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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Periods of rain.
Tonight: Scattered showers.



HIGH: 62 LOW: 55

Fishers High School Robotics Team earns finalist honors

Tiger Dynasty wins prestigious SpaceX-sponsored award at Columbus competition

The REPORTER

Fishers High School's Robotics Team, FRC #5010 Tiger Dynasty, earned finalist honors and the prestigious FIRST Engineering Inspiration Award sponsored by SpaceX at last weekend's competition in Columbus, where they faced off against 38 of Indiana's top robotics teams.

After two intense days of competition, the 57-student team battled its way into the playoffs and earned the honor of serving as alliance captain for one of the finalist alliances. While they fell just short in the final match, their accomplishments extended far beyond the field.

The FIRST Engineering Inspiration Award recognizes teams that demonstrate exceptional success in advancing respect for and appreciation of engineering, with a strong emphasis on measurable impact and recent efforts. The award also highlights the team's creativity and effectiveness in in-



Photo provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Thanks to Tiger Dynasty, the robot takeover could start right here in Hamilton County!

spiring and recruiting students into engineering and other STEM fields.

Coming out of this competition, Tiger Dynasty is ranked

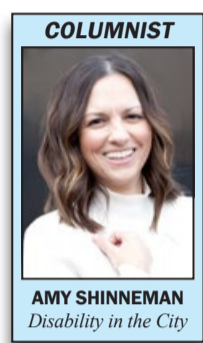
No. 3 in the state of Indiana and advances to the Indiana State Championship on April 18 and 19. The team may then be invited to compete in the FIRST

World Championship in Houston, Texas, from April 29 to May 2.

See *Robotic* . . . Page 2

Strengthening my mom muscle

I often talk about how my disease affects my muscles and causes certain parts of my body to be much weaker than others. I recently realized that one of my muscles needed a good workout to restore its strength as it had atrophied.



Recently, both of my boys were home for their college spring break. In the days leading up to their arrival, I took extra steps to try and have plenty of food for them (there is never enough for young adult boys, by the way) and spent time planning meals. I wanted to make all their favorite things while they were home.

That was my first sign of exhaustion. Planning, buying, and making food for more than just my husband and me is a lot more work. How quickly I had forgotten. I thought, *no wonder I was exhausted for years upon end.*

When they arrived home with several bags of dirty laundry, I took a look and decided that to do something kind, I would do their laundry for them. Give them a little bit of a break. After all, I had a week to get it done.

Several days in and about halfway through the mountain of clothes, I started to question my offer and my sanity. I knew that I did not have to take that on, but moms have an innate need to nurture our kids no matter how old they are. At least this one does.

I trudged on, each day getting a little more frustrated because I felt so tired, but still not wanting to go back on my promise. My laundry room is one of the least accessible rooms in my house, so when I am using my wheelchair, it is challenging.

We were also doing fun things outside of the house, making meals together, and hanging out late at night watching basketball and our favorite shows. It was a gift to have that time with them.

Near the end of the week, I looked at my husband and said, "How did I keep up all those years they lived at home?" I was truly astonished looking back that I was able to raise my boys with my limited physical resources. He said, "God carried you during that time. He made it possible." I could not argue with that, as there is not really any other good explanation.

After they both left to go back to school, I felt sad that the time had come and gone, but I did welcome the slower pace. It took me a few days to recover and get my normal strength back.

I was chatting about their time at home with my friend, who also has college-aged kids. She said, "Your mom muscle has atrophied!" It takes time to rebuild it, and just when it was getting stronger, they left again. I loved her explanation and it felt so true.

See *Muscle* . . . Page 2

SOS Club & Westfield Lions team up for "Miracle League of Westfield"

By **JEFF LARRISON**
Westfield Lions Club

On Saturday, March 28, the Westfield High School's Service Over Self (SOS) Club and the Westfield Lions Club held their annual pancake breakfast with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the "Miracle League of Westfield" – a local non-profit organization that provides children and adults with disabilities the experience of playing "adaptive baseball."

This is the fourth straight year the SOS Club has selected the Miracle League as the recipient of the breakfast's proceeds, and this year resulted in a donation of \$2,100 to help fund the organization.

Each year, the SOS Club members are responsible for



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Thanks to attendees and many hardworking volunteers, the breakfast raised \$2,100.

planning and promoting the event, making pancakes, serving the customers, cleaning up the cafeteria, and selling the 50/50

raffle tickets. The Lions' role is to make sure the students have

everything they need to keep the event running smoothly.

A major reason the pancake breakfast continues to be a big success is because of the support and assistance the SOS

Club receives from the Westfield High School cafeteria staff. Each year, Cafeteria Operations Manager Paul Sherrer and his

See *Miracle* . . . Page 2

Kroger & Athletes in Action ready for Phase 2 of meal-packing mission

Volunteers to pack an additional 500 food boxes for Hoosiers in need

The REPORTER

Today, Kroger is adding to its hunger relief team, inviting basketball stars in town for the Final Four to join their next meal packing mission. This time, the hunger fighters will fill another 500 meal kits with nutritious food for local families in need.

The event starts at 2 p.m. today, April 1, at the Coca-Cola Consolidated Distribution Center, 3690 S. County Road 500 East, Whitestown.

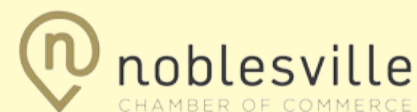
In early March, the Kroger team packed 1,000 boxes to help Hoosier families struggling through difficult times. Current and former basketball stars, coaches, and even an IndyCar driver are on the guest list to join the store leaders in Whitestown.

After the packing, the food boxes will be divided between Indiana's Midwest Food Bank and Shepherd Community Center of Indianapolis.



Photo provided by Kroger

Phase 1 of the mission took place Monday, March 2 at the Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile in Noblesville.



Have a 'Taste' on us
Grab your free tickets to Taste of Business 2026!

The REPORTER
The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Business is back this year, taking center court at the Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile in Noblesville.
The Taste is set for 4 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22.
The big news is that your Hometown Newspaper has *free* tickets exclusively for our readers! To claim yours while supplies last, just send an email with the subject "Taste" to News@ReadTheReporter.com and include your name, phone number, and how many tickets you'd like.
Find more information about this year's Taste of Business in the advertisement on Page 3, or [click here](#).

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— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CARMEL PLAN COMMISSION
Docket No. PZ-2026-00059 OA

Notice is hereby given that the Carmel Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing upon a proposal to amend the Carmel Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") pursuant to documents filed with the Department of Community Services as follows:

Amend the *Unified Development Ordinance* to revise the fees, definitions, standards, and approval procedures applicable to Short-Term Residential Rental Units.

Designated as **Docket No. PZ-2026-00059 OA**, the hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032.

The file for this proposal (Docket No. PZ-2026-00059 OA), may be examined on the City's website, through Public Documents - Laser Fiche, or at the Carmel Department of Community Services, Division of Planning and Zoning, Carmel City Hall, Third Floor, One Civic Square, Carmel, IN, 46032.

Any written comments or objections to the proposal should be filed with the Secretary of the Plan Commission on or before the date of the Public Hearing. All written comments and objections will be presented to the Commission. Any oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard by the Commission at the hearing according to its Rules of Procedure. In addition, the hearing may be continued from time to time by the Commission as it may find necessary.

Bric Butler, Administrator
Carmel Plan Commission
(317) 571-2417
4/1/26, 4/6/26

R7751

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

2604-VS-03; 225 S 1200 E, Greg and Lora Bankert request a Variance of Development Standard to modify the Minimum Lot Frontage from 250 feet to 35 feet on an existing legal, nonconforming lot on 9 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District (Article 4.2(D)); and

2604-VS-04; 16311 Canterwood Court, The Smart Pergola requests a Variance of Development Standard to encroach two (2) feet into the five (5) foot Side Yard Setback to accommodate a smart pergola on 0.16 acres +/- in the Courtyards of Cielo Ranch Planned Unit Development (PUD) District

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
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www.westfield.in.gov

R7752 4/1/26, 4/6/26

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Common Council at their regular meeting place at Westfield City Hall at 130 Penn Street, in Westfield, IN at 7:00 PM, on the 13th day of April 2026, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Additional appropriations to be added:
176 ARP 2021-Covid Recovery Fund
Major Budget Classification:
Other Services and Charges-Public Works Service #176013349 \$24,041
TOTAL for ARP 2021-Covid Recovery Fund \$24,041
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.

R7753 4/1/26, 4/6/26

— ELWOOD —

NOTICE

Shadow Auto 1906 South R St. Elwood, IN, 46036
Date of sale: 04/16/2026
3C8FY68B12T209036 2002 Chrysler Pt Cruiser \$3,500

R7753 4/1/26, 4/6/26

ROBOTIC

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The team's success builds on six intense weeks of design, engineering, programming, and teamwork that produced their 2026 competition robot, "Lasagna," which was unveiled during a public reveal event at Fishers High School earlier this season. Built in just six weeks, "Lasagna" represents thousands of combined hours of student work, with team members balancing rigorous academic schedules and demanding build sessions.

"This program exemplifies how our students apply real-world STEM skills, collaboration and creativity in meaningful ways," said Tiffany Pascoe, President of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of School Trustees. "The dedication demonstrated by these students reflects the strength of our academic opportunities and the commitment of our staff and community partners."

The Tiger Dynasty program is led by coaches Amelia (Amy) Stone and Kyle Heaton, and supported by the following dedicated group of volunteer mentors:

- Alex Ryker
- Chaminda Jayamanne
- Curt Rozeboom
- Gary Ballard
- Jeremy Stone
- Kaleb Cole
- Ryan Dognaux
- Steve Chrisman
- Ben Rouse

Additionally, the team is supported by the following community sponsors who help guide students through the engineering, programming, and competition process:



- The Thrifty Bot
- American Legion Post 470
- Gene Haas Foundation
- Marian Inc.
- IN-MaC
- Caterpillar
- Gaylor Electric

Participation in the robotics program continues to open doors for students pursuing higher education and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Each year, student involvement has led to scholarship opportunities and full-ride offers for graduating seniors, further reinforcing the long-term value of the program.

Multiple members of the team have flourished in their first year in the program, with the support and engagement of peers and mentors a big reason why. Fish-



Photo provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools "Lasagna," the competition robot built by Tiger Dynasty in just six weeks.

ers High School's Robotics Team continues to demonstrate Hamilton Southeastern Schools' commitment to preparing students for success through innovation, collaboration, and experiential learning, while fostering an environment where all students feel they belong. Applications are now

open for non-resident transfer students to enroll for the 2026-27 academic year. For more information, please visit hescschools.org. For more information about FRC #5010 Tiger Dynasty, visit frc5010.org or follow @FRC5010 on social media.

MIRACLE

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employees take time out of their Saturday mornings to assist the students and Lions with anything they need during the breakfast. Without their help the breakfast would not be nearly as successful.

Court Commissioner Christopher Barrows, candidate for the new Hamilton County Superior Court 9, along with other local leaders, helped to sponsor the event.

"The WHS Service Over Self Club is such an inspiring group of kids," Barrows said. "I am proud and humbled to help them contribute to a great organization like The Miracle League, even a little bit."

About the Miracle League of Westfield

The Miracle League of Westfield is run by a 100-percent volunteer committee and has developed an accessible stadium at Westfield's Roundtripper Academy. Their mission is to provide opportunities for all children and young adults to play baseball regardless of their ability or disability. The Miracle League of Westfield needs financial support to make the dream of playing baseball come true for these kids and adults, so the SOS Club and Westfield Lions are stepping up to raise funds and create awareness for this extremely worthwhile program.

For more information on the Miracle League of Westfield and how you can support them, visit MiracleLeagueOfWestfield.com.

About the SOS Club

The SOS Club is a service club at Westfield H.S.



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club Some Miracle League Players took a moment to pose for pictures with Westfield High School baseball players, members of the SOS Club, and Westfield Lions.

that gives young people the opportunity to serve their community while learning valuable skills. Their objective is to "provide hands-on service projects to build character and develop leadership skills with an educational twist."

About the Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions Club, the longest-serving service club in Hamilton County, is proud to be a sponsor and supporter of the SOS Club. They provided their leadership, experience, Lion-power, and financial

Thank You to these sponsors

- Westfield Lions Club
- Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt
- Christopher Barrows for Judge Racheal for State Representative
- Angela Swenson for Judge Kirsten Root for Indiana District 21
- Busby Eye Care

support to help the SOS Club make this year's fundraiser a major winner. The SOS Club and the Westfield Lions have worked together on numerous service projects and fundraisers since the inception of the SOS Club. Both club's missions

are very similar – to serve others. For more information on the Westfield Lions Club, including how to become a member or how to rent their recently renovated community center, go to WestfieldLions.org.

MUSCLE

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In the end, I did not get to do everything I wanted for them. I had to wave the white flag and call in reinforcements. It was good preparation for summer break, which is rapidly approaching for them.

It is hard to believe that our first "season" as empty nesters has gone by so fast.

We have made the most of it and enjoyed our new normal. What seemed like such a scary thing when the youngest left last fall, turned into a fun new adventure, and a little less work daily.

Although my boys do not expect me to do some of the things I knew they could do on their own, I enjoy

being their mom. I want to do those things for them as long as I possibly can.

It's good for me to push myself a bit but accepting when it is time to ask for help is key to a healthy balance.

Until next time ...
Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador

for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County presents . . . Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair

By **JIM W. MCGEE**

Good Samaritan Network

The Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County announces the return of the Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair, set for noon to 4 p.m. June 5 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The public is encouraged to join us for this exciting free event to empower and engage the community and foster a stronger, more informed Hamilton County.

The Resource & Health Fair will bring together about 1,200 attendees. You can explore nearly 100 vendor booths that will offer food, clothing, baby supplies, and social services. Many nonprofits, businesses, and local organizations will be present to share programs and services that support families in Hamilton County and improve their quality of life.

Bring the entire family for an afternoon filled with learning, fun, and connection. Whether you're looking for guidance, support, or just a fun way to spend your Saturday, this event has something for everyone.

- Explore resources for families, health, food, finances, education, and community services

- Enjoy face painting, balloon sculptures, caricature drawings, and a mobile petting farm

- Meet local organizations ready to help and engage

Various exhibitors will provide educational information, health resources, and free items for visitors at different booths. Door prizes will be drawn by those who complete an onsite survey. Discover invaluable resources, explore volunteer opportunities, and become part of a vibrant community dedicated to making a difference.

Are you a community organization, business, or service provider? This is your opportunity to connect directly with families and individuals seeking support and resources in Hamilton County. Sponsorship, non-profit, and for-profit vendor opportunities are now available. The deadline to partic-



Reporter file photo by Grace Green

Organized by the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, the annual Health & Resource Fair helps local citizens find any kind of support they need to improve their lives.

ipate is May 29.

To register as an exhibitor or vendor, please visit gslive.org/resourcefair. Nonprofit organizations can participate for free, while for-profit exhibitors must pay a small registration fee. Sponsor sign-up is available on the website. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

"The Resource Fair is a remarkable FREE event for central Indiana!" GSN Founder and Executive Director Nancy Chance said. "Our vendors and exhibitors bring their extensive resources and expertise to one convenient location. By attending, families will have access to a wealth of information that can help them make informed decisions and discover opportunities they might not have heard about before!"

Sponsorships available

GSN invites sponsors to partner with us to make this community gathering a success. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in Hamilton County.

Sponsorship categories include event sponsors, platform sponsors, silver sponsors, partner sponsors, and a lunch sponsor. Go to gslive.org/resourcefair for sponsorship details, an updated sponsor list, and sponsor sign-up.

Some past comments we received, both from vendors and the public, include:

- "I had over 100 people stop at my booth. I was very pleased." – Vendor

- "Thank you so much ... it was a wonderful event." – Public

- "Great fair ... I got lots

of information." – Public

- "I couldn't believe how many people were steadily coming in." – Vendor

- "What a wonderful event ... This was my first year having a booth, and I will definitely plan on attending next year." – Vendor

- "Thank you for doing this for us again this year." – Public

Visitors can network with numerous nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, government and social service organizations, and civic organizations, including volunteer sign-up opportunities.

About the Good Samaritan Network

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on assisting the at-risk population in Hamilton County. Client referrals are received from a variety of social service agencies, churches, township trustees, food pantries, local hospitals, and government emergency agencies. GSN also works with the Hamilton County Schools, Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and Fire Department. Direct services include serving at-risk and underserved individuals and families within Hamilton County. Typical service streams are emergency or crisis intervention, educational resources, and support. Indirect services include the GSN Network, established to ensure efficiency and communication among the different agencies and social services that support and assist at-risk and underserved residents

of Hamilton County. Learn more at gslive.org.

Westfield Parks Department now hiring seasonal workers

The REPORTER

Do you love working outdoors and spending time in Westfield's award-winning parks and trails? Join the Westfield Parks & Recreation team as a Seasonal Maintenance Crew Member.

As a member of the Parks team, you'll help keep the city's parks beautiful

through seeding, mowing, trimming, and more. You'll also support favorite community events like the Westfield Farmers Market, Jams at the Junction, and other exciting programs.

Are you ready to spend your summer outside and make an impact? Apply by April 6 at [this link](#).

Three local students make Aurora dean's list

The REPORTER

Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester.

- **Lyla Bozoian** of Westfield is pursuing a

degree in Political Science and Public Policy, and Finance.

- **Zachary Fuzy** of Fishers is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

- **Tate Talbot** of No-

blesville is pursuing a degree in Sport Management and Marketing.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

Community News

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

Westfield Band Winter Programs Community Night is tonight ... 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](#).

Workshop for pastors on technology in ministry

Local author David J. Swisher, a ministry technologist and bivocational minister, will offer a free workshop for pastors and ministry leaders in the area on "Navigating Technology Disruption in Ministry."

The event is scheduled for 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11 at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive.

This event will offer practical insight, a hopeful framework, and clear next steps for leading with wisdom in times of technological disruption. The event is free, but registration is requested through [Eventbrite](#).

Free Shred Day at Carpenter Realtors

Carpenter Realtors will hold a free Spring Shred Day from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 11 at the Carmel office, 790 W. City Center Drive.

Acceptable items include: all paper, magazines, file folders, notepads, notebooks, and all envelopes.

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.

Westfield Middle School yearbook staff earns national recognition



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School yearbook staff was recognized by My Varsity Yearbook as one of the best in the nation, with the 2024-2025 book featured in its Portfolio publication highlighting top yearbook design. Books for this year will be distributed May 15, with a limited number available for purchase for \$60. Supplies are limited and expected to sell out.

MAHA has won. What comes next?

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and his supporters in the so-called Make America Healthy Again movement accomplished



JEROME ADAMS

their long-sought goal of significantly revising the U.S. childhood immunization schedule.

The changed schedule no longer universally recommends that children be vaccinated against influenza, hepatitis A and B, RSV, rotavirus, and meningitis. Kennedy framed the changes as a way to restore choice and flexibility. But in reality, they remove a clear national standard and inject even more uncertainty into pediatric care at a critical moment.

It's time for an honest assessment of how we arrived here – and what comes next for parents, children, and our entire public health system.

Consider the flu vaccine. This winter, influenza cases have surged nationwide. Yet HHS no longer recommends that all kids receive safe, generally effective flu shots. The result has been pre-

dictable: lower vaccine uptake, more illness, and more avoidable suffering.

Or consider measles, one of the most contagious viruses in the world. In 2025, more than 2,000 confirmed measles cases were reported across over 40 states, the highest total in 33 years. Nearly all of these cases have been in unvaccinated individuals.

These outbreaks have forced quarantines, led to numerous missed school days, and disrupted families and workplaces alike. And they've led to major downstream costs: one review found a single measles case costs the healthcare system – and taxpayers – \$43,000.

For decades, routine childhood immunizations have saved lives and billions of dollars in medical and societal costs. Weakening these programs does not enhance freedom. It redistributes risk, placing the greatest burden on children, the elderly, and the medically vulnerable.

Yet it would be incomplete, and dishonest, to tell this story without acknowl-

edging how we got here. The erosion of trust in public health officials did not begin in 2025.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders too often communicated certainty when humility was needed, and urgency when explanation was required. Guidance changed, sometimes abruptly, without sufficient transparency. Parents who raised concerns about school closures, mandates, or rare vaccine injuries were frequently dismissed, rather than engaged.

That failure mattered. Trust, once lost, is difficult to regain. When institutions appear unwilling to listen, people seek answers elsewhere and look to those like Kennedy.

So, what comes next?

First, public health institutions must recommit to transparency and humility. That means acknowledging uncertainty, explaining risk honestly, and addressing vaccine safety concerns without defensiveness.

Then, we must empower parents, not shame them. Families should feel confident and comfortable asking questions and receiving answers they trust. That requires accessible, credible

information about vaccine benefits, risks, and safety monitoring, delivered without jargon or judgment.

Finally, local healthcare providers must be supported. Physicians, nurses, and pharmacists are among the most trusted sources of health information, with surveys consistently showing that adults and parents place especially high trust in their personal clinicians for vaccine guidance. They need time, training, institutional backing, and public support to handle difficult, emotionally charged conversations about vaccines well.

As a former U.S. surgeon general, I have seen how quickly trust can erode, and how painstaking the work of rebuilding it can be. The difficult question America now faces is whether public health institutions can learn fast enough, adapt humbly enough, and speak clearly enough to win back the trust we've lost.

Dr. Jerome Adams served as the 20th U.S. Surgeon General during the first Trump administration (2017-21) and is a practicing anesthesiologist. This article originally appeared in the Indianapolis Star.

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*Give blood or platelets
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The REPORTER

The American Red Cross asks people to help patients in need by making an appointment to give blood or platelets now. Donors of all blood types remain critical to keeping momentum up and the blood supply stable as spring begins.

The Red Cross is joining forces with positive lifestyle brand Life is Good to invite donors to show the power of doing good by giving blood. Those who come to give blood or platelets through April 12 will get an exclusive Red Cross x Life is Good T-shirt, while supplies last. See [RedCrossBlood.org/LifeIsGood](https://www.redcross.org/LifeIsGood) for details.

"Life is Good has always been about more than a T-shirt; it's a reminder that the world is full of good worth fighting for, and that spreading optimism starts with the everyday choices we make," says Linne Kimball, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for Life is Good. "For us, partnering with the Red Cross was a natural fit, because giving blood is proof that one person and one simple act can

make a real difference. We hope this collaboration inspires donors old and new to turn positivity into purpose – because doing good doesn't have to be complicated, sometimes all it takes is rolling up a sleeve."

Between spring break plans and the return of outdoor activities, busy spring calendars can impact the availability of lifesaving blood products – but the need for blood never stops.

"It's critical that donors make and keep appointments in the weeks to come to help the blood supply stand up to any seasonal disruptions or challenges," said Paul Sullivan, senior vice president of donor services for the Red Cross. "The Red Cross is grateful to Life is Good for joining us in an important mission – sparking optimism and kindness through blood donation."

It's good to give. Grab a spot to donate blood or platelets by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcross.org), downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) You can buy some delicious eggs at Discount Copies, 100 Mensa Drive, Noblesville. (ABOVE RIGHT) Mary Burns, Jennifer Jacobi, and Mary Jane Polsgrove making the eggs.

Tri Kappa of Noblesville has decadent Easter eggs for you

Submitted

For over 36 years, Tri Kappa of Noblesville has been making delicious Easter eggs. What started as just peanut butter eggs has grown

over time to include Vanilla Creme, Cherry Creme, and Maple Creme varieties.

It's a fun tradition they look forward to every year as a chapter: coming together to

make and prepare the eggs.

The eggs are ready for purchase for \$5 each at Discount Copies, 100 Mensa Drive, Noblesville. Please stop by and pick up your

favorite flavor for your family, friends, and neighbors. They are open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tri Kappa appreciates your support.

Armed felon convicted of Carmel CVS robbery; accomplice sentenced to nine years

Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office

A federal jury has convicted Mikhal Hamilton, 25, Indianapolis, of interference with commerce by robbery, brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Co defendant David Washington, 23, Arcadia, was previously sentenced in October 2024 to nine years in federal prison after pleading guilty to interference with commerce by robbery and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence.

According to court doc-

uments and evidence introduced at trial, on June 25, 2023, Hamilton and Washington robbed the CVS Pharmacy on Range Line Road in Carmel. During the robbery, both men used firearms to threaten an employee and stole prescription medications, including Oxycontin, Oxycodone, and various amphetamine stimulants. They fled the scene in a blue Chevrolet Impala. Carmel Police Department officers conducted a high risk traffic stop shortly afterward, arresting both men and recovering the stolen pills, pill bottles, a Glock handgun with an extended magazine and oblit-

erated serial number, and a Polymer80 homemade firearm, otherwise known as a "ghost gun."

Hamilton's criminal history includes felony convictions for carrying a handgun without a license and synthetic identity deception, which prohibits him from legally possessing a firearm.

The Carmel Police Department and FBI Indianapolis Field Office investigated this case. U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker presided over the trial and will sentence Hamilton at a later date.

U.S. Attorney Wheeler thanked Assistant U.S. At-

torneys, Kelsey L. Massa and Nate Walter, who are prosecuting this case, with the assistance of Paralegal Specialist Sarah Helbig and Victim Witness Coordinator Johnna Preidt.

This case is part of **Operation Take Back America** a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to protect communities from the perpetrators of violent crime. Operation Take Back America streamlines efforts and resources from the Department's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETFs) and Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN).

Upcoming Donation Opportunities

Carmel

- April 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St.
- April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at IU Health North Hospital, 11700 N. Meridian St.

Fishers

- April 9 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Billericay Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12960 Promise Road

Noblesville

- April 1, 8 from noon to 6:15 p.m. at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center, 14765 Hazel Dell Crossing, Suite 700
- April 2, 9 from noon to 6:30 p.m. at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center
- April 4, 7, 11 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center

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HOTEL CARMICHAEL
PATIO IS NOW OPEN

Go beyond the stage at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel

The REPORTER

Happy springtime, when wonderful things blossom. At Allied Solutions Center, you can see the world's greatest professional performers, but local folks also have the chance to bloom through community education programs. If your thing is comedy, singing, songwriting or music in general, you can find your voice here.

Comedy class grads face moment of truth

Top graduates of the

stand-up comedy program will unveil their original routines April 10 in the event called *LIVE! from the Advanced Comedy Class*. These are your friends and neighbors who have completed instructor Mat Alano-Martin's Intro to Stand-Up Comedy – multiple times, in some cases – and moved on to his Stand-Up Comedy Practicum, in which they test their “tight five” routines at local clubs and polish them to a professional

sheen.

At \$10, it's a very affordable evening of entertainment (recommended for mature audiences, as stand-up generally is).

The stage is yours on World Voice Day

The Payne & Mencias Palladium is a pretty place where lots of famous people have performed. Wouldn't it be fun to sing just one song on that fancy stage?

This precise opportunity arises every year during the annual *World Voice*

Day celebration. Although April 16 is the official date of the international observance, event organizers thought 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19 might be more convenient than a week-night.

All ages are welcome – just pick a song and your choice of accompaniment – but there is time only for the first 30 singers who sign up at 2:30 p.m., so plan to arrive a little early.

Songwriting can be a lonely pursuit ...

But it doesn't have to be! Back by popular demand is the *Songwriting: Melody & Lyrics* class, where the relaxed learning environment is like a friendly support group in which songwriters at all levels can trade ideas and hone their craft.

Led by local working

musicians Kristen Bales and Joshua Thompson in Tuesday night sessions April 21 to May 19, the class culminates in a group performance Friday, May 22, in the Studio Theater.

Resident dancers to perform for the littles

Next up in the monthly Peanut Butter & Jam series for young kids and their chauffeurs is Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, the resident professional dance company at Allied Solutions Center and a true gem of the Central Indiana arts scene.

The **April 4 event** will start with a brief performance, after which the GHDT dancers will lead the audience through an adventure of movement and music, exploring basic concepts of dance. It's only \$10 for one child and two

grown-ups.

Young musicians on the rise

Coming soon to the Payne & Mencias Palladium:

• **April 22** – Hamilton Southeastern High School's Performing Arts Showcase will feature the HSE Wind Symphony, Serenata Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra, performing their ISSMA Organizational and ISSMA State Qualifying Competition repertoire.

• **April 29** – The sixth annual Fishers High School Ensemble Showcase will feature more than 200 exceptional student musicians from the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and Sound and Electrum Choirs, performing a dynamic and diverse repertoire.

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Community First Bank secures \$949,000 in 2025 homeownership grants

2026 funding opportunities ahead

Submitted

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB), in partnership with the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis (FHLBank Indianapolis), secured \$949,000 in homeownership grant funding during the 2025 grant cycle, helping make homeownership and home maintenance more accessible for individuals and families across the communities CFB serves.

Through a combination of down payment assistance and home repair grant programs, these funds supported first-time homebuyers and existing homeowners facing financial barriers to maintaining safe, stable

housing. Housing affordability and upkeep remain significant challenges for many families, and these grant programs play a critical role in helping individuals achieve and sustain homeownership.

Looking ahead, Community First Bank and FHLBank Indianapolis will once again partner to offer several grant opportunities in 2026:

• **Launch – Down Payment Assistance** provides down payment, housing counseling and closing costs assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers. The 2026 round opens April 14.

• **Revive – Home Re-**

pair Grant helps homeowners afford certain costly repairs and accessibility upgrades, allowing them to retain home value and age in place. The 2026 round opens May 28.

• **HomeBoost – Down Payment Assistance** provides down payment assistance to first-generation, first-time homebuyers in Indiana and Michigan. The 2026 round opens July 8.

Additional eligibility requirements and restrictions may apply.

For more information about these upcoming grant programs, connect with a local CFB team member at (765) 236 0600 or [click here](#).

YOU'RE INVITED TO HOPE Family Care Center BINGO 2026

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Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation offers Invasive for Native Tree Swap program

The REPORTER

Now through April 29, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites the community to participate in its annual Invasive for Native Tree Swap. This program is an opportunity to remove invasive plants and replace them with native trees that support local ecosystems and biodiversity.

Participants who remove one or more invasive plants from their property can receive a free three-gallon native tree sapling. Available native species include river birch, redbud, and vernal witch-hazel.

Getting started is simple: take a photo of the invasive plants you've removed and email it to naturalresources@carmelclayparks.com with the subject line, "Invasive Species Swap 2026." Once your submission is reviewed, CCPR will follow up to schedule a time for you to pick up your sapling. Limit of one sapling per



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

household, available while supplies last. Both Carmel residents and non-residents are welcome to participate.

"We are excited to offer this incentive that gives back to our community and provides self-guided, hands-on education in support of healthy plants and pollinators," CCPR Parks and Natural Resources Director Michael Allen said.

Invasive species are not native to Indiana and can cause long-term environ-

mental harm. These plants spread quickly, outcompeting native species for resources like water and sunlight. By replacing them with native trees, participants help support wildlife, improve water quality and protect natural spaces.

To explore common invasive species in Indiana, visit the [Indiana Invasive Species Council website](#). Learn more about planting native species at [Carmel-ClayParks.com](#).

Don't just ride the rails ... Bike them!

Forest Park Rail Adventure
An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

White River Family Cruise
Enjoy this short, scenic rail bike ride from Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides

Letter to the Editor

Westfield reader strongly supports Sweeney for judge

Dear Fellow Hamilton County Voters,
I am honored to write on behalf of my friend Paul Sweeney.

I am a mother of three Westfield High School graduates, wife to a retired Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy, a former Child Protection Investigator for the State of Indiana, a licensed daycare provider, and now a Construction Project Manager. I have also served in various roles with the Westfield GOP Club, including as President and currently as Treasurer, and with the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club, where I served as a former President.

I share this background because it speaks to the lens through which I know Paul, not casually, but through two decades of real life alongside him.

I have known Paul since 2003. We have leaned on each other through the loss of family members and friends, personal hardships, and life's many unexpected turns. I consider him a trusted friend and advisor, both legally and personally.

Paul joined the team of volunteer youth ministers at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church in 2003, and he has continued to serve in that role ever since. (Paul and I worked together as volunteer YMs for almost two decades, I have since "retired" from that work to volunteer in other areas.) We have led talks, managed retreat logistics, and yes, handled the cleanup no one else wants to do.

Paul has a gift for finding the good in every situation and in every person. His memory for people and events is remarkable, and years later he still remembers teenagers from 2003 and the stories that went with them. St. Maria Goretti has a congregation of over 1,600 families, and when Paul's name appears on your volunteer list, you know the job will be done well.

Paul co-chaired the Hamilton County United Way Campaign in 2011 and 2012. He and his wife Donna have always been open about their family's story. Their daughter Lizzie is adopted, and they celebrate her "Gotcha Day" every year. Their son Elijah was born on the Fourth of July 2011, named after a friend lost in a car accident in 2003. Paul and Donna call them both miracle children, and that spirit carries through everything Paul does.

He also reached out personally to my daughter Sydney when she was leading Dance Marathon at Westfield High School, offering guidance and sponsoring the program, a connection rooted in the fact that Paul helped start Dance Marathon at IU 25 years ago.

Paul also volunteered for my husband's Clifford for Sheriff campaign in Hamilton County in 2018. He has always had a way of breaking down complex legal questions into clear, respectful, and straightforward answers, a quality that will serve him well on the bench.

What you see with Paul Sweeney is what you get. I have watched him work as an attorney, a volunteer, a husband, a father, and a friend, and there is no difference between any of those roles. I haven't always liked what Paul has told me, but I have always known it to be honest. He is a servant leader who can be trusted to administer justice, not for a title or prestige, but because it is who he is.

I am proud to recommend Paul Sweeney to be the first Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 9.

Sheryl J. Hollensbe-Clifford
Westfield

Letter to the Editor

Fishers reader calls on Young to support ASAP Act

Dear Editor:
When my dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease at 86 years old, it had been a long road to the diagnosis.

He was high-functioning and, like most people with the disease, there were good and bad days. Sometimes we thought he might actually be getting better. Eighteen long months after my dad's first visit to a neurologist, we had the diagnosis only made possible through a painful lumbar puncture. Had we known earlier, we could have sped up treatment and saved him the pain of the lumbar puncture. A simple blood test would have made such a difference!

The bipartisan Alzheimer's Screening and Prevention (ASAP) Act creates a pathway for Medicare coverage of FDA-approved dementia blood biomarker screening tests, and Senator Todd Young can accelerate the creation of this pathway by cosponsoring this important bill. Please join me and the Alzheimer's Association in encouraging Senator Young to support the ASAP Act.

This Act would allow coverage for future test methods approved and cleared by the FDA, helping to ensure beneficiaries do not face unnecessary delays or barriers to detection and treatment. An earlier and accurate diagnosis can improve quality of life and reduce the financial impact of this devastating disease.

Jennifer Mahoney
Fishers

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Sens. Walker & Baldwin encourage public to attend energy affordability listening sessions

Submitted

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) and Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) encourage Hamilton County residents to attend **one of 10 state-wide listening sessions** hosted by the **Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission** to share the impacts of energy prices.

On Thursday, April 9, a listening session will be held in the Council Chambers at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., and on Monday, April 20, a session will be held in Ivy Tech Conference Center's Ballroom 212, 2820 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Both will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Hoosiers are concerned about the rising cost of their utilities, and these events give Hoosiers the opportunity to express those concerns," Walker said. "I appreciate the IURC for hosting



Walker



Baldwin

these events and seeking input from Hoosiers to address this critical issue."

"It is crucial to hear from Hoosiers facing rising utility costs, and I am glad to see the IURC taking steps to get public input," Baldwin said. "Listening sessions like these are a great way to share your concerns, and I would encourage anyone interested in attending the event to go."

During the 2026 legislative session, both Walker and Baldwin supported **House Enrolled Act 1002**, which overhauls Indiana's ratemaking process for electric utilities to promote affordability, predictable monthly bills and reliable service. The legislation switches Indiana to a performance-based ratemaking model, requiring utility companies to meet certain affordability and reliability goals in order to collect their full return on investment.

Both state senators encourage constituents to contact them with any questions or comments.

• Walker be reached by filling out a **"Contact Me"** form online or by calling (800) 382-9467.

• Baldwin can be reached by filling out a **"Contact Me"** form online or by calling (800) 382-9467.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce endorses Kristina Moorhead for State Senate District 29

Submitted

Kristina Moorhead's campaign for Indiana State Senate District 29 has announced the endorsement of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the largest, broad-based business advocacy group in the state, representing businesses of all types and sizes throughout Indiana.

"The Indiana Chamber is very pleased to endorse and support the election of Kristina Moorhead in the Democratic primary election for the open Indiana State Senate District 29 seat. She's just the sort of thoughtful, professional, bipartisan leader to represent

the voters and district at the Statehouse," said Jeff Brantley, Senior Vice President of Political Affairs of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. "Kristina Moorhead has formidable experience and knowledge on public policy issues, understands business and complex enterprises, and takes seriously the responsibility of public service."

Moorhead expressed deep gratitude for the endorsement, reaffirming her dedication to building a vibrant, resilient econ-



Moorhead

omy that works for everyone. She emphasized her focus on strengthening Indiana's workforce through education, empowering local businesses, and fostering innovation across the state.

"I'm grateful for the Indiana Chamber's support and proud to stand with Indiana's innovators and small businesses driving our state's future," Moorhead said. "Together, we can tackle the challenges that matter most for both businesses and Hoosier

families, and build a stronger, more dynamic workforce in the process."

The endorsement reflects growing momentum for Moorhead's campaign as it continues to build a broad coalition of support across Senate District 29. Moorhead is running for Indiana State Senate District 29 to put her proven policy experience to work: cutting costs for families, ending government overreach, and building an Indiana where every child and every Hoosier have the opportunity to thrive.

Learn more about the candidate at KristinaMoorhead.com.

OneZone Business Action Committee endorses Tim Griffin for Hamilton County Council, District 1

Submitted

The OneZone Business Action Committee (ZoneBAC) has announced its endorsement of Tim Griffin for Hamilton County Council, District 1.

"Tim Griffin has demonstrated a strong commitment to fiscal responsibility, thoughtful leadership, and supporting a pro-business environment in Hamilton County," OneZone Chamber President Jack Russell said. "His experience and

focus on smart investments and long-term planning make him a strong choice for Hamilton County Council."

Griffin currently serves on the Hamilton County Council and has been a consistent voice for responsible budgeting, transparency, and strategic investment in county priorities. His leadership has supported



Griffin

initiatives that strengthen infrastructure, public safety, and the overall economic vitality of the region.

The ZoneBAC is made up of OneZone Chamber members. In considering this race, the committee recognized Griffin's leadership, experience, and understanding of the issues impacting the business com-

munity. His commitment to responsible governance and continued growth made him 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.

Fishers Democratic City Councilor Bill Stuart endorses Catherine Torzewski for Indiana Senate District 31

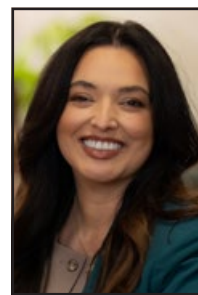
Submitted

On Monday, March 30, Fishers Democratic City Councilor Bill Stuart endorsed Geist area resident Catherine Torzewski, a local Realtor, small business owner, and mother of two, for Indiana Senate District 31.

"Catherine's involvement in our community and genuine connection with voters reflect a deep understanding of the issues that matter most," Councilman Stuart said. "I have no doubt she will continue her work at the Statehouse to bring a

true voice for her constituents. Her passion for public schools and access to affordable healthcare is evident in every conversation. She's an expert in housing in central Indiana and runs a successful business. She will bring real solutions to bringing down the cost of living. Senate District 31 will have a dedicated advocate in Catherine Torzewski."

Torzewski grew up on



Torzewski

the east side of Indianapolis and credits her upbringing with forming her sense of community pride. Her mother was a local librarian, and her father was a union member of Sheet Metal Workers, Local 20. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from University of Indianapolis in 2005.

Torzewski is heavily involved in the MIBOR Association, serving on various

committees and participating in the MIBOR Real Estate Academy of Leadership. She is a successful Central Indiana Realtor and owner of a small business focused on investment properties.

Torzewski is committed to her community outside of her career as well. She sits on the Lawrence Township School Foundation Board. She also volunteers with her local Moms Demand Action chapter in which she advocates for commonsense gun laws such as safe storage and the Jake Laird Law.

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Spring in Fishers features outdoor events, family festivals, indoor football & more

Submitted by City of Fishers

The City of Fishers and Fishers Parks are stepping into spring with an exciting season of entertainment, outdoor adventures, and beloved community traditions.

From the Fishers Freight back in action at the Fishers Event Center to family favorites like Touch-A-Truck and the expanded Fishers Farmers Market, Presented by IU Health, along with new programs like Ninja Cross, Flag Football, and Triathlon Clinics at the Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health, there's something for everyone this spring around Fishers.

This year's spring lineup includes:

Fishers Spring Break Camps

April 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Various locations & times

Costs vary

There are still spots available for this year's Fishers Spring Break Camp for children ages 5 to 12, now with full-day, half-day, and drop-in options for ultimate flexibility. Campers can enjoy "Fun on the Farm" with half-day camp at Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health, or "Spring into Action" with seasonal fun during a full-day camp at Holland Park. Fishers residents receive 30 percent off camp offerings! Learn more and register at FishersCommunityCenter.com/Camps.

Fishers Event Center

11000 Stockdale St.

Big names, exciting matchups, and unforgettable nights are all coming to the Fishers Event Center this spring. From live music to can't-miss sports, it's the go-to spot for entertainment all season long. Get tickets at FishersEventCenter.com. Upcoming events include:

- April 4: Indy Fuel Final Home Game
- April 5: Fishers Freight vs Arizona Rattlers
- April 11: Fishers Freight vs Iowa Barnstormers
- April 12: Indy Ignite vs Atlanta Vibe
- April 18: Chase Rice with Clayton Anderson
- April 19: Indy Ignite vs Dallas Pulse & BIG 10 IU vs Purdue Spring Match
- April 24: 26: Billy Strings
- April 30: THIRD DAY
- May 2: Fishers Freight vs Green Bay Blizzard
- May 3: Indy Ignite Final Home Game

Cyntheanne Park Soil Spread

Thursday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to noon
Cyntheanne Park

Help get the Community Gardens ready for the season with a family-friendly soil spread at Cyntheanne Park. It's the perfect way to give back to the community ahead of Earth Day! Register to volunteer at VolunteerFishers.com.

National Go Fly a Kite Day

Sunday, April 19 from noon to 3 p.m.
Geist Waterfront Park, 10811 Olio Road
Free

Join Fishers Parks on the beach to fly kites and enjoy the waterfront. No registration required. Learn more at FishersParks.com.

Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Giveaway

Friday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fishers AgriPark, 11171 Florida Road
Free

Pick up a free tree while you visit the Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health, experience a special Arbor Day StoryWalk, and complete Arbor Day-themed craft activities. Learn more at FishersAgriPark.com.

Nickel Plate Trail:

96th Street Bridge Celebration Ride
Sunday, April 26 at 2 p.m.
Meet at Fishers Municipal Complex
Free

Celebrate the new 96th Street Bridge with a community bike ride along the Nickel Plate Trail. Hosted by Central Indiana Cycling, this family-friendly, beginner-level "slow roll" will travel from the Fishers Municipal Complex to Sahn Park and back, with a stop at the new bridge for photos. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Fishers Community Center's Couch to 5K Clinic

Wednesdays, April 29 to June 17
from 6 to 7 p.m.

Fishers Community Center,
11400 Johnson Farm Way

\$45 for members; \$65.50 for nonmembers

Join the Couch to 5K Program and build the confidence, endurance, and strength you need to start running. This clinic is the perfect opportunity to train for the Spark!Fishers 5K in June or get started on your Geist 5K training for the fall. [Click here](#) to learn more about the clinic.

Fishers Farmers Market

Saturdays, May 2 to Sept. 26

from 8 a.m. to noon

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater,
6 Municipal Drive

Free

This year, don't miss exciting expansions of the market throughout the entire Nickel Plate District Amphitheater with 37 new vendors. Rated one of the top farmers markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market, Presented by IU Health, showcases vendors from throughout the state, offering fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Learn more at FishersParks.com/FarmersMarket.

Hope for Happiness

Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Free

Kick off Mental Health Awareness Month at the opening day of the Fishers Farmers Market with the annual Hope for Happiness event. Hosted by Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School's Bring Change to Mind student clubs in partnership with the Fishers Health Department, the event raises awareness about mental health and the city's StigmaFree Fishers initiative. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/MentalHealthMonth.

Second Friday Gallery Hop

Friday, May 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Nickel Plate District

Free

Join the Fishers Arts Council for a community celebration of creative expression as you venture around downtown Fishers to enjoy art, music, and more. Learn more at FishersArtsCouncil.org.

Fishers Health Department Maternal Child Health Fair

Wednesday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fishers Community Center

Free

The Fishers Health Department will host a Maternal Child Health Fair designed for new and expecting parents to connect with local resources and support services. Attendees can learn about topics like prenatal and postpartum care, infant health, child development, and family support programs while engaging with community experts. Learn more at health.FishersIN.gov.

National Police Week Candlelight Vigil

Wednesday, May 13 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Liberty Plaza, 1 Municipal Drive

Free

Join the Fishers Police Corps and Fishers Police Department for a Candlelight Vigil in honor of National Police Week. This event will include a live stream of the national vigil in Washington, D.C., as we remember and pay tribute to fallen officers from Hamilton County and across Indiana. Learn more at FishersPoliceCorps.org.

Fishers Sprint Triathlon

Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 a.m.

Geist Waterfront Park, 10811 Olio Road

Costs vary

Join the multisport fun for the Fishers Sprint Triathlon powered by FAST at Geist Waterfront Park. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or first-timer, this race has both individual and relay options available. Register at FastTigers.com.

Touch-A-Truck

Monday, May 18 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Free

Kids can explore Fishers' fleet of big rigs, including tractors, snowplows, police cars, fire trucks, and more at this family-friendly event around the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/TouchaTruck.

Geist Waterfront Park's Beach Opening Day

Beach Opening Day: Saturday, May 23

Regular Beach Hours: Daily,

10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Park Hours: dawn to dusk daily

The 70-acre waterfront park in east Fishers features beach and water access to Geist Reservoir, non-motorized boat launch and dock access for kayaks and canoes, walking trails, playground, and public gathering amenities. Beach access is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Learn more at FishersParks.com/GeistWaterfrontPark.

Splash Pad Opening Day

Opening Day: Saturday, May 23

Open daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Free

The free splash pads at Holland Park, 1 Park Drive, and Billericay Park, 12690 Promise Road, and the fountain at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Pavilion, 10 Municipal Drive, will open daily through Labor Day. Learn more at FishersParks.com/Water-Amenities.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Free

Join the City of Fishers and the Fishers Armed Services Commission to honor the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom at this special, annual event. Learn more at FishersIN.gov/FishersHonors.

New Spring programs at the Fishers Community Center

New programming at the Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health, offers ways for the entire family to have fun and stay active, from Ninja Cross, Flag Football, and Triathlon Clinics, to Kids Night Out, Lifeguard Certification, and the Couch to 5K program. Most programs are open to both members and non-members, with a 30 percent discount for members. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Get outdoors this Spring

Enjoy wooded paths and spring blooms at the first spring season of the new Fishers White River Park or Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve, waterfront views at Geist Waterfront Park, or play on the playground made from native Indiana locust wood at the Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health.

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Numbers 18:17-19 (NIV)

Margy Marie Spurgeon

December 25, 1931 – March 28, 2026



Margy Marie Spurgeon, a beloved resident of Arcadia, passed away peacefully in the early hours of Saturday, March 28, at the age of 94.

Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1931, to Cleo and Isabelle Law, Margy was a special gift to her family. She grew up as one of six children, including her older brother Charles, and her younger siblings Sue, Nancy, Elizabeth (Beth), and David.

Shortly after graduating from Jefferson Township, Margy married the love of her life, Walter Earl Spurgeon, on May 22, 1949. Their devoted marriage lasted 45 wonderful years until Earl's passing in 1995.

Margy and Earl were blessed with four children: Claude Spurgeon (wife Debra), Pamela Razo (husband John, deceased), Gary Spurgeon (wife Jody), and Anita Small (husband Xen). Her enduring legacy of love extends to 10 cherished grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Throughout her 94 years, Margy dedicated herself to various endeavors, but she found deep fulfillment in serving others and supporting her community. She worked alongside her husband, assisting him at Earl's Electric Shop, and was a longtime fixture at Weight Watchers, where she worked for many years. Margy also generously gave her time, volunteering at Angels' Attic (formerly the location of Earl's Electric Shop) since its inception nearly 25 years ago.

Margy's memory will be a beacon of light for all who knew her. She will be most remembered for her remarkable strength and determination, coupled with her sharp wit and unwavering faith. Above all, Margy's life was defined by her immense and unconditional love for her family.

Funeral services will be held at Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Friends and family are invited to attend the visitation prior to the service, which will be held from noon to 2 p.m.

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Young leads bipartisan bill to stop government officials from insider trading on prediction markets

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

Last week, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.), John Curtis (R-Utah), and Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) introduced the bipartisan Public Integrity in Financial Prediction Markets Act of 2026.

The bill prohibits federally elected officials and government employees from using insider information to bet on a prediction market contract.

As noted in multiple news reports around the Iran war strikes, elected and government officials at all levels are privy to confidential information that could appear on a prediction market. This legislation would ban them from using non-material public information of any kind on any event contract.

"Public service should never be a pathway to personal profit based on insid-

er information," Sen. Young said.

"Recent activity in prediction markets has raised real concerns that individuals with access to sensitive, non-public information could exploit that advantage for financial gain. Our bill will prohibit elected officials, staff, and executive branch employees from trading prediction market event contracts based on information acquired as part of their official duties. This is a sensible step to protect taxpayers and promote integrity in government."

Details of the bill

Covered individuals:

President, Vice President, Members of Congress, employees of the House of Representatives and Senate, political appointees (including the President's cabinet), employees of an



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Executive agency or independent regulatory agency.

Insider information: Any information that a reasonable investor would consider important in making a deci-

sion related to a prediction market contract and is not publicly available.

Covered transactions: The purchase, sale, or exchange of any prediction market contract that is offered on a U.S. or foreign domiciled platform.

Penalties: Any covered individual who violates the prohibition shall be fined the greater of either \$500 or the amount equal to double the profit made in the transaction.

Enforcing body: No later than 180 days after date of enactment the Office of Government Ethics, Select Committee on Eth-

ics, and Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives will; impose and collect penalties, establish procedures and standards, issue rules and guidelines in consultation with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission – and publish such information on a website.

Reporting requirements: No later than 30 days after a covered transaction over \$250, the covered individual must submit a report to the supervising ethics office and include the number of contracts purchased, price of contract, date and time of transaction, name of contract, position taken on contract, name of trading platform used, profit or loss made on transaction. If the contract is not settled within 30 days of purchasing the contract an additional report shall be submitted after the contract closes or covered persons exits the position.

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Girls Tennis



(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel seniors Gabby Hall (left) and Madison Littell are playing No. 1 doubles for the Greyhounds this season. Littell and Hall won their match Tuesday when the Greyhounds played Westfield to begin their season. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Isla Harvey won at No. 1 singles on Tuesday.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Chad Ballenger named Indiana All-Stars assistant coach

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights boys basketball coach Chad Ballenger has been named one of the assistant coaches for the 2026 *IndyStar* boys' Indiana All-Stars, games director Mike Broughton announced Tuesday.

Todd Woelfle of Terre Haute North has been named head coach for the team. Joe Bradburn of Class 4A state champion Mt. Vernon will serve as the other assistant coach.

Ballenger was a student-teacher and high school assistant at Knightstown in 1993-94, then assisted Basil Mawbey at Kokomo from 1994-2000 before becoming the head coach at Eastern from 2000-02. Ballenger followed as head coach at Knightstown from 2002-07, then moved to Hamilton Heights starting in 2007-08.



Ballenger

He is in his 19th year as a teacher and fifth year as a department head at Hamilton Heights, currently teaching advanced physical education, health & wellness and freshman seminar.

Ballenger and his wife, Stacie, have one child, Cooper, 14.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 3 at Mt. Vernon. The first game against Kentucky will be June 5 at Lexington Catholic High School. The final game against Kentucky will be June 6 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. All three dates will be doubleheaders with the *IndyStar* girls' Indiana All-Stars.

The roster for the 2026 Indiana boys' All-Stars and 2026 boys' Junior All-Stars will be announced later. The roster for the 2026 Indiana girls' All-Stars was announced March 18. The roster for the 2026 girls' Junior All-Stars was announced March 9.

The Indiana Junior All-Stars will play two girl-boy doubleheaders this year – May 31 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at Charlestown and June 3 against the Indiana seniors at Mt. Vernon.

The 2026 *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be on June 1 at a site to be announced. This event, for girls and boys who are current sophomores or freshmen, will feature two Indiana teams in a North-South format. The girls' Futures Game rosters were announced March 26. The boys' Futures Game rosters will be announced later.

Carmel beats Westfield in season-opening meet

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

CARMEL – The Carmel girls tennis team began its 2026 season on Tuesday with a new coach and a dual meet victory.

The Greyhounds beat Westfield 4-1 at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. It was a battle between two defending sectional champions: Carmel won its 33rd in a row last season, while the Shamrocks won a sectional

on their way to a state semifinal appearance.

A former Greyhounds state champion is now coaching her old team. Kierstin Carlson graduated from Carmel in 2018. She was part of two of the Greyhounds' state championship lineups, playing No. 1 singles as a freshman in 2015 and No. 2 singles as a junior in 2017.

"It is extremely fun and exciting," said Carlson. "I have loved this opportunity so far. It's been really cool

coming back to my alma mater and being able to coach these girls, and something that I lived an experience of not that long ago."

Carlson said that when she played for Carmel, the team was "very big on team culture and energy and positivity and attitude, so I'm really trying to instill that in this group of girls, especially because tennis is usually an individual sport and right now these girls have the opportunity to do the sport as a

team, so I want them to take full advantage of that and support each other and lean on their teammates."

The Greyhounds' lineup features four seniors. Olivia Widjaja is playing No. 1 singles, returning after missing last year with an injury. Olivia's sister Alexia Widjaja playing at No. 2 singles. Carmel's No. 1 doubles team consists of seniors Madison Littell and Gabby Hall.

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Basketball



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(ABOVE LEFT) The Lady Millers, coached by Shannon Loomis and Stephanie Davis, captured first place in Level 2 Women's Basketball. (Front row, from left) Brayleigh Buckner, Brooke Easterhaus, MacKenzie Wilt, Nora Danielson, and Madeline Paxton. (Back row, from left) Shannon Loomis, Ali Callahan, Kelsey Green, Maggie Abel, Lauren Holland, Madelyn Long, and Stephanie Davis. (ABOVE RIGHT) The SOHC Men's Level 2 team went undefeated while winning a state championship. (From left) Coach Todd Hieber, Caleb Short, Caiden Wetherald, David Scott, Nash Huffman, Blake Buckner, Colin Etchison, Cade Agnelli, Dylan Feil, and Coach AB Buckner.

Special Olympics Hamilton County brings home two state championships

Submitted by **Special Olympics Hamilton County**

Special Olympics Hamilton County (SOHC) is proud to announce a historic weekend at the Special Olympics Indiana State Basketball Championships, as both the women's and men's Level 2 teams brought home state titles – each completing undefeated tournament runs.

The Lady Millers, coached by Shannon Loomis and Stephanie Davis, dominated Level 2 Women's Basketball, finishing the tournament undefeated and capturing first place. Their performance showcased teamwork, resilience, and the kind of joy that defines Special Olympics competition.

On the men's side, the SOHC Men's Level 2 Team, coached by AB Buckner and Todd Hieber, also secured a State Cham-

pionship with an undefeated tournament run, demonstrating grit, unity, and outstanding play throughout the weekend.

Adding to the energy of the day, the SOHC Cheer and POM Squad, led by Kim Weninger, supported the athletes throughout the tournament and performed a halftime routine that

brought spirit and excitement to the championship atmosphere.

Special Olympics Hamilton County serves more than 500 athletes, providing year-round sports training and competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities, ages 8

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The SOHC Cheer & Pom Squad supported the players during the tournament. (Pictured) Chloe Hipkiss, Lauryn Weninger, Kelsey Royal, Christian Walker, Logan Gottschalk, Karinne Scofield, Kalina Crank, Adaleena Martinez, and Azra Martinez.

Correction

In Tuesday's story about the Hoosier State Relays small school meet, Guerin Catholic pole vaulter Zoe Travelsted was misidentified in a picture. The Reporter regrets the error.

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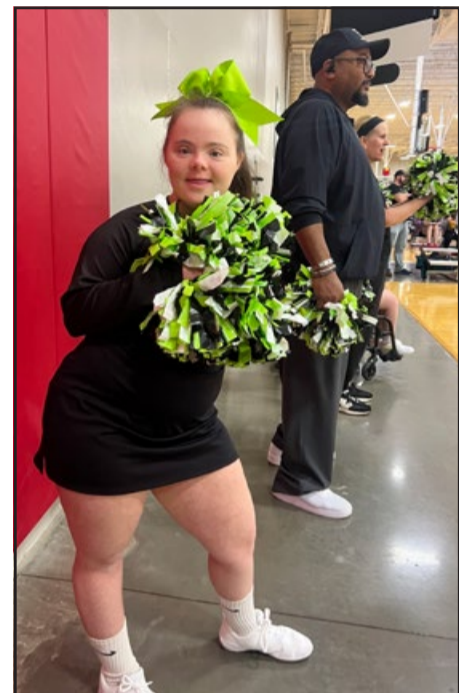
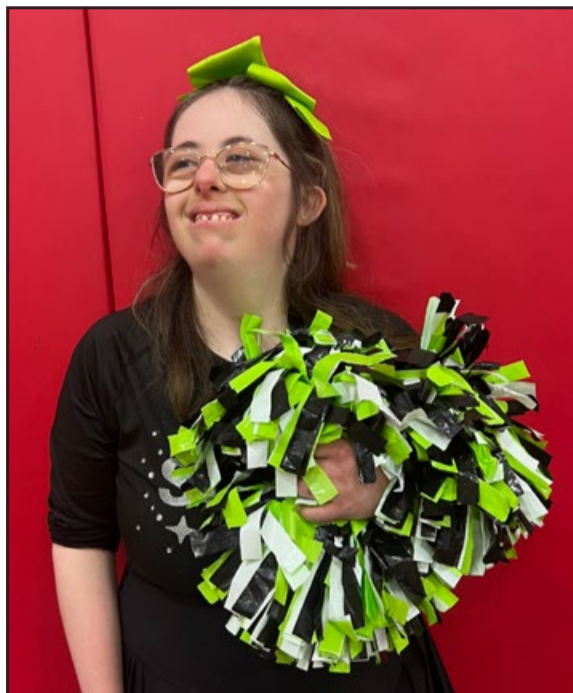
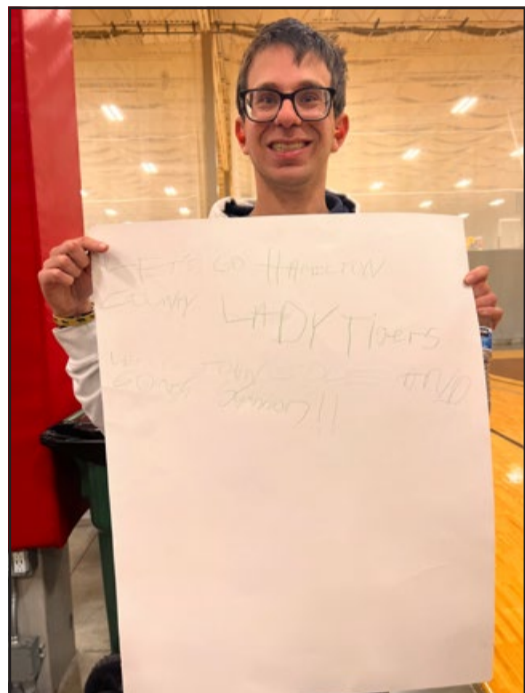
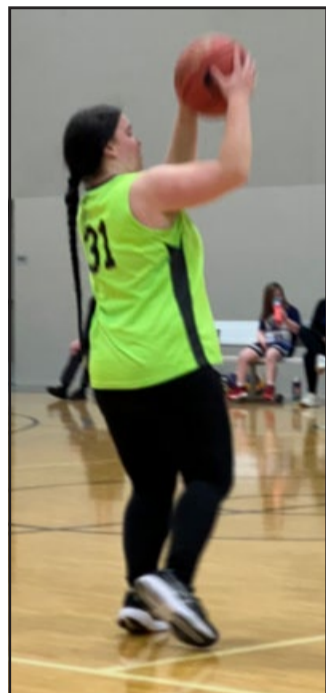
With spring sports now beginning, including track and field, SOHC is actively seeking volunteers to support athletes across programs.

Looking ahead, SOHC will host its annual Golf Fundraiser on Aug. 26, 2026, at Fox Prairie Golf Course, with registration opening soon. The event

supports athlete programming and opportunities across Hamilton County.

“This weekend is what it’s all about: athletes showing up, competing hard, and celebrating everyone together,” said Danyele Easterhaus, SOHC County Coordinator. “We are incredibly proud of these teams and the community that stands behind them.”

Community members can follow, support, or get involved at [Facebook.com/SOHCsports](https://www.facebook.com/SOHCsports) or at sohcindiana.org.



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MEET

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The Hounds’ other three varsity players against the Shamrocks were sophomores. Annie Mann competed at No. 3 singles, with Shravya Pillutla and Daksha Sivvala playing No. 2 doubles.

“They are absolutely crushing it, said Carlson. “They’re holding their own and they’re fitting right into their spot like they know they belong.”

Carmel’s victories came at Nos. 2 and 3

singles and both doubles matches. Westfield junior Isla Harvey won the No. 1 singles match; she moves up into that position after playing No. 2 singles last year. The Rocks also have their No. 1 doubles team of senior Jenna Berry and junior Bella Rivera back this season.

“We still have a lot of experience on the varsity team and then we have some new players to the team,” said Westfield

coach Trudy Coler.

Those new players include freshman Sloane Seyforth, who played No. 2 singles for the Shamrocks. Junior Rayna Ray played at No. 3 singles, while junior Emerson Dierkes and senior Kendall Omer played at No. 2 doubles.

Both teams will be off for several days due to Spring Break and return to action on April 14. Carmel will host Delta,

while the Shamrocks host Brownsburg in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet.

Carmel 4, Westfield 1

No. 1 singles: Isla Harvey (W) def. Olivia Widjaja (C) 6-4, 6-2

No. 2 singles: Alexia Widjaja (C) def. Sloane Seyforth (W) 7-5, 6-1

No. 3 singles: Annie Mann (C) def. Rayna Roy (W) 6-1, 6-1

No. 1 doubles: Madison Littell and Gabby Hall (C) def.

Jenna Berry and Bella Rivera (W) 7-6 (3), 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Shravya

Pillutla and Daksha Sivvala (C) def. Emerson Dierkes and Kendall Omer (W) 6-1, 6-3

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SPORTS SCHEDULE *Baseball*

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.

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.

Friday, April 3

BASEBALL

Noblesville vs. Henry County (Tenn.), 11 a.m. at Clarksville (Tenn.)
Fishers at Don Everett Classic, noon at Clarksville (Tenn.)
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Hinsdale (Ill.), 1:30 p.m. at Northeast (Tenn.)
Noblesville at Clarksville (Tenn.), 4 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Northeast (Tenn.), 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Carmel at Center Grove, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

BASEBALL

Noblesville vs. Dixon County (Tenn.), 9 a.m. at Clarksville (Tenn.)
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Henry County (Tenn.), 9:30 a.m. at Clarksville (Tenn.)
Guerin Catholic vs. Kouts, 10 a.m. at Valparaiso
Carmel at Bedford North Lawrence Round Robin, 11 a.m.
Fort Wayne Northrop at Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Clarksville (Tenn.), noon
Guerin Catholic at Valparaiso, 12:45 p.m.
Fishers at Don Everett Classic, TBD at Clarksville, Tenn.

BOYS LACROSSE

Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 1:30 p.m.

GOLF

Guerin Catholic at Seymour Invitational, 9 a.m. at Shadowood

TRACK & FIELD

Guerin Catholic at Bishop Chatard, noon

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Roncalli, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Cathedral Round Robin, 9 a.m.
Carmel vs. Jeffersonville, 11 a.m. at Roncalli

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

No. 3 Noblesville opens with big win at Kentucky No. 2 St. Xavier

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

The third-ranked Noblesville baseball team opened its season on Monday night in Louisville against perennial Midwest power in Kentucky's second-ranked St. Xavier.

The Millers flashed some grit at the plate and showed promise on the mound in handing the host Tigers (7-1) their first loss of the season with a 5-4 road win.

Ethan Clark led off the top of the first with a walk and was driven in on an Aiden Reynolds double for the

early 1-0 score.

St. Xavier scored in the bottom of the inning on a wild pitch and single to center to take a 2-1 lead.

Clark was hit by a pitch in the third and stole second. Reynolds followed suit again, doubling up the middle to tie it 2-2.

The Millers broke the game open a little in the fourth. Zac Glander was hit by a pitch and then scored on a two-run blast to center by Brooks Riggs that made it 4-2. Chris Martz walked and scored on an Ethan Clark base hit, pushing it to 5-2.

The Tigers scored two in

the sixth, but Brooks Muse was able to keep St. Xavier from scoring in the seventh to secure the win.

Eli Hall threw four innings in relief of Beckett Doane and struck out seven, giving him the win on the mound. Doane started and threw one frame, striking out three. Muse tossed two innings to earn the save.

Aiden Reynolds' two doubles and two driven in, along with Brooks Riggs' two-run home run, are what paved the way for the Miller offense.

Ethan Clark and Zac Glander had the other two

hits.

Noblesville (1-0) continues its spring break road trip when they travel to the Clarksville, Tenn., area for four games. On Thursday, they face Hilliard Bradley (Ohio) (1-0). The Millers play on Friday against Henry County (5-6) from Paris, Tenn., and visit Clarksville Academy (7-9) later in the afternoon. On Saturday morning, the opponent is Dickson County (8-10).

The Millers then get back to The Dunk for the home opener on April 6 to face the Lebanon Tigers at 6 p.m.

Royals win wild game at Columbus North

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern baseball team won a back-and-forth game at Columbus North 9-8 on Monday.

The Royals got on the board in the top of the first inning when Clark Bucher smacked a two-run home run, also scoring Jackson Bixler. The Bull Dogs came back in the bottom of the first, scoring three runs, then surged further ahead with four runs in the second inning for a 7-2 lead.

Parker O'Steen scored for Southeastern in the third inning on Cy Cole's RBI groundout. The Royals tied the game with four runs in the fourth inning: Alex Shepherd cleared the bases with a three-run double, sending O'Steen, Kian Kelly and Bucher home. Karson Seitz came in to run for Shepherd and was brought in by a Trey McManama double.

Southeastern took the lead for good in the fifth inning. Bixler scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch, then Bucher scored on another wild pitch. That put the Royals up 9-7; Columbus North led off the seventh inning with a home run, but HSE got the next three outs.

McManama went 3-for-3 at the plate, while O'Steen

hit a double. Spencer Mohr pitched six innings for the win, striking out eight.

The Royals are off to Tennessee this weekend, taking on Hinsdale South and Northeast on Friday.

Guerin Catholic rolled over Frankton 15-1 in five innings on Tuesday.

Four Golden Eagles – Ian Taylor, Karson Smith, Carsen Kail and Ben Canada, all hit home runs. Kail also hit two doubles, while Taylor smacked a triple. Smith and Canada each hit one double. All four players totaled three RBIs, with Kail going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Tate Troxell pitched 2.1 innings, striking out five.

Guerin Catholic is 2-0 and hosts Warren Central at 5:30 p.m. today.

Westfield was on the wrong end of a comeback at 4A No. 1 Center Grove on Monday, as the Trojans came back to beat the Shamrocks 11-10.

The Rocks led 2-0 after the first inning on a two-run single from Beck Jordan. Andrew Noble and Lincoln Hoffman both scored runs.

Jordan struck again in the second inning with another two-RBI base hit, scoring Noble and Gabe Garcia. Gavin Russ sent a double into center field to score Jordan. The Trojans got on the board with a sacrifice fly run, making the score 5-1.

Westfield increased its lead to 8-1 in the top of the third inning. Maddox Novotney smacked a two-RBI hit, scoring Nick Fero and Kasen Jessup. Jordan then batted in another run, sending Novotney home with a sacrifice fly.

Center Grove added two runs in the bottom of the third, cutting the Rocks' lead to 8-3. Westfield got a run back in the fourth inning after Robbie Brandenburg singled in Jessup.

The Trojans scored one run in each of the fifth and sixth innings, making the score 9-5. Jordan singled in Novotney in the top of the seventh to put the Shamrocks up 10-5, but Center Grove scored six in the bottom of the seventh to get the win.

Noble was 3-for-3 at the plate, while Jordan was 3-for-4 and totaled six RBIs.

Westfield plays at Frank-

lin Central this evening for its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference game of the season.

Fishers opened its season Monday by falling to Homestead 5-4.

The Tigers scored their first run in the top of the first inning; Vincent Pecoraro got home on David Pina's RBI groundout. The Spartans scored in the second inning to tie the game at 1-1.

Carter Scrole scored on an error in the third inning, giving Fishers a 2-1 lead. But Homestead took the lead in the bottom of the third, scoring two runs to go up 3-2.

Pina sent the Tigers ahead in the fifth inning with a two-run home run, also scoring Ethan Buelt. The Spartans scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth and held the lead for the remainder of the game.

Strole finished the game with two hits, including a double. He also pitched four innings, striking out three.

Fishers will begin its Tennessee trip on Friday with two games, taking on Houston at 1:30 p.m. and Rossview at 4 p.m.

Softball

Fishers wins two to stay perfect

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The Fishers softball team stayed perfect on the season with two early-week wins.

On Monday, the Tigers took care of Center Grove 5-1 at home. Fishers scored a run in the first inning when Adrienne Cook batted in Kennedy Shockley.

Brooke Clayton smacked a two-run home run in the third inning, bringing Shockley home and giving Fishers a 3-0 lead. The Trojans scored their run in the top of the sixth inning, but Anna McGrath answered with a homer in the bottom of the sixth, also scoring Grace Waltherman.

Shockley finished the game with two hits. Frankie Jackson pitched three innings for the win.

The Tigers traveled to Harrison Tuesday and used a late rally to win 5-2. Both teams scored two runs in the first inning; Jackson doubled in Shockley and Clayton.

The score stayed 2-2 until the seventh inning. Cook led off with a right field home run, putting her team ahead for good. Joni Oliver scored on McGrath's sacrifice fly, then Liv McNall singled in Caroline Thompson to complete the scoring.

Oliver got the pitching win, throwing five innings and striking out four.

Fishers is 4-0 and is off until April 10 when it travels to the Castle Invitational.

Noblesville cruised to a 15-1, five-inning victory at McCutcheon Tuesday.

Haley Schatko had a dominant game, smacking two home runs. She finished 4-for-4 at the plate and totaled seven RBIs. Reese Newsom also hit two homers and had three RBIs and three runs scored. Blythe Walker hit one home run. Izzy Zapp scored three runs.

Roslyn Ervin pitched four innings, tossing eight strikeouts and allowing one hit.

The Millers are 2-0 and host Avon this evening to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Hamilton Southeastern rolled to a 15-4, five-inning home win over Greenfield-Central on Tuesday.

Haleigh Seitz and Jaycee McCarter both hit two home runs, while Madison Burlingame hit one homer. McCarter, Brooklyn Fritsche and Sophia Feher all hit one double. McCarter was 3-for-

3 at the plate, batting in three runs and scoring three.

Grace Swedarsky pitched four innings for the win, striking out seven.

The Royals are 3-0 and off until April 10, when they will also play at the Castle Invitational.

Guerin Catholic won a tough game at Beech Grove 6-5 on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles took a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Aggie Weymouth scored on an Emily Powers RBI fielder's choice, then Kate Brady got home on Jillian Davis' sacrifice fly.

Powers doubled in Waymouth and Brady in the fifth inning, then got home on an Izzy Phillips single, giving Guerin Catholic a 5-0 lead. The Hornets put up four runs in the bottom of the sixth, but Gia Crishon singled in Davis to put the Golden Eagles up 6-4. Beech Grove scored one in the seventh inning, but the game ended on a pop out to Halle Hunter in left field.

Crishon got three hits, including a triple and a double. Ava Augustinovicz pitched a complete game, striking out five and allowing three hits.

Guerin Catholic hosts Lapel this afternoon.

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