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Get ready for Hamilton County Parks' Time Travelers History Ball

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) will hold its Time Travelers History Ball from 7 to 10 p.m. June 26 at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel, celebrating America's 250th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Coxhall Mansion, completed in 1976.

This patriotic, history-themed fundraiser will support HCPR's parks, programs, and community spaces, advancing the department's mission of enriching residents' lives through outdoor recreation, education, and

conservation.

The Time Travelers History Ball invites guests to attend dressed as famous, infamous, or lesser-known figures from American history. Attendees can expect historical characters, upbeat music, and an evening of light-hearted, flag waving fun.

The event will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, and a cash bar. Entrée selections include Pear and Pesto Seared Chicken Breast, Char Grilled Black Angus New York Strip, and Vegan Potato Gnocchi.



Photo provided

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Coxhall Mansion.

Tickets start at \$125 per person. Individual tickets and full table reservations are available. More information and registration can be found at MyHamiltonCountyParks.com.

are also available. Those interested may contact Erica Foreman at erica.foreman@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call (317) 770 4404. Donations from those unable to attend may be made at MyHamiltonCountyParks.com.

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Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

It's you vs. you

There's a quiet competition most of us carry every day. Not with the person next to us. Not with the ones ahead of us. But with ourselves. It's you versus you. And yet, it rarely feels that simple.

We look around and see others doing more, achieving faster, showing up stronger. The grass begins to look greener on the other side – more polished, more certain, more "ready."

But what if we've been looking at it all wrong? What if the grass is greener wherever you stand because you bring value to that space?

That shift doesn't come easily.

In a world that constantly asks us to shrink, to edit, to perform, it takes courage to stand fully as who we are. I'm reminded of a beautiful Hindi thought:

“हर औरत अपने भीतर
एक कहानी, एक हिम्मत
और एक नई शुरुआत
लिए चलती है।”

(Every woman carries within her a story, courage, and a new beginning.)
And truly, that extends to all of us.

See *You vs. You* . . . Page 2

COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Tipton FFA participates in District Leadership contests, eight advance to state

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

Members of the Tipton FFA competed at the District Leadership Contests held at Carroll Jr./Sr. High School earlier this month.

Members placing first will represent Tipton at the state competition during the Indiana FFA State Convention in June.

The leadership development events (LDEs) focus on creating situations for members to demonstrate their abilities in public speaking, decision making, communication, and their knowledge of agriculture and the FFA organization. Team and individual events are used to reinforce what is being taught in the agricultural classroom.

Maggie Cline represented Tipton by serving as the District V Secretary.

Members received the following:

- 1st Discovery Prepared Public Speaking – Monroe Stewart
- 1st Ag Mechanics and Technology Demonstration – Mason Tice
- 1st Beef Production Entrepreneurship Proficiency – Lilly Cloud
- 1st Beef Production Placement Proficiency – Kinsey Nunemacher
- 1st Poultry Production

Proficiency – Oliver Stewart

- 1st Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication Proficiency – Logan Lightfoot

- 1st Ag Sales Proficiency – Darci Dunn

- 1st Ag Services Proficiency – Logan Lightfoot

- 2nd Premier Leadership – Maggie Cline

- 2nd Novice Chapter Meeting – Caroline Rodibaugh, Clare Meyncke, Abigail Wesner, Kortney Fernung, Cami Condict, Dean Biedermann, Olivia Ogden

- 2nd Beef Production Placement Proficiency – Macy Nunemacher

- 3rd Discovery Creed – Monroe Stewart

- 3rd Plant and Soil Science Demonstration – Darci Dunn and Ava Higginbotham

- 3rd Discovery Food Science Demonstration – Caroline Rodibaugh and Clare Meyncke

- 3rd Diversified Crop Production Proficiency – Jacob Hartley

- 3rd Sheep Production Proficiency

Additional Participants

- Multimedia Scrapbook – Ava Higginbotham

- Prepared Public Speaking – Maggie Cline

- Food Science Demonstration – Darci Dunn and Ava Higginbotham

- Extemporaneous Public



Photos provided by Tipton Community School Corporation

(TOP LEFT) Lillian Cloud earned first place with her Beef Production Entrepreneurship proficiency. (TOP RIGHT) Darci Dunn earned first place with her Ag Sales Proficiency. (ABOVE LEFT) Logan Lightfoot earned first place with both of his proficiencies – Ag Services and Ag Mechanics Production and Fabrication. Oliver Stewart earned first place with his Poultry Production proficiency. (ABOVE RIGHT) Kinsey Nunemacher earned first place with her Beef Production Placement Proficiency.

Speaking – Henry Longfellow

- Essay – Mason Tice
- Animal Science Demonstration – Aria Shuler and Millie Wall

- Exhibit – Konnelly Wit-

tkamper, Brogan Foerg, and Dylan Achenbach

- Employability Skills – Ava Higginbotham
- Ag Education Proficiency – Jarod Cheek

Tipton turns out strong for Lincoln Day



Reporter photos

Indiana Attorney General (AG) Todd Rokita was the keynote speaker at the Tipton County Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, March 19 at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, 1200 S. Main St. Rokita gave the audience some insight into how the AG's office operates and some of the less public-facing responsibilities that fall under his purview. Regarding the election, he noted that candidates deserve your inspection and they deserve your ear. He reminded candidates that the people want to know what's in candidates' hearts and on their minds, but more importantly, they want candidates who do what they say they will. Rokita's address earned him two separate standing ovations. See more photos on Page 3 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

Libby Perry named February Husky Hero

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Libby Perry, the English Language Learner (ELL) teacher who serves students across all three Hamilton Heights school buildings, has been named the February Husky Hero.

Now in her fourth year at Heights, Perry began as an English teacher at the middle school before transitioning into her current role midway through her first year. Her nomination highlights the extraordinary impact she has on students and families, as shared by Hamilton Heights Middle School Art Teacher Erin Goodman.

"Libby is an incredible educator who goes above and beyond every single day to support our English Language Learners," Goodman said. "She creates a supportive classroom environment where every student feels seen, valued, and empowered to succeed. Her patience, creativity, and compassion help students build confidence in their English skills while also celebrating the richness of their cultural backgrounds. She works in all three buildings and manages the needs of many different students."

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You vs. You

I’ve been thinking about the people who have quietly championed me along the way – the ones who saw something in me before I did. The ones who made space, offered encouragement, or simply said, “You’re ready,” even when I wasn’t sure I believed it myself.

They didn’t compare. They didn’t compete. They reminded me.

Because yes, there will always be someone more experienced, more polished, more prepared.

But the answer isn’t to shrink in the presence of that.

The answer is to prepare. To keep showing up. To do the work when no one

is watching. To be ready so that when the opportunity comes, you don’t hesitate, and you don’t hand it over to someone else simply because you doubted yourself. Because someone else will be ready.

So why not you?

In Taste of Community, I often think about this through food. No two hands make a dish the same way. The same recipe, the same ingredients, yet the outcome carries the signature of the person who made it.

Some add a little more spice. Some let it simmer a little longer. Some follow tradition exactly as it was passed down.

And none of them are wrong.

Because what makes the dish meaningful isn’t comparison – it’s authenticity. The same is true for us.

You don’t have to become someone else to belong. You don’t have to dilute who you are to fit into a space. What you bring – your story, your voice, your way of showing up – is your value.

And if I’m being honest, it’s easier said than done.

There are days when doubt is louder than confidence. Days when comparison creeps in quietly and makes you question your place in the room.

But those are the moments that matter most ... where you remind yourself: I don’t need to be someone else. I need to be the best version of who I already am.

And maybe more importantly – this isn’t just about us.

It’s about what we do with the support we’ve received.

Because all of us can think of someone who championed us – someone who opened a door, spoke our name in a room we weren’t in, or simply believed in us when we were still figuring it out.

What if we chose to be that person for someone else? To notice. To encourage. To create space. To say, “You belong here,” and mean it.

Because just like a shared meal becomes richer when more people bring their stories to the table, our communities grow stronger when we lift each other up.

So yes, it’s you versus you.

But it’s also you with others. Learning. Growing. Showing up ... again and again.

Because your truest power isn’t in becoming someone else. It’s in recognizing that at any age, in any room, in any season – you belong as you are.

The more you believe that, the more you make it possible for someone else to believe it too.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build cultural connections. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.

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“In October, she organized a beautiful celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month, bringing our school community together to honor and learn about Hispanic culture, history, and traditions. She hosted a ‘pitch-in’ for families to share food they love, and students created posters about their countries of origin. She gave our ELL students the opportunity to share their voices and take pride in who they are. I attended and it was a wonderful event.

“Her dedication not only helps students thrive academically but also strengthens our entire school community by promoting inclusivity and cultural appreciation. Libby truly embodies what it means to be a Husky Hero, leading with heart, empathy, and a deep commitment to her students,” Goodman concluded.

When asked what it means to be named the February Husky Hero, Perry said that the recognition feels especially meaningful because it comes from her colleagues.

“One of the greatest accolades in a person’s career is to be recognized by those around them as being good at what they do,” Perry said. “For a peer to recognize the work I and my team do with our students in each of the three buildings each day and to nominate me for this great award is quite an honor.”

Perry’s motivation is rooted deeply in the unique nature of her work and the students she serves. As the district’s Multi-Language Learner teacher of record, she supports students in grades K-12 whose first language is not English.

“One of my favorite things is to see them make connections between their



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
Libby Perry, the English Learner Language teacher at Hamilton Heights was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of February. (From left) Rebecca Nickless (Director of Special Education), Yatziry Zaleta (IA Multilingual Learner), Libby Perry, Laken Bowen, and Craig Bowen (FC Tucker).

first language and the English language,” she said. “When they learn the vocabulary and can have conversations, their eyes light up and they understand – it is magical.”

Perry added that her students’ diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds enrich her own learning every day, and she credits her collaborative team and fellow educators for creating an environment where students can thrive.

“When I say I love my job, I truly do love my job,” she said. “Every day I am motivated to be a better teacher than I was the day before for my students. They are my ‘why.’”

Looking ahead, Perry says the Husky Hero recognition inspires her to continue pouring into her students and her craft.

“One of my favorite things about this award is reading about the people who receive it and how they have impacted those around them,” she said. “Now as a

recipient, I will continue to encourage my students to learn and to be better than they were the day before, to encourage my team as they guide students in learning new skills, and to continue adding to my own education as a lifelong learner.”

Perry said she hopes to keep making a meaningful impact on the students she serves and emphasizes that the honor reflects the collective spirit of Hamilton Heights.

“Everyone I have the pleasure of working with at Hamilton Heights is a Husky Hero,” she said.

Do you know Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at bit.ly/hhschuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

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Candidates lay out their platforms in Tipton

This is an interesting year in Tipton, with multiple contested races in the upcoming May 5 Primary Election. The March 19 Lincoln Day dinner provided an opportunity for candidates to briefly explain their platforms to those in attendance at the Tipton County Fairgrounds, 1200 S. Main St., Tipton. Keynote speaker Attorney General Todd Rokita reminded candidates that, regardless of their individual platforms, the Republican candidates who do not win in May need to have the professionalism to throw their full support behind the candidates who do win in the Primary. (Reporter photos)



(ABOVE LEFT) AG Todd Rokita spoke with Judy Buck before the dinner began. (ABOVE CENTER) Prosecutor candidate Justin Clouser and Auditor Jon DeBaun, who is running for reelection. (ABOVE RIGHT) took a few moments to address those in attendance.



(ABOVE LEFT) Rokita was introduced by Tipton County GOP Chairman Mark Regnier, who emceed the event. (ABOVE CENTER) Both Scott King and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (ABOVE RIGHT) spoke to the audience. They are running for election to Congress in the 5th District.



(FROM LEFT) State Senate District 21 incumbent Jim Buck, District 21 challenger and Tipton County Commissioner Tracey Powell, State Representative District 38 incumbent Heath VanNatter, and challenger Mark Hufford. Hufford was the only candidate to make personal attacks against his opponent when speaking Thursday evening.

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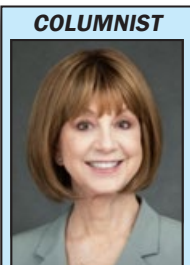
“Another one bites the dust ...”
– Queen, 1980

Another birthday in this long line of birthdays! Not that I am *against* having birthdays, mind you. It’s just that maybe they could be a little farther apart ...

I digress, actually considering the alternative, I am appreciative of these birthdays and hopefully will enjoy several more in the future!

I was thinking about how many of us are focused on those “new year resolutions” and making changes, plans, and goals to hopefully be more organized, healthier, happier, etc. I am wondering if we should, instead of the pressure of making those resolutions on Jan. 1, we could designate our birthday the focus of evaluating our health status, our travel plans, and decisions which will impact our world for the year.

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SHARON MCMAHON
Be Well

I hope that most of you, dear readers, make it a “date” with your physician annually for your lab work and your meeting to evaluate your health status – both physical and mental. Timing this fun adventure to your birthday is a good way to remember to schedule because, really, who forgets their birthday?

A comment I hear frequently from friends, family, members of my fitness class, and even recently a neighbor is that we often have a presumption of where we need to be physically in our life journey given the number of years on this planet. Nothing could be further from the truth!

Obviously, we know that our bodies change as we age and we are often faced with issues that are inconvenient and often stressful. While it is necessary to be realistic and know our bod-

ies’ capacity to engage in activities, it is also important to continue to adjust, to engage in the world around us, to challenge ourselves. This becomes more of a task due to technology. We spend so much time on our computers, our phones, and navigating 700 TV channels that we become mired in a sedentary lifestyle.

I have shared in past columns the importance of the endorphin hormones. Endorphins are known as “nature’s painkillers” which can be activated to reduce physical pain and anxiety, regulate appetite, and improve mood.¹ Sounds like a win-win to me!

Exercise is one very effective way to release those endorphins and encompass all types of movement – from running to walking, resistance training, and even stretching. While we cannot effect change in every aspect of our health, we have many opportunities to make a difference. The members of the FlexAbility class I teach at an assisted living tell me –

frequently – that they wish they would have focused more on their movement and strength years before. It makes a difference!

Back to birthdays ... Though the past few have been a bit daunting as I consider time spent vs. time left, I am grateful for each opportunity to renew and refresh my goals and objectives which affect my physical, mental, and emotional well-being. It is a good time for us to reassess how we wish to make this precious time on Earth as rewarding for ourselves (and others) as possible.

“They say it’s your birthday ... we’re gonna have a good time.” – Lennon/McCartney, 1968

¹ clevelandclinic.org
Sharon McMahon, CNWC
The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Mayor Finkam calls on Carmel to celebrate local & national milestones

Submitted by
City of Carmel

This year marks the important milestones of the United States of America celebrating 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and Carmel passing 50 years since it became a city.

To celebrate these exciting anniversaries, Mayor Sue Finkam is calling for a community-wide effort to educate, engage, and connect residents and visitors to this shared history.

“These milestones give us a great opportunity to reflect on both our national and local history, celebrate our community and look ahead to the future,” Finkam said.

Plans are beginning to

take shape for the two milestones, with initiatives for both taking place throughout the year.

Multiple organizations, including the Carmel Mayor’s Youth Council, Carmel Clay Schools, the Carmel Clay Historical Society, and the Carmel Clay Public Library are actively planning events and initiatives. To expand upon those celebrations, the mayor is calling on neighborhoods, schools, businesses, nonprofits, and families to offer up creative ways to acknowledge the two milestones.

“We’re encouraging residents, organizations and businesses to share their own ideas to observe America 250 and Carmel 50,” Finkam said. “This is an opportunity to tell our story, celebrate our community and bring people together in ways that reflect what makes Carmel special. The most exciting part of this effort is what the com-



Finkam



Photo provided by City of Carmel

munity will create.”

While city officials look forward to sharing a full calendar of events later this spring, they would love to hear your ideas for the celebration. Current activities already in development include:

- **America 250 Poster Contest** organized by Mayor Finkam and announced Tuesday, March 10
- Special initiatives from Move Carmel including the Move with the Mayor walk, bringing residents together for health and connection in ways that acknowledge the nation’s founding
- Special designations

during the city’s annual civic ceremonies including Memorial, Veterans, and Remembrance Day Ceremonies

• Signature City events like Americana on Main (Thursdays, June 11 through July 2) and CarmelFest (July 3 and 4) all playing a role in recognizing the milestones

Residents and organizations interested in supporting and participating in the efforts are encouraged to visit the **City’s 250/50 celebration website** and register their own events to be featured on the City of Carmel’s official list of America 250 / Carmel 50 Celebrations.

Uplifting women, transforming lives

March is a time to recognize the strength, leadership, and impact of women as we celebrate International Women’s Month.

At Prevail, we see every day the power of women supporting and uplifting one another. Whether it’s a survivor reclaiming her voice, an advocate walking beside someone on their healing journey, or a community member creating opportunities for others to thrive.

This work is deeply personal to our mission. Eighty-seven percent of the survivors served by Prevail are women, and the need in Indiana remains significant. Indiana ranks fifth in

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TAMI WANNINGER
Prevail, Inc.

the nation for domestic violence, with 42.5 percent of women experiencing domestic violence in their lifetime, and three in five Hoosier women experiencing sexual assault during their lifetime.

These numbers remind us why empowerment and support matter so deeply. When survivors are believed, supported, and connected to resources, they are able to rebuild their lives and reclaim their futures.

This month, we are proud to highlight seven remarkable women through our Empowered Women, Empowering Women campaign. Each of these wom-

en represents the strength, compassion, and leadership that helps build safer and more supportive communities.

You can be part of this celebration. Consider making a gift in honor of a woman who has empowered or inspired you. When you do, we will let her know that a gift was made in her honor, recognizing the impact she has had in your life while also supporting survivors in our community.

To make a gift to Prevail in honor of an inspiring woman, go to prevailinc.org/donate.

Together, we can continue to uplift the voices, strength, and resilience of women everywhere.

Tami R. Wanninger, MPA, serves as the Executive Director of Prevail, Inc.

Thank you for reading The Reporter!

When weather is unpredictable, you can trust Your Hometown Weatherman!



From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 169

The Kiwanis Club and our Hamilton Heights Key Club Chapter have cooked up something truly fun. Together, they're hosting a community dance, Dancing with My Hero, this Sunday, March 22, for students and their families in grades K-8. The event features music, face painting, an obstacle course, and plenty of activities to keep families smiling all afternoon.

In classic Kiwanis fashion, it's more than just a good time; it's a celebration of service, leadership, and the connections that make our community special. It also gives our Key Club students a chance to jump in, help out, and engage with families across Hamilton Heights while creating memories that bring our community even closer together.



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Details and ticket information can be found [here](#). * * *

The HHSC Monthly Update has officially returned following an extended hiatus. In case you missed it, you can watch it anytime [here](#) or by visiting our website at [hh-schuskie.org](#).

This edition is packed with great stories from across the district. You'll hear about the HHMS Winter Guard, the winningest boys' basketball coach in HHHS history, award-winning HHHS Band members, our latest Husky Bean Award recipients, the new Hamilton County Historian – an HHHS alumnus – our State Champion in the FFA Forestry Contest, and our Unified Sports Program hosting the State Cornhole Championship. * * *

Nominations for individual athletes, coaches, and teams for the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026 are being accepted through March 31. Download your nomination form [here](#) today. * * *

Registration is now open for both new and returning students planning to attend Hamilton Heights for the 2026-27 school year. [Click here](#) for more details on registering. The 2026-27 HHSC transfer student application for out of district students is also open. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply. The application deadline is May 1. * * *

Speaking of open, we have opportunities for dedicated, student centered individuals to join our Husky family. From the classroom to transportation, from support roles to specialized services, HHSC offers meaningful ways to make a difference every day.

If you're passionate about helping students thrive, value a supportive workplace, and want to be part of a community that truly invests in its people, we'd love to meet you. Whether you're exploring a new career path or returning to work in education, there's a place for you at Heights. Bring your skills, your heart, and your commitment to students, and help us continue building a district where every learner feels seen, supported, and inspired.

Check out current opportunities [here](#). * * *

With spring beginning on Friday and spring break approaching on March 30, I hope you'll take time to enjoy the season, breathe in the fresh air, and recharge. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 13 – rested, renewed, and ready to finish the year strong together. #WeAreHuskies

Indiana State Police presents 89th Lateral Recruit Academy graduates

Submitted

On Thursday, March 19, the 89th Indiana State Police Lateral Recruit Academy completed its graduation ceremony in the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium. The commencement address was given by Indiana State Police Superintendent Anthony Scott.

Following the commencement address, the oath of office for the seven new State Police Troopers was delivered by Major General Lawrence Muenich, Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard. Each new Trooper was then presented with their badge and official identification by Superintendent Scott and his staff.

This Recruit Class consisted entirely of full-time merit law enforcement officers all of whom had a min-



Photo provided by Indiana State Police

imum of three continuous years of law enforcement service. Because of that previous training and experience, this lateral academy contained nine weeks of intense training which totaled nearly 300 hours. Some subject areas of training included criminal and traffic law, de-escalation, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms,

impaired driving detection, scenario-based training, and a host of other academic subjects related to modern policing.

Each graduating Trooper will be assigned to one of 14 State Police Posts across Indiana. Once at their assigned district, the new Troopers will spend the next three months working side by side with a series of

experienced Field Training Officers.

The purpose of the field training is to put to practical application the training received throughout the formal academy training. Upon successful completion of field training, the new Troopers will be assigned a State Police patrol vehicle and will begin solo patrol in their assigned district.

Lilah Cross among Indiana's top 5 student journalists



Photo provided

Noblesville High School senior Lilah Cross, a staff member of both the *Mill Stream* newspaper and NHS Broadcast News, was recently named one of the top five student journalists in the state. Additionally, the *Mill Stream* newspaper, *Shadow* yearbook, NHS News broadcast program and Miller Media Now website all earned Hoosier Star awards this year from the Indiana High School Press Association. This is the highest award given to student journalism staffs in Indiana. Congratulations, Miss Cross, and great work to all of Noblesville's student journalists.

Community News

Celebrate Holy Week with free choir & orchestral performance

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites everyone to a multi-denominational Holy Week musical celebration.

This choir and orchestral performance will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Pike Performing Arts Center, 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis. Doors will open at 4 p.m.

This presentation brings together a multi-denominational adult and youth choir and orchestra, small vocal ensembles, and a children's choir in a powerful celebration of the life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Nonprofit to host ‘background-friendly’ job fair in Noblesville

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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A faith-based nonprofit focused on keeping children with their families and out of foster care will host a job fair in April in Noblesville.

Better Together’s job fair will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 at Genesis Church, 1702 Pleasant St. **A news release** issued Thursday from Fort Myers, Fla.-based Priority Marketing said the event will be for job seekers facing significant barriers to employment such as past incarceration, homelessness, a lack of transportation, or unreliable child care.

The “background-friendly” job fair is part of the Nationwide Days of Second Chances, an initiative held throughout April to coincide with Second Chance Month, the release said. This year marks the sixth consecutive year the organization has hosted

the series.

The release said, “Each year, over 600,000 Americans leave prison with no job or community. For job seekers attempting to re-enter the workforce, achieving financial stability may feel nearly impossible. Two-thirds lose hope and return to jail. During Nationwide Days of Second Chances, nearly all job seekers leave with hope in their hearts as the Better Jobs model encourages a celebration of their wins. Upon receiving a job offer or interview, candidates ring the opportunity bell, a sound that is soon followed by a room filled with joy.”

Florida-based Better Together began in 1992. Megan Rose serves as the chief executive officer.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/nonprofit-to-host-background-friendly-job-fair-in-noblesville.

F.C. Tucker Noblesville REALTORS honored for 2025 accomplishments

Submitted

Several F.C. Tucker Company sales associates from the Noblesville office were recently honored for their 2025 accomplishments by F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies.

Award winners were named in the following notable categories.

Dani Robinson received three awards:

- Leading Sales Producer, without Licensed Team Member
- Indianapolis Top 10, without Licensed Team Member
- Platinum Club

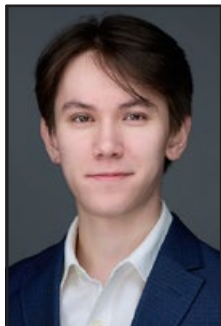
Josh Baxter received two awards:

- President’s Club, First-Time Member
- Executive Club, First-Time Member

Lisa Aerne & Associates received two awards:



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- Leading Sales Producer, with Licensed Team Member
- Platinum Club

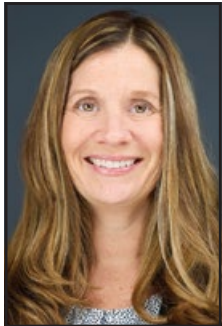


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- **Platinum Club**
- Craig Bowen
- Derek Manis
- Kurt Meyer



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- Christian Peachey Travis
- **Executive Club, First-Time Member**
- Kristin Schiesser

Thanks for reading!

Hamilton County SWCD awarded \$100,000 Clean Water Indiana grant to combat invasive species

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) has been awarded a \$100,000 Clean Water Indiana grant through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to support invasive species management efforts across Hamilton County.

Through this three-year grant, \$94,000 will be distributed directly to Hamilton County residents as cost-share funding to remove invasive species and restore native landscapes – efforts that improve water quality, reduce erosion, and strengthen local ecosystems.

“Removing invasive species is one of the most impactful steps landowners can take to improve their property and protect our local waterways,” HCSWCD Urban Conservationist Claire Lane said. “This funding allows us to meet residents where they are – whether they’re just getting started or tackling a larger



project – and give them the tools and support they need to take action.”

The program is closely aligned with the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP), a countywide collaborative effort focused on education, outreach, and on-the-ground invasive species control.

In addition to financial assistance, HCSWCD will introduce landowner toolkits designed to help smaller property owners get started managing invasive species. These toolkits will include essential equipment such as pruners, loppers, herbicide application tools, safety gear, and other supplies to support safe and effective removal.

Residents interested in

participating can begin by requesting a free invasive species site assessment through HCSWCD. Program applications are expected to open soon.

The announcement comes during Hamilton County Invasive Species Action Month (March), a countywide initiative encouraging residents to learn about and take action against invasive species. Residents are encouraged to get involved via volunteer workday “Weed Wrangles.” A full list of events can be found at hcinvasives.org.

For more information or to request a site assessment, call the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District at (317) 773-2181 or visit hamiltonswcd.org.

Nevada H&C Distilling Company

“Go ahead, skin that smoke-wagon and see what happens.” – Kurt Russell as Wyatt Earp in *Tombstone*

We’re going to say goodbye to Indiana for now. Well ... kind of.

I was in Las Vegas about 10 years ago on vacation. Seems like I always start these columns with a trip. Perhaps I should write about travel? Nah. I had already caught the “bourbon bug” and went to a large-box liquor store with my wife to search for whiskey unicorns. I found one! Just so happens they were having a tasting of Smoke-wagon Bourbon. It was amazing!

At the tasting I learned that this relatively new distillery, H&C Distilling Company, finished (blended, aged, and bottled) their whiskey right there in Las Vegas. Of course, it was unavailable here in Indiana*. Seriously?! More on that in a few moments.

The sample I tasted was their “Straight Bourbon Whiskey” and it was wonderful. This is just good, old fashioned, straight forward, bourbon. I can imagine cowboys sitting in a Western bar drinking the stuff.

As you can probably tell by now, I’m not great at all of the flowery descriptions related to whiskey tasting. I know what I like. I know what’s bad and I know what’s good. This was gooooo! This high-



JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

rye gem hit all of my personal tastes: caramel, vanilla, a touch of cocoa, and then that 92-proof bourbon burn. I was hooked! I liked it so much that I smuggled a couple of bottles home in my luggage.

From that point on, Smokewagon became one of the main focuses of my bourbon psychosis. I snagged a bottle, or two, whenever I was in Vegas. For a stretch of time, the distillery actually offered low-cost shipping, so I would order bottles online. Alas, that is no longer available - big time bummer. Yet, by hook or by crook, I managed to snag quite a few bottles of their juice, even some of their special stuff. Just counted, and I have 16 bottles of various Smokewagon varieties on hand. I do need psychological counseling.

Needless to say, but I’m going to, this is one of my favorite whiskey distilleries. I love everything about it. Their price point is low. One can snag a bottle of their Straight Bourbon for between \$30 and \$40. Their special stuff is in the \$60 to \$70 range, and of course, there’s “very special” stuff which is considerably higher. They are all high quality, richly flavorful, and totally delicious whiskeys.

Their schtick, which follows the Western theme, is also great. The term “smokewagon” refers to

the legendary 1873 Colt revolver (hence, my opening quote). Their beautiful pressed glass bottles feature an inlaid wax roundel that presents two crossed “Smokewagons” over the state of Nevada and the Latin quote from Seneca: “Bibimas moriendum est” – “Drink, for we must die.” A little dark, but very cool.

At that first tasting, they were also offering samples of Smokewagon 10 Year Single Barrel. Back then it was around \$200 a bottle. I passed on it because it was too pricey. Now \$1,000 plus! Should’ve snagged it!

Now ... how is a small, new, distillery able to offer a 10-year-old bourbon? Yup, back to Indiana. The stuff is made right here in Lawrenceburg by, you guessed it, MGP. In very small print on their labels it reads “distilled in Indiana.” Fine by me! In the past few years these guys have also released quite a few high-end ryes that are truly outstanding. More evidence of MGP’s fingerprints.

If you’re looking for a great, high-quality, nicely priced bourbon, go ahead and skin that Smokewagon. I promise you won’t regret it. Until next time, cheers!

*Finally! In the past year or so, Smokewagon products have started to work their way onto Indiana store shelves – thank goodness!

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

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Sheridan Elementary holds biannual Donuts with Grown-Ups

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Thursday, March 12, students, staff, and grown-ups gathered in the early hours of the morning for "Donuts with Grown-Ups."

This biannual event gives students and their families a chance to come together and share a special morning together before the day gets on its way. Twice a year, the Sheridan Elementary PTO sponsors this event as an opportunity for SES students and their grown-ups to visit the school, enjoy a light breakfast, and spend quality time with their students.

Held in the SES cafeteria, the atmosphere is always full of laughter and smiles as students spend a special morning with their favorite people.

"Donuts with Grown-Ups has fast become a family favorite, as our fantastic PTO now hosts one each semester!" Principal Valerie Roberts said. "This allows all our K-5 families to visit our school and enjoy a special morning at school!"

Donuts with Grown-Ups is both a chance to have a sugary treat and an opportunity to build memories that will last.



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Board Highlights

March 17, 2026 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board recognized music, theater, and year-book students for their state accomplishments.
- Noblesville West Middle School presented on their behavior systems and student leadership programming.
- Dr. Julie Thacker, Executive Director of Student Services, presented on student wellbeing and belonging data. This was an update on the district’s strategic plan element of Compassionate Care and Support.
- Summer parking lot pavement projects were approved.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

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Nicholas Family of Companies selected as developer for Westfield Ice Facility

Submitted by
Taylor Johnson
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The **Nicholas Family of Companies** announced it has been selected to develop, build and operate Westfield Ice Facility, a new multi-sheet indoor ice facility in Westfield.

The facility will be a catalyst for further growth of the Grand Park District. It will also mark the first rinks at the Grand Sports Campus, a major youth sports destination for soccer, football, rugby, field hockey, lacrosse and baseball that hosts more than five million visitors each year.

Westfield Ice Facility will feature three NHL-sized stadium-styled rinks – with a potential fourth rink for future expansion – offering tiered seating for up to 3,500 spectators. The facility aims to deliver a “hat trick” of benefits for the region: prime ice time for youth and adult leagues, accessible public skating, and elite-level instruction.

Beyond the ice, the facility will function as a community hub, featuring a full-service restaurant, retail spaces, an academic lounge and outdoor activity areas.

“We are honored to partner with the city of Westfield and the Redevelopment Commission to bring this transformative project to life,” said Nick Papanicholas Jr., managing director and CEO of Nicholas Family of Companies. “Our firm brings a proven track record in the development, design, construc-



Rendering provided

The Nicholas Family of Companies has been selected as the developer for Westfield Ice Arena, located at Grand Park District.

tion and management of ice arenas. This new Westfield facility will create opportunities for youth athletes and families, drive economic activity and serve as a year-round destination for local programming as well as regional and national events.”

The Westfield Facility is the fourth indoor ice arena to be developed or acquired by Nicholas in the past two years and its first outside the Chicago area. Other projects include Rosemont Ice Arena, a 103,000 square-foot facility with dedicated team spaces, a restaurant and bar in Rosemont, Ill., developed and built by Nicholas and opened last year; the 86,261 square-foot Elk Grove Ice Arena in Elk Grove Village, Ill., currently being built by Nicholas and opening this year; and the 63,000 square-foot Glacier Ice Arena in Vernon Hills, Ill., acquired by Nicholas last year. The firm also built and manages the Nicholas Sportsplex in Mount

Prospect, Ill.

In its proposal for the facility, Nicholas emphasized its extensive ice arena experience and ability to coordinate design, construction, and operations under a single point of accountability. The firm’s **Nicholas & Associates** division will serve as general contractor for the Westfield project. Its **Spectate Group** will manage and program the facility, and its **Big Fish Hospitality Group** will oversee food and beverage offerings.

City officials cited the project structure and relevant experience as factors in selecting Nicholas to lead the development.

The new Westfield Ice Facility is expected to attract regional and national ice hockey tournaments as well as other sporting events. Local programming will help develop a pipeline of youth athletes and include instructional classes, sports organizations, hockey and figure skating

leagues, public skating, charity events, and birthday parties. It also will generate significant economic impact for the region, including increased hotel, restaurant, and retail revenue, as well as job creation and community engagement opportunities. The facility is expected to open in 2028.

Fueled in part by a new wave of female fans, the National Hockey League is consistently **reporting** higher revenue year-over-year, increased ratings and record-setting attendance, with arenas filled to more than 96 percent capacity. Youth hockey continues to grow, reaching record participation levels in 2024-2025. There were 395,525 registered youth players, including 6,705 new youth members, marking an all-time high. The sport’s growth is especially strong among girls, with more than 98,000 players under age 18 now registered to play, according to **USA Hockey**.

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Riverview Health Foundation awards more than \$106,000 at 22nd annual Women of Vision Luncheon

The REPORTER

The Riverview Health Foundation held its 22nd annual Women of Vision Luncheon on March 12, bringing together more than 280 attendees for a day of inspiration, connection, and empowerment.

The program featured keynote speakers Leslie Craig Henderzahn and Shayla Webb, who shared compelling personal stories and insights on overcoming challenges.

“This year marks a historic moment for the Women of Vision Giving Club. For the first time in our 22-year history, we awarded more than \$106,000 in grants to various departments at Riverview Health,” said Megan Wiles, Vice President, Foundation and Community Affairs for Riverview Health. “This extraordinary milestone is made possible by the generosity and passion of our

donors. Their commitment ensures that women and children in our community have access to the vital resources, care, and support they deserve, and we couldn’t be more grateful for the impact this makes across Riverview Health.”

The 2026 Women of Vision Giving Club grant recipients include the following Riverview Health departments:

• **Women’s Boutique:** Awarded \$45,520 to support the renovation of the Women’s Boutique, as well as supplying additional lymphedema and compression garments and electric breast pumps.

• **Bone & Breast Center:** Awarded \$25,500 to support the renovation of the Bone & Breast Center, in addition to breast cancer education, support, and survivorship gifts.

• **Maternity Services:** Awarded \$7,500 to support

essential resources including sleep sacks, car seats, The Period of PURPLE Crying education, pregnancy and infant loss programs, and the Adolescent Peer Pregnancy Support Group.

• **Riverview Health Outpatient Rehabilitation:** Awarded \$12,500 to provide lymphedema treatment supplies.

• **Volunteer Services:** Awarded \$15,000 to support the Touch of Love program, which provides blankets and pillows for patients and newborns.

[Click here](#) for more information about each grant recipient.

“These grants make a profound difference in the lives of our breast cancer patients,” said Dr. Monet Bowling, board-certified Breast Surgical Oncologist at Riverview Health Physicians Breast Care. “By expanding access to resources such as patient education, supportive services, and diagnostic tools, we’re able to provide more than medical care – we’re offering hope, comfort, and empower-



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This year’s speakers were Leslie Craig Henderzahn and Shayla Webb, pictured here with Megan Wiles, Vice President, Foundation and Community Affairs for Riverview Health (left).

ment to women navigating one of the most challenging moments of their lives.”

About Riverview Health Foundation

Riverview Health Foundation creates meaningful charitable opportunities in support of Riverview health

to advance the community’s health and quality of life now and in the future. Since the Foundation’s beginning in 1976, more than \$15 million has been raised and given to support new equipment and programs serving our patients and

their families. Through their charitable giving, our donors are partners in saving and changing lives in our community.

For more information on how to support the Foundation, go to riverview.org/foundation50.

Wheeler sworn in as U.S. Attorney for Southern District of Indiana

Submitted by U.S. Attorney’s Office

On March 11, Thomas E. Wheeler II was sworn in as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana by United States District Court Judge James P. Hanlon. President Donald J. Trump nominated Wheeler to serve as United States Attorney, and he was confirmed by the United States Senate on Dec. 18, 2025.

Prior to his confirmation, he served as Interim United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

“I am honored to work alongside the dedicated public servants of this office, whose commitment to justice and service to our communities sets the highest standard,” Wheeler said. “It is a privilege to once again serve the people of my home state of Indiana and to continue building on the relationships I’ve developed throughout my

career. I deeply value the longstanding partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement, and I look forward to strengthening those relationships that have supported our shared mission for so many years. In this role I will focus our efforts on the Department of Justice’s core priority of reducing violent crime, while also continuing to lead national initiatives that protect taxpayer funded research at colleges and universities from theft by foreign adversaries and to safeguard children from online exploitation and threats to school safety as Chair of the Federal School safety Task Force.”

As the chief federal law enforcement officer in the district, United States Attorney Wheeler will lead an office of approximately 45 Assistant United States Attorneys and 32 support professionals responsible for criminal prosecutions, civil litigation, and public

safety efforts throughout the Southern District of Indiana which comprises approximately two-thirds of the State of Indiana.

The Investiture Ceremony, held at the Indiana War Memorial, was attended by state and federal judges, law enforcement leaders, attorneys, and government officials from across the country. The program included remarks from distinguished speakers:

• The Honorable Mick Zais, Brigadier USA (Ret.) and former Acting United States Secretary of Education;

• The Honorable Nicholas Kent, Under Secretary of Education delegated the duties of the Deputy Secretary of Education, United States Department of Education;

• The Honorable Stanley E. Woodward, Jr., Associate Attorney General, United States Department of Justice; and

• Chaplain Ron May,

Commander, USN (Ret.).

Prior to his appointment, United States Attorney Wheeler served as the Acting General Counsel for the United States Department of Education. This appointment marks a return to the Department of Justice, where he previously held the role of Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, overseeing a broad portfolio, including the Appellate, Criminal, Disability Rights, Education, Immigrant and Employee Rights, Housing, and Voting sections.

His prior federal service also includes serving as Senior Adviser to the White House Federal Commission on School Safety as well as Senior Counsel to the Secretary of Education during the COVID-19 pandemic. In that role he worked with the White House Coronavirus Task Force and the Center for Disease Control.

[Click here](#) to read more about U.S. Attorney Wheeler’s career.



Photo by Hannah Stewart

U.S. Attorney Wheeler, joined by his wife and family members, is sworn in by U.S. District Judge James P. Hanlon on stage at the Indiana War Memorial.

Meeting Notices

The regular meeting of the Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026, has been canceled due to no items for consideration.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Westfield Police Merit Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at the Westfield Police Department, 17535 Dartown Road.

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

— TIPTON —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CO-V-05-26 Pasztor

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

CO-V-05-26: Richard Pasztor, petitioner, Dennis Crawford, owner, requests approval of one (1) development standard variance to reduce the front setback for the construction of a residential dwelling in the AG-Agricultural zoning district from 93 feet to 50 feet from the center of the road.

The property is more fully described as:
Part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Three (3) East, and more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22) Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Three (3) East marked by a stone, thence East on and along the South Section Line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, Nine Hundred Nineteen point Four (919.4) feet to the point of beginning marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along said South Section Line, Three Hundred Ninety-one point Five (391.5) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence North One Degree (1°) and Twelve Minutes (12') East to and along a fence line, Two Hundred Nine point Zero (209.0) feet to the center line of the Kigin Open Drain; thence South Fifty-Seven Degrees (57°) and Thirty-Eight Minutes (38') West, Seventy-Six point Zero (76.0) feet on and along said center line, thence South Seventy-Six Degrees (76°) and Sixteen Minutes (16') West, Ninety-Two point Zero (92.0) feet on and along said center line; thence South Thirty Degrees (30°) and Thirty-Four Minutes (34') West, Ninety-Nine point Three (99.3) feet on and along said center line; thence South Seventy-One Degrees (71°) and Two Minutes (2') West, Eighty-Five point Zero (85.0) feet on and along said center line; thence South Eighty-Six Degrees (86°) and Twenty-Four Minutes (24') West, Eighty-Five point Nine (85.9) feet on and along said center line; thence South Forty-Two Degrees (42°) and Twenty Four Minutes (24') West, Thirty-Seven point Nine (37.9) feet to the point of beginning, containing Eighty-Five Hundredths (0.85) acres, subject to legal Highways and Drainage Board Easements, in Tipton, County, Indiana.

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

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing during normal business hours. The hearing may be continued from time to time.
Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals
R7658 3/20/26, 3/23/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CO-V-03-26 Wolford

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

CO-V-03-26: Heather N. Wolford, petitioner and owner, requests approval of one (1) development standard variance to reduce the rear setback for a residential home addition in the AG-Agricultural zoning district from 50 feet to 40 feet.

The property is more fully described as:
Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 22 North, range 3 East, Prairie Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Quarter marked by a 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 53 seconds East (geodetic North) 413.25 feet along the West line of said Quarter to a railroad spike; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 56 seconds East 169.97 feet to a 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 13 seconds West 408.02 feet to the South line of said Quarter and a railroad spike; thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 169.54 feet along said South line to the point of beginning, containing 1.60 acres, more or less.

Commonly known as: 1541 North 1000 West, Kempton, Indiana 46049
Parcel No.: 80-05-28-200-006.010-009

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— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REDOMESTICATE AN INSURANCE COMPANY

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 27-1-6.5-1 and Indiana Code § 27-1-6-5 that the persons named below propose to change the domicile of Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company to Indiana and thereafter to transact business as an Indiana domestic insurance company, under Article I of Title 27 of the Indiana Code, and all acts amendatory and supplemental thereto, for the purpose of transacting the kinds of insurance described in Class I, Indiana Code 27-1-5-1.
Amended Articles of Incorporation providing for the change in domicile will be presented to the Department of Insurance of the State of Indiana, at the office of the Insurance Commissioner, 311 West Washington Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana, within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice but not sooner than ten (10) days after publication of this notice.
The names, occupations and addresses of the Directors of Colonial Penn Life Insurance Company are as follows:

NAME	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Karen D. DeToro	CNO Financial Group Worksite Division President	303 E Wacker Dr, 5th Floor, Chicago IL 60601
Scott L. Goldberg	CNO Financial Group Consumer Division President	303 E Wacker Dr, 5th Floor, Chicago IL 60601
Paul H. McDonough	CNO Financial Group Chief Financial Officer	303 E Wacker Dr, 5th Floor, Chicago IL 60601
Brian T. Schneider	CNO Financial Group Chief Risk Officer & Treasurer	303 E Wacker Dr, 5th Floor, Chicago IL 60601
Gregory D. Turner	CNO Services Senior Vice President, Product Management	11299 Illinois St, Suite 200, Carmel IN 46032
Joel T. Koehneman	CNO Financial Group Chief Accounting Officer	303 E Wacker Dr, 5th Floor, Chicago IL 60601
Jeremy D. Williams	CNO Financial Group Chief Actuary	11299 Illinois St, Suite 200, Carmel IN 46032

R7685 3/20/26, 3/23/26

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William Martin Mandara
August 9, 1970 – February 19, 2026

William Martin Mandara, 55, Fishers, passed away on February 19, 2026.

William was born on August 9, 1970, in Dar es Salaam, East Africa, to his parents, Lillian (Mallya) Mandara and Dr. Martin Mandara.

William was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Petro Mringi Salema and Lusiana Salema Mandara; and maternal grandparents, Jacob George Mallya and Allendwa Mallya.

William is survived by his loving parents; his brother, Mallya Sam (Monica) Mandara and niece Lillianzoe; his wife of eight years, Stephanie Mandara; and his daughters by marriage, Amanda (Nick) Ehrhart, Karin (Tyler) Shoemaker, and Emily (Brian) Ingram. He was a proud and devoted Papaw to eight grandchildren whom he adored: Logan, Sophia, Aubrey, Owen, Mason, Lillian, Jackson, and Lydia. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who will miss him dearly.

William often shared that his goal in life was to come to America and become a citizen. In 1992, he came to the United States to attend college and pursue his education. He earned his BS degree in Biology/Chemistry (pre-med) and later his MBA from Baldwin Wallace University in Ohio. In 2011, William proudly realized his lifelong dream of becoming an American citizen.

William had a deep and unwavering faith. He served as a volunteer at Grace Church, Fishers, before becoming a member of the staff at Grace Church, Noblesville. William faithfully served in various positions at Grace for 10 years. During that time, he also attended two men's bible study groups where he formed lifelong friendships and continued to grow in his faith. William's infectious joy and enthusiasm and commitment to discipleship resonated proudly.

William was passionate about people and truly never met a stranger. He often greeted others with the words, "You are family." He brought contagious joy, warmth, and enthusiasm to every interaction. William had a beautiful gift of connecting people, and it was clearly his calling.

William also had a lifelong love of soccer. He played in college and continued playing for many years afterward, enjoying Saturday morning games and the camaraderie that came with them.

William was a gift to the world and to everyone whose lives he touched. While he will be deeply missed by many, his legacy will live on as we continue to love out loud like William. Per William's wishes, he will be cremated.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 25, at Grace Church Noblesville, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville. Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by a service from 2 to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, to honor William's memory and continue his spirit of giving, his family invites you to contribute to the Grace Care Center (gccfoundation.us/donate).

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Clifford "Mike" Simmons
August 3, 1943 – March 18, 2026

Clifford Michael "Mike" Simmons, 82, Indianapolis, went home to be with his Savior on March 18, 2026. Surrounded by the deep love of his family, he entered his heavenly home peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of faith, devotion, and joy.

Mike was born on August 3, 1943, in Jonesboro, Ark., to Clifford and Bernice Simmons. He was one of three boys and shared a lifelong bond with his brothers, Chuck and Walter. On August 10, 1968, Mike married the love of his life, Roberta J. "Bobbi" (Johnson), at Donmoyer Avenue Church in South Bend, Ind. Together, they built a beautiful life rooted in love, faith, and commitment, sharing 57 wonderful years of marriage. Their love story became the foundation of a family that meant everything to him.

Mike was a proud and devoted father to his three sons: Andy (Kaye) of Cicero, Matt (Adrienne) of Indianapolis, and Jordan of Indianapolis. While being a father was one of his greatest callings, becoming "Opa" was truly the joy of his life. His five beloved grandchildren – Bella, Greta, Graydon, Gabriella, and Granger – were his greatest treasures. He delighted in every moment spent with them, offering love, laughter, and a steady presence they will carry with them always. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Walter.

Mike dedicated his career to teaching German at Roncalli High School, where he was affectionately known as "Herr" by his students. He had a passion for language, culture, and connection, which he brought to life by leading multiple trips to Germany. These experiences not only enriched his students' education but also reflected his love for all things German – especially German cars.

Mike will be remembered for his steadfast faith, his deep love for his family, and his ability to find joy in both life's big moments and its simplest pleasures. He lived fully, loved deeply, and left an enduring impact on everyone who knew him.

Though our hearts are heavy, we rejoice in knowing Mike is now at peace in his eternal home. His life was a beautiful example of love, faith, and devotion – a life truly well lived.

Visitation for Clifford "Mike" Simmons will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will be at noon on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the same venue, with Pastor Larry Whinnery officiating. Burial will follow in Cicero Cemetery.

We invite you to leave your cherished memories of Mike and upload any photos you wish to share on his memorial page. In these moments of remembrance, we celebrate the life of a remarkable man who touched so many with his grace, warmth, and dedication. His legacy lives on in the hearts and minds of all those whose lives he touched.

Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING
THE BUDDING OF AARON'S STAFF
The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and get twelve staffs from them, one from the leader of each of their ancestral tribes. Write the name of each man on his staff. On the staff of Levi write Aaron's name, for there must be one staff for the head of each ancestral tribe. Place them in the tent of meeting in front of the ark of the covenant law, where I meet with you. The staff belonging to the man I choose will sprout, and I will rid myself of this constant grumbling against you by the Israelites."
Numbers 17:1-5 (NIV)



Jewell Davidson "JD" Estes
October 8, 1931 – March 18, 2026

Jewell Davidson "JD" Estes, 94, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on October 8, 1931, to Merrett and Eunice (Plumlee) Estes in Baren County, Ky.

After moving from Kentucky to Indiana, JD began his career as an air hoist operator at American Foundry. In January 1952, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving for two years guarding the M65 atomic cannon, "Atomic Annie," and performing duties as a supply sergeant. JD later joined McFerran-Kane Company, starting as a floor covering installer before becoming an estimator and eventually serving as president and owner alongside his brother and nephew. He retired in 2002 after more than 48 years with the company. Following retirement, JD and his wife, Ev, enjoyed spending winters at their home in North Ft. Myers, Fla. JD was a past member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite.

Highly active in his community, JD served as president of the Carrigan Point and Feather Cove home associations and was a dedicated member of both boards. JD was the "go-to" person for any issue; he took great pride in maintaining the pond and loved sharing fishing advice. Known for never meeting a stranger, JD was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a talented handyman who could fix anything and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed turkey and pheasant hunting, snowmobiling, and boating. Most of all, JD cherished time spent with his family, friends, and "grand doggies" – visits filled with stories, laughs, jokes, tears, and comfort.

JD is survived by his wife of 60 years, Evelyn "Ev" A. Estes; son, Brian (Julie) Estes; daughter, Kathy (Kirk) Robbins; grandson, Kyle (Caity) Robbins; granddaughter, Kaylee (Tommy) Oakes; great-granddaughters, Nora and Ella Oakes; great-grandson, Mason Robbins; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, JD was preceded in death by his brothers: Franklin, Charlie, George, Leslie Sr., and infant brother James Richie Estes.

Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will follow at 1 p.m. in the same location, with Pastor Jerry Ingalls officiating.

Following the service, friends are invited to meet at the entrance of Washington Park East Cemetery, 10612 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, for entombment with military honors.

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Softball

Still-young Greyhounds take to the field

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – Last year's Carmel softball team was very young, which means this year's Carmel softball team is...young.

The good news for the Greyhounds is that all those very young players come back this season with another year of experience. Carmel's roster includes seven sophomores that played varsity last year – "if they're a sophomore, this is their second year on varsity," said coach Stephanie Kleiner.

There are some upper-classmen playing for the Greyhounds, and they are good players. Senior Jayden Kleiner is committed to the University of Michigan, and she brings back by far the best batting average (.557) to the Carmel lineup.

Jayden Kleiner also led the Hounds in every offensive category: She compiled 39 hits, 33 runs scored, 23 runs batted in and nine home runs. Senior Winni Owens had decent numbers with a .281 average, 16 hits and 11 RBIs. Pitcher Emily Smith tossed 54 strikeouts and compiled a 4.07 earned-



(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Jayden Kleiner was the Greyhounds' top hitter last year with a .557 batting average and 23 RBIs. The University of Michigan commit is back for her senior season. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel junior Ellie Goddard brings back 10 RBIs from last season.

run average.

Junior Ellie Goddard hit at a .283 clip last year and had the second-most runs scored with 13. She collected 17 hits and 10 RBIs.

"Ellie's been putting in a ton of work in the off-season, really looking so much

more confident in the box, so that's great to see," said Stephanie Kleiner.

Among the sophomores, Lolah Pence returns the best average at .308 and also had 12 hits. Megan Pike hit two home runs. Catcher Riley Petrites missed the majority

of last year with a broken wrist, but she is back for this season.

"I think we are in a much different position than we were in last year with having seven freshmen on varsity," said Kleiner. The coach said that extra

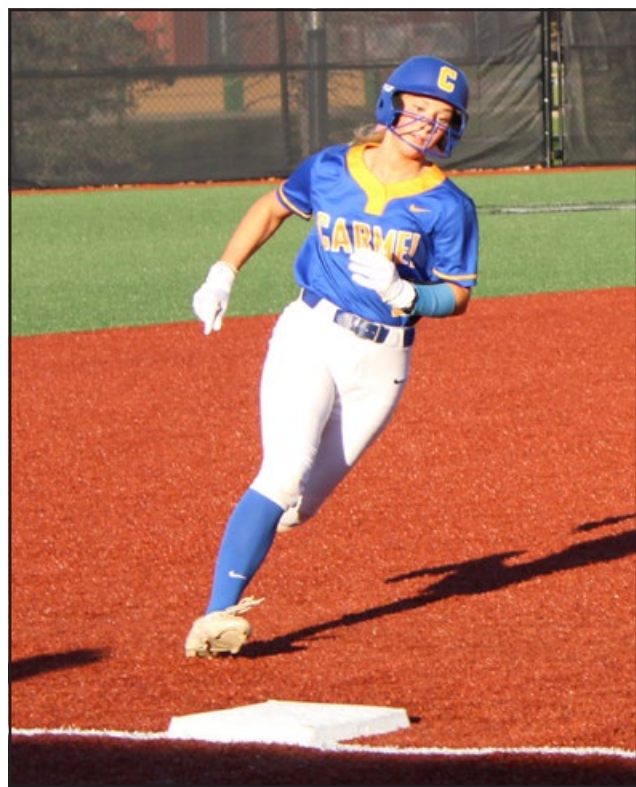
experience showed during Carmel's scrimmage with Brownsburg Thursday at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

Kleiner said the team was more calm and "took much better at-bats" at the scrimmage.

"We got to see a lot of who put in time in the off-season and what they needed to put in time in the off-season doing," said Kleiner.

Carmel's first official game is Monday when it hosts Plainfield.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall



Diving

Otero celebrates perfect Horizon League career

Fishers graduate, IU-Indy star goes undefeated in conference competition

By RICHIE HALL

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Imagine being a college diver – easily one of the more mentally demanding sports – and going unbeaten in your conference for your entire career.

Sebastian Otero did just that. The Fishers graduate is wrapping up his senior season at Indiana University-Indianapolis. The Jaguars compete in the Horizon League and Otero finished his IU-Indy career perfect in all of his league meets.

That total includes a four-year record of perfection in the Horizon League meet, where he swept both the one-meter and three-meter competitions all four years.

"I'm incredibly grateful," said Otero. "I never really thought of it as a goal. It was more of a one-meet-at-a-time kind of thing. There is a lot of talent in the Horizon League. I feel I was blessed to control my emotions the best and be the most consistent every time. It just panned out the way it did. I still don't even believe it, the magnitude of it."

Otero was a three-time state medalist for the Fishers Tigers, steadily working his way up the podium. He placed seventh in his sophomore year, sixth in his junior year and third in his senior

year (2022).

High school diving in Indiana consists of solely one-meter, although Otero said he also dove three-meter during his club days. He did admit to being afraid of the three-meter board but got himself out of that mindset quickly once he began college diving.

"I realized there was no way to get around it," said Otero. "If I wanted to dive at the collegiate level, I had to overcome it."

Otero did so with "a lot of visualization and belts," and once he made the breakthrough, "I kept ticking off the check marks from there."

"When I got to college, that was my main focus, to develop my weakness," said Otero. "We took it from there and kept my foot on the gas."

Otero accelerated his way to over 60 wins at the collegiate level. Not that he was counting. Otero tried to keep his focus at one meet at a time, saying he is someone who focuses on "living in the moment."

"I take every day day-by-day," said Otero. "When it comes to competition, I'm only thinking about the competition. I just try and do my dives as best as I can in the now, because that's all I can control. It was



Sebastian Otero had a perfect college career when it came to diving in the Horizon League. The Fishers graduate won over 60 college competitions during his four years at Indiana University-Indianapolis, including a perfect record in Horizon League action.

nothing that was planned. I took it one meet at a time and it just happened to be that I never lost."

"I would always tell myself that I was going to win, but it was more manifestation," said Otero. "I don't think I believed it; I spoke it into existence. I think by me verbalizing it and saying it loud to myself, I spoke it into existence. I always say that diving is 80 percent mental, 20 percent physical. I think any-

one could get on a board in good health and do a front flip, but only the mentally tough will actually do it."

In addition to his Horizon League success, Otero has made a mark on the national scene. He is a four-time NCAA national qualifier, earning his place after good results at the Zone C Championship all four years. This year's national tournament takes place March 25 to 28 at Georgia Tech's McAuley Aquatic Center and Otero is

among the 35 competitors in the men's event.

Otero said that Zone C is the hardest one because of the competition, which includes schools like Purdue and Ohio State. His best finish was in 2024, his sophomore year when he placed fifth in the three-meter.

Otero also competed in the 2024 Olympic Trials. He enjoyed diving in all of those big meets, because of the learning opportunities he received.

"Those were all super great learning experiences," said Otero. "I learned a lot from the great athletes there, from talking to them and even watching them. After those meets, I feel like a sponge. I'm always open to learning something new."

Otero majored in exercise science and plans to go to graduate school to become a chiropractor. He also is considering training for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.



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Track & Field

Golden Eagles compete at UIndy Qualifier

The REPORTER
Guerin Catholic competed at the Hoosier State Relays Qualifier at University of Indianapolis on Friday, March 13.

Seffrin Smith was a winner for the Golden Eagles, placing first in the boys 60 hurdles in a time of 8.03 seconds.

Zoe Travelsted placed second in the girls’ pole vault.

Guerin Catholic results now follow.

BOYS MEET
60 dash – Prelims: T13. James Moody 7.32, 33. Cooper Fisher 7.77.
60 hurdles – Finals: 1. Seffrin Smith 8.03. **Prelims:** 21. Max Lyons 10.58.
4x200 relay: 3. Guerin Catholic (Smith, Nolan Ratcliff, Trevor Macey, Moody) 1:3.370.
4x400 relay: 5. Guerin Catholic (Macey, Ratcliff, Tommy Bobay, Isaiah Lewis) 3:38.06.
4x800 relay: 13. Guerin Catholic (Aidan Amrine, Adam Koch, Jeremiah Richardson, Andrew Cantos) 9:55.90.
Distance medley relay: 5. Guerin Catholic (Austin Rankin, Grant Bauman, Hunter

Kinzle-Gorman, Cole Eckstein) 11:28.93.
High jump: 3. Smith 6-0, 4. Daniel Ernst 5-10.
Long jump: 25. Lyons 16-4.25.

GIRLS MEET
60 dash: T17. Bailey Grid-er 8.69.
60 hurdles – Prelims: 9. Reagan Burt 10.24, 13. Emma Parker 10.41
4x200 relay: 4. Guerin Catholic (Addyson Horvath, Ella Horvath, E. Parker, Katie Wendt) 1:50.41.
4x400 relay: 5. Guerin Catholic (A. Horvath, Alexandria Parker, Kathryn Demmings, Emme Horvath) 4:18.08.
4x800 relay: 13. Guerin Catholic (Anna Maurovich, Maria Otte, Caroline Bradley, Gina Piloni) 12:21.95.
Distance medley relay: 2. Guerin Catholic (Jillian Tichenor, Grider, Brinna Wolf, Taylor Tragesser) 13:22.36.
High jump: 11. El. Horvath 4-10, T14. Marie Vespa 4-8.
Pole vault: 2. Zoe Travelsted 11-0, 14. Evelyn Howell 6-6.
Long jump: 4. A. Parker 16-5.5, 5. Em. Horvath 16-2.75.
Shot put: 21. Kathryn Kaufman 25-6.5.

Carmel picks up wins at IWU Qualifier

The REPORTER
The Carmel track and field teams got several event victories at the Hoosier State Relays Qualifier #3 at Indiana Wesleyan University on Saturday, March 14.

Gabriel Davis was first in the boys high jump, while the Greyhounds also won the 4x200 relay. Carmel’s girls picked up wins in the 4x800 and distance medley relays.

Westfield and Hamilton Heights also competed at the meet. The Shamrocks’ Austin Scheerer was second in the boys pole vault, while Jolie Miller was the girls’ high jump runner-up. The Huskies’ Allie Bushey was second in the girls 3200 run.

Complete county results follow.

BOYS MEET
60 dash: 12. Carson Clark (Carmel) 7.41, 17. Jermaine Todd (C) 7.46, 19. Chase Jarred (C) 7.48, 24. Niko Lent (Westfield) 7.54, 26. Kase Powell (Hamilton Heights) 7.59, 39. Keegan Kavanaugh (HH) 7.72, 42. Simon Kuhn (HH) 7.74, 49. Cole Lorenzen (W) 7.86, 53. Evan Crow (W) 7.93.
3200 run: 4. Isaiah Heuer (HH) 9:58.25, 11. Max Lynaugh (W) 10:33.86, 17. Dexter Hoffman (W) 10:47.86, 19. Nolan Whetstone (C) 10:56.27, 20. Tyler O'Rourke (W) 10:58.73, 21. Sawyer Hargrove (C) 10:58.80.

60 hurdles: 3. Andenet Wolfgang (HH) 8.63, 5. Mac Murdza (C) 8.95, 8. Robin Murphy (C) 9.31, 15. Cooper Helm (C) 9.99, 21. Camden Tuck (W) 10.38, 27. Max Fricker (W) 10.60, 29. Dacoda Yochum (HH) 11.32.
4x200 relay: 1. Carmel (Preston Lail, Ashton LaMotte, Clark, Jarred) 1:35.08, 6. Heights (Powell, Wolfgang, Ryan Hilton, Rowan Donald) 1:37.73, 19. Westfield (Rylan Reed, Crow, Noah Vaughner, Lent) 1:41.07.
4x400 relay: 5. Carmel (Lail, Patrick Van Horn, Asher Vogt, Samy Bolad) 3:42.37, 7. Heights (Hilton, Wolfgang, Jacoby Woolever, Kuhn) 3:44.01.
4x800 relay: 3. Westfield (Luke Stevens, Kellen Snyder, Chase Niccum, Deagan Imel) 8:38.11, 17. Heights (Will Monnin, Charles Wedmore, Silas Fryman, Zane Pritsch) 9:27.18.
Distance medley relay: 8. Heights (Nick Bragg, Tommy Girolamo, Hudson Holt, Heuer) 11:30.38, 10. Carmel (Suthirth Muddam, Wilson Miller, Ben Meisner, Griffin Jay) 11:49.74, 11. Westfield (Owen Sawa, Jaeden Brown, Mason Hoffbauer, Owen Dilley) 11:55.39.
High jump: 1. Gabriel Davis (C) 6-2, 11. Wilson Hoyer (C) 5-10, T12. Devin Ross (W) 5-8, T19. Jackson Canton (HH) 5-6.
Pole vault: 2. Austin Scheerer (W) 12-6, 3. Dean

Watson (C) 12-6, 5. Henry DeSalle (C) 11-6.
Long jump: 2. Davis (C) 20-11.75, 6. Woolever (HH) 18-10, 10. Todd (C) 18-4.75, 18. Allan Dauss (W) 17-3.5, 20. Kavanaugh (HH) 17-0, 23. Grant Kooi (W) 16-3.75.
Shot put: 7. Tyler Hunt (C) 42-7, 8. Makx Torres (HH) 42-2.5, 17. Gavin Adkins (C) 39-2.25, 28. Ty Schultz (HH) 35-0.25.

GIRLS MEET
60 dash: 10. Farah Azeez (Carmel) 8.27, 12. Norah Reiger (Hamilton Heights) 8.29, 13. Jenna Harris (C) 8.29, 20. Kate Hammond (C) 8.39, 22. Brooke Cox (HH) 8.52, 23. Phoebe Smith (Westfield) 8.53, 37. Jenna Moulder (W) 8.72, 41. Katelyn Neely (W) 8.83.
3200 run: 2. Allie Bushey (HH) 11:07.59, 3. Ellie Smith (C) 11:33.04, 4. Maddie Cox (C) 11:37.02, 7. Lilliana Cate (C) 11:58.18, 8. Sofia Grisel (W) 12:18.31, 9. Katie Zhuravlev (C) 12:33.00, 12. Abby Schlit (C) 12:45.65, 13. Claudia Southworth (W) 12:50.89, 16. Norah Lahr (W) 13:02.92.
60 hurdles: 7. Faith Tchuente Fotso (C) 10.09, 12. Charlotte Hunter (C) 10.56, 16. Adelyn Friermood (W) 10.84, 21. Reagan Van Kirk (HH) 11.17, 24. Mackenzie Cumston (HH) 11.47, 30. Reece Blanton (HH) 11.66.
4x200 relay: 5. Carmel (Azeez, Kalinda Lee, Payton

Hunter, Harris) 1:50.57, 7. Heights (Reiger, Brooke Cox, Van Kirk, Peyton King (HH) 1:51.50, 14. Westfield (Saigan McCray, Olivia Pendygraft, P. Smith, Avery Taylor) 1:56.13.
4x400 relay: 2. Carmel (Maija Gilhooly, Alice Rogers, Elise Maurer, Lee) 4:08.94, 7. Westfield (Gracie Czubik, Moulder, Haley Pitney, Charlotte Isacs) 4:23.72.
4x800 relay: 1. Carmel (Anna Yoon, Arden Finley, Ashley Kent, Emma Meisner) 10:07.55, 10. Westfield (Pitney, Isaacs, Lauren Zelik, Scarlett Finnigan) 11:09.70.
Distance medley: 1. Carmel (Annabelle Inman, Kate Hammond, Yoon, Margo Halle) 12:56.60, 5. Westfield (Carly Davis, Amari Merritt, Lyla Osborn, Sam Plummer) 14:01.36.
High jump: 2. Jolie Miller (W) 5-1, T4. Van Kirk (HH) 4-10; Addison Maynor (C) 4-10, 8. Moulder (W) 4-8, T13. Sofia Duncan (C) 4-6.
Pole vault: T3. Hammond (C) 10-0, 7. Grace Reynolds (HH) 8-6.
Long jump: 9. Gilhooly (C) 15-2.5, 15. Czubik (W) 14-11, 20. B. Cox (HH) 13-1.75, 21. McCray (W) 12-10.5.
Shot put: 2. Amyla Holder (C) 37-3.5, 10. Norah Chase (C) 33-0.25, 14. Zoe Burgei (W) 30-10, 28. Addison Gilmore (HH) 27-2.25, 36. Blanton (HH) 22-7.25, 39. Akhelah Sargent (W) 21-1.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 20
BOYS LACROSSE
Westfield at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
East Grand Rapids at Hamilton Southeastern, 8 p.m.
Forest Hills Central at Carmel, 8 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Carmel at Hinsdale Central (Ill.), 7:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL
Maconaquah scrimmage at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 21
BOYS LACROSSE
South Bend St. Joseph at Noblesville, 11 a.m.
East Grand Rapids at Carmel, 12:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Westfield at Stevenson (Ill.), 11 a.m.
Carmel at York Community (Ill.), noon
Noblesville vs. Penn, 2:45 p.m. at Park Tudor
TRACK AND FIELD
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Last Chance Qualifier, 10 a.m. at Brownsburg
University at Red Devil Last Chance Qualifier, 10 a.m. at University of Indianapolis
VOLLEYBALL
Carmel Invitational, 8 a.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Cathedral Invitational, 9 a.m.
University at Park Tudor Invitational, 9 a.m.

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2026 tickets available now for USAC events at The Dirt Track at IMS

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Tickets for the two 2026 events at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway are available online at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) and at the IMS Ticket Office.

One of the most prestigious events in dirt racing - the BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors – returns for its eighth running on Tuesday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 1. Later that month, the United States Auto Club (USAC) AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship will compete in a points race for the second time at IMS when the opening night of USAC NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week Presented by K&N takes place Thursday, July 23.

Ticket renewals and applications for both events will be open from March 18 to 27, with tickets going

on sale to the general public Wednesday, April 6.

The IMS Ticket Office is located on the first floor of the IMS Administration Building at 4790 W. 16th St. in Indianapolis. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets also can be purchased by calling 317-492-6700.

Visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) for complete details and to renew, apply for or buy tickets.

Cannon McIntosh became the first two-time winner of the BC39 Presented by Avanti Windows & Doors when he repeated as the winner of the 39-lap feature in 2025. He joined a list of BC39 winners that includes NASCAR Cup Series champion and Brickyard 400 presented by PPG winner Kyle Larson and short-track stars Justin Grant, Buddy Kofoid, Zeb



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Wise, and Brady Bacon.

The USAC AMSOIL Sprint Car National Championship again will be featured during the 39th annual Indiana Sprint Week opener before Brickyard Weekend opens on the 2.5-mile IMS oval for the NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series.

The event promises a unique spectacle, as the 900-horsepower USAC Sprint Cars take to the dirt track inside Turn 3 of the famous IMS oval.

Grant, who won the BC39 in 2023, captured the opening race of USAC Indiana Sprint Week in 2025.

USAC's Indiana Sprint Week, a cornerstone of sprint car racing in the Hoosier State since 1988, has captivated fans for decades with its thrilling action and rich legacy. The 2026 Indiana Sprint Week schedule consists of nine events at nine different racetracks across a 10-night span between July 23 and Aug. 1.

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