael Feinstein with special guest Sandi Patty

Friday, April 17 at 8 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook, Michael Feinstein, returns with an evening of timeless music. The multi-Platinum-selling, five-time Grammy and two-time Emmy award nominee is Artistic Director for Allied Solutions Center and Founder of the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. His most recent album is *Gershwin Country*, which reimagines the classic songs of George and Ira Gershwin through duets with some of the biggest names in country music. Joining him as special guest will be Sandi Patty, an Indiana Living Legend and the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music, with 40 Dove Awards and five Grammy Awards.

[Click here](#) for tickets.
World Voice Day
Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

Free and open to the public! Grab your sheet music, family and friends and come sing onstage during



Photo provided

Get your tickets to see The Operators, coming to The Tarkington on Thursday, April 2.

Allied Solutions Center's annual World Voice Day celebration, as we transform the Payne & Mencias Palladium into an open-mic cabaret for one special evening.
[Click here](#) for tickets.

Songwriting: Melody & Lyrics
April 21 to May 19 at 6 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

Spark your songwriting craft and connect with other local artists through this five-week course. Aimed at seasoned writers and fresh voices alike, the course explores the elements of songwriting and provides opportunities for participants to co-write and collaborate with other musicians. Each session will include instruction, songwriting breakout sessions, peer/instructor feedback, and an opportunity to share work. The course will culminate with a "songwriters in the round" performance in which each participant will share a song and a personal story about

the work.
[Click here](#) for tickets.
Joshua Bell with Shai Wosner, piano
Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Payne & Mencias Palladium

With a career spanning almost four decades, Grammy Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell is one of the most celebrated artists of his era. The Bloomington native and Indiana University graduate has performed with virtually every major orchestra, and maintains engagements as a soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, conductor and as the Music Director of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields. Bell has earned six Grammy Award nominations, was named "Instrumentalist of the Year" by Musical America, received the Avery Fisher Prize, and was named an "Indiana Living Legend" in 2000. Accompanying him will be pianist and recording artist

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The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, March 23, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 12:15 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2026.

A regular meeting will follow at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Jackson Township Building Corporation will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia, to approve a Hamilton County Easement Acquisition resolution.

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James Alvin Petty

January 11, 1944 – March 9, 2026

On March 9, 2026, James Alvin Petty, Fortville, Ind., passed away in the floodwaters of the East Fork of White River as he was driving to his beloved cabin.



Jim was born on January 11, 1944, at Methodist Hospital and grew up in rural Fortville, where he lived with his parents, Burrell and Pauline (Barley) Petty, a sister, and three brothers. He attended Fortville schools before graduating in 1962 from Vernon Township

High School.

Jim attended Butler University on an athletic scholarship, studying English, health, and physical education, and competing on the Bulldog track and basketball teams. His 2003 induction into the BU Athletic Hall of Fame was based on athletic successes including the 1966 Big State, Little State, and Conference championships in both long jump and triple jump; two-time selection as track MVP; and three-year career in varsity basketball. Jim revered Coach Tony Hinkle and honored Hinkle's great influence over his life, character, and coaching career.

Jim earned a Master's degree from Purdue University during his 21-year career in education. He taught in New Market, Carroll (Flora), Hamilton Heights, and Decatur Central High Schools, and served as head coach of cross country, basketball, and track and field teams. Several sectional, conference, and individual championships make up his coaching resume. More importantly, numerous athletes and other students recall lessons learned from Coach/Mr. Petty in the areas of commitment, integrity, loyalty, determination, teamwork, and goal setting.

After retiring from education, Jim established Petty Contracting and worked for 38 years as a general contractor. He specialized in roofing, room additions, renovations, and training a succession of young men – including his grandsons and their sons and friends – in hard work, carpentry, responsibility, and friendship.

Jim's passions included raising, training, and hunting with bird dogs; improving and enjoying his cabin near Shoals, Ind.; attending Butler basketball and Boston Red Sox baseball games; and watching his family mature and expand. He was extremely proud of his family and emphasized the importance of maintaining strong family ties.

A large family and many friends mourn Jim's sudden passing. He is survived by his wife, Annetta DeMoss Petty; his sister, Sandra Joan Brown; children, Andrea (Ken) Clarkson, Guy (Jamie) Petty, Paula Petty, and Beryl Petty; grandchildren, Jacob (Clarissa) Clarkson, Nicholas (Sarah) Clarkson, Emily Clarkson, Taylor (Morgan) Clarkson, Justin (Whitney) Petty, Adrienne (Mike) Meyer, and Bo Redd; 14 great-grandchildren; first wife and lasting friend, Dorinda Arnold; and many nieces and nephews and their families. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Jerry, Glenn, and Robert Petty.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Erlwein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Greenfield. A funeral service will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 25.

Memorial contributions be sent to First National Bank, ATTN: Troy Sprinkle, c/o (and payable to) the Beryl K. Petty Special Needs Trust, 1627 U.S. 40, Clayton, IN 46118.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

KORAH, DATHAN AND ABIRAM

The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "You have killed the Lord's people," they said.

But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the tent of meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord appeared. Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting, and the Lord said to Moses, "Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." And they fell facedown.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with burning coals from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started." So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped. But 14,700 people died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah. Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance to the tent of meeting, for the plague had stopped.

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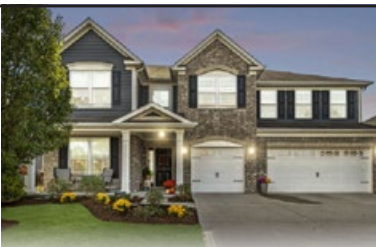


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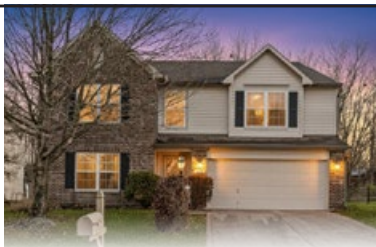


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Boys Lacrosse



(ABOVE LEFT) Guerin Catholic’s Mason Walosin scored six goals for the Golden Eagles during their win at Noblesville on Wednesday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s Charlie Boe scored three goals for the Millers.

Fast start sends Golden Eagles past Millers

Guerin continues high-scoring offense with 21 goals

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE — Early in the boys lacrosse season, Guerin Catholic has been scoring often. The Golden Eagles played Noblesville at the Millers’ Porterhouse Field on Wednesday evening. Guerin Catholic pitched a 7-0 shutout in the first quarter and that carried the Golden Eagles to a 21-12 victory. Guerin Catholic has already played five games and this was by far its biggest scoring output. But the Golden Eagles’ offense was clicking from the beginning: in all five of its games, GC has scored more than 10 goals. The Golden Eagles start-

ed with two games against St. Louis area teams, falling to St. Louis University 14-5 in their March 6 opener and 18-15 against Chaminade on March 7. Guerin Catholic then took on powerhouse Hamilton Southeastern on March 11 and lost 11-6 but picked up its first win at South Bend St. Joseph 15-4 on Saturday, March 14. In Wednesday’s game, the Golden Eagles quickly built their lead thanks to balanced scoring. Sophomore Mason Walosin and seniors Gavin Soucie and Vincent Elliott each scored two goals in the first quarter. Junior Ethan Lehtinen added one goal. All four players would have more goals to come. “We set a good tone,”

said GC coach Ethan Sweat. “I’ll take a 21-goal performance. We didn’t play up to the standards of our program, but we haven’t beaten Noblesville in two years, so this was a win that we were working for. Glad we got it.” Soucie and Lehtinen both scored goals early in the second quarter to go up 9-0 before Noblesville broke through when senior Dylan McCaslin put in his first goal of the game. “You can’t have a 7-0 first quarter most of the time and think that you’re going to win,” said Millers coach Mark Milam. “But delete that first quarter and you’re taking a bout a 14-12 game with the defending 1A state champion that’s probably going to find themselves in that position again by the end of the year.”

Indeed, the other three quarters were much closer. Guerin Catholic still held a 12-4 lead at halftime, with Lehtinen adding another goal. Noblesville senior Charlie Boe scored twice in the second quarter. The Golden Eagles scored three quick goals in the third quarter to lead 16-5. Walosin, Soucie and Lehtinen all found the back of the net. The Millers came back, pouring in five consecutive goals in a run that bridged the third and fourth quarters. Boe and McCaslin both scored two goals during that spurt, and junior Geoffrey Stapert finished the run with an early fourth period goal.

Suddenly, Noblesville was within 16-10. But Guerin Catholic put in two more goals, one each from Soucie and Walosin for an 18-10 lead. McCaslin scored once more, and GC answered with three goals, from Elliott, Soucie and Walosin. Soucie finished the game with seven goals, followed by Walosin with six. Lehtinen scored four goals, Elliott had three, and senior J.B. Ford rounded out the scoring with a second-quarter goal. McCaslin led the Millers with five goals, while Charlie Boe scored three. Freshman Harrison Boe added two goals, with Stampert and sophomore Nick Kelsey both scoring one. Noblesville is 1-2 for the season, falling to Hamilton Southeastern 19-4 on March 7 before beating Fishers 21-9 on March 11. Noblesville is back in action tonight at Park Tudor. “We’re a very young team,” said Milam. “We graduated our entire defense from last year, so we’re playing a lot of sophomores, it’s one of their first games. There’s a lot to learn and a lot to fain from a loss like this. Nothing but upwards from here.”

Meanwhile, Guerin Catholic is off until Wednesday, April 1 when it plays Carmel. “We want to keep improving, keep raising our standard as a program,” said Sweat. “This is just another step in the road.”

Girls Basketball



File photo courtesy HSE Athletics
Hamilton Southeastern’s Kennedy Holman was selected to the Indiana Girls All-Stars, it was announced on Monday. The University of Florida commit led the Royals to back-to-back sectional titles and a regional championship in 2025. Holman is pictured with Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield.

HSE’s Holman selected to Indiana Girls’ All-Stars

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Hamilton Southeastern senior Kennedy Holman was among the 13 players that have been selected as 2026 *IndyStar* Indiana Girls’ All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced Wednesday. Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars. Holman joins Miss Basketball, Center Grove’s Gracyn Gilliard, whose selection as Miss Basketball was announced Friday, March 13 after she received the most votes from coaches and media from across the state. Lola Lampley of Lawrence Central, Vanessa Rosswurm of Norwell and Lilli Barnes of Valparaiso placed second, third and fourth in Miss Basketball voting, and they will join Gilliard on the team. Holman played varsity all four years for the Royals, helping the team to a regional championship in 2025 and a sectional championship this season. “She’s just been a special player all four years we’ve had her,” said Southeastern coach Brian Satterfield. “When you’ve got your best player being one of your hardest workers and competes at both ends of the floor, it just makes life as a coach so easy.” Holman led all statistical categories for the Royals this season: 17.6 points per game, 7.6 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 2.5 steals and 1.4 blocks. Satterfield noted her versatility, saying she “can guard anybody on the floor, and at the same time on the offensive end, she can score in all dimensions.” Satterfield also praised Holman’s leadership when it came to the other members of the HSE team. “She tried to make sure that everybody was included,” said Satterfield. “When you want to have a special program, that’s what your leaders do. I feel fortunate to be able to coach her the past four years.” Other players compet-

ing 2026 Indiana Girls’ All-Stars are Komari Booker of Pike, Joslyn Bricker of Warsaw, Laniah Davis of Marquette Catholic, Myah Epps of Homestead, Mollie Ernstes of Jennings County, Brooklynn Renn of Silver Creek, Laniah Wills of Lapel and Brooke Zartman of Warsaw. Joe Huppenthal of Lake Central has been named head coach of the 2026 girls’ All-Stars. He will be assisted by Amy Shearer of Columbia City and Brian Smith of Loogootee. Huppenthal is 178-85 in 10 seasons at Lake Central and 294-125 in 17 seasons as a girls’ varsity coach. He has a 498-348 overall record in 36 seasons, including 19 seasons as a boys’ coach at South Bend Clay. Shearer is 237-150 in 16 seasons at Columbia City. Smith is 152-11 in 11 seasons at Loogootee. The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 3 at Greenfield-Central High School. The first game against Kentucky will be June 5 at a site to be announced. The final game against Kentucky will be June 6 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. All three dates will be doubleheaders with the *IndyStar* Indiana Boys’ All-Stars, whose roster will be announced later. The roster for the Indiana girls’ Junior All-Stars was announced March 9. The roster for the Indiana boys’ Junior All-Stars will be announced later. The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year – May 31 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Charlestown and June 3 against the Indiana seniors at Mt. Vernon (Fortville). The fourth annual *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star “Futures Games” doubleheader will be June 1 at a site to be announced. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The Futures Games rosters will be announced later. The South boys lead the North 2-1. The North girls lead the South 2-1.

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Fishers’ Grier Swaim among Cato Memorial Scholarships recipients

Student-athletes to be recognized April 12 at Indianapolis Colts Complex

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Fishers’ Grier Swaim is among this year’s group of 13 senior student-athletes who will be honored with the 2026 IHSAA/C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarships.

To reward the efforts of Indiana’s complete student-athletes, Forté Sports Medicine, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Fever, Indiana Pacers, Musco Lighting, Eventlink, and Sport Graphics, Inc., have all partnered with the IHSAA and the IHSAA Foundation to sponsor the program. These well-rounded, positive role models have demonstrated excellence in academics, school and community involvement, character, sportsmanship, and citizenship.

Each individual will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for their prep accomplishments and be recognized at this year’s inaugural IHSAA Foundation Impact Awards at Gridiron Hall, within the Indianapolis Colts Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center on Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Swaim ranks 13th in her class of 875 students, maintaining a 4.77 weighted grade-point average. She has participated in Basketball, Cross Country, and Track & Field for the Tigers and has earned Academic All-State recognition for her effort in the classroom.

Swaim is a member of Fishers’ Student Government and Student Athlete

Leadership Team. She also has a leadership role in the Tiger Ambassadors Club, where she coordinates school tours for incoming eighth graders to help them get acclimated and creates service opportunities for students in the surrounding community through partnerships with local nonprofits.

Swaim also serves as Vice President of the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee, a group of 18 students representing schools throughout the state. Through the SAC, she assists with IHSAA State Finals events throughout the year and serves as an ambassador to student-athletes across Indiana. Her volunteer work is rooted in faith-based leadership.

Most notably, she has volunteered countless hours with her church’s kids ministry, where she guides young children in learning how to read and understand the Bible, fosters healthy discussions about faith and responsibility, and organizes weekly lessons and activities. Grier will attend Purdue University in the Fall.

Each student completed and submitted a formal application and had to meet certain criteria to qualify including: 1) be enrolled and participating in interscholastic athletics at an IHSAA member school during this



Swaim

school year; 2) be a senior at an IHSAA member school who will graduate this school year; 3) win a varsity letter as an athlete in at least one of the 24 IHSAA-sanctioned athletic programs; 4) be nominated by the school’s principal or athletic director; 5) carry a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale or the equivalent and; 6) have no violations of the school’s athletic code of conduct.

Over 100 completed applications were received from across the state, and a blue-ribbon panel of individuals decided upon the final recipients:

- Andy Arnold, Senior Vice President, Facilities Operations, Pacers Sports & Entertainment
- Bobby Cox, Commissioner Emeritus, Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc., and member of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors
- Phil Eskew, Jr., M.D., Emeritus Professor, OBGYN, IU School of Medicine and chair of the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors
- Bob Gardner, Commissioner Emeritus, Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc., and Retired Executive Director, National Federation of State High School Associations
- Andy Matis, Senior

Manager of Football Development, Indianapolis Colts

- Paul Neidig, Commissioner, Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc.

Since 2003-04, the IHSAA has recognized 326 outstanding student-athletes with scholarships totaling \$709,000.

Recognized alongside the recipients of this year’s Cato Scholarship and eight additional IHSAA Foundation scholarships at the IHSAA Foundation Impact Awards, Forté Sports Medicine Research and Education Foundation will honor Indiana high school student-athletes who have overcome injury or hardship with the Brady Comeback Award. Additionally, graduating members of the IHSAA’s Student Advisory Committee will be recognized for their contributions and work as a voice for today’s student-athletes. Recipients of these scholarships will be recognized in the near future.

The IHSAA Foundation Impact Awards serves to recognize the accomplishments of our next generation of leaders in competition, in the classroom, and within their communities. Those interested in celebrating these accomplishments at the banquet can find more information at the event’s webpage.

To learn more about the history of the Cato Scholarship and all IHSAA/IHSAA Foundation scholarship opportunities, visit ihsaa.org/foundation/scholarships.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 19

BOYS LACROSSE
Noblesville at Park Tudor, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE
Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Brownsburg scrimmage at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Fishers scrimmage at Frankton, 6 p.m.
Westfield scrimmage at Plainfield, 6 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD
Fishers, Noblesville boys, Westfield at HSR Qualifier, 6 p.m. at Indiana State Fairgrounds

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Men’s Basketball — Boom drops narrow contest to Swarm Mathias continues 20-point streak in final road test

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The Noblesville Boom (15-18) fell to the Greensboro Swarm (23-9), 111-107, in their final road game of the regular season Wednesday night at Novant Health Fieldhouse.

Dakota Mathias turned in an all-around performance for the Boom, finishing with a game-high 26 points on 11-of-19 shooting, including 4-of-9 from beyond the arc, to go along with seven rebounds and six assists. Cameron Hildreth added 22 points, five rebounds, and four assists, while Keion Brooks Jr. contributed 18 points and four rebounds.

For Greensboro, PJ Hall led the way with 21 points and 11 rebounds, recording a double-double. Tosan Evbuomwan followed with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Liam McNeeley chipped in 19 points and four rebounds.

Noblesville opened the game on a 15-8 run, sparked by seven early points from Hildreth, to build an eight-point lead and force a Swarm timeout. Greensboro responded by heating up from deep, knocking down five three-pointers in the opening quarter. Brooks Jr. scored all 12 of his first-half points in the period to help the Boom carry a 36-35 edge into the second. Despite shooting struggles from three-point range by both teams in the second quarter, Greensboro closed

the half strong, using an early surge that saw them lead by as many as eight before taking a 61-57 advantage into the break.

The Swarm extended their lead early in the third quarter, opening the half on an 11-2 run to push the margin to 13 points. Noblesville responded late in the period, trimming the deficit to three, but a free throw in the final seconds sent Greensboro into the fourth with an 89-84 lead. The Boom carried momentum into the final frame, scoring six straight points to open the quarter and grab their first lead since the 10:54 mark of the second quarter. Noblesville stretched the advantage to five points with under eight minutes remaining, but Greensboro answered with a 10-0 run to regain control. The Swarm later pushed the lead to seven, and despite a final push from the Boom, Noblesville was unable to come up with enough stops down the stretch.

Next up

The Boom return home for their final three home games of the 2025-26 season, beginning Friday against the Austin Spurs at The Arena at Innovation Mile. Coverage will be available on NBAGLeague.com, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Tickets and team updates are available at NoblesvilleBoom.com, and fans can stream every game live at NBAGLeague.com.

Carmel native Peter Suder’s superstition with Miami (Ohio) basketball

By ANDREW CHERNOFF
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

The Miami (Ohio) men’s basketball teams has arguably been the talk of the sport this season.

The RedHawks were the last team to lose a game after winning their first 31 games of the year.

That start helped Miami (Ohio) make it to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2007.

There are plenty of Central Indiana connections who are part of the program as well, getting to experience this magical run.

For instance, the RedHawks head coach, Travis Steele, was born in Danville, Ind.

“It’s a blessing and an honor to be a part of the NCAA Tournament,” Steele said. “That’s the goal; you put all this effort, the sacrifices, whether it’s from our staff, from our players. You put a lot into this. This is a huge reward for us. But again, we’re not satisfied, obviously, just to be here. We want to advance. That’s the goal. But it is an honor to be a part of it.”

Steele is not the only person though associated with the program with strong ties to Indiana.

Freshman guard Justin Kirby played at Fishers High School. He is averaging 6.4 points per game this season.

And then there’s senior

guard Peter Suder, who played at Carmel High School. Suder has had an impressive season. He leads the RedHawks in scoring, averaging 14.6 points per game. In fact, he was named the **MAC Player of the Year**.

Of course, Suder’s talent is a big reason for his success on the court, but that’s not the only reason. There is a superstition that may play a part in his success as well.

“Peter wears the same socks every single game,” Miami (Ohio) sophomore guard Luke Skaljask said. “The same ones. It’s disgusting.”

Once Skaljask announced that to the room full of media members on Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio, Suder quickly

came to his own defense.

“They [the socks] are washed, though,” Suder said. “Every single game they’re washed. There’s clean socks. There’s some holes and loose threads in them now. But Brant’s, I think, is a little crazier. He [Skaljask] eats candy, almost a bag of candy before every game, which I don’t know how he does that.”

Suder was wearing the same socks on Wednesday night when the RedHawks beat SMU 89-79 in the First Four of the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament in Dayton.

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