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Sheridan Community Schools welcomes local business leaders

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Wednesday, March 25, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) and Superintendent Dave Mundy welcomed local business leaders for an informational breakfast.

Held at Sheridan High School, the meeting served as an opportunity to continue to strengthen the communication between the school district and local leaders. It also helped to provide clarity on the impact of Senate Bill 1.

Dr. Mundy opened up the meeting by emphasizing the importance of communication and collaboration between schools and local organizations.

“Sheridan Community Schools takes pride in the local partnerships and collaboration they have had with the entire Sheridan community,” Mundy said. “We are beyond grateful for all our business owners do for SCS.”

Attendees of the breakfast



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Attendees of the breakfast were given an overview of Senate Bill 1 and how Sheridan Community Schools is planning and preparing for the potential upcoming changes.

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The breakfast served as an opportunity for open discussion, questions, and feedback so that the district and community continue to support each other.

“We want our community partners to feel informed, valued, and connected to the work happening in our schools,” School Board President Tyler Henning said. “Together, we can ensure Sheridan continues to thrive.”

SCS continues to plan hosting additional community gatherings throughout the year to keep stakeholders updated on legislative developments and district initiatives.

The Easter egg that says “I owe you”

Every spring, we step outside with baskets in hand, chasing pastel-colored Easter eggs scattered across green lawns. Children run with laughter, adults carry cameras, and somewhere between the sunshine and the search, we remember a simple joy: the thrill of discovering something hidden just for us.

Traditionally, those eggs hold candy, chocolates, or tiny surprises. Sweet treats meant to delight. But this year, as I watched families preparing for Easter egg hunts, I heard from my friend whose families do something different, and I wondered, “What if an egg held something even sweeter?”

What if inside each egg was an I.O.U.? Not a financial promise. A human promise.

An I-owe-you for kindness received. An I-owe-you for community built. An I-owe-you for showing up when life felt heavy.

In my *Taste of Community* journey, I have learned that we are all walking around carrying invisible I.O.U.s to one another. We owe the neighbor who waved when we first moved in. We owe the teacher who encouraged our children. We owe the friend who listened without judgment. We owe the stranger who became family through shared meals, shared stories, and shared humanity.

Easter reminds us of renewal, hope, and resurrection – not only in faith traditions, but in everyday life. Each season gives us another chance to begin again. To repair. To reconnect. To recognize that none of us grows alone.



COLUMNIST
POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Jenny Ferdinand-Stong won the inaugural Health & Safety Professional of the Year Award. (ABOVE CENTER) Alan Rich (fourth from left), a Gaylor Electric journeyman, earned a gold medal in the team competition of the National Craft Competition. (ABOVE RIGHT) Gaylor Electric apprentice Cooper Fowler (center) earned a bronze medal in the National Craft Competition.

Gaylor Electric delivers standout performance at ABC Convention

Earning national safety honors and multiple top-tier project awards

The REPORTER

Gaylor Electric delivered a standout showing at the **Associated Builders and Contractors Convention in Salt Lake City**, earning multiple national honors that reinforce its leadership in safety, craftsmanship, and people-first culture.

Leading the recognition, Jennifer Ferdinand-Stong, corporate safety manager at Gaylor Electric, was named Associated Builders and Contractors’ inaugural **2026 Health and Safety Professional of the Year**, becoming the first professional nationwide to receive the honor. Read the full story [here](#).

“Jenny’s daily actions center on total human health, exemplifying her resilience and unwavering commitment to safety,” said Thomas “Murph” Murphy, 2026 Chair of the ABC National Board of Directors. “She is fully present in the field, pairing prevention-focused hazard recognition with uncompromising ethics, stop-work empowerment for all and safety embedded in all planning.”

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Photo provided by City of Tipton

Mayor Keegan Schmicker with Tipton Youth Baseball representatives.

Tipton breaks ground on new baseball complex

Submitted by City of Tipton

The City of Tipton officially broke ground Wednesday on its new baseball complex at Tipton City Park, marking a major milestone in a project designed to expand youth athletic opportunities and enhance community recreation.

City officials, project partners, community leaders, and supporters gathered for a ceremonial groundbreaking at the future site of the complex, located just south of the existing park. The ceremony included remarks from city leadership, project partners, and major contributors, followed by the first turn of dirt and group photos.

The project will bring three new baseball fields to Tipton, designed to support multiple levels of play and provide a long-term home for youth baseball in the community.

“This is an exciting day for Tipton and a moment that represents years of planning, partnership, and commitment to our community,” said Mayor Kegan Schmicker. “We’re proud to officially get

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Photo by Rocks Media House

The Reporter has rarely seen a groundbreaking that looks as fun at this one!

Westfield Intermediate School begins transition into Cool Creek Elementary

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) broke ground on Tuesday, March 24, marking the beginning of Westfield Intermediate School’s (WIS) transformation into Cool Creek Elementary School.

Construction will be completed in phases over the next two summers, aligning with the district’s plan to gradually transition sixth-grade students out of the building. This approach allows WIS to complete the current school year with minimal disruption while preparing for its future as an elementary school.

The groundbreaking signals a new chapter for the historic site, reimagining it as a vibrant, child-centered K-5 school designed to serve the district’s youngest learners. The converted facility will include collaborative learning spaces, flexible classrooms, and a modern library media center that fosters curiosity, creativity, and connection.

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The company’s success extended to project execution, with two national Excellence in Construction awards. Gaylor Electric received the Eagle Award, the program’s highest honor, for the Margaritaville Beach Resort in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and a Pyramid Award for the HSV Concourse Renovation at Huntsville International Airport. See the full list of winners [here](#).

“These recognitions reflect the caliber of our people,” said Chuck Goodrich, CEO of Gaylor Electric. “When our employees succeed, our company succeeds.”

Gaylor Electric also earned a National Health and Safety Pinnacle Award, one of ABC’s most selective honors, presented to just 59 con-



(ABOVE LEFT) The blue semi is Gaylor Electric’s newest Mobile Innovation Training Center on the convention center floor. (ABOVE RIGHT) Chuck Goodrich speaks to a group of collegiate teams as part of the Construction Management Competition.



Photos provided

tractors nationwide. The award recognizes companies that achieve the highest levels within ABC’s STEP Health and Safety Management System and demonstrate sustained excellence in safety per-

formance. See the full list of contractors [here](#).

Rounding out the week, two Gaylor Electric employees placed in the National Craft Championships. Journeyman Alan Rich was part of a

four-man team that won the Gold Medal and Safety Award in the Team Commercial category, while apprentice Cooper Fowler took home the Bronze medal in the Electrical: Commercial-Indus-

trial competition. See the full list of winners [here](#).

About Gaylor Electric
As the Associated Builders and Contractors’ only two-time Contractor of the Year, and with more than 40 years of experience, Gaylor

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EASTER EGG

This Easter, I am writing my own I.O.U. to the community:

- I owe you my passion.
- I owe you my presence.

• I owe you the stories I gather and share.

• I owe you my willingness to be used where needed – as a connector, listener, advocate, and neighbor.

Because Taste of Community was never just about food. It is about nourishment of the human spirit. It is about recognizing that every shared table, every conversation, every act of

care reminds us we belong to one another.

Maybe the real Easter miracle is this: we are both the seekers and the gifts being discovered.

So as you hide eggs this year, consider placing one invisible promise among them – a quiet commitment to give back, to reach out, to show up.

After all, the sweetest thing we can offer each other is not candy.

It is the simple, powerful message:

I see you. I value you. I owe you – because we are



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

community.

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

BASEBALL

this project underway, and we’re incredibly grateful to everyone who has played a role in helping bring it to this point.”

The project is supported through a combination of City investment and a community-driven capital campaign, with key contributions from IU Health Tipton Medical Staff, Tipton County Foundation, and Encompass Credit Union, who each serve as field sponsors for the new complex. Additional collaboration from project partners, including Build BW and Engineering Resources, Inc., has helped move the project from planning to construction.

The new facility will include a Babe Ruth field, a Cal Ripken field, and a dedicated Pee Wee field, along with supporting amenities for players, families, and spectators.

Schmicker also expressed appreciation for those who have supported local youth baseball programs during the transition period.



Graphic provided

Artist’s rendering of the new Tipton Youth Baseball Fields.

“We also want to thank the Town of Atlanta for opening their fields to our youth baseball program over the past couple of years,” Schmicker said. “Their willingness to step in and support our kids during this time has meant a great deal to our community.”

Once complete, the complex is expected to serve as a central hub for youth athletics in Tipton, providing a dedicated space for games, practices, and community use for years to come.

COOL CREEK

Beyond the classroom, outdoor spaces will be significantly enhanced to provide safe, engaging play environments. The new playground will have designated zones tailored to different age groups and activities. Kindergarten students will benefit from a dedicated play area with age-appropriate structures and surfaces that promote fine and gross motor development in a se-

cure, imaginative setting.

“It’s exciting to see this building begin a new chapter as the district’s newest elementary school,” said Andy Hilton, principal of Cool Creek Elementary. “The updates, including the newly completed media center and this soon-to-be renovated playground, are creating welcoming spaces where our students will learn, grow, and thrive for

years to come.”

The project also includes improved traffic flow and dedicated drop-off and pick-up zones to reduce congestion and enhance safety for families.

Superintendent Dr. John Atha reflected on the project’s long-term impact.

“These improvements reflect our commitment to strategically prepare our schools to serve students well into

the future,” Hill said. “This updated space will soon be transformed into the perfect place for young learners to begin their journey toward becoming Life Ready.”

Upon completion, Cool Creek Elementary will become the district’s eighth K-5 school, reflecting WWS’ continued commitment to thoughtful growth and high-quality learning environments.

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WHS Service Over Self Club & Westfield Lions teaming up to feed you pancakes

All proceeds will go to Miracle League of Westfield

Submitted by
JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

On Saturday, March 28, the Westfield High School (WHS) Service Over Self (SOS) Club, along with support from the Westfield Lions Club and the Westfield Lions Foundation, will hold their second annual pancake breakfast.

This year's fundraiser will be at the WHS cafeteria and will raise money for the Miracle League of Westfield. The breakfast will run from 8 to 10 a.m. and will feature pancakes, sausage, donuts, milk, juice, and coffee. The cost of the breakfast is \$8 for adults, children under 12 years old \$5, and

children 2 years and under are free. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

Also, businesses and individuals interested in being "placemat sponsors" can help support this event. Anyone who would like to be a sponsor can contact Westfield Lions Club for more information. You can email them at info@westfieldlions.org, or call them at (317) 416-8330. The cost for a sponsorship is \$50. All donations for the breakfast will be accepted by Westfield Lions Foundation Inc., which is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charitable organization. Checks can be made out to the Westfield Lions Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box

545, Westfield, IN 46074. Please note on the checks that they are for the pancake breakfast.

The Miracle League of Westfield is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a safe, successful, and enjoyable baseball experience for children and adults with disabilities or special health care needs. The committee that runs the program is 100 percent volunteer-led and offers "adaptive baseball" with an accessible stadium at the Roundtripper Academy.

The SOS Club's members are committed to serving others, like the Westfield Lions Club, and it has conducted various service projects, fundraising events, and volunteer efforts. This group of committed students is dedicated to helping make the community a better place. The Westfield Lions Club recognized the SOS Club's similar interests and goals and enthusiastically came alongside them to help fund their projects and assist with their service work.

For more information on the Miracle League of

Westfield and the amazing project the organization has developed, go to MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com.



Indiana American Water schedules main flushing in Noblesville & Sheridan

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water will conduct water main flushing in two of its Hamilton County service areas beginning next week.

- In Sheridan, spring flushing will begin on Monday, March 30 through April 3, from the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- In the Noblesville service area, flushing will begin overnight on Tuesday, April 14 and continue through Thursday, April 16 in the downtown area from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Flushing of the remaining areas of Noblesville and portions of Fishers will start on Wednesday, April 16 and run through Friday, June 26 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The company conducts the annual maintenance program to assure high-quality water service and to ensure fire hydrants are operational. Water main and fire hydrant flushing is an important part of a regular maintenance program for water distribution systems.

No interruptions in water service are anticipated as a result of the work. Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary



water discoloration while this program is underway. Customers should refrain from doing laundry during the time of day if they observe flushing is taking place in or near their neighborhood.

If tap water is discolored, Indiana American Water recommends allowing several cold-water faucets to run for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear more quickly. The water main flushing will be performed by Indiana American Water crews. They will be working out of trucks identified with the company logo. All employees will also have photo ID badges.

Learn more on how to prepare for flushing in your area and why we perform these annual tasks, by watching [this video](#).

Fire hydrant safety
Unauthorized use of

fire hydrants can be dangerous. Only fire department personnel and authorized maintenance workers should operate fire hydrants. Unauthorized use can damage hydrants, lower water pressure, and risk water quality. If you see an open hydrant, report it immediately to the local authorities.

How to receive customer notifications

American Water often uses its phone/text/email customer notification system to notify you before we begin flushing your neighborhood. You must opt-in to these types of non-emergency alerts.

- Log into the MyWater customer portal at mywater.amwater.com.

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Indiana is ready for this moment. Heartland BioWorks is proof.

When Governor Mike Braun announced that Indiana would commit \$1 billion to attract high-wage life science jobs over the next decade, it wasn't a starting gun. It was a confirmation.

Indiana has been building toward this moment for years. Partners across the state have rallied and worked together to ensure Indiana's rapidly growing life sciences sector doesn't just lead to press releases – it succeeds, providing new opportunities for Hoosiers and raising the state's profile nationally and globally.

Just this week, Heartland BioWorks had the privilege to represent Indiana at the Biotech Across America State Symposium in Washington, D.C. Convened by the bipartisan National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, which is chaired by Indiana Senator Todd Young, the Symposium was a forum for select biotech leaders to share what's working across the country and accelerate what comes next.

Taken together, the conversations in Washington and Governor Braun's \$1 billion commitment made one thing clear: Indiana is not just telling a compelling story, it is on a meteoric rise.

Heartland BioWorks is Indiana's federally designated Regional Technology and Innovation Hub for biotechnology and biomanufacturing. Backed by the Applied Research Institute, we're building the infrastructure, the partnerships, and the programs that turn ambition into workforce. Our soon-to-open headquarters at 16 Tech in Indianapolis will prepare thousands of Hoosiers for careers in



GUEST COLUMNIST
MICHELLE DENNIS

biomanufacturing. This is the direct result of proven programming, deliberate investment, and a consortium of partners including Eli Lilly, Elanco, Corteva, BioCrossroads,

elected officials like Senator Young and Governor Braun, and universities around our state, all aligned around a shared mission.

We've also worked alongside the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority (CIRDA) for several years now. Governor Braun's announcement naming CIRDA as the driver for this new investment makes sense. CIRDA's regional coordination, spanning 10 central Indiana counties, is exactly the kind of backbone that translates state policy into real jobs in real communities.

The momentum is here, the strong partnerships are here, and the innovative leadership is here.

What I shared in Washington is a simple message: the formula works. When state-level policy decisions, research universities, and regional coalitions like CIRDA move in concert, something powerful happens. Indiana stops being a flyover state in the bioeconomy conversation and starts being the model.

The United States' ability to lead the world in biotechnology, to ensure that the medicines, the agricultural innovations, and the national security solutions of tomorrow are invented and manufactured here, depends on states like Indiana stepping up.

We have. We are. And we're just getting started.

Michelle Dennis is the Regional Innovation Officer at Heartland BioWorks.



Photo provided by Amy Shankland



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire

Neighbors save three pets from Noblesville house fire

Submitted by Noblesville Fire

Shortly after 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) was dispatched by the Hamilton County Communications Department to the 600 block of Christian Avenue for a reported porch fire.

Upon arrival, the first

units encountered heavy smoke and fire conditions coming from the front of the residence. The home was unoccupied at the time of the incident. Three pets were safely removed from the home by neighbors and a Noblesville Police Department Community Service Officer prior to firefighters' arrival.

Fire crews acted quickly to bring the fire under control while additional personnel worked to protect nearby homes from potential extension. The fire was contained without further incident.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation and has not yet been released.

NFD was assisted on

scene by the Noblesville Police Department.

NFD reminds residents that working smoke detectors save lives. If you need assistance with checking, replacing, or installing smoke detectors, NFD personnel are available to help. To schedule a visit from a Noblesville firefighter, please email thash@noblesville.in.gov.

Morales defends partnership with Turning Point USA affiliate

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales on Wednesday told News 8 that his voter registration partnership with Turning Point USA's youth arm will be no different from any other registration drive.

Earlier this month, Morales announced he will partner with Club America, Turning Point USA's youth program, on voter registration events at high school campuses. Morales told News 8 Club America approached him about partnering to sign up new voters and his office is the first in the country to do so. He said

those events will use the same voter information materials his office uses for all other registration events and will utilize his office's normal voter registration budget.

"We've been using the same type of materials for several years now to increase voter participation, voter turnout," he said. "We'll go and set up a booth. We'll have iPads available to register eligible Hoosiers."

Club America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit affiliated with Turning Point USA. Both organizations were founded by the late conservative activist and commentator Charlie Kirk in an effort to mobilize and engage young conservatives. Turning Point USA also has a campaign committee, Turning Point Action, which endorses political candidates. Earlier



Morales

this month, Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, said partnering with an ideological organization to sign up new voters raises serious concerns.

"No matter what that organization is, if it's strongly tied to a political, ideological agenda and there is going to be a formal relationship, I think Hoosiers are saying, 'Whoa,'" Yoder said. "We definitely need to be focused on getting out the vote but there are so many other important ways that we do that."

Morales said he's open to working with any group that wants to increase voter turnout, including progressive ones. He said Club America participants will only be able to provide information about the voting process itself, not candidates.

"I hope more organi-

zations reach out to the secretary of state's office because my ultimate goal is to increase voter participation," he said. "I'm excited about this opportunity and I hope others will reach out to us."

In addition to voter registration, Morales said he will recruit poll workers through the Club America partnership. High school students ages 16 and 17 can volunteer to be poll workers on election day if they get permission from their parent or guardian and their principal.

Voter registration for the primary ends on April 6. You can register through the [Secretary of State's website](http://www.wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-secretary-of-state-diego-morales-defends-partnership-with-turning-point-usa-affiliate), at any BMV facility or at your county clerk's office.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/indiana-secretary-of-state-diego-morales-defends-partnership-with-turning-point-usa-affiliate.

Demetrice Hicks to speak at 'No Kings 3' rally at Statehouse

Submitted

Demetrice Hicks, Democrat candidate for Indiana State Senate District 29, will be a featured speaker at the upcoming No Kings 3: Indy rally on Saturday, March 28, at the Indiana Statehouse.

The event, taking place from noon to 5 p.m., is expected to draw thousands of attendees from across the region. Organized as a community-centered gathering,

No Kings 3 focuses on connection, civic participation, and the theme of "joy as radical resistance."

Hicks will join a lineup of speakers, artists, and community leaders participating in the day's programming, which includes live performances, collaborative art, and multiple marches converging at the Statehouse.

"I'm honored to stand with Hoosiers who believe

in the power of community and collective action," Hicks said. "Events like No Kings remind us that we are stronger together."

The rally is free and open to the public. Organizers estimate attendance similar to previous dates, which drew approximately 6,000 participants.

Learn more about the candidate at hicksforindiana.com.

OneZone Business Action Committee endorses Republican Christine Altman for Commissioner

Submitted

The OneZone Business Action Committee (ZoneBAC) announces its endorsement of Christine Altman for Hamilton County Commissioner, who is running unopposed in the primary.

"Christine Altman has demonstrated a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility, smart growth, and supporting the business community across Hamilton County," OneZone Chamber President Jack Russell said. "Her experience, leadership, and focus on collaboration make her well-positioned to continue driving progress and ensuring our communities remain a great place to live, work, and do business."

Altman currently serves as Hamilton County Commissioner and has played a key role in guiding responsible growth, infrastructure investment, and long-term planning across the county. With a focus on maintaining strong public services while supporting economic development and quality of place, she brings a thoughtful and experienced approach to county leadership.

The ZoneBAC is made up of OneZone Chamber members. In considering this race, the committee recognized Christine Altman's leadership, experi-



Altman

ence, and understanding of the issues impacting Hamilton County's business community. Her commitment to growth, collaboration, and the long-term success of the county made her a strong choice for endorsement.

ZoneBAC endorsement decisions are made by the committee using nonpartisan criteria. Committee members review candidate information and determine which candidates to support based on their positions, qualifications, and commitment to issues important to the business community.

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Celebrate Spring with a Wildflower Walk

Submitted
Wander the woods and welcome spring on both Saturdays, April 11 and April 25 at Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville. Explore the trails with guided tours anytime between 1 and 5 p.m. either day – or both.

“From violets to trilliums, phlox to bluebells, trout lilies to wild geraniums, Blatchley Nature Study Club sanctuary boasts a wonderful display of wildflowers that you can learn all about with a guided tour,” Club President Mike Culy.

“The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year,” Club Communications Chair Emma St.Dennis said. “Especially after a cold winter (and spring), spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible



Photos provided

Blatchley Nature Study Club invites you to walk into spring on April 11 and 25 at 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville.

treat.” The event is free, open to the public, and great for all ages, kids, scout groups and adults! Although the walking path is moderate, it is not wheelchair accessible. In the event of lightning or downpours, the event will be canceled. Check the Blatchley [Facebook](#) page for updates. Questions? Contact Mike Culy at (317) 407-2332 or [mdculy57@gmail.com](#) or Emma St.Dennis at (317) 432-7146 or [threelsmom@hotmail.com](#).

Westfield names “voice of the Indiana Pacers” as Fourth of July parade grand marshal

Submitted by City of Westfield
The City of Westfield has announced that Chris Denari, longtime television voice of the Indiana Pacers and a Westfield High School graduate, will serve as grand marshal of the city’s Fourth of July parade. The parade is part of a three-day celebration marking the United States’ 250th anniversary.

The “Westfield 250” celebration will take place July 2 to 4 and will include a patriotic-themed farmers market, the Freedom Parade and Concert at Grand Junction Plaza, and the annual Westfield Rocks the 4th event.

“In Westfield, we’re no strangers to celebrating Independence Day in a big way,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “This year, we’re building on that tradition to mark our nation’s 250th anniversary in an even more meaningful way. Having Chris Denari return home

as our grand marshal makes this even more special.” Applications to participate in the parade are now open at [westfieldin.gov/america250](#).

Red, White and Bloom Thursday, July 2 Westfield Farmers Market
The celebration runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., with a patriotic edition of the Westfield Farmers Market. The event will feature vendors with themed products, Fourth of July specials and family-friendly activities.

More information is available at [westfieldin.gov/farmersmarket](#).

Freedom Parade and Concert Friday, July 3 Grand Junction Plaza
Westfield’s Fourth of July parade begins at 6 p.m. The parade will travel south on Union Street, starting at North Union Street and



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IMMI Way and ending near South Union Street and College Avenue. The route is subject to change.

Following the parade, a concert and activities will begin at Grand Junction Plaza. Starting at 7:30 p.m., the Jason Lee McKinney Band will perform a free, family-friendly concert. Additional entertainment will include historical tributes by Basile Westfield Playhouse, along with face painting, airbrush tattoos, and balloon artists.

Parking will be available at Westfield High School, including accessible spaces, the Westfield Washington Public Library, downtown parking lots, and The Union Garage.

Westfield Rocks the 4th Saturday, July 4
The celebration concludes at Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus on July 4 from 4 to 10:30 p.m. with Westfield Rocks the 4th, the city’s annual Independence Day event. The event will feature live entertainment, including The Flying Toasters and The 1985, eating

contests for adults and children, and a fireworks and drone show.

The kids zone will offer attractions and activities. Wristbands are \$10 for ages 4 and older. Children 3 and younger are free.

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Community News

Join the Wayne-Fall Lions for Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites you to their Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Lions Club, 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville. That's near the intersection of De-shane Avenue and Victory Chapel Road.

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes (it's a special recipe) as well as bacon, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice, and milk. Free-will donations will go to the Wayne-Fall Lions to support their community service projects.

It's not fast food ... it's good food fast!

Coffee Hour for Veterans

Attention Veterans in northern Hamilton County ...

From 9 to 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, Veterans and the general public are welcome to get together at Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St. (266th Street), Arcadia.

Come get to know other Veterans in the area. Tea drinkers are welcome.

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.

Reserve your free spot at [this link](#) ... but hurry! Seats are going quickly.

See all Westfield Winter Programs ensembles in one place ... no fooling!

Westfield Band Winter Programs Community Night is less than a week away ... Wednesday, April 1. This is your one opportunity to see all four ensembles in one place.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and include all four Westfield Winter Programs ensembles: RA Guard, Open Guard, Indoor Percussion, and World Winds. Senior members will also be honored ... and there may be a few other surprises throughout the night.

Tickets are \$5 (available online or at the door). Get yours now at: [whsband.ticketspice.com/community-preview](#).

GOP Women to welcome Sheriff candidates

The Hamilton County Republican Women will welcome Sheriff candidates Dustin Dixon and John Lowes for a public safety update in April.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 on the second floor of the Courthouse in Noblesville, 33 N. 9th St. Please enter on the west side of the building.

Dixon and Lowes will share current public issues and their visions for the future of law enforcement in Hamilton County. Don't miss your chance to hear directly from the candidates.

Food and drink will be provided. There is no cost to attend for HCRW members, but guests cost \$5. RSVP to [hamcogopwomen@gmail.com](#) by April 6.

If you have not renewed your HCRW membership for 2026, there is still time to do so. Annual memberships are \$40 and can be purchased at [this link](#).

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(ABOVE LEFT) The ribbon was cut on Graeter's newest location in Fishers at noon on Wednesday. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Chip Graeter (fourth generation co-owner/chief of retail operations at Graeter's), Kathy Graeter (third generation and Chip's aunt), and Luke Graeter (fifth generation and Chip's son).

Graeter's Ice Cream opens new shop in Fishers

The REPORTER

Graeter's Ice Cream, America's oldest family-owned and operated craft ice cream maker, held a grand opening event on Wednesday, March 25 in celebration of its new scoop shop in Fishers at 8699 E. 106th St. This location features dine-in seating, an enclosed patio area, and will offer the brand's full menu of ice cream, frozen drinks, sundaes, and other irresistible treats.

As the fifth Graeter's location in Indiana, this location joins stores in Butler-Tarkington, Carmel, Westfield, and the Fishers Ambleside Drive location. This new scoop shop is conveniently located just off Interstate 69, effectively expanding Graeter's footprint to reach more ice cream fans and residents in the Indianapolis area.

Hours of operation for this new Graeter's Scoop Shop at Lantern Road are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday

through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

To learn more about Graeter's Ice Cream or to purchase online, visit [Graeters.com](#).

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CASE ANX-26-1**

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View the list of board members at [FishersIN.gov/CityCouncil](#)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at **7:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026, at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.**

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): ANX-26-1 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 3.08 acres, known as the 10075 E 121st St property. Subject site has a common address of 10075 E 121st Street.

LOCATION: 10075 E 121ST ST, FISHERS, IN 46037

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

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Westfield students compete to see who has most innovative business idea

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools' (WWS) sixth annual Westfield High School Innovation Competition is underway. The first round took place Thursday evening, March 26.

This year's competition features 85 student teams, representing 158 Westfield High School (WHS) students, all competing for the opportunity to earn more than \$10,000 in seed funding to bring their innovative business ideas to life.

For six years, the Innovation Competition has provided students with real-world entrepreneurial experience as they develop, refine, and pitch business concepts. The event is structured as a three-round competition, giving students multiple opportunities to present their ideas and gain valuable feedback.

The top 15 teams from Round 1 will advance to Round 2, held at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 23, where advancing teams will showcase their ideas, network with business leaders, and compete for



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools
A team of students work on their project during the 2025 Innovation Competition.

\$2,000 in Chamber prize funding. [Click here](#) to get your tickets for the Chamber Luncheon.

From there, the top five teams will advance to the final round from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 12 at the Westfield High School Auditorium (Door 44). This final round features a live, Shark Tank-style pitch competition, where local investors from across Hamilton County will award \$10,000 in funding to student ventures they believe in.

The Innovation Competition continues to be a hallmark of Westfield High School's commitment to preparing Shamrocks to be Life Ready, equipping them with skills in creativity, collaboration, communication, and problem-solving through authentic, hands-on learning experiences.

Community members are encouraged to attend, support student innovation, and participate in shaping the future of these young entrepreneurs.

The 2026 Innovation Competition is made possible through the generous support of community partners, including: Beau Benjamin Realty Group, Butler University – Lacy School of Business, the City of Westfield, Community First Bank of Indiana, and EdgeRock Development.

Kaleo to share information & insight on addiction

The REPORTER

Kaleo, based in Indianapolis, will present an educational event for members and guests in the community. The evening is planned for Thursday, April 30 at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a light dinner. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The theme for the evening will be "Understanding Addiction: The Impact on Individuals, Families and Communities."

Various speakers are lined up for the event, among those are Lisa Hall, who recently created a moving documentary titled *The Addict's Wake*, telling the stories of recovery, relapse, and redemption. There will

also be a representative from Indiana Family Institute. Other speakers will touch on a variety of topics, including personal experience with recovery from addiction.

Kaleo works to partner with ministries in the Indianapolis area through equipping, giving, and serving. Founded in 2008, Kaleo has several focus areas including Biblical Justice, Education, Homelessness, Refugees, and Women and Children in Crisis.

If you are interested in learning more about Kaleo, visit kaleoindy.org or at Facebook.com/KaleoIndy.

The Ritz Charles has a limited capacity, so reserve your seat now by emailing communications@kaleoindy.org.

Attention filmmakers . . .

The REPORTER

There are only a few days left to submit your short film to the Indy Shorts Film Festival. Submissions close Easter Sunday, April 5. [Click here](#) to submit your short film.

If you have a feature film, you still have until July 5 to submit it to the Heartland Film Festival. [Click here](#) to submit your feature film.

Learn more about Heartland Film at heartlandfilm.org.



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Actors Theatre of Indiana announces 2026-2027 season

The REPORTER

On Wednesday evening, March 25, Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) unveiled its 2026-2027 season of productions.

The season kicks off on Sept. 4 with *Never Can Say Goodbye: The 70's Beehive Musical*. The sequel to last year's hit show *Beehive*, this will mark the regional premiere of this celebration of the women of 1970s music and culture.

The music is the soundtrack of a generation and the songs are classics that everyone knows and loves, representing artists including Linda Ronstadt, Donna Summer, Heart, Debbie Harry, Pat Benatar, and other 70s legends. Directed by Carol Worcel.

Little Shop of Horrors follows in October. In this classic Broadway parody of sci-fi/horror films of the 1950s, the meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant that he names "Audrey II" after his co-worker crush. This sharp-tongued, R&B singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down-and-out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it ... BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination!

The rock & roll inspired score and inventive puppetry have made this shows a massive hit over multiple generations, from Broadway revivals to the classic film adaptation, it

is an American pop culture institution. Directed by DJ Salisbury.

You may recognize the January 2027 production – *The Maltese Falcon: A Musical Nightmare*. Another ATI World Premiere, ATI was fortunate enough to feature *Falcon* as one of its Lab-Series productions in 2024.

This new musical adaptation of the famous Dashiell Hammett novel and Humphry Bogart movie finds hard-boiled detective Sam Spade wrestling with ghosts, his consciousness, and the truth the night before his fateful deposition in the biggest case of his life.

In the farcical tradition of *The 39 Steps*, this send-up of the film noir genre features all of the elements of the classic story including rough-around-the-edges Sam Spade, his long-suffering assistant Effie, femme fatale Brigid O' Shaughnessy, the scheming Mr. Cairo and bumbling Mr. Gutman all chasing down the stolen diamonds hidden in the statue of a menacing bird. Directed by Darrin Murrell.

ATI will wrap up the 2026-27 season with *A Little Night Music*. Set in 1900 Sweden, this beloved Broadway classic by the legendary Stephen Sondheim and featuring his hit song "Send in the Clowns," is a sophisticated and enchanting masterpiece.

The story explores the tangled web of affairs centered around actress, Desirée Armfeldt (played by ATI Artistic Director Judy Fitzgerald), and the men who love her. Estranged lovers' passion rekindles, a flurry of jealousy and suspicion erupts and the follies of love are illuminated by the smiling moon during a languorous weekend in the country at the family's estate. With everyone in one place, infinite possibilities of new romances and second chances bring endless humor and surprise. Directed by Richard J. Roberts.

All shows will take place at ATI's home stage at The Studio Theatre. Tickets are available at atistage.org or through the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville PACE Council Committee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2026, has been moved from City Hall to Syd's Fine Dining and Spirits, 808 Logan St., Noblesville.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in a special session at 6 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2026, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

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.



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Carmel’s newest independent bookstore hits the road

Local Books celebrates grand opening at Indy Indie Book Crawl

Submitted

Local Books, a newly launched mobile independent bookstore championing Midwestern authors and regional subject matter, officially rolled into the local literary scene this past weekend.

Co-owned by Carmel residents Ryan Fields and Charlene Cruz, the unique mobile shop celebrated its grand opening on March 19 during Indy Indie Book Crawl, held at the historic Stutz Building in Indianapolis.

Operating out of a custom-built mini truck, Local Books bypasses the traditional brick-and-mortar model to bring the joy of reading directly to the community. The store’s curated inventory focuses on authors and subjects native to Indiana and the broader Midwest, aiming to spotlight regional voices and foster a deeper connection



Fields

to local culture.

“We wanted to create a bookstore experience that literally meets people where they are,” Co-Owner Ryan Fields said. “By transforming a tiny Japanese mini truck into a mobile shop, we can bring the bookstore experience right to local neighborhoods, markets, and festivals.”

Following a successful debut during the Indy Indie Book Crawl, Local Books is hitting the road for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. In addition to attending community pop-ups and festivals, the mobile bookstore will be available for personal gatherings and corporate events, offering a unique, interactive experience for book lovers across Indiana.

For more information, visit getlocalbooks.com or follow along on Instagram at [@getlocalbooks](https://www.instagram.com/getlocalbooks).



Photos provided by Local Books

AG Rokita co-leads multi-state brief opposing court-ordered sex-change surgeries for prisoners

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, together with Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador and a coalition of 24 states, has filed an amicus curiae brief in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals strongly arguing that the Eighth Amendment does not require states to provide prisoners with risky, controversial, and medically debated sex-change surgeries.

The case, *Emalee R. Wagoner v. Jennifer Winkelman*, Commissioner of

Department of Corrections (No. 25-6813), arises from a U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska order directing the state to refer the prisoner for surgical consultation. The multi-state brief argues that this ruling exceeds constitutional limits and overrides states’ authority over prison medical care and policy, so the decision should be reversed.

According to AG Rokita, Indiana is co-leading this brief because a ruling upholding the order could create a nationwide precedent. That would pressure

prison systems across the country – including in Indiana – to provide or pay for similar surgeries, even though many states do not offer them to inmates or even to free citizens.

“The Eighth Amendment stops cruel and unusual punishment. It doesn’t give prisoners the right to demand risky, optional surgeries when doctors and scientists still strongly disagree about



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whether they’re safe or even helpful,” AG Rokita said. “If courts force states to provide these expensive, controversial procedures in one prison, it will open the floodgates everywhere – putting Hoosier taxpayers and families across the country on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars per surgery in virtually every state. We cannot let that happen. We have to win this case to

protect hardworking taxpayers from footing the bill for these insane surgeries.”

The brief stresses that the Eighth Amendment bars deliberate indifference to serious medical needs but does not guarantee prisoners access to any particular treatment – especially those that are unproven, highly debated, and carry significant risks with uncertain benefits.

It notes that such surgeries are unavailable to free citizens in nearly half of U.S. states, underscoring they are not a basic

necessity. The amici also contend that prior Ninth Circuit case law does not require these procedures, and mandating out-of-state prisoner transfers for unavailable care raises major federalism issues and conflicts with the Prison Litigation Reform Act.

The coalition asks the Ninth Circuit to vacate the district court’s injunction and affirm states’ discretion in managing prisoner healthcare and corrections.

[Click here](#) to read the brief in defense of President Trump’s executive order.

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Numbers 18:5-7 (NIV)

MaryAnn Zaiger

October 7, 1934 – March 24, 2026

MaryAnn "Tootsie" Zaiger, 91, Carmel, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2026. She was born October 7, 1934, in St. Louis, Mo. Even though Carmel became home, MaryAnn remained a St. Louis person at heart throughout her life.



Devoted completely to her family, MaryAnn was unwavering in her care, dedication, and love as she was the heart of her home. Putting others first was natural and easy.

A devout Catholic, MaryAnn's faith was an important part of her life. She also enjoyed playing volleyball, was a Barry Manilow fan since the 1970s, and was known for her vibrant personality and wonderful sense of humor, which brought joy to everyone who knew her.

MaryAnn loved to tell the story of how she first noticed her future husband, James, when they were just children. Watching him ride his bicycle through an alley, she turned to her best friend, Anna Marie Fortune, and declared that he was the man she would one day marry – a testament to the lifelong love they shared.

MaryAnn was preceded in death by her beloved husband of nearly 68 years, James Zaiger; son, Mark Zaiger, and daughter, Christine Zaiger.

Survivors include her son, Brian (Heather) Zaiger, and daughters, Marian (Kurt) Sprague, Karen (Paul) Medernach, and Kristine (John) Wood. She was a proud grandmother to 13 grandchildren; and a cherished great-grandmother to 10 great-grandchildren. MaryAnn's legacy of love and family will continue through her beautiful family.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2026, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow in Our Lady of Peace cemetery.

In memory of MaryAnn, contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 3091 E. 98th St., #240, Indianapolis, IN 46280.

MaryAnn will be remembered for her kindness, devotion to family, her deep faith, and the joy she brought into the lives of others.

She will be deeply missed and loved forever.

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

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David Allen Wright

October 25, 1946 – March 19, 2026

David Allen Wright, born to Peggy Joan Stanley and Paul Franklin Wright on October 25, 1946, passed away on March 19, 2026.



In all he did, David had a devout devotion to God. He ran cross country for Jackson Central High School and enjoyed attending all sporting events. David was also an avid reader, collecting hundreds of hardbound classics. He went on to graduate from Indiana University with a degree in Education.

He taught English in high school for several years before switching to Counseling. He was a drug addiction counselor for the remainder of his career.

David was a loving father and grandfather, who always tried to brighten someone's day by saying kind words and making little jokes. Even in his final days, David made it a point to uplift his nurses with kindness. He truly had the kind heart of a teacher, always wanting to help others, including those in need. David was a survivor, facing serious illnesses over the last 10 years with courage and determination.

David is survived by his loving daughter, Patricia Tallent, and son, Kevin Wright. The love he had for his children was matched only by the adoration he held for his grandchildren, Alexis and Peyton Tallent, and Allyssah Wright. David was the cherished sibling of Cindie (Joe) Million, Mickie (Barry) Kerfoot, Paula (Robert) Adair, and Robert (Peggy) Wright. He had several nieces and nephews whom he loved spending hours playing games with, especially his favorite game, "Lions, Tigers, and Bears." He leaves behind a legacy of love and affection that will be carried forward by his family and the countless lives he touched.

David was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Robert Stringer, and siblings Patricia Bess and Richard Wright. His spirit will forever be kept alive in the hearts of his family. As writer Thomas Campbell penned, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." David's memory will continue to inspire all those who knew him, a testament to his enduring impact.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Arcadia Brethren Cemetery, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia, with Pastor Ben Poole officiating.

David's life was a testament to his strength and resilience, filled with moments of joy, triumphs, and an enduring love for his family. His services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

In celebrating David's life, we invite you to share your memories and photographs on his memorial page. These moments of reminiscence, laughter, and love will serve as a beautiful tribute to a life well-lived and a man dearly loved. Let us remember David Wright not with sadness, but with the joy and warmth he brought into our lives. His story is not just one of the end, but of a life filled with love, resilience, and enduring strength.

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Marilyn A. (Gates) Jordan

May 30, 1936 – March 20, 2026



Marilyn A. (Gates) Jordan, 89, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on May 30, 1936, to George and Lucia (McWethy) Gates in Dixon, Ill. Marilyn attended North Central College and obtained a bachelor's degree in Education. She worked as a teacher for many years, positively impacting the youth she served. Following her teaching career, Marilyn pursued an executive assistant position at Wheaton College for over a decade.

Marilyn's formative years began on a farm where she resided with her family, having many adventures with her siblings. Marilyn was a woman of faith, wife, mother, sister, daughter, friend, educator, and one of her most cherished titles, grandmother. Marilyn was known for her love of sports, always present for her sons' events, rain or shine. She was an avid reader, averaging one hundred books in a year at one point! Marilyn will be remembered for her Christ-like predisposition and fierce love for her family. She was the easiest hello and hardest goodbye. Marilyn will be missed tremendously by all who had the privilege of encountering her.

Marilyn is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jim Jordan; sons, Rick and Bill Jordan; sister, Joan Jones; three granddaughters, Chelsea Wisniewski (Jordan), Shelbi Henderson (Jordan), and Kaylee Jordan; and three great-grandchildren, Logan and Jaxon Wisniewski, and Mabel Henderson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dick Gates; and her sister, Kathy Pichotta.

No services are planned at this time. Randall & Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with cremation services.

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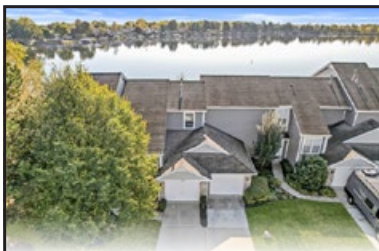
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Riverview Health becomes naming sponsor of Arena at Innovation Mile

By **RICHIE HALL**
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One of Hamilton County's most familiar medical names has put its mark on Noblesville's Arena at Innovation Mile, located at 14157 CJ Way.

Riverview Health, in partnership with the City of Noblesville and Parkview Health, is now the naming sponsor of the Arena, which will officially be known as Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile. The new name was announced at a Thursday afternoon press conference at the Arena.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Pacers Sports & Entertainment President & CEO Mel Raines and Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, all gave remarks at the press conference. Two Riverview executives also spoke that afternoon: Riverview interim CEO John Bowen and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Eric Marcotte.

"We're really excited about the partnership," said Bowen. "We're going to be focused on growing Riverview Health throughout Hamilton County. This is another way we can see growth. In addition, we're

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) The City of Noblesville and Riverview Health announced on Thursday that Riverview has become the naming sponsor of the Arena at Innovation Mile. The new sign is shown above Dr. Eric Marcotte, the chief medical officer of Riverview. (ABOVE RIGHT) Several people spoke at a press conference to announce Riverview Health becoming the Arena's naming sponsor. (From left) Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Pacers Sports & Entertainment President and CEO Mel Daniels, Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Riverview Health Interim CEO Josh Bowen, and Riverview Health Chief Medical Officer Eric Marcotte.

focused on healthy living and trying to get folks out and support one other, and this is just a great way of doing that."

The Arena became the home of the Noblesville Boom this year, and the naming coincided with the Boom's final game of the season, a 134-112 win over the Cleveland Charge (see

related story).

"I think it's an excellent fit," said Marcotte. He said Riverview is heavy in primary care and "very interested in preventative care and celebrating these athletes who are obviously extremely fit, and celebrating getting together, enjoying each other's company, goes very well with the wellness

that we naturally talk about in the exam rooms."

"This is a transitional, transformational day for our community, not only to have this beautiful facility, but have a corporate partner like Riverview and Parkview come alongside to see the value in that," said Jensen. "Six months after we open, to have a

naming rights partner just opens up the possibilities for us going forward."

Riverview Health and Parkview Health of Fort Wayne recently entered into a management agreement to enhance operational efficiency and expand growth opportunities for the independent hospital system.

"We are honored to support a facility that places community health and activity at its core," said Bowen. "Innovation Mile represents a bold step for Noblesville, and the arena will be a cornerstone for advancing wellness and creating meaningful experiences for families across the region."

Girls Basketball

Two county freshmen to play in All-Star Futures Game

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County girls basketball freshmen players have been named to the rosters for the 2026 *IndyStar* girls' All-Star "Futures Game," games director Mike Broughton announced Thursday.

Westfield's Lillian Clark and Hamilton Heights' Riley Suarez will both play on the 2026 South Team in the girls portion of the Futures Games, which will pair teams of current Indiana freshmen and sophomores in a North-South format. The fourth annual Futures Games doubleheader will be Monday, June 1 at a site to be determined. The girls' game is set for 6 p.m. and the boys' game will follow about 8 p.m.

Other players selected for the 2026 South Team are Oak Hill sophomore Brianna Dailey, Marion sophomore Nyomi Hahn, Warren Central sophomore Denajiah Jacobs, Heritage Christian sophomore Riley Johnson, Owen Valley sophomore Aubrey Sparks, East Central sophomore

Natalie Stenger, Monrovia sophomore Zoie Walls, Center Grove sophomore Haley Wagoner, Cathedral sophomore Caroline Wiggins and Mt. Vernon sophomore Zoey Wood.

Sophomores Ashley Bleke and Marianne Bleke of Class 3A state champion Bellmont as well as sophomores Delaney Noll and Suzy Perego of Homestead are among 12 players selected to the North Team for the 2026 Futures Game. They will be joined by Fort Wayne Snider sophomore Janaya Cooper, Westville sophomore Hillary Labis, Culver Academy freshman Laine Lyles, Pike freshman Savayah Mitchell, Crown Point sophomore Ava Richie, South Bend Saint Joseph freshman Arianna Rowell, Penn freshman Jililian Sanderson and Angola sophomore Kendall VanderWal.

Cooper, Hahn, Johnson, Labis, Noll, Perigo, Wiggins and Wood all played in the 2025 girls' Futures Game, where the North prevailed 106-92. Cooper totaled 16 points, eight re-

bounds and three assists for the North en route to being selected game MVP.

Hahn tallied 18 points, Noll added 13 points and Labis chipped in eight points for the winners. Wood netted nine points while Johnson and Wiggins each five points for the South. Hahn moves from the 2025 North Team to the 2026 South Team.

Keith Hollins of Pike is head coach of the North Team. He will be assisted by Kelly Kratz of Valparaiso. Kevin Stuckmeyer of Class 4A state champion Center Grove is head coach of the South Team. He will be assisted by Amy Selk of Beech Grove.

Hollins is 61-42 in four seasons at Pike, including a 24-2 mark and a sectional title this past season. Kratz is 82-48 in five seasons as a head coach, including 42-11 the past two seasons at Valparaiso. Stuckmeyer is 187-49 in nine seasons with the Center Grove girls, including a perfect 29-0 ledger in 2025-26. Selk is 53-61 in five seasons at Beech Grove.

Richie Hall / File photos

Freshmen Lillian Clark of Westfield (left) and Riley Suarez of Hamilton Heights will both play on the South team in the girls 2026 All-Star Futures Games on June 1.

Hollins and Stuckmeyer each was a 2026 IBCA district Coach of the Year.

Players and coaches for the All-Star Futures Games are selected by a Futures Games committee co-chaired by Broughton and Bill Zych, a retired coach who amassed a 478-375 re-

cord over 37 seasons while a head coach at Winamac, Rensselaer Central, Jay County, Center Grove, Shelbyville, Perry Meridian, Pike and Southport.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball

Coaches Association. The *Indianapolis Star*, with its *IndyStar* brand, is the title sponsor. Hoosier Shooting Academy is a presenting partner for All-Star week. Energy Systems Group is a presenting partner for the Saturday doubleheader against Kentucky.

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Tigers host March Madness on Saturday



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The Fishers boys volleyball team will host its March Madness tournament on Saturday. The Tigers will come into the tournament with a 1-3 record. Fishers started its season by going 1-2 at the Cathedral Invitational on Saturday, March 21. The Tigers beat Franklin Community in two sets (25-20, 26-24), then lost to Cathedral 2-1 (22-25, 25-20, 15-8) and Hamilton Southeastern 2-0 (set scores unavailable). Fishers hosted Perry Meridian on Thursday and were swept by the Falcons in three sets (25-17, 25-22, 25-18). Pictured are Tigers seniors Jack Powell (7) and Ethan Luenemann (9).

Girls Lacrosse



Photos by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE) Carmel's Mallory Wingenroth scored three goals for the Greyhounds in their Thursday win over Noblesville. (RIGHT) Noblesville's Claire Pasko looks to pass the ball.



Carmel girls win county game

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls lacrosse team won an all-county game Thursday over Noblesville, 16-0 at Murray Stadium, picking

up its first win of the season.

The Greyhounds led 5-0 after the first quarter and 7-0 at halftime. Carmel added seven more goals in

the third period for a 14-0 advantage.

Mallory Wingenroth and Ellie Espey both scored three goals for the Hounds. Emma Nichols, Julianna

Mancini and Jacqueline Mabry all scored two.

Carmel hosts Penn on Saturday afternoon. The Millers are off until April 7 when they host Cathedral.

Track & Field

Hoosier State Relays take place Saturday

The REPORTER

The Athletic Annex Hoosier State Relays are set for Saturday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with the Large School meet for those teams in football classes 4A through 6A. The Small School meet, for classes 1A through 3A, begins at 3 p.m.

Qualifiers consist of the top 24 in all track events, the long jump and the shot put, the top 18 in the high jump and the top 12 in pole vault.

Here is a list of qualifiers from Hamilton County schools, along with their qualifying times and distances.

LARGE SCHOOL MEET Boys

60 dash: 20. Maison McCray (Westfield), 6.96.
3200 run: 3. Liam Powers (Hamilton Southeastern) 9:10.64, 4. Banner Barnes (Noblesville) 9:13.21, 7. Lucas Bartlett (Carmel) 9:16.24, 8. Isaac Smith (HSE) 9:16.30, 11. Jonah Kaul (C) 9:25.18, 14. Zach Flint (C) 9:27.47, 17. Grant Vannahmen (C) 9:29.99.
60 hurdles: 9. Sam Long (HSE) 8.14, 17. Logan Tuck (W) 8.39, 22. Sam Irish (HSE) 8.56.
4x200 relay: 8. Westfield 1:29.64, 9. Carmel 1:29.70, 19. Fishers 1:30.78, 22. Noblesville 1:31.08.
4x100 relay: 12. Westfield 3:27.41, 18. Noblesville 3:28.25, 21. Fishers 3:28.64.
4x800 relay: 2. Carmel 7:53.86, 3. Noblesville 7:55.34, 4. Hamilton Southeastern 7:56.43, 7. Westfield 7:57.8, 14. Fishers 8:02.67.
4000-meter distance medley: 1. Noblesville 10:22.00, 4. Fishers 10:26.35, 7. Hamilton Southeastern 10:27.64, 12. Carmel 10:31.11, 19. Westfield 10:42.00.
High jump: 3. Konrad Hayes (F) 6-8, 13. Kaleb Johnson (W) 6-2, 14. Chris Beck (HSE) 5-2, 15. Gabriel Davis (C) 6-2, 19. Austin Geesaman (F) 6-2.
Pole vault: 12. Brady Lemieux (W) 13-6.
Long jump: 9. Alim Broadnax (C) 22-3.5, 18. Austin Donahoe (N) 21-5.75, 21. Gabriel Davis (C) 21-4.5.
Shot put: 3. Mason Cantwell (F) 54-7.75, 20. Mason McDermott (N) 51-0.

SMALL SCHOOL MEET Boys

60 dash: 12. Nolan Ratcliff (Guerin Catholic) 7.17, 20. Isaac Justin (GC) 7.23.
3200 run: 20. Isaiah Heuer (Hamilton Heights) 9:51.37.
60 hurdles: 1. Seffrin Smith (GC) 8.03, 19. Andeniet Wolfgang (HH) 8.49.
4x200 relay: 2. Guerin Catholic 1:31.81, 13. Hamilton Heights 1:35.21.
4x400 relay: 6. Guerin Catholic 3:31.71.
4x800 relay: 17. Guerin Catholic 8:41.41, 20. Hamilton Heights 8:47.73.
4000-meter distance medley: 22. Guerin Catholic 11:19.70, 23. Hamilton Heights 11:21.13.
High jump: 5. Seffrin Smith (GC) 6-5, 19. Daniel Ernst (GC) 6-0.
Long jump: 19. Jacoby Woolever (HH) 19-11.75.
Shot put: 3. Will Duncan (HH) 55-7.25.

Girls

60 dash: 9. Norah Reiger (Hamilton Heights) 8.06.
3200 run: 2. Lillian Higgins (HH) 10:44.23, 4. Allie Bushey (HH) 11:01.92, 6. Matilda Higgins (HH) 11:06.70, 19. Taylor Tragesser (Guerin Catholic) 11:47.80.
60 hurdles: 21. Reagan Burt (GC) 10.18, 25. Emma Parker (GC) 10.32.
4x200 relay: 5. Hamilton Heights 1:48.60, 6. Guerin Catholic 1:48.72.
4x400 relay: 3. Hamilton Heights 4:06.58, 5. Guerin Catholic 4:14.70.
4x800 relay: 3. Hamilton Heights 9:45.23, 4. Guerin Catholic 9:50.98.
4000-meter distance medley: 3. Hamilton Heights 12:31.29, 7. Guerin Catholic 13:13.86.
High jump: 2. Waverly Woolever (HH) 5-6, 7. Marie Vespa (GC) 5-2.
Pole vault: 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 13-8.5, 2. Zoe Travelsted (GC) 11-0.
Long jump: 9. Alexandra Parker (GC) 16-5.5, 15. Emme Horvath (GC) 16-2.75.



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Friday, March 27 BASEBALL McCutcheon scrimmage at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE St. Louis University at Westfield, 6 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at St. Louis Christian Brothers, 8 p.m. SOFTBALL Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 5:30 p.m. Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Saturday, March 28 BOYS LACROSSE Hamilton Southeastern at St. Louis MICDS, noon GIRLS LACROSSE Hamilton Southeastern at Kentucky Country Day School, 11:30 a.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Louisville Collegiate, 2:30 p.m. SOFTBALL Center Grove at Westfield, 11 a.m. Penn at Westfield, 3 p.m. TRACK & FIELD <u>Hoosier State Relays</u> Class 4A-6A schools, 8:30 a.m. Class 1A-3A schools, 3 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Westfield at Jeffersonville, 10 a.m. Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield JV at Fishers March Madness, 11 a.m. Herron at University, 11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 30 BASEBALL Noblesville at Louisville St. Xavier, 5 p.m. Westfield at Center Grove, 5:15 p.m. Delta at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m. Fishers at Homestead, 6:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Columbus North, 6:30 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE Wheaton Academy (Ill.) at Carmel, 6:30 p.m. GOLF Westfield vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m. at Ulen Country Club SOFTBALL Center Grove at Fishers, 6 p.m. TENNIS Westfield at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Beech Grove at University, 7 p.m. Southport at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31 BASEBALL Guerin Catholic at Frankton, 6 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE Westfield at Fishers, 6 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Carmel at Westfield, 7 p.m. SOFTBALL Guerin Catholic at Beech Grove, 5:30 p.m. Franklin Central at Westfield, 6 p.m. Greenfield-Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Noblesville at McCutcheon, 6 p.m. TENNIS University at Lapel, 5 p.m. Westfield at Carmel, 5:30 p.m. TRACK & FIELD Cathedral boys at Carmel, 6 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern boys at Westfield, 6 p.m. Westfield girls at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Carmel at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m. Indianapolis Lutheran at University, 7 p.m. Avon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. Franklin Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Roncalli at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1 BASEBALL University at Cascade, 5:30 p.m. Warren Central at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m. Westfield at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE Carmel at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS LACROSSE Brebeuf Jesuit at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. GOLF Carmel vs. Westfield, 2:30 p.m. University vs. Beech Grove, 5 p.m. at Sarah Shank Golf Course SOFTBALL Lapel at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m. Avon at Noblesville, 6 p.m. Fishers at Harrison, 6 p.m. TRACK & FIELD Fishers girls at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m. Pendleton Heights boys at Fishers, 5:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Carmel at Center Grove, 7 p.m. Roncalli at Noblesville, 7 p.m. Fishers at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2 BASEBALL Covenant Christian at Carmel, 6 p.m. Franklin Central at Westfield, 6 p.m. Noblesville vs. Hilliard Bradley (Ohio), 7 p.m. at Clarksville (Tenn.) SOFTBALL Noblesville at Western Boone, 5:30 p.m. Mt. Vernon at Carmel, 6 p.m. Pendleton Heights at Westfield, 6 p.m. TRACK & FIELD Noblesville girls at Warren Central, 5:30 p.m. VOLLEYBALL Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 6 p.m. Noblesville at Avon, 7 p.m. Westfield at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.
Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com .

Men’s Basketball

Purdue takes down Texas, advances to the Elite 8

By JOSH BODE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Purdue took down Texas on Trey Kaufman-Renn’s game-winning last-second tip-in, winning 79-77, to advance to the Elite 8.

“I mean, it was incredible,” Kaufman-Renn said. “I’m just glad that this team, with all the work that we’ve put in gets an opportunity to go back and play in the Elite 8. It’s really special.”

Kaufman-Renn finished with a team-high 20 points and eight rebounds, while shooting 8-10 from the field.

As a team, Purdue shot just 4-20 from beyond-the-

arc but dominated in the interior. The Boilermakers scored 38 of their 79 points in the paint. The Boilermakers shot 48 percent from the field as a team.

Purdue only turned the ball over four times against Texas, their fewest turnovers in a game in the NCAA Tournament this season.

Purdue head coach Matt Painter spoke highly on his team’s poise down the stretch.

“They’re great, to be in a position where we don’t shoot the basketball well like that from three and be able to grind it out,” Matt

Painter said. “That’s something we didn’t know if we’d be able to do three weeks ago. But to win seven straight on a neutral court, these guys have been very resilient. But they showed their experience.”

Purdue senior center Oscar Cluff fouled out with 11 seconds left in the game, but credits his team for staying composed.

“You could just see the experience kicking in and how composed everyone was,” Oscar Cluff said. “Everyone on the bench was getting fired up, but everyone on the court was composed, and they didn’t

rush, didn’t let adrenaline take over and emotions take over.”

With the win over Texas, Purdue has now made the Elite 8 in two of the last three seasons.

The Boilermakers are now just one win away from making it to Indianapolis for the Final Four.

The Boilermakers will play the winner of Arizona and Arkansas in the Elite 8 on Saturday.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/basketball/purdue-basketball/purdue-takes-down-texas-advances-to-the-elite-8.

Boom tops Charge in season finale

Eight Boom players score in double figures in 134-112 victory

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom (16-20) concluded the 2025-26 season in winning fashion, defeating the Cleveland Charge (22-13), 134-112, on Thursday night at the newly renamed Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile.

Keion Brooks Jr. notched his fourth double-double in a Boom jersey, finishing with a game-high 29 points and 12 rebounds on 12-of-18 shooting, including 3-of-6 from three-point range. M.J. Iraldi recorded 18 points, five assists and four rebounds, while DaJuan Gordon added 17 points, eight rebounds and four assists off the bench. Jordan Bell filled the stat sheet, finishing with 14 points, seven assists, five blocks and three rebounds.

For Cleveland, Riley Minix led the team with 20 points, five rebounds and five assists on 6-of-9 shooting from the field. Tristan Enaruna, Miller Kopp and Malaki Branham scored 16 points each.

The Boom quickly got out to a 13-5 advantage early in the opening period after a perfect start from the field, connecting on their first four shot attempts and forcing the Charge to burn a timeout. Cleveland gathered themselves, using a pair of scoring runs to pull ahead by six late in the frame. Cameron Hildreth scored 11 of his 13 points in the first quarter to

help even the score at 32-32 heading into the second quarter. M.J. Iraldi saw the court for the first time in the second quarter and immediately sparked the Boom, helping the team build a 12-point lead with 4:25 remaining in the half. Iraldi posted a 12-point quarter in 10 minutes of action while shooting 3-of-4 from the field in that span. As a team, the Boom shot 62.5 percent from the field and 61.5 percent from behind the arc in the first half to carve out a 68-60 advantage at the half-way mark.

The Boom continued to remain in front throughout the third quarter, even withstanding an 11-3 run from the Charge that pulled Cleveland within four

points. Thanks to a strong frame from Brooks Jr., the Boom carried a 10-point advantage (99-89) after three quarters of play. Noblesville grasped full control of the game in the fourth quarter after opening the period with a 13-2 run, taking a 21-point lead with 9:21 remaining in regulation. The Boom extended the lead to 25 points late in the frame - its largest lead of the game - before cruising to the victory. Eight Boom players finished in double figures, marking just the third time this regular season the team has accomplished the feat.

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

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