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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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 Shower and storm chances after midnight.

HIGH: 82 LOW: 59



# Rotarians get a peek behind parks & development curtains

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Rotary Club welcomed Noblesville Economic Development Director Andrew Murray, Noblesville Parks Director Savannah Wines, and Noblesville Parks Recreation Manager Parker Irwin to the April 16 meeting at Ginger's Café.

Rotarians learned more about current and future plans for the city and its parks from those in charge of keeping Noblesville vibrant and growing. The Rotarians are appreciative of their work every day of the year and also for their help with the club's local service projects.

The Noblesville Rotary Club formed in 1955 to contribute to the Noblesville and Cicero communities. The club has directly impacted the local community over the years – most recently with the annual BrewBQ, this year held on Aug. 8 at Federal Hill Com-



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mons Park. The more than \$100,000 raised through the years supports scholarships for students at the Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus and also the NHS Robotics Team.

Click here to learn more about sponsorships, grill team

registration, and ticket sales for BrewBQ.

**About the Noblesville Rotary Club**

The Noblesville Rotary Club meets on the first and third Thursday each month at 7:30 a.m. at Ginger's Café,

1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville, for a delicious breakfast, an engaging speaker, and plenty of fellowship with fellow members and guests. You are invited to come join. No RSVP is needed. Learn more at [NoblesvilleRotaryClub.org](http://NoblesvilleRotaryClub.org).

# The art of being included

There is an art to inclusion – and most of us don't truly understand it until we have felt exclusion.

Being left out rarely announces itself loudly. It doesn't always come as rejection or confrontation. Sometimes it arrives quietly: in conversations that happen without you, invitations that never reach you, decisions made in rooms where your name was never spoken. You learn what absence feels like long before you learn what belonging means.

That is why inclusion carries such extraordinary power.

It is not about grand gestures, elaborate welcomes, or perfectly curated invitations. Inclusion lives in the small, human moments: when someone thinks of you naturally, when your presence is assumed rather than negotiated, when a seat exists for you without you having to ask for one.

True inclusion says, "You matter here." It tells you that you are not an afterthought, not a convenience, not an option saved for spare time. You are part of the rhythm of someone's everyday life. And when that happens, something deeply healing unfolds. Walls soften. Doubt quiets. The heart rests.



COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR  
Taste of Community

# Encompass Credit Union commits \$100,000 to Tipton Baseball Project

**Submitted by City of Tipton**

Tipton city officials announced Tuesday, April 14 that Encompass Credit Union has pledged \$100,000 to the Tipton Baseball Project, becoming the third field sponsor supporting the city's new community baseball complex.

The commitment represents another significant investment from a local organization in a project that will expand opportunities for youth athletics and recreation in Tipton for years to come.

Encompass Credit Union joins the IU Health Tipton Medical Staff and the Tipton County Foundation in making \$100,000 commitments toward the project, demonstrating strong community support from organiza-

tions across Tipton. "Projects like this move forward because of partners who believe in investing in their community," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "Encompass Credit Union has long been committed to the people of Tipton, and their support of this project will help create a place where young athletes can develop their skills and families can come together around the game of baseball."

The Tipton Baseball Project, which broke ground on March 25, includes the construction of a new multi-field baseball complex designed to serve youth leagues in the community. Planned amenities include:

- A 350-foot Babe Ruth Diamond
- A 200-foot Cal Ripken Diamond



Photo provided

**Encompass Credit Union CEO Josh Frawley (left) presents a check for the city's baseball project to Tipton Mayor Kegan Schmicker.**

- A dedicated Pee Wee Diamond
- Concession and restroom facilities
- Spectator seating and public amenities

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# Two GOP Election Division leaders resign

*Letter to Indiana's election administrators criticizes Secretary of State Morales*

By NIKI KELLY  
 Indiana Capital Chronicle

The top two Republicans at the Indiana Election Division have tendered their resignations, effective May 6 – the day after the primary election.

Co-director Brad King is retiring after 24 years in the role and a host of accomplishments to his name.

Co-General Counsel Valerie Warycha, who is supporting GOP Secretary of State candidate David Shelton, is also leaving.

King and Warycha work alongside the Democratic co-director and co-general counsel in the Indiana Election Division, which is part of Secretary of State Diego Morales' agency. He is seeking renomination at state convention this summer.

"I submit this resignation accompanied by my gratitude to the many individuals I have had the privilege to work with and to the people of the State of Indiana whom I have had the privilege to serve," King said in a three-page, handwritten resignation letter to Gov. Mike Braun. "... I am mindful that in my 68th year of life, prudence requires me to plan and act for the future."

The governor – in consultation with the Indiana Republican Party – will choose a successor.

King counted among his achievements his drafting of Indiana's first-in-the nation voter ID law.

"I was able to contribute to the successful crafting of legislation to enhance voter confidence in election security, while safeguarding the right of each eligible voter to cast a ballot," he wrote.

King also touted the establishment of a state-level voting system and a state website providing a comprehensive list of every elected official serving citizens of Indiana.

He will not serve on the Recount Commission for any races after the primary.

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# CFB celebrates 3,000 community hours

*Honors employees for outstanding service during Community Banking Month*

**Submitted**

In recognition of April as Community Banking Month, Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) is highlighting the impact of its employees' service and commitment to strengthening local communities.

Through CFB's volunteer program, employees receive 12 paid volunteer hours annually to support ongoing commitments such as nonprofit board service or regular volunteerism. During 2025, employees contributed 3,018 community hours, supporting 159 nonprofit organizations. The bank also provided \$269,266 in community donations, \$16,778 in employee-given funds, and helped serve more than 400 veterans.

Each year, CFB recognizes

employees who make a meaningful difference through community service. For their service in 2025, Jack Scott and Barb Alexander were selected as recipients of two internal volunteer awards. Each award includes a \$1,000 donation to a nonprofit of the recipient's choice.

Jack Scott was named the recipient of the Community Service Distinction Award, which recognizes employees who make a broad community impact through sustained volunteer involvement and who inspire others to serve. He volunteers with several organizations in Hamilton County, including the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Family Promise of Hamilton County. He recently joined the Family



Photo provided by Community First Bank of Indiana

**Jack Scott received the Community Service Distinction Award. He chose Family Promise of Hamilton County to receive his \$1,000 donation.**

Promise board and chose the organization as the recipient of his \$1,000 donation.

Barb Alexander received

the Bill Hingst Servant Leadership Award, which honors

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The Reporter will publish Candidate Bios for all candidates who choose to engage with our readers. Those will appear with every online edition through Election Day (and at [this link](#)), and those pages will be updated as more candidates choose to send us their information.

This is a free public service we are providing both to candidates and our readers.

# Early Voting Totals

Below are the number of early voters as of Thursday, April 16, listed by polling location. Click here for more information on early voting.

Judicial Center	603
4-H Fairgrounds	822
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,425</b>

## TIPTON

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“Tipton has meant so much to Encompass and has been a monumental part of making Encompass what it is today,” Encompass Credit Union CEO Josh Frawley said. “We knew the importance of this project to the citizens of Tipton and wanted to show our dedication to the community by joining in the efforts to get baseball fields back in Tipton for its youth. Sports are integral to the fabric of Tipton and we couldn’t be more excited to continue to support the City of Tipton, just as we will strive to continue to support all of the communities that Encompass serves.”

Field Advantage campaign. Support from local partners has played an important role in strengthening the overall project and ensuring the facility reflects the pride Tipton has in its youth baseball programs.

“Projects like this are only possible when a community comes together behind a shared vision,” Schmicker added. “We’re grateful for organizations like Encompass Credit Union that continue to invest in opportunities for our youth and families.”

Residents and businesses interested in supporting the Tipton Baseball Project can learn more about sponsorship opportunities through the city’s Home Field Advantage campaign at [LoveTipton.com](http://LoveTipton.com).

Encompass Credit Union’s commitment represents the third \$100,000 field sponsorship secured through the city’s Home

## RESIGN

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Warycha’s departure is more complicated. She and former Secretary of State Connie Lawson sent a letter to election administrators in the state this week that issues a scathing critique of Morales’ tenure as secretary of state.

They wrote that “avoidable administrative failures” led to many candidates having to come back to Indianapolis to file their paperwork again because of concerns about whether office staff were legally able to notarize their original filings.

Warycha also cited questionable spending in Morales’ office, such as buying a \$90,000 car, publishing self-promotional materials, hiring family members, giving large spot bonuses and his extensive travel.

“His ability to produce funds when needed is curious too. The Secretary of State sets the budget for the Election Division. Since



Photo by Leslie Bonilla Muñoz, Indiana Capital Chronicle



Photo by Tom Davies, Indiana Capital Chronicle

(ABOVE LEFT) Indiana Election Division Co-General Counsel Valerie Warycha, a Republican, speaks during the Indiana Election Commission’s Feb. 27, 2024 meeting. (ABOVE RIGHT) Brad King (left), the Republican co-director of the Indiana Election Division, speaks to Secretary of State Diego Morales at a 2024 Recount Commission meeting. King announced plans to resign – as did his co-general counsel.

he took office, the budget to help train counties has taken a beating – no in-person SVRS training, printed manuals or codebooks,” the letter says.

Warycha and Lawson touted Shelton’s experience as a county clerk who has run an election, and warned that Democratic candi-

date Beau Bayh is ready to pounce if Morales is the GOP nominee.

The letter ends by seeking to galvanize election administrators into a coalition: “We need your help to make sure David (Shelton) gets the nomination at the convention. You are the trusted election experts

in your community. No one understands how vital strong and knowledgeable election leadership is more than you!”

A message to Morales’ press secretary wasn’t immediately returned.

This story was published on April 15, 2026, at [indianacapitalchronicle.com](http://indianacapitalchronicle.com).

## Community News

### Learn how to prevent slips & falls

The Hamilton County Health Department, Cicero Fire Department, and Cicero Friends of the Library will present a Slip, Trip, and Fall prevention program. From 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at the Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero.

The Cicero Fire Department and Jim Ginder from the County Health Department will give information on fall prevention and how to make your home safer. Refreshments will be provided.

### Carmel & Fishers Democrats cleaning up invasive species

Members of the Carmel Democratic Club and Fishers Democrats will celebrate Earth Day with an invasive species cleanup starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 18.

Both groups will meet at the Bur Oak Bridge at Hazel Landing Park for some coffee and donuts, and then head to their respective city parks, with Carmel going to Hazel Dell Landing, and Fishers going to Heritage Park for weed wrangling at 10 a.m.

Click here to sign up for the Carmel cleanup. Click here to sign up for the Fishers cleanup.

Please plan to join and help keep local parks free of invasive species.

### State Treasurer to speak at Westfield GOP meeting

The Westfield GOP Club will welcome Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott to speak at the April meeting. He will update attendees on how he is safeguarding the state’s investments.

The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 in Program Room A at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Click here to RSVP for the meeting.

### Noblesville Schools opens Kindergarten enrollment

Noblesville Schools has opened Kindergarten enrollment for the 2026-27 academic year. Find more information at [this link](http://this link).

## INCLUDED

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Because belonging feels like coming home.

For me, inclusion has become more than a feeling; it has become a life mantra.

I have learned that when life offers me a seat at the table, my responsibility does not end with gratitude. My work begins there. If I am welcomed into a room, I look around and ask: Who is still standing outside? Whose voice has not yet been heard? Who is waiting for permission to belong?

So I bring more chairs. And when the table feels too small, I create a new one.

Inclusion is not a limited resource. It grows when shared. Too often, society treats opportunities, recognition, and visibility as scarce commodities – as if someone else’s presence diminishes our own. But the opposite is true. The table becomes richer when it

reflects more stories, more cultures, more perspectives, more lived experiences.

Every time we widen the circle, we expand humanity itself.

My journey through community work, storytelling, and gathering people around food and shared experiences has taught me this simple truth: people are not just looking for success, attention, or validation. People are looking for people. They are searching for spaces where they do not have to shrink to fit in.

Inclusion is an act of love. It is remembering someone when plans are forming. It is inviting the quiet voice into the conversation. It is making space before being asked. It is choosing generosity over gatekeeping.

We may not always control whether we are included in every room, but we always control the kind of



Photo provided

room we create for others.

And perhaps that is the deeper art: transforming our own experiences of exclusion into bridges of belonging.

If life gives us a seat, may we never sit alone. May we pull up chairs. May we open doors wider. May we build new tables where everyone who longs to be-

long finally feels seen, welcomed, and wanted.

Because inclusion is not just about being invited.

It is about making sure no one else has to wonder if they are.

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

## CFB

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employees who demonstrate long-term commitment and servant leadership through nonprofit board service. The award is named in honor of Bill Hingst, whose CFB board leadership reflected these values.

She serves on the board of the Kokomo Humane Society and also volunteers weekly caring for adoptable cats at Petco. She selected the Kokomo Humane Society as the recipient of her \$1,000 donation.

Community First Bank of Indiana is proud to recognize Alexander and Scott for their dedication to serving their communities and

to support the nonprofit organizations strengthened by their time and leadership.

### About CFB

Community First Bank of Indiana was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has seven branches throughout Fishers, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. Bank mission: We partner with you to build a better future. Additional information can be found at [CFBIndiana.com](http://CFBIndiana.com). Member FDIC.



Photo provided by Community First Bank of Indiana Barb Alexander received the Bill Hingst Servant Leadership Award. She selected the Kokomo Humane Society as the recipient of her \$1,000 donation.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!



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# Westfield Library Foundation holds inaugural 1902 Society Summit

Exclusive donor event brings together authors, athletes & community leaders

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF) welcomed members of its 1902 Society for an inaugural Spring Summit last night at the Westfield Washington Public Library. The 1902 Society is named for the year the library was founded. It is an exclusive donor circle for individuals and businesses dedicated to supporting the library's services and programs.

"The generosity of our 1902 Society members fuels innovative programs and experiences for our entire community," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "Events like the summit are one way we can thank them with meaningful, behind-the-scenes opportunities they simply wouldn't get anywhere else."

The evening featured dinner and appearances from a dynamic lineup of speakers, including Indiana University football players Jackson Wasserstrom, a 2022 Westfield High School graduate and wide receiver, and Quinn Warren, a kicker/punter for the Hoosiers. The duo shared insights from their experience as part of



(ABOVE, from left) Quinn Warren, Jackson Wasserstrom, and Foundation Board Member Scott Caulfield. (BELOW) Authors Tommy Short (left) and Lori Rader-Day (right) speak to the crowd.

IU's historic season, which culminated in the program's first national championship.

Guests also heard from Indiana native and author Tommy Short, whose book *The Call I Almost Missed* chronicles his year-long sabbatical from smartphone use and explores themes of intentional living, reclaiming personal presence, and overcoming digital distraction. Best-selling crime fiction author



Lori Rader-Day, a Boone County native and author of eight novels, also shared her personal story and signed books for the attendees.

1902 Society Membership begins with an initial gift of \$190.20 and a \$100 annual renewal. Membership includes recognition on



the library's donor wall as well as invitations to special events like the Spring Summit.

For more information about the 1902 Society or to become a member, residents can visit [WestfieldLibrary-Foundation.com/1902-society](http://WestfieldLibrary-Foundation.com/1902-society).



Photo provided Noblesville Lions President Walt Scheid and HAND, Inc. Executive Director Andrea Davis.

## Noblesville Lions learn how HAND advocates for affordable housing

By LISA DICK  
Noblesville Lions Club

At their meeting on Wednesday, April 8, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Andrea Davis, Executive Director of HAND, Inc., along with board member Scott Lowe.

Ms. Davis introduced her organization by explaining that, "Where we live impacts every aspect of our lives." HAND's mission is to build, preserve and advocate for affordable housing in the suburbs. She shared that housing costs are now outpacing incomes, and the average age of a first-time home buyer is now 40 years old.

Davis explained that one in four households struggle to afford basic needs, and Hamilton County is currently served by more than 40 food pantries to meet the needs of food insecure residents. In examining the housing needs of senior citizens, she shared that Hamilton County is considered a senior housing desert. When housing costs are more than 50 percent of total income, people have to choose between housing and other basic needs.

HAND was founded in 2003 as a nonprofit organi-

zation dedicated to addressing the housing needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and families in the northern suburbs of Indianapolis, including Hamilton, Tipton, and Boone counties. Their vision is for a community where everyone can thrive with a full range of quality housing options for every stage of life. HAND develops, owns, and manages 157 rental units, many designated for seniors over 55. Participation is based on income and funding comes from federal grants that are managed by the state.

Davis concluded with an invitation to participate in the 2026 HAND Suburban Housing Conference on April 23 at IMMI Conference Center in Westfield. The theme of the event will be "From Plans to Places: Turning Housing Systems Into Real Homes." The conference will bring together local governments, employers, nonprofits, lenders, faith organizations, and community leaders to focus on strengthening our region's housing future.

To learn more about HAND, Inc., visit their website at [handincorporated.org](http://handincorporated.org).

## Celebrate National Library Week & support Tipton Public Library's spring fundraiser

### The REPORTER

The Tipton County Public Library (TCPL) invites the community to celebrate National Library Week, April 19 to 25, with special events and programs for all ages. It's also a perfect time to support TCPL's 2026 Spring Fundraiser, which is currently underway with three meaningful ways to give back to your local library.

National Library Week is a time to highlight the invaluable role libraries play in local communities and

to celebrate the staff and volunteers who make it all possible. Visit the library's event calendar at [bitly.tiptonpl.org/programs](http://bitly.tiptonpl.org/programs) for a full list of programs for all ages to enjoy throughout the week, or simply stop in and take advantage of TCPL's many free services at your convenience.

**Friends of the Tipton County Public Library Spring Used Book Sale**  
April 23 to 25

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Satur-

day, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy low prices on a wide selection of materials, and on Saturday, bring a bag and fill it for just \$5.

**Spring 2026 Fundraiser: Three Ways to Give**

TCPL's 2026 giving campaigns support critical library needs across three areas. Donors can contribute to one or all of the following active campaigns:

• **Our Community. Our Library. Our Stories.** Supports public programs, reading initiatives, craft

supplies, speaker fees, and staff development.

• **Access TCPL.** Helps maintain the facilities and grounds at both the Tipton and Windfall locations, including lawn care, landscaping, and vehicle maintenance.

• **Fine Art Showcase.** Supports the cleaning, repair, and ongoing conservation of TCPL's fine art collection.

To donate or learn more, visit [tiptoncountylibrary.org/support-tcpl](http://tiptoncountylibrary.org/support-tcpl).

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(ABOVE LEFT) The Tipton Livestock Evaluation Team – Mason Tice, Dylan Achenbach, Eli Ripberger, Corbin Geiger, Caroline Rodibaugh, and Maggie Cline – competed in seven classes of livestock judging at the East Central Regional Contest, with the senior team advancing to state. (ABOVE RIGHT) Senior division competitor Dylan Achenbach placed fifth individually, helping lead Tipton's team to a strong regional showing.

# Tipton FFA qualifies for State Livestock Evaluation Contest

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

Representatives of the Tipton FFA/4-H Livestock Judging Team participated in the East Central Regional Livestock Contest earlier this month at the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

Livestock evaluation consists of carefully analyzing animals and measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as being ideal. Team members evaluated a total of seven classes of sheep, goats, swine, and cattle and provided oral reasons for two to three of the classes.

The senior FFA team consisting of Maggie Cline, Mason Tice, and Dylan Achenbach placed seventh. Individually, Achenbach placed fifth in the senior division. Tipton Junior team members included Caroline Rodibaugh, Eli Ripberger, and

Corbin Geiger. The senior team advances to the State Livestock Evaluation Career Development event on May 2 at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Thank you to Bryan Cline and Jason Shuck for giving of their time and efforts to lead the livestock team this year.

# Get your tickets now for next production in GHDT's *Mélange Series*

Submitted

*Mélange: concoction, mixture, combination.*

This is your last opportunity of the season to experience The *Mélange*. In this series of performances brought to you by Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT), audiences experience art coming to life in front of their eyes in an intimate theatrical setting. Each series features three unique and talented artists of different genres. Together they create art at The Florence in a collaborative and organic manner.

This *Mélange Series* features a vocalist, a dancer, and a visual artist. The dancer creates spontaneous movement inspired by the singer or vocalist, as the visual artist creates spontaneous art inspired by the dancer and the music. Audiences will experience live art in a new manner, bringing groundbreaking and creative art to central Indiana.

Audiences love the interactive nature of the *Mélange* performances. The artwork created during the performances is auctioned to audience members at the end of the performance.

The next production of the *Mélange* series features the vocal stylings of Angela Manlove, the stunning visuals of artist Debbie Slack, and the dynamic artistry of dancer Olivia Wells Payton.

The performances are set for 5 p.m. Saturday, May

16 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at The Florence, 329 Gradle Drive, Carmel. Tickets are \$25 for general admission seating and can be purchased at [this link](#).

**Vocalist:**

**Angela Manlove**

Angela Manlove says she is thrilled to join Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre's *Mélange Series*, her first appearance with the company.

You may have recently seen her onstage in *Caroline, or Change* (The Moon, 2025); *Next to Normal* (Indiana, 2025); *The Bodyguard* (Rachel Marron, 2023); or *Ragtime* (Sarah, 2019 & 2018). Other favorite past roles include Cathy in *The Last Five Years* (2013), TiMoune in *Once On This Island* (2008), Maria in *West Side Story* (2008) and *Aida* (2007).

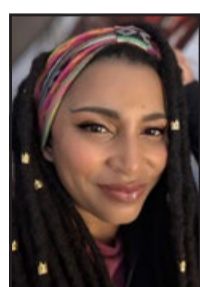
By day, Manlove is a data analyst at an education nonprofit; by night she's a wife and proud mom of two, juggling homework help with impromptu kitchen karaoke.

**Dancer:**

**Olivia Wells Payton**

Olivia Wells Payton started training with The Academy of Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre in 2011.

In 2014, she joined the pre-professional company, G2, and will forever cherish her six seasons spent dancing alongside the other student dancers. In the summer of 2018, she attended Alvin Ailey American Dance The-



Manlove



Wells Payton



Slack



atre's Summer Intensive on a full scholarship. She was the first recipient of the Florence Marie Hancock Memorial Scholarship in 2014 and is grateful to have received the scholarship again in 2019.

In 2020, she joined GHDT as a company dancer. She has had the pleasure to perform in the original casts of *There's No Place Like Home*, *Antony & Cleopatra*, *Golem*, and *Don't Sit at the Corner of the Table*. Her most memorable roles include The Chosen in *Exodus* and The Showgirl in *The Black Dahlia*.

Wells Payton is passionate about fitness and is a coach at [solidcore] in Carmel. She also loves teaching modern and jazz at The Academy of GHDT. She says she is thrilled to be dancing with the rest of the talented GHDT dancers and thanks Mr. Hancock for all the opportunities she has received. She thanks her mother for her endless support.

**Visual Artist:**

**Debbie Slack**

Deb Slack is a longtime Carmel resident and graduate of Indiana university. She began painting in 2010 after a career in social work. She paints primarily with oils, creating a soft, impressionistic style with a focus on color and light. Her favorite subjects include landscapes, seascapes, florals, and anything else that reflects the beauty of creation.

Slack has a studio in downtown Carmel where she continues to study her craft and strives to grow as an artist. Her work can be found there, at Art on Main in the Arts and Design District, and online. She hopes her art brings the same joy to others that she gets from creating it.

*The Mélange Series at The Florence has been created by GHDT Executive Artistic Director Gregory Glade Hancock and is presented by Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre.*

# There's still time to purchase tickets for CSO season finale

Submitted

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) wraps up its 2025-2026 season at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18 with a journey through four exciting and meaningful works for a full symphony orchestra.

The night will include pieces by Antonín Dvořák, Cristina Spinei, Gustav Mahler, and Felix Mendelssohn. The CSO will be under the direction of guest conductor Kelly Corcoran. The concert will be at the Payne & Mencias Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Per-

forming Arts.

The full repertoire will include:

- Antonín Dvořák – Carnival Overture, op. 92

- Cristina Spinei – ...throes of increasing wonder

- Gustav Mahler – Adagio from Symphony No. 5

- Felix Mendelssohn – Symphony No. 5, op. 107, "Reformation"

Tickets can be purchased for CSO's *Symphonic Odyssey* online at [TheCenterPresents.org](#) or by calling the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.



Corcoran

# Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the May 5 Primary Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Thursday, April 23 and will be published on Friday, April 24.

Letters in response to new topics published in our April 24 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, April 28 and will be published in our April 29 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

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## Foster Success invites you to 'Breaking Down Barriers' event

### The REPORTER

May is **National Foster Care Awareness Month**, a time to recognize the thousands of young people who have experienced the foster care system. For **Foster Success**, it is an opportunity to bring the community together to spotlight the programs, partnerships, and people working to support older foster youth across the country.

On May 7, Foster Success will hold its annual **Breaking Down Barriers** event, welcoming the public to its new downtown Indianapolis office for a community open house. The free event will give attendees an inside look at the organization's work supporting older foster youth as they transition to adulthood.

Guests are invited to explore interactive sessions highlighting Foster Success programs, meet the teams behind the organization's impact, and connect with young people whose lives have been shaped by the support, education, and op-



portunities the organization provides. Community members are encouraged to drop in as their schedules allow, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, and learn how innovation and collaboration are helping break down barriers for young people across the country.

"We are excited to welcome everyone to our new space while getting a glimpse of the work of Foster Success," said Foster Success Chief Development & Communications Officer, Travis D. Tester. "Our space was curated with older foster youth in mind, both locally and nationally. We are excited to welcome donors, partners, volunteers and new community members interested in learning more to attend whenever you are able."

"This event is an opportunity to open our doors to the community and show

firsthand how support, connection and opportunity can transform the lives of young people with foster care experience," said Foster Success President and CEO, Dr. Maggie Stevens. "Especially during Foster Care Awareness Month, it's important to recognize the challenges these young people face and the powerful impact a supportive community can have."

Breaking Down Barriers will take place at Foster Success' new office located at 550 N. Meridian St., Suite 100, Indianapolis. Free parking is available in the surface parking lot directly behind the building. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the event should wrap up around 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, and attendees are welcome to come and go throughout the evening. Attire is casual.

## Recycled Cycles in Westfield to hold used bike sale & donation day

### Submitted by Gary Blackburn

A used bicycle sale and donation day will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 16, sponsored by Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County's Recycled Cycles at the group's repair shop at 810 E. Main St., Westfield.

The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ.

Around 40 top-condition bikes and high-end 700c wheels and other parts (Campy, Shimano, Sram) will be offered for sale at bargain prices. All bikes have been repaired, adjusted, lubricated, and inspected for safe use. Payment by check is preferred (sorry, no



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Venmo, PayPal, credit card, etc. available).

Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other bikes. Last year, Recycled Cycles repaired and gave nearly 400 bicycles to deserving families who might not otherwise have afforded new bikes, mostly for Christmas.

Recycled Cycles is an all-volunteer group that repairs child and adult bikes throughout the year under the sponsorship of Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. Donations of any used bike, no matter the condition, will be accepted. Parts from unrepairable bikes are salvaged to make whole bikes.

## Motorists: stay alert & share the road with farm equipment this spring

### The REPORTER

Planting season has officially arrived for Hoosier farmers. With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large, slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), and the Indiana State Police (ISP) encourage motorists to slow down, be alert, and be patient on roadways this spring.

"Ensuring a safe planting season is a shared responsibility for all motorists," ISDA Director Don Lamb said. "As a farmer, I know firsthand the dangers of transporting farm equipment on roads, and I encourage all Hoosiers to be patient while approaching large farm equipment so we all can get home safely to our families."

From 2020-2023, 20 occupants were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in six deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (2020-2023 data is the latest available.)

"Safety remains top pri-

ority at INDOT, and we are proud to partner with the Department of Agriculture this planting season," INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist said. "I encourage all drivers to buckle up, put the phone down, and share the road as you encounter farm equipment over the next several months. We all have jobs to do and places to be, and we want everyone to reach their destinations safely."

While the term "farm equipment" encompasses a wide range of vehicles, the most common types motorists will encounter during planting season include sprayers, tractors pulling planters or tillage equipment, and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

"With the onset of warmer weather, we will begin to see more and more farm machinery on our rural roads and highways," ISP Superintendent Anthony Scott said. "Patience, courtesy, undivided attention, and understanding will help everyone get to where they need to be safely. Let's all do our part to ensure our farmers enjoy a safe planting season."

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

- Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

- Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

- Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

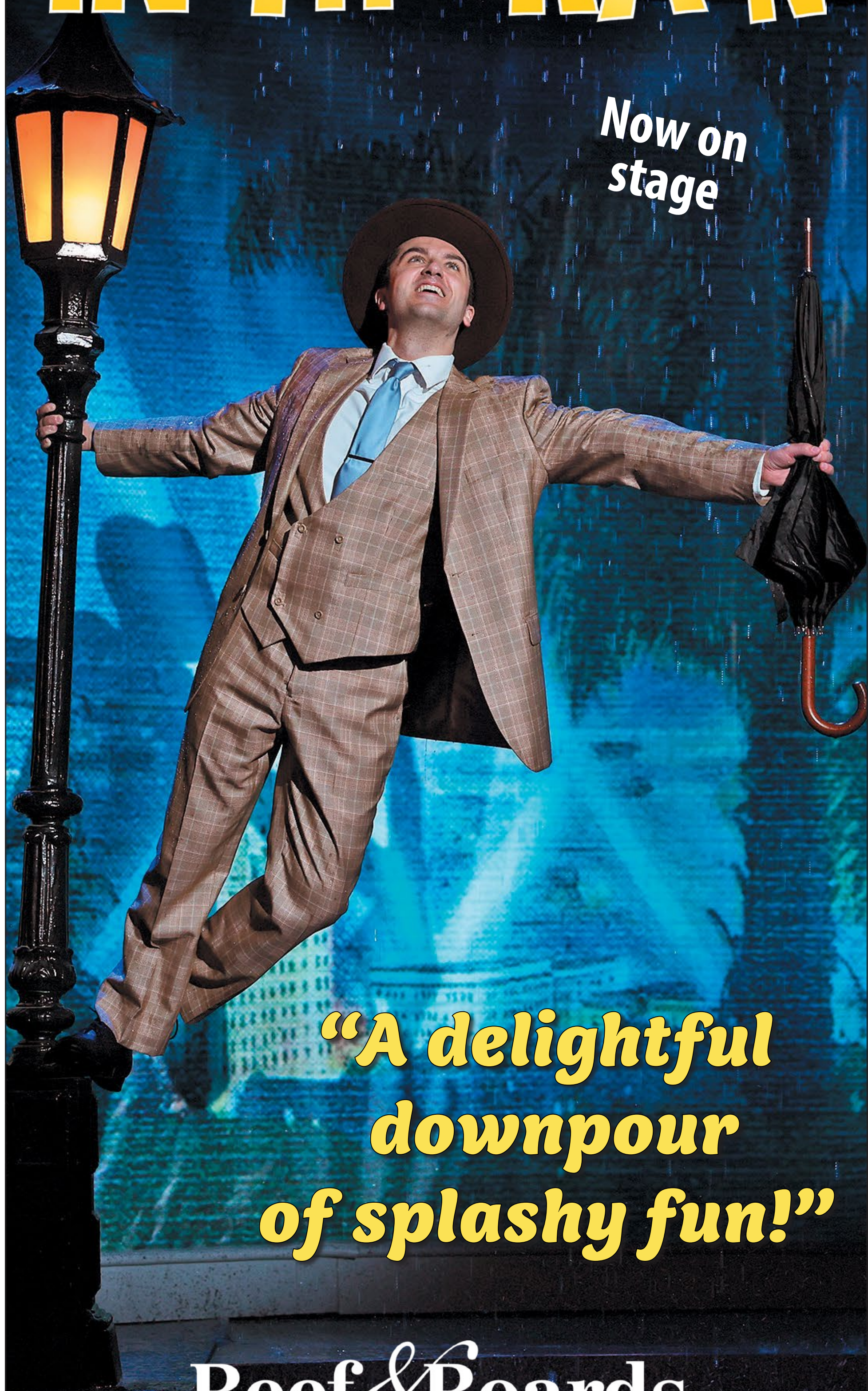
Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over to allow a vehicle to pass when the farmer is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

Additionally, avoid tailgating as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road. Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

[Click here](#) for a list of safety tips.

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## Mark your calendars to meet Janet!



Local author and renowned Reporter columnist Janet Hart Leonard invites you to a special book signing from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 19. The event will be held at The Annex by Thistle & Thyme, 895 Conner St., Noblesville. Her new book, *From the Heart: Two Decades of Columns, Kindness, and Kitchen-Table Wisdom*, is a beautiful reminder of the power of words, warmth, and everyday moments. Come meet Janet, grab your signed copy, and spend a little time soaking in all the inspiration.

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## Zionsville Chamber of Commerce presents Brick Street Market

### The REPORTER

The Zionsville Chamber of Commerce invites the community and visitors from across the region to the 41st annual Brick Street Market, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 2 in the heart of historic downtown Zionsville.

This beloved annual tradition transforms Zionsville's iconic brick Main Street into a vibrant open-air marketplace. Attendees can stroll among more than 140 artisan vendors showcasing high-quality handmade arts, crafts, unique gifts, and delicious food options. The event perfectly complements the charming Village shops and restaurants, offering a full day of shopping, browsing, and community celebration.

"Brick Street Market has become a signature spring event that highlights the creativity of Midwest artisans while drawing thousands to experience the timeless charm of Zionsville," Chamber Executive Director Mike Hanlon said. "Whether you're looking for one-of-a-kind handmade treasures, tasty treats, or simply a beautiful day out with family and friends,



this year's market promises something special for everyone."

### Event highlights

- More than 140 artisan and craft vendors featuring handmade goods
- Diverse food booths and local flavors
- Shopping in unique Village boutiques and restaurants
- Family-friendly atmosphere on historic Brick Street
- Free admission – no tickets required

The Brick Street Market is rain or shine and serves as a major economic and cultural boost for the Zionsville community each spring.

The Chamber extends sincere thanks to its Champion Level Members for their continued support: Ed Martin Buick GMC, Control Tech Heating & Air, Hoosier Village, Witham Health Services, and Security Federal Savings Bank.

For more information, visit [ZionsvilleChamber.org/brick-street-market](http://ZionsvilleChamber.org/brick-street-market).

## Democrats pack Fishers Art Center to hear from Congressional candidates



Voters filled the Fishers Art Center on Wednesday evening, April 15, for the District 5 Congressional Town Hall. All seven Democratic candidates took part: Steven "Avit" Avitabile, Phil Goss, State Senator J.D. Ford, Jackson Franklin, Dylan McKenna, Tara Nelson, and Deborah Pickett. Approximately 300 people came to hear what these candidates had to say. In fact, the town hall was so well-attended that some people had to be turned away due to over-capacity. [Click here](#) for more information on upcoming town halls in Carmel and Fishers.

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## Carmel Farmers Market returns to Carter Green on Saturday, May 2

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Farmers Market (CFM) is ready to celebrate summer by bringing guests the freshest and best of Indiana's home-grown food.

The market opens Saturday, May 2 at Carter Green in Carmel. It will take place from 8 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday (rain or shine) through Sept. 26. Many farm vendors have been with CFM since 1998. CFM now boasts 84 of the finest vendors bringing the best they have to offer. Families will enjoy talking with vendors and tasting delicious food at beautiful Carter Green in the heart of Carmel.

Joining the great vendor lineup are nine vendors who are new to the Carmel Farmers Market, including Café Baby to Go, Dudley's

Toffee, Elevation Produce, Family Roots Salsa, Heritage Homestead Farm, Indiana Whiskey, Moonlight Baking Company, Stuckey Farm Orchard, and Sun to Spoon.

On Opening Day, festivities kick off with free donuts for the first 500 guests as a tradition started by CFM's first Market Master, Jim Keckley, in the summer of 1999. Four hundred free tree saplings from Carmel Urban Forestry Committee and the Carmel Street Department Urban Forestry Division. Carmel Mayor Sue Finkham will open the market ringing the farm bell at 8 a.m.

Be sure to start your summer market season in Carmel on May 2. There is always plenty of free parking and a welcoming smile. For more information, go to [CarmelFarmersMarket.com](http://CarmelFarmersMarket.com).

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# GREEN-DAY

**Saturday, April 25**  
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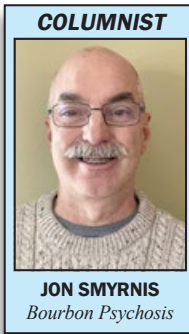
The City of Westfield's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its annual Green Day at Grand Junction Plaza, a free family event celebrating Earth and Arbor Day! Enjoy activities and exhibits from local organizations covering topics like trees, water, soils, and sustainability, plus free native tree saplings (while supplies last).

Ready to dig into the details? Visit [westfieldin.gov/greenday](http://westfieldin.gov/greenday) to learn more!



# Water, ice, glassware, nose & the “Kentucky Chew”

“When I drink whiskey, I drink whiskey, and when I drink water, I drink water.” – Michaleen Oge Flynn (played by Barry Fitzgerald), *The Quiet Man*, 1952



**JON SMYRNIS**  
*Bourbon Psychosis*

Let’s talk about the “nuts and bolts” of drinking. I suppose I should’ve started with this one way before discussing any bourbons, whiskeys, or cocktails. In my defense, I did say early on that I’m rather winging it here. So, better late than never.

There’s a great video out there on the internet where Fred Noe discusses “how to drink bourbon.” Fred Noe, if you are unaware, is the great-grandson of Jim Beam, and the son of legendary Beam distiller Booker Noe. In that video he points out that there is no wrong way to drink bourbon. Of course, he’s correct. Taste is subjective. If you like something a certain way, enjoy it.

On the other hand ... I tend to agree with Michaleen. Time to let my snob flag fly.

I think that a fine bourbon or whiskey should, at least at first taste, be

tried neat. That is to say, drank at room temperature from an appropriate glass straight from the bottle. This is different from “straight.” “S t r a i g h t .” “straight up,” or “up” refers to a drink that is shaken, or stirred, with ice and then strained into an appropriate glass. Subtle difference.

I mean, you wouldn’t want to spend months or years looking for that special bottle of booze (which is usually described as a “unicorn”) and then not try it in its original form. Right? You wouldn’t want it diluted with water, and God forbid mixing it with Coke! Blasphemy!

There are those who believe that a small splash of water “opens up” a whiskey and brings out different tasting notes. I’ve given this a try and just find that it waters things down. Others find it works great and is enjoyable. Again, subjectivity.

The appropriate glass? I’m also a firm believer that there’s a proper glass for any particular drink. Old Fashioneds get a rocks glass. Manhattans? Well, if you like it on the rock (I

said it that way on purpose), then a rocks glass. If you like them straight, then a Martini glass or coup. Trying a nice whiskey neat? Then a Glencairn is the way to go. I know, I know, those were developed for tasting Scotch, but they’re perfect (mandatory, to my mind) for bourbons as well.

Why did I use the term “rock” above? Go back to not watering your cocktail down. A single big cube or ball is the way to go. Let’s look at the science. A single large cube has less surface area than a glass full of small cubes. Less surface area equals less melting area and less watering down of your cocktail. Of course, I drink my cocktails down so quickly that ice rarely gets any time to melt. But my issues are another story.

Let’s get back to Fred and how to “taste” bourbon.

First of all, look at the color. A lighter color means a lighter bourbon, and usually (not always) a lesser proof. The darker the whiskey, the longer it’s aged and (again, usually) the more complex and higher proof it is.

Then give it a smell. This seems pretty straightforward, but no. When smelling any whiskey, it’s important to keep one’s lips

parted just a touch. This allows you to smell the whiskey’s notes without getting the burn in your nose from the alcohol. Makes sense.

Finally, take a swig and give it the “Kentucky Chew.” This involves taking a small sip, swirling it, and “chewing” with the mouth open for a few seconds. This technique allows you to coat your mouth and palate with the whiskey and get all of the flavor notes. It also helps dissipate some of the alcohol burn.

I demonstrated this technique to a good friend a few years ago. He said, “I’m not doing that. You look like an idiot.” Of course, I was exaggerating it for demonstrative purposes, but I suppose he was right. Subtlety is key here.

There you have it. A few pointers on how to drink your juice and what to drink it in. Of course, you might say, “Wrong Jon! I like my bourbon over crushed ice in a red solo cup mixed with Mr. Pibb.” More power to you.

Until next time, cheers and enjoy!

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



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## Free sensory-friendly ‘Spring on the Farm’ scheduled in Westfield

### Submitted

A mini horse. A calf. Alpacas that are so soft.

This spring, Bierman Autism Centers is bringing a real working farm to Westfield.

Spring on the Farm is a free, sensory-friendly outdoor event designed specifically for children with autism and other developmental needs, while welcoming siblings, caregivers, and the broader community. Families can expect a calm, predictable morning with the flexibility many children need to feel at ease in new experiences.

Spring on the Farm will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 2 at Bierman Autism Centers, 16414 Southpark Drive, Westfield.

“These aren’t just fun mornings; they are carefully designed experiences,” said Elizabeth Henry, MS, BCBA, COBA, EVP of Services at Bierman Autism Centers. “Every element, from the animal selection to

the quiet corners to the pacing of the event, is built with the child in mind. The goal is a morning where every family leaves feeling like it was a win.”

RSVP at [biermanautism.com/events](http://biermanautism.com/events). Capacity is limited to protect the sensory environment.

### What families can expect

- Farm Animal Encounters: Get up close with a mini horse, a baby calf, fluffy alpacas, goats, sheep, and more.

- Farmyard Fun Crafts: Hands-on, farm-themed activities for little ones.

- Tasty Treat Stations: Snacks to fuel the morning.

- Sensory-Friendly Comfort Zone: A quiet corner available all morning for anyone who needs a break.

Both events are free and open to all families. While Spring on the Farm is designed with children with autism and other developmental needs in mind, siblings, friends, and caregivers are all warmly welcome.

## Westfield Mayor’s Youth Council to cut the ribbon on civic project

### Submitted by City of Westfield

The inaugural cohort of the Westfield Mayor’s Youth Council will celebrate the completion of its civic project with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St. The students’ project introduces so-

lar-powered picnic tables, providing a sustainable and convenient new amenity for the community.

“I’m immensely proud of these students,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “They identified an opportunity, presented a solution to City Council that would benefit the community, and collaborated with the appropriate

city departments and vendors to accomplish their goal. They’ve set the bar high for future cohorts.”

Established in 2025, the Westfield Mayor’s Youth Council provides local high school students with hands-on leadership and civic engagement experience.

The ribbon cutting is

free and open to the public. Mayor Scott Willis and Westfield Mayor’s Youth Council President Jack Clark will offer brief remarks near the Café Building, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony on the east side of Grand Junction Plaza. The students will also unveil a plaque commemorating their efforts.

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# Live Nation found to be illegal monopoly in jury trial

**Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita**

Following a six-week antitrust trial, a New York jury returned a verdict in favor of Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and other plaintiffs on all counts – declaring Live Nation Entertainment Inc. to be a monopolist in its concert and ticketing dealings.

“By pressing forward with this litigation, we have successfully protected Hoosiers and consumers nationwide from the harms of unchecked monopoly power,” AG Rokita said. “This verdict sends a clear message: no company is too big to play by the rules. Live Nation must now provide meaningful relief to fans, artists and

venues who have paid the price for its anticompetitive practices.”

After the U.S. Department of Justice reached a settlement with Live Nation during the first week of trial, 33 states and the District of Columbia continued to champion consumer rights by continuing with litigation.

In Live Nation’s own words, they are the “largest live entertainment company in the world,” the “largest producer of live music concerts in the world,” and “the world’s leading live entertainment ticketing sales and marketing company.”



**Rokita**

For more than a decade, they have willfully monopolized the live entertainment market and abused their size at the expense of fans.

In 2010, Live Nation acquired Ticketmaster as part of a plan to leverage their strength in promoting live entertainment to become a one-stop shop for ticketing and artist promotion. Live Nation’s conduct negatively impacted consumers by raising ticket prices and restricting access to shows and venues.

The current litigation followed years of investigation into Live Nation’s con-

duct. The states will now proceed to a trial on remedies, where Live Nation and Ticketmaster will be required to remediate their anticompetitive conduct.

The states, like their federal counterparts, have authority to enforce antitrust laws and will continue to do so where appropriate.

AG Rokita is particularly thankful for the work of his Consumer Protection Division on this case, specifically Chief Counsel and Director of Consumer Protection Scott Barnhart; Section Chief of Consumer Litigation Corinne Gilchrist; and two deputy attorneys general in consumer litigation: Jennifer Linsey and Jesse Moore.

# Indianapolis Cars & Coffee’s 2026 season supporting Folds of Honor Indiana

**Submitted**

Indianapolis Cars & Coffee is kicking off its 2026 season, announcing this year’s event lineup in support of **Folds of Honor Indiana** and its scholarship mission.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Indianapolis Cars & Coffee hosts free, family-friendly events where every car counts – bringing together hundreds of vehicles in a welcoming, community-driven environment, with all makes and models always welcome. Through partnerships with local businesses and mission-aligned organizations, sponsor proceeds benefit Folds of Honor Indiana; in 2025, more than \$65,000 was raised in scholarship funds, contributing to over \$250,000 raised over the past four years.

2026 Indianapolis Cars & Coffee events will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. on the following dates at various locations:

- Saturday, April 25 at Meridian Mark I and II
- Saturday, May 16 at Fishers Event Center
- Saturday, June 27 at Connection Pointe Christian Church
- Saturday, July 25 at Knowledge Services and The Club Coworking
- Saturday, Aug. 22 at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- Saturday, Sept. 19 at Keystone at the Crossing
- Saturday, Oct. 24 at Model 1 Commercial Vehicles and Lakefront at Keystone

“We are looking forward to another great year of partnership with Indianapolis Cars & Coffee,” said Mike Daggett, Folds of Honor Indiana Board President and U.S. Air Force Veteran. “Support from Indianapolis

Cars & Coffee goes straight to our scholarship fund, and provides education opportunities for those who otherwise might not be able to afford private tuition or secondary education.

“We’re excited to be back at the same locations that helped create such a strong sense of community last year,” said Drew Yagodnik, Indianapolis Cars & Coffee Board Member. “Seeing familiar faces each month is what makes these events special, and it means even more knowing our sponsors, hosts, volunteers, and attendees are coming together to support Folds of Honor Indiana and the families who benefit from its mission.”

Folds of Honor scholarships are based on unmet need for spouses and children of fallen and disabled service members and first responders, and can cover tuition, fees, on-campus dormitory housing, meal plans and required textbooks. Scholarship recipients are required to maintain a 2.0 or higher grade-point average for the two most recent academic terms. For young children not attending private school or secondary education, Future Use Scholarships are available to use at a later date.

Since its inception in 2007, the national Folds of Honor organization, which includes Indiana’s efforts, has awarded nearly 73,000 scholarships totaling over \$340 million to the spouses and children of America’s fallen and disabled service members and first responders. Folds of Honor Indiana is the local chapter of the national Folds of Honor organization.

[Click here](#) for more information about Indianapolis Cars & Coffee.

# Duke Energy honors Indiana lineworkers who help strengthen grid & restore power

**The REPORTER**

On Saturday, April 18, Duke Energy recognizes National Lineworker Appreciation Day and the Indiana lineworkers who keep the lights on. From year-round grid work that improves reliability to storm response, lineworkers bring skill, teamwork, and a strong safety focus to the work customers depend on.

**What you need to know**

Lineworkers build, maintain and upgrade the equipment that powers homes and businesses, and they respond when outages occur.

Reliability work – replacing aging equipment and adding technology to detect and isolate issues – can help reduce outages and speed restoration.

During storms and ex-

treme weather, lineworkers coordinate with emergency responders as conditions allow, with safety guiding every job.

“To be a lineworker today, you have to master the fundamentals and be ready to adapt – using new tools and technology as the grid evolves,” said Kevin McGill, fourth-year lineworker apprentice, Duke Energy Indiana. “We’re always training, always improving and always focused on what matters most: serving customers with safe, reliable power. And when something happens – especially after a storm – we’re proud



**Pinegar**

to be there to help people when they need it most.”

**By the numbers**

Duke Energy employs approximately 490 lineworkers across Indiana service area, supported by additional contract crews.

Many also live where they work – neighbors helping neighbors stay connected and supported.

**Go deeper**

Lineworkers – including line, substation, and relay technicians – are the hands-on workforce behind Duke Energy’s electric grid. They install, maintain and upgrade poles, transformers, and power lines to strengthen a more resilient, modern system that can

meet evolving customer needs and growing energy demand.

Between 2022 and 2025, lineworkers helped increase the number of Indiana customers who are benefiting from self-healing technology to nearly 420,000.

In 2025 alone, this innovative technology helped avoid 100,000 outages for Indiana customers, saving around 350,000 hours of total outage time.

“Lineworkers strengthen our Indiana system every day to make it more resilient and provide the reliable energy our customers need and deserve,” Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “The next time you flip a switch, charge your phone or power your business, please take a moment to thank a lineworker.”

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## HOTEL CARMICHAEL

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# Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's March Timesheet

Welcome to The Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.



**MARK HALL**  
The Timesheet

Services Manager position, and the Human Resources Department submitted a request for team lead differential pay increase to bring a team lead in their department in line with the compensation of other team leads.

Not all the requests were approved after committee members reviewed the supporting documentation, which included studies from our outside vendor. The requests were moved to the full council with the committee's recommendations for a final vote.

The finance committee meeting included a presentation by the HEPL (Hamilton East Public Library) Director Melissa Loiselle regarding their planned third library location. We also received a legislative briefing update from the county financial consultant. This included expected changes to revenue sources over the next several years as well as the expected supplemental LIT distribution that is in process.

We discussed the inter-local agreement with the city of Fishers regarding work on State Road 37 and the counties commitment from years ago for an additional \$4.5 million.

We then turned to Parks and their request for an additional \$2.5 million appropriation and the cash balance requirements of the finance committee for the Parks Fund, noting that Parks' levy has gone up considerably over the past several years.

Lastly, we moved on to a review of how we could finance road projects at the intersections of 146th Street and Hazel Dell Road, and 146th Street and Gray Road. The amount of planning that goes into financing these road improvements is massive. We must be years ahead of the process to plan properly. In one case, the county has been awarded \$9 million towards a project I expect to cost over \$35 million. That means that we must have the means and mechanisms to finance the remaining costs in a timely manner to not lose the \$9 million time-sensitive grant. It is kind of like juggling porcupines while riding a unicycle – tricky on its best day.

The insurance committee met and reviewed our present state on expenses, claims, and reserves. I appreciate that our outside consultants keep officials well informed on the health of the plan and how it is being managed.

During March I received five constituent service requests and communications. Again this month, families living near the intersection of Pleasant Street and Cherry Tree Road contacted me regarding the speed limit along Cherry Tree Road and its intersection with the new Pleasant Street Parkway. The planned speed test is to take place in April as is some road maintenance to address wear and tear on Cherry Tree. Again, I drove to the area twice and continue to work with the county highway department to address the families' concerns.

Another request was regarding the "Burn Out" events and campgrounds set up in the area of 211th Street and Creek Road. Many local officials have received several disturbing reports of noise, safety, and sanitary concerns over the conditions regarding these events. In speaking with the health department, sheriff, and county attorney, these events are operating within the present regulations.

The last set of communications questioned Riverview Health and their purchase of the naming rights for the Arena at Innovation Mile. The taxpayers were unhappy that taxpayer money was used to bail out Riverview and shortly thereafter they spent upwards of \$5 million to purchase naming rights to the arena. I must admit that the optics of such a move do not make me happy either. I investigated the transaction a bit and spoke with the county attorney who also is a member of the Riverview Hospital Board. He reported to me that part of the agreement with Parkview includes funding for marketing and promotion from Parkview. Furthermore, the funds used for the naming rights orig-

inated from Parkview not Riverview.

Of special note this month was the tour of the new Public Safety building under construction east of State Road 37 and north of State Road 32. The time was spent walking around the entire site, asking questions that, as a taxpayer, I would want the answers to. This facility will house all our 911 and Emergency Management teams. The care taken to build this facility to withstand an EF5 tornado ensures that even during a horrible disaster, emergency personnel can communicate and serve the citizens of Hamilton County. At more than \$70 million, it deserves much attention. I am happy to report that the project is on time and budget.

Lastly, it was an honor to represent you this month at the Sheridan Community Schools State of Finances presentation where Dr. Mundy outlined the finance needs of the district considering the SEA1 property tax credits. In short, the district will need to pass a referendum to ensure financial continuity in the years ahead.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during March 2026. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in county government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, considering volunteering, and by asking questions.

Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, March work included: watching Board of Commissioners' and Noblesville City Council public meetings, attending a Cicero Town Council meeting, meeting with Jason LeMaster, Hamilton County Health Department Administrator, to discuss his departments annual report, a meeting with Chris Mertens, Hamilton County Information Technology Director, to discuss upcoming software price increases and the departments project dashboard, a Redevelopment Commission meeting, a personnel committee meeting, an insurance stewardship review meeting and a finance committee meeting.

Yes, it was a very busy month.

The March personnel committee meeting included a Judicial Services position reclassification request, Prosecutor's Office band increases for three of the deputy prosecuting attorneys, three reclassification review requests for the Parks and Recreation Department, the Sheriff's Department submitted a classification review request seeking to convert an existing Corrections Officer position into a newly established Support

## Gov. Braun signs nuclear energy Letter of Intent with Eli Lilly & Company

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

On Thursday, April 16, Governor Mike Braun signed a Letter of Intent

with Eli Lilly and Company to collaborate on a future pathway for nuclear energy solutions in Indiana, including small modular reactors and other advanced nuclear technologies.



**Braun**

A major component of Gov. Braun's energy affordability agenda for Hoosier families is bringing new power supply to the grid, including nuclear energy. The governor's vision is to make Indiana the premier location to invest and build new nuclear energy – because when Hoosiers produce more energy, prices for Hoosier households come down.

"Indiana is leading on nuclear power, because more energy means lower energy prices for Hoosier families," Gov. Braun said. "Today, I'm proud to enter into this partnership with Lilly to explore how we can collaborate on making Indiana the nation's nuclear energy leader."

"For 150 years, Lilly has

grown alongside Indiana," Lilly Chair and CEO Dave Ricks said. "Advanced nuclear technology represents the kind of bold, clean energy solution our state needs to power the next generation of innovation, and it directly supports Lilly's own commitment to reduce our environmental footprint. We're proud to partner with the state to help make it a reality."

The purpose of the Letter of Intent between Lilly and the State of Indiana is to establish a framework for collaboration to:

- Explore and evaluate the technical, economic, regulatory, and environmental feasibility of nuclear energy solutions in Indiana.
- Consider potential structures for future procurement and deployment, including potential public private approaches, ownership and operating concepts, and power purchase arrangements.
- Support long-term energy reliability, resilience, economic development, industrial growth, workforce development, and emissions reduction goals in Indiana.

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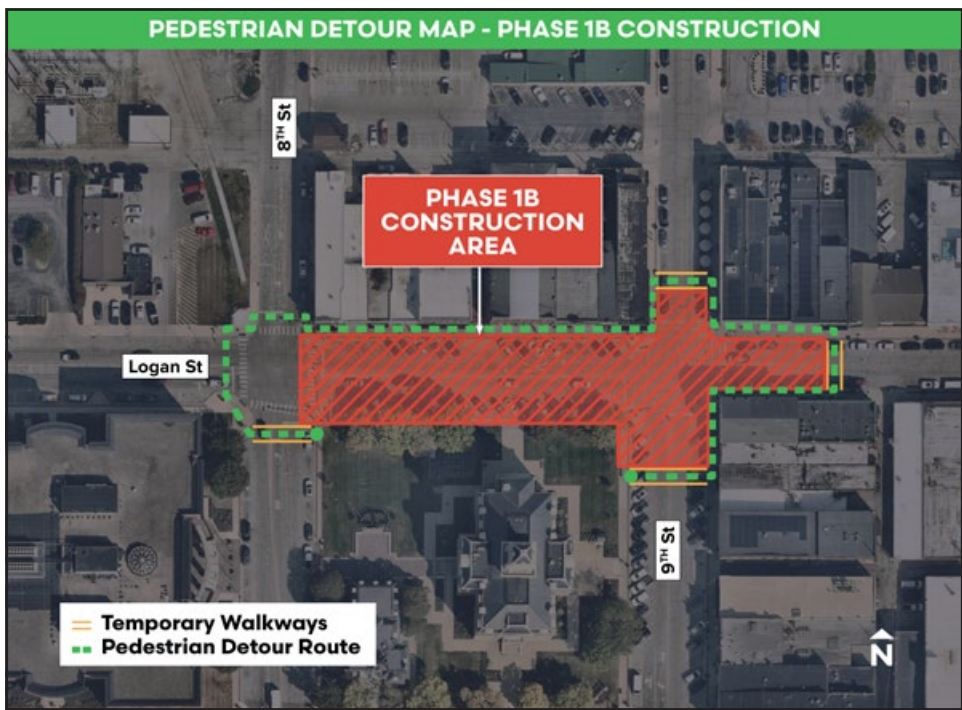
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# Next phase begins on Noblesville's Embrace Downtown construction

### The REPORTER

Construction of Phase 1A of Noblesville's Embrace Downtown project is now complete. Crews have begun Phase 1B construction to improve infrastructure, enhance pedestrian safety, and introduce beautification upgrades throughout downtown.

Phase 1B construction will take place on Logan Street from Eighth Street

through the intersection at Ninth Street. The intersection of Eighth and Logan streets will be open throughout Phase 1B construction. During this time, Logan Street will be closed from east of Eighth Street through the Ninth Street intersection.

Business access will be maintained throughout construction, but there will be no parking on Logan Street between Eighth Street and

Ninth Street.

"We encourage everyone to continue to visit our downtown businesses as we address these critical infrastructure upgrades," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The improvements we are making will promote a vibrant and healthy downtown economy. We look forward to the lasting impact Embrace Downtown will have on Noblesville."

During Phase 1B, a six-foot wide sidewalk will be maintained adjacent to building frontages for visitors to gain access to businesses. The remaining portion of sidewalk and street up to the Hamilton County Courthouse seat wall will be closed as work progresses.

Access to businesses will remain throughout the construction, and detours for vehicles and pedestrians

will be clearly identified.

In addition to widening the sidewalks, crews will be removing curbs, installing landscaping buffers, and more to cultivate a traffic-calmed environment centered around pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Phase 1C construction will immediately follow the current Phase 1B construction, which is anticipated to last until Fall. Phase 1C

construction involves the removal and replacement of the existing six-foot wide sidewalk that is being maintained in Phase 1B with a new decorative paver sidewalk.

Overall construction is anticipated to be complete in November 2026, weather dependent.

Visit [EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com](http://EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com) to learn more about the project.

# Carmel's Kawachinagano Japanese Garden reopens with ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 3

### The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR), in partnership with Clay Township, the City of Carmel, and Carmel Sister Cities, invites the community to celebrate the grand reopening of the Kawachinagano Japanese Garden.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held from noon to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3 at the Kawachinagano Japanese Garden at Carmel City Hall.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from Mayor Sue Finkam, along with representatives from Clay Township, Carmel Sister Cities, and CCPR. The ribbon-cutting will mark the reopening of the redesigned garden and kick

off the annual Japan Springfest, a community event celebrating Japanese culture and Carmel's Sister Cities relationship with Kawachinagano, Japan.

The Kawachinagano Japanese Garden offers a peaceful, immersive space designed to reflect traditional Japanese landscape elements while honoring the long-standing cultural connection between the two cities. Clay Township engaged world-renowned designer Hoichi Kurisu, former landscape director for the Oregon-based Japanese Garden Society, to lead the redesign. Recent



Klitzing

updates include refinements to the pond, enhancements to the northern garden area, and improved stormwater capacity to support long-term sustainability.

CCPR is pleased to recognize Chuck Hook and Goldfish Gardens for their continued support and generosity in donating an additional 10 premium-colored koi to the Japanese garden pond, further enhancing its beauty and vibrancy.

"This reopening represents not only an investment in a beautiful community space, but also a continued commitment to cultural connection and international friendship," CCPR Director and CEO Michael Klitzing said. "We're proud to help steward a space that brings people together and celebrates

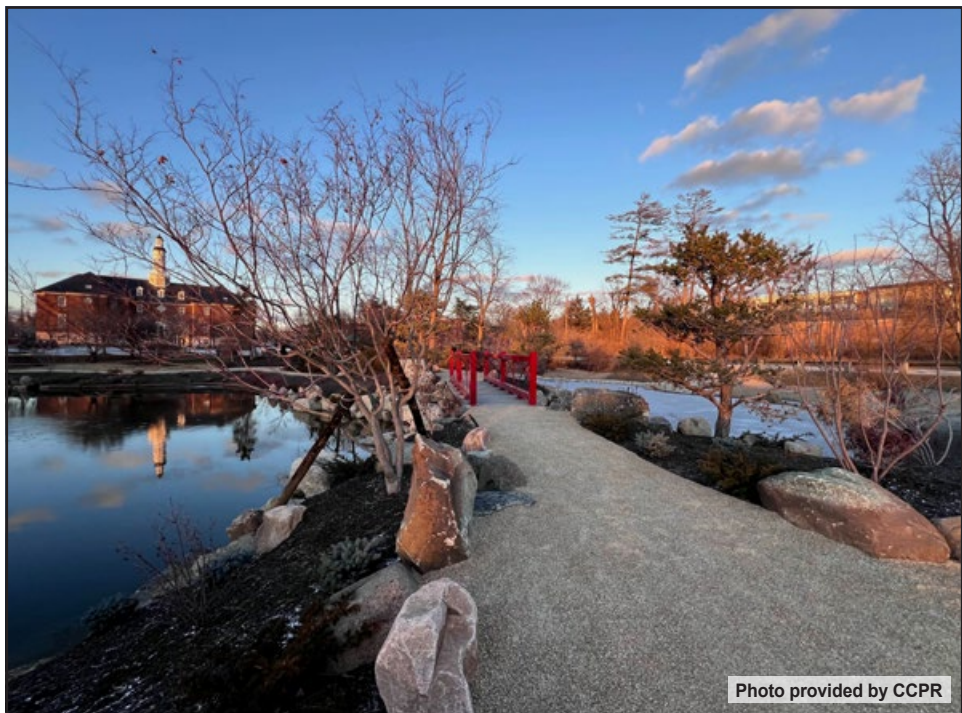


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the unique relationship between Carmel and Kawachinagano."

The ceremony and ribbon-cutting will take place at the Sukiya Entrance Gate at the front of the garden. This event is free and open

to the public.

Following the ribbon-cutting, guests are encouraged to continue the celebration at Japan SpringFest, taking place from noon to 5 p.m. The festival will feature cultural perfor-

mances, authentic Japanese food, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to learn more about Carmel Sister Cities.

[Click here](#) for more information about Japan SpringFest.

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With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the 32 Connects plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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**Nancy Louise Achenbach**

June 6, 1950 – April 15, 2026



It is with deep sorrow and loving remembrance that we announce the passing of Nancy Louise Achenbach on April 15, 2026. Nancy was born in Elwood, Ind., on June 6, 1950, to Robert and Marie Blackford. She was widowed after a loving marriage to Phillip Achenbach that began on June 27, 1969.

Nancy was a dedicated court reporter, serving the Circuit and Superior I for 29 years. Her commitment to her work was only surpassed by her love for her family and friends. She was always on the go and was a generous caregiver who found joy in helping others. Nancy enjoyed her time on the farm, loved gardening, mowing the yard, and cooking. She also found enjoyment in assisting the White River Township Fire Department with Phil and word searches later in life. Nancy was a beacon of compassion, generosity, and support to all who knew her.

Nancy was a loving mother to Darlene (Dan) Tucker and Edward (Julie) Achenbach. She delighted in her role as a grandmother to Braydon (Sarah) Achenbach, Nathan Achenbach, Ean Achenbach, Cameron Sutton, Kailey Sutton, Ava Tucker, Alexis Tucker, and Dylan Tucker. She was a beloved sister to David (Carol) Blackford, Dwight (Pam) Blackford, and Mona (George) Buss. She loved her nieces and nephews and all of her family. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Marie and Robert Blackford, and her loving husband Phillip Achenbach.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A funeral service to celebrate Nancy's life will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the same location with Pastor Neal Brown officiating. Nancy's graveside service will follow at Arcadia Brethren Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

In memory of Nancy, contributions may be made to Omega Christian Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

We invite you to share your memories of Nancy and upload photos to her memorial page. Her generous, loving spirit touched many lives, and sharing these memories will provide comfort to all who cherished her.

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**THE BRONZE SNAKE**

*The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.*

Numbers 21:8-9 (NIV)



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The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2026, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Clay Township Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

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

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT**  
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-5-4.3

The Board of School Trustees of Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Board"), being the governing body of Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Corporation") will hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed superintendent contract as provided by Ind. Code § 20-26-5-4.3. The public meeting will be held on April 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Southeastern Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, IN 46038. This notice will be posted on the Corporation's website. After the public meeting, the Board will consider the public's input, and then the Board anticipates it will vote on the proposed contract. The proposed contract terms are included below. These terms are subject to change pending a final vote of the Board.

- Term: The Contract will run through June 30, 2028.
- Salary: \$205,000/year. The Board, in its sole discretion, may increase the salary of the Superintendent on an annualized basis depending on the results of the Board's evaluation of the Superintendent. This increase may not exceed \$20,000.
- 403(b) Plan Contribution: The Corporation will annually contribute ten percent (10%) of the Superintendent's gross salary.
- Superintendent may participate in the Corporation's insurance plans under the same terms and conditions applicable to all other full-time administrators employed by the Corporation.
- The Superintendent shall receive the same number of sick days, vacation days, and personal days as other full-time administrators.
- Life insurance: Superintendent shall have the right to elect term life insurance (in the amount of 2 times base salary) and the Corporation shall pay the premiums for said policy.
- Automobile allowance: Superintendent will receive \$500 monthly as additional basic salary in lieu of an auto allowance or mileage reimbursement.
- Technology allowance: the Corporation agrees to provide Superintendent with a monthly technology allowance of \$100.
- Administrative Benefits: Any other benefit Corporation makes available to other certified administrative employees.
- In light of the unique nature of the professional duties of Superintendent, the Corporation shall, at its expense, provide to the Superintendent a complete medical examination of Superintendent once each year.
- Any appropriate, reasonable business and professional expenses incurred on behalf of the Corporation. Appropriate expenses shall include the cost of membership and participation in professional associations of school leaders, community organizations, and travel, meal, and accommodation expenses related to the Superintendent's attendance at preapproved conferences and activities.

Board of School Trustees of Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation  
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**Notice**

The Arcadia Town Council will meet on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 pm at the Arcadia Town Hall located at 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, in an executive session IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(D) the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.  
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## Tower returns to HSE as Co-Athletic Director

**The REPORTER**  
Drew Tower is returning to Hamilton Southeastern.

Tower will be back as Co-Athletic Director for the Royals, effective May 1, it was announced in a [news release](#) on the HSE Athletics website. Tower returns as Jim Self moves into a new role, serving as Athletic Director for the City of Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Tower will work along side Tilmon Clark, who joined HSE Athletics this school year.

“Mr. Tower brings extensive experience in athletic leadership and a deep commitment to education-based athletics,” said the news release. “Prior to joining HSE, he served as Athletic Director at Brownsburg High School, where he oversaw a large, successful athletics program and led teams and student-athletes to multiple state championships and developed pathways for greater character and leadership development.

“A New Castle native, Tower was a standout multi-sport athlete before continuing his career at Taylor University. He later transitioned into coaching and athletic administration, building a reputation as a relationship-driven leader

focused on developing student-athletes both on and off the field.

“I’m incredibly grateful for the opportunity to return to Hamilton Southeastern,” said Tower. “This is a special community with a strong tradition of excellence. I’m excited to reconnect with and support our coaches, student-athletes, and families and to continue building programs that develop young people both in competition and in life.”

“We are excited to welcome Drew back to HSE,” said Jim Self. “His leadership, experience, and commitment to student-athletes make him the right person to continue building on the strong foundation of Royals athletics.”

HSE Principal Dr. Craig McCaffrey said in the release, “We are very excited to welcome back Drew Tower to Hamilton Southeastern Athletics. I have watched Drew lead at Brownsburg and at HSE and I am excited to work with him.”

“Please join us in welcoming Drew, Abby, Hank (8) and Beau (5) back to Hamilton Southeastern High School,” the release concluded. “We look forward to the continued success of Royals athletics.”

## Boys Basketball



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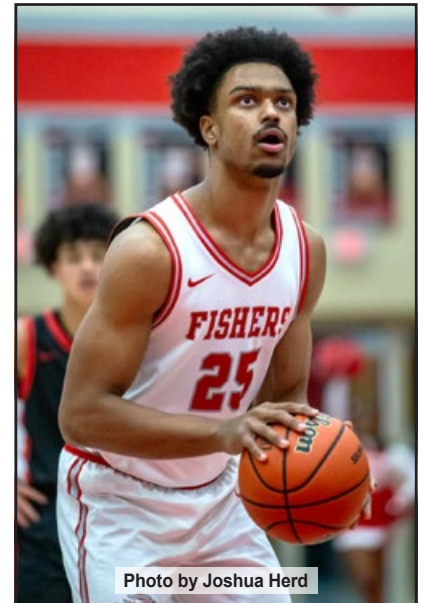


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(From left) Carmel's Evan Harrell, Fishers' Kai McGrew and Noblesville's Baron Walker were selected to the 2026 Indiana Boys' All-Star Team.

# Three Hamilton County players selected to 2026 Boys All-Stars

**The REPORTER**

Three Hamilton County boys basketball stars are among the 12 players that have been selected to join 2026 IndyStar Indiana Mr. Basketball Luke Ertel of Mt. Vernon on the 2026 IndyStar Indiana Boys' All-Stars, All-Stars game director Mike Broughton announced Thursday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Carmel's Evan Harrell, Fishers' Kai McGrew and Noblesville's Baron Walker are the local players that were selected to the All-Stars squad. They join Dane Caldwell of Silver Creek, Anthony Fresh of Charlestown, Ja'Shawn Ladd of Ben Davis, Nick Shrewsbury of South Bend Saint Joseph and Cameron Webster of Lawrence North.

Ertel's selection as Mr. Basketball was announced April 9 after he received the most votes from coaches and media from across the state. Dikembe Shaw of Crown Point, Brady Scholl of Northridge, Brennan Miller of Lawrence North and Noah Smith rounded out the top five in Mr. Basketball voting, and they will join Ertel on the team.

The 2026 boys' All-Stars have two players who

have been a part of state championship teams in Ertel (2026 4A) and Shrewsbury (2025 3A). The team has two additional players who have been a part of state runner-up teams in Shaw (2026 4A) and Ladd (2024 4A).

Ertel is the brother of 2017 All-Star Michael Ertel, also from Mt. Vernon. There have been numerous All-Star brother combinations over the years going back to Don and Ted Server, 1941 and 1950 from Madison.

Also of note, Ertel and Scholl were selected IBCA first-team Academic All-State. In addition, Ladd was recognized as IBCA honorable mention Academic All-State.

Todd Woelfle of Terre Haute North has been named head coach of the 2026 boys' All-Stars. He will be assisted by Chad Ballenger of Hamilton Heights and Joe Bradburn of Mt. Vernon.

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* Indiana Girls' All-Stars, whose roster was announced March 18. The roster for the Indiana boys'

Junior All-Stars was announced April 1. The roster for the Indiana 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 Indiana Senior boys lead 107-46 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior boys lead 42-12 in games against the Indiana Junior boys. The Indiana Junior boys lead 9-5 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Senior girls lead 55-43 in their series with Kentucky. The Indiana Junior girls lead 42-12 in games against the Indiana Junior girls. The Indiana Junior girls lead 13-1 in their series with Kentucky.

The fourth annual *IndyStar* Indiana All-Star "Futures Games" doubleheader will be June 1 at New Palestine High School. The Futures Games will be a girls-boys doubleheader with Indiana-only squads of sophomores and freshmen in a North vs. South format. The Futures Games boys'

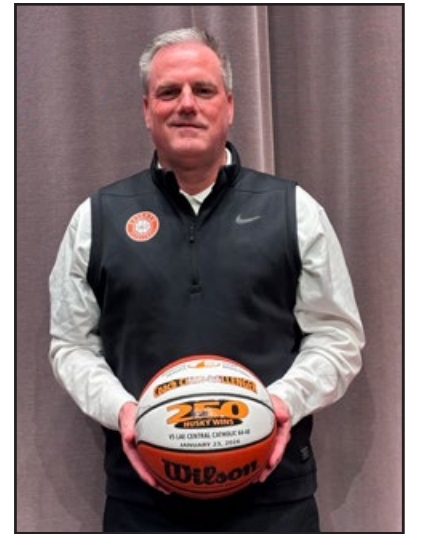


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**Hamilton Heights coach Chad Ballenger will serve as one of the assistant coaches.**

rosters were announced April 5, and the Futures Games girls' rosters were announced March 26. The South boys lead the North 2-1. The North girls lead the South 2-1.

The *IndyStar* Indiana Boys' All-Star Team is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The top vote getter is named Mr. Basketball, and the remainder of the team is finalized by Broughton after observing numerous games and events throughout the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across the state. Broughton also reviews votes submitted by coaches and media who each could recommend up to 10 players.

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### Baseball

## Golden Eagles stay undefeated

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team stayed undefeated after a Thursday 8-0 Circle City Conference win over Bishop Chatard.

The host Golden Eagles started with two runs in the second inning. Bryce Kissell singled in Brody Cain and Tate Troxell. Grant Beard drove in a third-inning with a single to bring Carson Kail home.

Kissell smacked a two-run home run in the fourth inning, also scoring Luke Zorger and giving Guerin Catholic a 5-0 lead.

Karson Smith led off the fifth inning with a triple, then was sent home by Beard's sacrifice fly. Troxell hit a triple and later scored when Zorger reached on an error, then Nolan Ratcliff singled in Zorger for GC's eighth run.

Kissell had two hits. Luke Gremelspacher pitched 5.2 innings for the win, striking out eight and allowing two hits. Jackson Baker relieved Gremelspacher and threw 1.1 hitless innings.

The Golden Eagles are 8-0-1 and play this afternoon at Alexandria.

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Westfield won a tight Hoosier Crossroads Conference game 3-2 Thursday at home.

Both teams scored two runs in the first inning. Andrew Noble doubled in Maddox Novotney for the Shamrocks' first run, then Lincoln Hoffman hit a double to score Noble.

Gabe Garcia scored the go-ahead run in the fourth inning, getting home on Robbie Brandenburg's RBI groundout.

Hoffman totaled two hits, while Aiden Grabowski also hit a double. Corey Wilhelm got the pitching win, throwing 10 strikeouts over five innings. Clayton

Walther pitched the last two innings, striking out three and allowing no hits.

Westfield is 3-0 in HCC play and 5-3 overall. The Rocks play tonight at Brownsburg to finish the conference series.

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Hamilton Southeastern scored a walkoff HCC victory over Zionsville 9-8 Thursday at Ken Seitz Field.

Jackson Bixler scored the Royals' first run in the first inning after a pitcher's balk. The Eagles came back in the third inning, putting up five runs to take the lead.

Southeastern made its own comeback in the fourth inning, tying the game with four runs. Parker O'Steen tripled Bixler home, then Cy Cole drove in O'Steen with an RBI single. Alex Shepherd hit a double, then Chase Bradle smacked a double to score Cole and Shepherd. The score was now 5-5.

Zionsville scored on an RBI fielder's choice in the top of the sixth inning for a 6-5 lead. The Royals blasted ahead in the bottom of the sixth after Bucher hit a three-run home run. Bixler and Kian Kelly also scored, and HSE led 8-6.

The Eagles hit a two-run homer in the top of the seventh, tying the game again at 8-8. Bradle led off the bottom of the seventh with his second double of the game, then Karson Seitz came in to run for him. A sacrifice bunt from Ty McManama moved Seitz to third base, then Bixler singled Seitz home with a line drive for the win.

Dylan Cope pitched six innings, striking out six. Kaden Scholl came in for the seventh inning and got the pitching win.

The Royals are 3-0 in the conference and 8-2 overall. Southeastern travels to Zionsville tonight to finish the HCC series.



(ABOVE LEFT) Noblesville pitcher Beckett Doane threw five strikeouts in 4.1 innings to get the win for the Millers in their 5-3 victory over Fishers on Thursday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Jerry Jaramillo was one of three pitchers for the Tigers on Thursday.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

## Millers hold off Tigers in first game of series

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

**NOBLESVILLE** — As two of the biggest rivals in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, Noblesville and Fishers always play in an intense environment, no matter whose home field.

Thursday's first game of the HCC series was no different. The atmosphere at Dunker Field was heightened, as per usual. Different moments gave momentum to each team. But, it would be the host Millers keeping the upper hand to hold on for a 5-3 league win.

The Tigers got to southpaw Beckett Doane right away in the first. Doane gave up a leadoff walk to Vincent Pecoraro and then a double to Ethan Buelt. Carter Strole bounced into a fielder's choice, which allowed Pecoraro to score for the early 1-0 lead.

Noblesville bounced back with three in the second. Garrett Dixon reached on an error. Blake Riggs came in to courtesy run for Dixon and scored when Ethan Clark reached on an error and it was tied 1-1.

Next, with a 2-1 count, Aiden Reynolds hit his second home run of the season. This time it was opposite field to right, driving in Clark, giving the Millers a 3-1 advantage.

Chris Martz drove in the fourth Miller run on a single to left that sent Jalen Stidham home for 4-1 in the third.

The Millers tacked on

another in the fourth. Clark and Zac Glander walked for two on. Brooks Riggs lined a hit to left to score Clark for a 5-1 lead.

Buelt walked and moved to second on a Strole base hit for two on. Catcher David Pina reached on an error by Reynolds at short. That run by Buelt made it 5-2.

Reliever Griffin Snider started off well in the fifth, but Fishers got him rattled a little bit in the top of the seventh.

Pina reached on a third error by Reynolds and moved to second on a field-

er's choice by DH Justin Brown. Connor Hackworth was hit by a pitch to load the bases with one down. Two batters later with two down, Snider plunked pinch hitter Parker Congdon to plate Pina to make it 5-3.

After a conference at the mound, Snider struck out Andrew Baldini for the final out, giving Noblesville the win by two runs.

Fishers (4-6, 1-2 HCC) was held to three hits by Doane and Snider. Owen Lukac, Jerry Jaramillo and Grant Wold combined to strike out eight Millers.

Noblesville (6-4, 3-0 HCC) managed four hits themselves, by four different hitters. Reynolds' home run was his second on the season.

Doane (2-0) whiffed five Tigers and walked four in 4.1 innings to pick up the win. Snider was clutch in his 2.2 frames out of the bullpen. The junior flamethrower topped out his fastball at 93 mph. And struck out four while not giving up a walk in earning the save (2).

Game two of the HCC series is tonight at Fishers with a 6:30 p.m. first pitch.

### Basketball

## Try your hand at Pacers Draft Lottery Simulator

### Submitted

The 2026 NBA Draft Lottery is set for May 10, and Pacers fans can experience the drawing firsthand through the 2026 Pacers Draft Lottery Simulator. The interactive tool uses the NBA's official lottery odds and allows fans to run unlimited simulations to see where the Pacers could land in the draft.

The NBA Draft Lottery determines the order of selection for the first 14 picks in the 2026 NBA Draft.

The top four picks are decided through the lottery, while teams selecting fifth through 14th are ordered in reverse order of their 2025-26 regular-season records.

Fans also have the opportunity to win two tickets to the invite only Draft Lottery Party on May 10. Fans have until May 4 to sign up at [Pacers.com/Sweeps](https://pacers.com/Sweeps) or text DRAFT to 727-722.

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# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Friday, April 17

### BASEBALL

Greenwood Christian at University, 5:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Alexandria, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Maconaquah, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 8 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Culver Academies at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.  
Penn at Westfield, 7:34 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Kentucky Country Day, TBA

### SOFTBALL

North Montgomery at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.  
New Palestine at Carmel, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Lawrence North, 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

South Bend St. Joseph at Carmel, 5:15 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Noblesville boys, Westfield boys at Bob Potter Field Events Classic, 5:30 p.m. at Lawrence North  
Carmel boys, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Sprinters Showcase, 6 p.m.  
University at Park Tudor Small School Showcase, 6 p.m.  
Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Franklin Central Flashes Showcase, 6:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Fishers Midwest Battle, 6 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

## Saturday, April 18

### BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Zionsville, 11 a.m.  
Louisville Trinity at Carmel doubleheader, noon  
Western at Westfield, noon  
University at Noblesville, 1 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic vs. Homestead, 1:15 p.m. at Zionsville  
Greenfield-Central at Fishers, 6 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Glenbard West (Ill.), 10 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Bloomington South, 10:30 a.m.  
Noblesville at Crown Point, 11 a.m.  
Brebeuf Jesuit at Fishers, 2 p.m.  
Westfield at Lake Forest (Ill.), 2 p.m.  
Cincinnati St. Xavier at Carmel, 4 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Fishers at Harrison, 10:30 a.m.  
Carmel at Walsh Jesuit (Ohio), 11 a.m.  
Fishers at Warren Central, 2 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Louisville Sacred Heart, TBA

### GOLF

Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Danville Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at Twin Bridges  
Guerin Catholic at Steve McClure Memorial Tournament, 9 a.m. at Southern Dunes  
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Center Grove Trojan Classic, 10 a.m.  
Noblesville at Twin Lakes Invitational, 10 a.m. at Tippecanoe Country Club  
Carmel, Guerin Catholic at Highland Invitational, 10:30 a.m. at Highland Country Club  
Sheridan vs. Covington, 1 p.m. at Rivercrest Golf Club  
Westfield at Don Dicken Classic, 1:30 p.m. at Stonehenge Country Club

### SOFTBALL

Fishers at Logansport, 10 a.m.  
Westfield at Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Jeremy Parker Invitational, 10 a.m.  
Harrison at Hamilton Southeastern, 10 a.m.  
Fishers vs. Lowell, 11:30 a.m. at Logansport  
Columbus North at Carmel, noon  
Hamilton Heights at Benton Central, noon  
Plainfield at Noblesville doubleheader, noon

### TENNIS

University at Delta Eagle Round Robin, 9 a.m.  
Lebanon at Hamilton Heights, 10 a.m.  
Noblesville at North Central, 10 a.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights Big Orange Meet, 10 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern girls Royal Relays, 10 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern boys at Ben Davis Relays, 11 a.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Fishers Midwest Battle, 9 a.m.

## Monday, April 20

### BASEBALL

Carmel at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Sheridan at Northwestern, 6 p.m.  
Center Grove at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.  
Rossville at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Bishop Chatard at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Fishers at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

### GOLF

Westfield vs. Carmel, 3 p.m. at Ulen Country Club  
Hamilton Heights vs. Sheridan and Frankton, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

### SOFTBALL

Covenant Christian at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.  
Bishop Chatard at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Harrison at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at New Palestine, 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Park Tudor, 4:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Plainfield, 5 p.m.  
Tipton at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.  
North Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.  
Zionsville at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Avon, 6 p.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Noblesville and Westfield boys at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

### UNIFIED TRACK

Fishers at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Zionsville at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

University at Lawrence Central, 6 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.  
Bishop Chatard at Westfield, 7 p.m.  
Carmel at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

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## Softball

# Huskies beat Hawks in battle of young teams

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**SHERIDAN** — The Hamilton Heights softball team traveled to Sheridan on Thursday for an all-county game that also served as a showcase for the young talent on both teams.

The Huskies are off to a strong start this season and kept it rolling, beating the Blackhawks 21-2. Heights was close to a run-rule victory in both the fifth and sixth innings, but Sheridan scored one run in each of those innings, stretching the contest to the regulation seven innings. The Huskies scored 10 runs in the seventh inning.

Heights got contributions from every player on the team, from freshman to senior.

This year's Huskies squad has three seniors, and all three helped with the victory. Pitcher Lily Cash threw 10 strikeouts in four innings, allowing only one hit. Melanee Forrester hit an RBI double and Taya Trospen scored two runs.

Heights' freshmen also contributed, with Kaitlyn Schakel scoring one run and driving in another run. Olivia Mackey scored two runs.

"I feel like the older girls are taking the younger girls under their wing, and the older girls are learning a lot from the younger girls, too," said Huskies coach Shelby Wills.

The "in-between" class players also had great games. Junior Kamryn Rhoton was a perfect 5-for-5 at the plate, including a home run and two doubles. Rhoton scored three runs and drove in three runs.

Junior Olivia Turner cracked a two-run homer. Another junior, Heather Crays, was 4-for-5, both scoring and batting in three runs. Sophomore McKenzie Jackson also had three hits, three runs scored and three RBIs.

Heights won its first five games of the season, in-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(TOP) Hamilton Heights' Kamryn Rhoton was 5-for-5 at the plate for the Huskies during their win over Sheridan on Thursday. (ABOVE) Sheridan's Amiyah Doss (right) scored one of the Blackhawks' runs on Thursday. Also pictured is Abby Dallas.

cluding a Tuesday Hoosier Conference victory over Western 4-1 at the Huskies field. Heights traveled to the Panthers' field on Wednesday, where Western won 8-0.

"Especially after a loss last night, coming back and being able to make the adjustments between different types of pitching is really great to see," said Wills.

"I'm very happy for the girls."

Sophomore Norah Adams scored Sheridan's fifth-inning run. She got on base with a double, then freshman Ellen Phillips bunted her home. In the sixth inning, sophomore Amiyah Doss hit a sacrifice fly to score freshman Ellie Eaton; both Eaton and Doss also hit doubles during the

game. The Blackhawks have nine freshmen on their roster, exactly half of Sheridan's total of 18. Emily Will, Makenzy Terry and Eva Todd are the seniors on this year's team.

The Huskies are 6-1 and play Saturday at Benton Central. The Blackhawks are 0-3 and host Covenant Christian on Monday.

## Girls Lacrosse

# Golden Eagles fall in overtime



Photo by Mike Navarro

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team dropped an overtime game at Zionsville Thursday by the score of 12-11. Claire Flannagan (pictured) scored six goals for the Golden Eagles, while Caroline Ford scored four goals and made four draw controls. Lucy Esposito and Corinne Karlander both added one goal. Flannagan and Ella Capofari both provided one assist. Guerin Catholic is 6-2 and plays three games in Kentucky this weekend. The Golden Eagles take on Louisville Eastern at 8 p.m. tonight, then plays Louisville Sacred Heart at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by a contest with Kentucky Country Day at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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# Sheridan “pitches” Godby Stadium

## Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Monday evening, April 13, Sheridan softball fanatics gathered at the new Godby Stadium for the opening matchup. The night also served as the dedication to the new facility, Godby Home Furnishings Stadium. The evening both honored the future and legacy of Blackhawk athletics, specifically the softball program.

High School Principal Rick Davis opened the evening by sharing the story behind the stadium's name. The Godby family and Godby Home Furnishings have built a legacy that all started in the Sheridan community. Jim Godby, Godby Home Furnishings founder, started his business back in 1974.

“It’s a story of hard work, perseverance, and giving back,” Davis said. “They never left Sheridan behind.”

Superintendent Dave Mundy continued the momentum by recognizing longtime coach Danny Christian, whose impact on Sheridan’s softball pro-

gram spans more than two decades. Christian began in 2000 as a JV baseball coach before transitioning to the softball program.

“He put in countless hours behind the scenes,” Mundy said. “Washing uniforms, raking fields, doing whatever needed to be done. That kind of commitment showed up in the culture he built. What truly defines Coach Christian isn’t just what happened on the scoreboard. It’s the lives he impacted.”

Christian has been an avid advocate for girls athletics and has had a lasting impact on the student-athletes at Sheridan Community Schools.

Before officially “pitching in” the new field, Davis said, “This field is not just a new facility. It’s a symbol of what can happen when people choose to invest back into their community.”

Godby Home Furnishings Stadium marks a new chapter for Sheridan softball and athletics, while still honoring the legacy that “raked” the way.



Photos by Allison Waitt

Sheridan Community Schools' longtime coach Danny Christian was recognized as part of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Godby Stadium.

## Volleyball

# Big Ten Volleyball Tournament to debut in November 2026 at Fishers Event Center

## Submitted

The Big Ten Conference will usher in a new era of collegiate volleyball this fall with the launch of its inaugural tournament Nov. 20 to 25, 2026, at Fishers Event Center, home of Major League Volleyball's Indy Ignite. Fans can sign up to be the first to learn about tickets and other tournament information [here](#).

“For the first time in its history, the Big Ten Conference will determine its volleyball champion with a postseason tournament featuring the best volleyball teams in the country,” Commissioner Tony Petitti said. “We look forward to bringing the nation’s top talent together for an entire week of exhilarating competition culminating in the crowning of the inaugural Big Ten Volleyball Tournament Champion.”

The top 15 teams in the regular-season standings will qualify for the tournament, bringing the nation’s premier volleyball programs together in one venue for the first time.

Three matches will be played in the opening round of the tournament, followed by four second-round matches. The competition will then progress through the quarterfinals and semifinals, culminating with the championship match slated

for Nov. 25. One off day will be built into the tournament schedule.

The Big Ten regular-season schedule will decrease from 20 to 17 matches, in a single, round-robin format to account for the tournament. Television designations and ticket information will be distributed at a later date.

“It is an incredibly exciting time not only for volleyball, but for Big Ten Conference volleyball as a whole,” Penn State head coach Katie Schumacher-Cawley said. “Under the leadership of Commissioner Petitti, along with Grace McNamara and the entire conference office, the commitment to elevating the student-athlete experience and enhancing the landscape of college athletics is evident every day. I am truly proud to be part of a conference that continues to push boundaries, set new standards and lead with innovation and purpose. The introduction of the first Big Ten Volleyball Tournament marks a significant milestone, and it is a testament to the vision and growth of this league. Most importantly, it provides our student-athletes with an even greater platform – putting them center stage and showcasing their talent, dedication and passion at the highest level.”

Big Ten volleyball has

long represented the premier collection of programs in the sport, with current conference schools combining for 22 NCAA Division I Championships, including winning 12 of the last 20. Eight of the nine most-watched college volleyball matches of all time have featured Big Ten teams, and six different Big Ten regular-season matches last season earned an audience of more than 500,000 on three different networks.

The Big Ten continues to be the most popular conference in the country in terms of attendance, leading the Division I attendance rankings in every season since 2007, as its matches routinely attract some of the largest crowds in collegiate volleyball – momentum that will assuredly translate to the league’s first conference tournament.

“Fishers is a volleyball city, and today’s announcement brings us one step closer to delivering an unforgettable experience for fans,” Mayor Scott Fadness said. “This fall, our city will become the epicenter of Big Ten women’s volleyball as many of the nation’s top programs come together in one venue for the first time. We can’t wait to welcome passionate fans and outstanding student-athletes to Fishers for what promises to

be an incredible showcase of the sport.”

The city of Indianapolis and surrounding communities are no stranger to hosting Big Ten tournaments and championships. Big Ten titles in football, men’s and women’s indoor track and field, and women’s basketball have all been earned in the area this year, and the 2026 Big Ten Rowing Championships head to the Indianapolis Rowing Center May 16 and 17.

“Indiana Sports Corp is proud to expand our longstanding partnership with the Big Ten Conference as we welcome the inaugural Big Ten Volleyball Tournament to Fishers in 2026,” Indiana Sports Corp President Patrick Talty said. “Our region has a long, successful history of hosting Big Ten Championships. We’re excited to build on that legacy and deliver a world-class experience for the student-athletes and fans. This tournament represents an exciting new chapter for one of the fastest-growing sports in the country and directly supports our 2050 Vision of bringing the biggest sporting events to Indiana while continuing to invest in and champion women’s athletics.”

## Motorsports

# NTT INDYCAR SERIES teams to participate in Indy 500 Open Test April 28-29 at IMS

## Submitted by IMS

In preparation for the 110th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, NTT INDYCAR SERIES drivers will participate in an Open Test from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 on the famed 2.5-mile oval at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

On Tuesday, veterans will take to the oval from 10:05 a.m. to noon, with Rookie Orientation Program and refresher tests from noon to 2 p.m. and all participants on track from 2

to 6 p.m. All cars are scheduled to be on track from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The Southeast Vista grandstands and the Turn 2 Viewing Mounds will be open for public viewing. Guests will park across 16th Street in Lot 3P and will enter through Gate 3. Guests with an ADA parking placard will park in the Front Museum Lot and sit in South Terrace East. Security will be on site to assist fans with crossing 16th Street. Concessions and merchandise will be available for purchase.

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5:45 pm **Zionsville vs Hamilton SE** | HCC Baseball | Southeastern Sports  
6:30 pm **Fishers vs Noblesville** | HCC Baseball | HCTV Sports

**Thur April 16 - Girls Lacrosse**

7:15 pm **Heritage Christian vs Hamilton SE** | Girls Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports

**Fri April 17 - Boys Lacrosse**

6:00 pm **Cathedral vs Hamilton SE** | Boys JV Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports  
8:00 pm **Cathedral vs Hamilton SE** | Boys Varsity Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports

**Sat April 18 - Baseball**

11:55 am **Transylvania vs Earlham** | Baseball - Doubleheader | Indiana SRN  
1:00 pm **University vs Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

**Mon April 20 - Baseball**

6:30 pm **Rossville vs Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

**Tues April 21 - Boys Volleyball**

5:20 pm **Kings Academy vs Horizon Christian** | 2026 Volleyball | Indiana SRN

**Wed April 22 - Boys Lacrosse**

6:00 pm **Brownsburg vs Hamilton SE** | Boys JV Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports  
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**Fri April 24 - Baseball**

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