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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny early and mid morning, then scattered showers and storms.
Tonight: Scattered showers and storms in the evening. Some clearing overnight.
HIGH: 77 **LOW:** 55



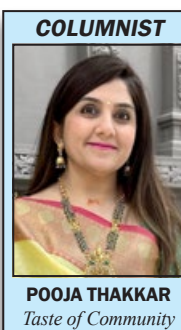
Tastes like success



The 2026 Taste of Business was held April 22 at The Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile, 14157 CJ Way, Noblesville. This year's event was bigger than ever with both more businesses and more people attending on a scale only The Arena could accommodate. (ABOVE) State Representative Alaina Shonkwiler took a moment to pose for The Reporter's camera in this shot that clearly demonstrates how popular this year's Taste was. See more photos on Page 3 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

Becoming the destination

In every culture, community begins with gathering. Around food, around conversation, around shared presence. But sometimes, without realizing it, we build our lives like waiting rooms – places where we sit quietly, hoping someone will arrive and validate our importance.



COLUMNIST
POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Recently, a friend shared that she felt a deep sadness. Life had changed. The daily calls, constant check-ins, and familiar rhythms were no longer the same. She used one word that lingered with me: discarded.

But I gently told her something different: "This isn't abandonment. It's graduation."

When we spend years caring, nurturing, supporting, and showing up for others, we often measure our worth by how much we are needed. Our calendars fill with responsibilities, our identities intertwine with roles, and love becomes synonymous with availability.

Yet community – true community – teaches us another lesson.

Connection is not meant to confine us. It is meant to prepare us.

There comes a moment when the noise quiets. The house feels different. The phone doesn't ring as often. And instead of seeing absence, we are invited to see space – space to rediscover ourselves beyond obligation.

The most powerful shift happens when we stop waiting for someone else to remind us we matter.

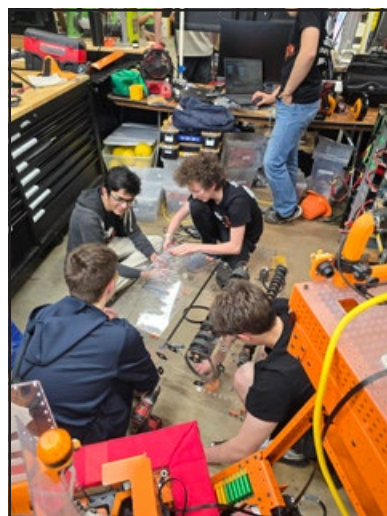
Because worth was never supposed to arrive through a notification, an invitation, or a phone call. Worth is something we cultivate internally, like a garden we finally have time to tend.

In the Taste of Community spirit, belonging starts within. We create it by doing what we love, pursuing what lights us up, and giving ourselves permission to exist beyond usefulness.

See *Destination* . . . Page 2

Engineering at a championship level

Tiger Dynasty Robotics Team sets sights on global competition



Photos provided by Coach Amelia C. Stone

The Fishers High School Tiger Dynasty Robotics Team has advanced to the FIRST World Championship competition to be held in Houston, Texas. After finishing ninth out of 69 teams in the state this season, Tiger Dynasty is now among roughly 600 teams worldwide who will compete in Houston. In addition to that qualification, Tiger Dynasty won the merit-based Innovation in Control Award. According to Coach Amelia C. Stone, this is a judged technical award recognizing a team whose control system demonstrates unique and effective use of sensor inputs, software, and/or robot controls. Since last weekend's FIRST Indiana State Championship, the team has been tirelessly working to make adjustments to their equipment in preparation of the Houston competition. They head to Texas next Tuesday, April 28. You can help the team by donating at TigerDynasty.org/donateworlds. Good luck, Tiger Dynasty!

April showers brings meowers to Llama Barn

By **Catman Stu Clampitt**
news@readthereporter.com

There's a new Cat Fancier's Association (CFA) club in Hamilton County, and it's named after llamas. No Drama Llamas held a cat show at the Llama Barn at Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, on Saturday, April 18, and it was purr-fect.

The Reporter spoke with Co-Show Manager Jim Wuersch and No Drama Llamas Co-Founder Melinda Rumschlag about cat shows in general and this one in particular.

"There's two or three people who live in this area who are forming the club," Wuersch

said. "They were looking for a space that would work and a price range that fit the budget. There had been a cat show in the fairgrounds here a few years ago, but not in this building."

Rumschlag is the one who found the venue.

"I found the show hall, and it was a perfect show hall," Rumschlag said. "We hadn't had a cat show up in this area for a while, so we decided to try it."

The show had a total of 91 entries, which was very close to maximum capacity for this club.

"We have people from Wisconsin, from St. Louis, from Kentucky, from Missouri, and even somebody from East Pennsylvania," Rumschlag said.



Debbie Grad and her cat, Maverick.

Cats and their owners compete for points at CFA shows across the show seasons each year. The current CFA season ends at the end of April and a new one will begin in May.

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Property tax relief changes for veterans

The REPORTER

House Bill 1210 was signed by Governor Mike Braun on March 12, then becoming Public Law 157. Among other things, that 418-page document has some property tax relief for disabled veterans, and 100-percent relief for 100-percent disabled veterans.

That law increases the property tax deduction for a veteran who is totally disabled to 100 percent of the assessed value of the individual's real property, instead of \$14,000. It also ends property tax deductions for certain veterans, instead providing a property tax liability credit. It also restores the property tax deduction available to a surviving spouse of a World War I veteran, which was limited by SEA 1-2025.

The law does not go into effect until the 2027 tax bill, and the Auditor's Office is not accepting any deduction forms prior to July 1, 2026. Deductions forms can then be filed through Dec. 30 2026.

Veterans who have a copy of their DD 214 and benefit summary letter that the Veterans Administration mails every year in November can go to the Auditor's Office directly to apply for the deduction.

Each veteran must follow the instructions to qualify for the Tax Credit with the Hamilton County Tax Authority. If they do not, they will not receive their well-deserved tax credit.

The Hamilton County Veterans Services Office is scheduled to start training sessions for veterans to apply for this credit on June 1.

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Early Voting Totals

Below are the number of early voters as of Thursday, April 23, listed by polling location. [Click here](#) for more information on early voting.

Judicial Center	1,099
4-H Fairgrounds	1,506
Roy G. Holland Park (Fishers)	238
Billericay Park (Fishers)	278
Westfield City Hall	96
Washington Twp. Office	88
Cool Creek Nature Center	213
Jill Perelman Pavilion (Carmel)	208
Wilfong Pavilion (Carmel)	104
Carmel Clay Public Library	252
TOTAL	4,082

HCLA announces speakers for 2026 Leadership Summit

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) has announced the panel of Hamilton County experts who will speak at the 13th annual Leadership Summit, set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 18 at the Embassy Suites Conference Center Noblesville.

It's widely acknowledged that workplace culture plays a critical role in attracting and retaining high performers, but what culture is and how to build one that is strong and sustainable is less

understood. This panel of Hamilton County experts are going to dig into those topics and much more:

- Bethany Gremel, Director of Culture and Brand Experience, Beck's Hybrids
 - Mandy Haskett, Leadership Consultant, ADVISA
 - Mike Pote, VP of Strategic Initiatives, Gaylor Electric
 - The discussion will be moderated by Heather Hass, CEO and Owner, ADVISA.
- "We are incredibly fortunate to have this phenom-

enal panel of leaders from well-respected Hamilton County employers," HCLA Executive Director Maria Kanger said. "Those who attend the Leadership Summit are bound to benefit from their wisdom and willingness to dig into key questions, like what is needed from workplaces in this particular moment, and how AI factors into workplace culture."

In addition to the panel discussion, the event will also feature HCLA's Distinguished Alumni and Hon-

orary Alumni Awards. Each year, HCLA recognizes an alumni and community partner for their commitment and service to the organization and their impact in Hamilton County. Recipients of these awards will be announced at a later date.

The HCLA Leadership Summit is open to the public, and both individual tickets and sponsorships are now available for purchase. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased here. Registration closes on Monday, June 1.

Where to vote early

Noblesville

Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square

- April 24 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 27 to May 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- May 2 from 9 to 4 p.m.
- May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.

- April 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- April 27 to May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon

Carmel

Wilfong Pavilion, 11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Building A

Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St.

Carmel Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

- April 24 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 29 & 30 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- May 1 & 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fishers

Roy G Holland Memorial Park Building, 1 Park Drive

Billericay Park Building, 12690 Promise Road

- April 24 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 29 & 30 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- May 1 & 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Westfield

Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St.

Westfield Washington Twp. Offices, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

- April 24 & 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 29 & 30 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- May 1 & 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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DESTINATION

Maybe it's joining a class you always postponed.

Maybe it's volunteering, traveling, creating art, cooking simply for joy instead of necessity.

Maybe it's sitting in silence and realizing that peace is not loneliness – it is freedom.

We often confuse being needed with being loved. But love thrives where boundaries exist, where presence is chosen rather than expected.

When we stop being endlessly available, we don't lose connection; we transform it. Relationships become intentional. Conversations become meaningful. We meet others not from exhaustion, but from fullness.

Instead of becoming a waiting room for other people's convenience, we become the destination – a place people visit because of the energy, warmth, and authenticity we carry.

And here is the beautiful truth: community does not

shrink when life changes. It expands when we step forward as whole individuals.

Answer with love when someone reaches out. Celebrate connection when it arrives. But don't pause your life while waiting.

The table of community always has one guaranteed guest: yourself.

Set a place for your own dreams. Pour yourself a cup of tea. Try something new. Laugh loudly. Rest deeply. Show up for your own life with the same devotion you've offered others.

Because the strongest communities are built by people who know how to stand comfortably in their own company – and genuinely enjoy who they have become.

And sometimes, the greatest act of belonging is choosing yourself first.

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

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Hamilton County is a wonderland

Attending the 2026 Taste of Business felt a little bit like going down the rabbit hole even before The Reporter ran across some of the cast from En Pointe Indiana Ballet's upcoming production of Alice in Wonderland. The treats were tasty – especially that bourbon bacon cheeseburger from Bru Burger – and the businesses were as informative and friendly as you'd expect from Hamilton County raised with Hoosier hospitality as their founding principle. Event sponsors, without whom this would never have happened, included Gaylor Electric President and CEO Chuck Goodrich, The Arena, Red Diamond, Silent Events, The Farmers Bank, Armstrong Accounting Solutions, Ott Equipment Service, Inc., and of course the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. (Reporter photos)



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MEOWERS

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“Every year they compete for points for bigger titles and awards,” Wuersch said. “Awards are trophies and acknowledgement. It’s not cash or anything like that. Basically, it is a hobby because there is no cash reward. It’s all personal because a lot of these people are breeders, too. They’re trying to improve their breed and show it.”



Wuersch



Rumschlag

we expected. We could have taken a few more, but we really couldn’t have done it comfortably. We have had a lot of people comment that they have never been to a cat show before, so I think people have been very curious about what it is, and they learned that it has really cool people in it.”

If you did not attend this No Drama Llamas CFA cat show, given the level of support the com-

Indiana is in Region 6.

“It doesn’t just include people in the region,” Wuersch said. “If you’re in another region and this show looks good to you, you can come here and show your cat. The Cat Fanciers Association has the United States, Europe, and Asia divided into regions. Each region has its clubs and its regional director.”

According to Wuersch and Rumschlag, the point system on which cats are judged is based on the appearance and temperament relative to an “ideal” cat of that breed.

Wuersch said the event has a great turnout.

“This has been a great show as far as spectators. It exceeded our expectations,” Wuersch said. “The entries were about what

munity provided, they will likely be back at the Llama Barn again. Wuersch had some basic information for what new cat show attendees can expect if they come back here or travel to one elsewhere.

“You’re going to see a variety of cats, including some breeds that you’ve probably never seen before,” Wuersch said. “You’re going to get to interact with the person who’s showing the cat – often times the breeders – about their breed’s temperament. If you’re looking for a kitten, that’s a good place to start the search. It’s fun to learn how the show rules fall in and what the cats are judged on.”

Learn more about the CFA at cfa.org.



(TOP LEFT) Jean-Luke Fettig and August Moon the Maine Coon. (TOP RIGHT) Clapton with his owner, Janie. (ABOVE LEFT) Geri McKerie and Billy. (ABOVE RIGHT) Susan Charles and Bling Blingy.

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Brook Cole and Freddy, the NordicTale Norwegian Forest Cat.





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400 gather for Fox Hollow memorial & discussion

On Wednesday, April 22, a crowd of 400 gathered for “A Conversation About the Fox Hollow Crime” at Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield. The event began with a prayer vigil at the Fox Hollow memorial led by Steve Znachko, Elder at Antioch Church, followed by a panel discussion indoors. The panel included Linda Znachko, Founder of He Knows Your Name; Jeff Jellison, Hamilton County Coroner; Eva Pilgrim, nationally recognized broadcast journalist and host of Inside Edition; and Matthew Pranger, cousin of Fox Hollow victim Allen Livingston. WTHR anchor Jennie Runevitch served as moderator. Held during National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, the conversation focused on the ongoing Fox Hollow investigation while also shedding light on all victims of crime. Each panelist provided a unique perspective and shared their insights throughout the hour-long panel conversation. (Photos courtesy He Knows Your Name)




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1 Park Drive, Fishers

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Fishers Early Voting Hours

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Friday–Saturday
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Wednesday–Thursday
April 29–30 | 2:00 PM–7:00 PM

Friday–Saturday
May 1–2 | 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

Lawrence Early Voting Location

Indianapolis Public Library – Fort Ben Branch
9330 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis

Lawrence Early Voting Hours

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OneZone Chamber donates \$5,500 to support Sheridan's Art Alley Project

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber recently presented a \$5,500 donation to Sheridan Main Street in support of the town's exciting Sheridan's Art Alley project.

The donation reflects OneZone Chamber's continued commitment to investing in projects that strengthen communities, support local pride, and create vibrant destinations across Hamilton County. Sheridan's Art Alley is designed to transform space in downtown Sheridan into a welcoming, creative area that celebrates public art and community connection.

"Strong communities are built through vision, collaboration, and investment," OneZone Chamber President & CEO Jack Russell said. "We are proud to support Sheridan Main Street and the Sheridan community with this contribution to help bring Art Alley to life. Projects like this create momentum, inspire pride, and



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make our communities even stronger."

Sheridan's Art Alley will serve as a new gathering place for residents and visitors while adding color, character, and energy to downtown Sheridan.

"At OneZone Chamber,

we believe every community matters and every investment in placemaking helps move our region forward," Russell said. "We are excited to see the positive impact this project will have for years to come."

OneZone Chamber

serves businesses and communities throughout Hamilton County and is committed to advancing business, strengthening communities, and supporting initiatives that improve quality of life across the region.

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Sheridan Community Schools presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee



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Come one, come all! Sheridan Middle and High School presents "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" this weekend, April 24, 25, and 26. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. The musical will take place in Joyce Cline Auditorium at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road. You can reserve tickets online or at the door (\$12 adult or \$8 child ONLINE; \$14 adult or \$10 child AT DOOR). Get your online tickets at our.show/sheridanspellingbeemusical.

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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 no longer be accepted.

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.

Please send your letters to
News@ReadTheReporter.com.

Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.



Westfield formalizes Advisory Council on Disabilities & appoints members

Submitted by
City of Westfield

The City of Westfield has formally codified the Westfield Advisory Council on Disabilities (WACD) into the city's municipal code, following a March 9 vote by the City Council. The action establishes the council as a permanent part of the city's civic structure and reinforces Westfield's commitment to accessibility and inclusion.

Nine members have been appointed to serve on the council. Each brings a direct connection to the disability community, including individuals with disabilities, family members, and professionals who support and advocate for accessibility.



Photo provided by City of Westfield

Appointed members include:

- Nicole Southerland, Co-chair (three-year term)
- Bridget Lueken (two-year term)
- Danyele Easterhaus (two-year term, *not pictured*)
- Jamie Pristasch (three-year term)
- Jamie Sterchi (two-year term)
- Kurt Deichmann (one-year term)
- Dr. Lindsay Tomamichel (one-year term)
- Mendi Cooley (three-year term)
- Theresa Abbenhaus (one-year term)

In addition to the voting members, several non-voting advisors will serve as

liaisons between the council and city departments and township partners:

- Travis Stetnish, Westfield ADA Coordinator and WACD Co-chair
- Lt. Broc Larrison, Westfield Police Department
- Brook Hughes, Westfield Human Resources
- Jamie Goetz Mills, Westfield Washington Township Trustee
- John Capes, Westfield Parks and Recreation
- Lauren Gillingham-Teague, Westfield Community Development
- Marissa Barrett, Westfield Communications
- Division Chief Ryan Flora, Westfield Fire Department

The council will advise on issues related to accessibility, public safety, community engagement, and workforce development, helping ensure the needs and perspectives of individuals with disabilities are reflected in city planning and services.

As part of its initial work, the council will re-establish its mission, vision, and values to guide its efforts and identify priorities. The group will work in coordination with city departments and township partners to provide input and recommendations as Westfield continues to grow.

To learn more or get involved, visit westfieldin.gov/wacd.

Noblesville's own William Gigerich named 2025 Trooper of the Year

The REPORTER

Indiana State Police (ISP) Superintendent Anthony M. Scott recently named Trooper William Gigerich of the Indianapolis District as the 2025 Trooper of the Year.

Trooper Gigerich of Noblesville was recognized earlier this week at a statewide ISP awards ceremony. Each district in the state selects a "Trooper of the District" and from that list the Superintendent and his staff select the Trooper of the Year. As part of this award, Trooper Gigerich received a new patrol vehicle.

Trooper Gigerich is two-year ISP veteran. In addition to his patrol duties, Gigerich was recently certified as a drug recognition expert, giving him the tools and extensive training to evaluate for drug impairment.

"Trooper Gigerich has quickly established himself among the veteran troopers at our district," ISP Indianapolis District Lieutenant Josh Watson said. "His work ethic, job related knowledge, motivation to serve his community and the respect he has earned from his peers is certainly commendable. I am proud of the incredible work he has done, he has undoubtedly saved lives with his efforts."

Throughout 2025, Trooper Gigerich demonstrated a level of performance that clearly separates him from his peers. He represents



Photo provided by Indiana State Police

(From left) ISP Superintendent Anthony M. Scott, Trooper of the Year William Gigerich, and ISP Assistant Supt. Col. Chris L. Hill.

resents what it means to be present, proactive, and police with purpose. His consistent visible presence and community engagement have directly contributed to deterring criminal activity and enhancing public safety across the district.

Trooper Gigerich's proactive approach extends well beyond simply responding to calls for service. He consistently identifies problem areas, addresses unsafe behaviors before they escalate, and conducts enforcement actions with a clear focus on public safety, professionalism, and integrity. Each traffic stop, arrest, and citizen interaction reflects a mission-driven philosophy that produces measurable results and strengthens community trust. His enforcement efforts have had a big impact on reducing criminal activity within the counties he serves.

Due to his great work and consistent enforcement

presence, Trooper Gigerich has become well-known among repeat offenders – an indication of both his activity level and effectiveness. His productivity routinely results in multiple arrests per shift and has created a culture of proactive patrol within the district. His example motivates troopers to remain engaged, visible, and activity driven throughout the shift.

Trooper Gigerich consistently exercises sound judgment, maintains strong officer safety awareness, and communicates effectively in all interactions. His attention to detail results in well-documented high-quality cases. He is dependable, professional, and always willing to assist fellow troopers by sharing knowledge and experience. His leadership by example strengthens both morale and effective policework throughout the district.

Dig into spring with Demo Days at Tractor Supply Company

The REPORTER

Tractor Supply Company announces the return of its Demo Days event, an opportunity for customers to test drive zero-turn and riding mowers at stores nationwide.

TSC has two locations in Hamilton County:

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First Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame class dedicated at new courtyard

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools inducted its first Hall of Fame class at a special dedication event Wednesday evening at the new Hall of Fame Courtyard.

Inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2025 inductees include Dick Dellinger, Vickie Ely, Julia Kozicki, John Land, Bryan Mills, Tony Oilar, Rick Towle, and Kathy Williams.

The district also recently announced its Class of 2026 honorees – Chris Beaver, Sally Crow, Fred Farley, and Bruce Hitchcock. The Class of 2026 will have its dedication event this fall.

The district's new Hall of Fame Courtyard, located between the Noblesville Schools Community Center and Beaver Stadium, features an honoree monument, walking path, reflection benches and landscaping.

The courtyard was funded out of construction project savings from a bond (loan) with no increase to the tax rate and no classroom dollars.

Generous donations also supported the courtyard, with Hagerman Group donating the concrete, and CCHA and The Peony Festival organization donating and planting peonies.

The Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame celebrates the legacy of those who have demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments, or contributions to Noblesville Schools, and is a collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

ville Schools Education Foundation.

Honorees are selected based on community nominations. Eligibility criteria, nomination guidelines and

the application to nominate can be found at [com/NoblesvilleHoFnominations](https://www.noblesvillehofofnominations.com/NoblesvilleHoFnominations).

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Gleaners CEO Fred Glass speaks to Westfield Rotarians

By **RON FALL**
Rotary Club of Westfield

Fred Glass, President and CEO of Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, shared powerful insights on the growing challenge of food insecurity and the significant impact Gleaners is making across 21 counties in the state with the Rotary Club of Westfield this week.

A former Indianapolis attorney and former Athletic Director at Indiana University, Glass now leads Indiana's largest food bank. Under his leadership, Gleaners supports more than 300 partner pantries, including 90 school-based sites.

Last year, Gleaners provided 54.3 million meals to families in need. Despite this impressive effort, demand continues to rise. Glass noted that one in seven Americans currently face food insecurity, the highest rate in more than a decade. Importantly, more than two-thirds of these households include at least one working adult. Hamilton County has

experienced one of the fastest increases in food insecurity in the region since the pandemic.

To keep up with growing need, Gleaners now purchases approximately 50 percent of the food it distributes. The organization also places a strong emphasis on nutrition, with 68 percent of all distributed items meeting FDA healthy standards. This includes fresh, nutritious foods such as milk, eggs, and produce.

Beyond providing meals, Gleaners helps connect individuals and families with additional critical resources, including health care, legal aid, and other essential services. As Glass explained, the goal is not just to "feed the line," but to "shorten the line" by addressing the root causes of hunger.

Glass pointed to rising housing and grocery costs, stagnant wages, and reduced government support as key drivers of food insecurity. He also highlighted the broader consequences,



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Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana President and CEO Fred Glass explained that the goal is not just to "feed the line," but to "shorten the line" by addressing the root causes of hunger.

including poorer health outcomes and academic challenges for children.

"This is not a 'them' problem – it's an 'us' problem," he emphasized.

Glass closed by expressing strong support for the Rotary Club's potential partnership with Westfield High School to establish a new school-based food pantry.

Vote411.org offers candidate info & voting reminders

Submitted

The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County offers a one-stop resource for voters looking for info about the upcoming May 5 primary elections.

Vote411.org is a nonpartisan resource that provides ways to access candidate information and bios and to find polling place locations, among other services.

"Vote411 is the best online election resource for getting your voting plan ready," said Lisa Dick, president of the local league. "One of our group's focuses for primary and general elections is to prepare this guide for all of Hamilton County's voters."

The site launched in time for early voting, which continues through May 4, and Election Day May 5. The league added its Vote411 banner to the courthouse lawn in Noblesville and placed yard signs at early voting locations. Both feature QR codes that take us-

ers directly to the Vote411 website.

"The Vote411 banner reminds Hamilton County voters that it's time to get a voting plan ready," Dick said, "and the yard signs offer a way for voters in line to check their ballots as they wait. It's important to schedule time to research candidates, plan where and when you will vote, and make sure that your ID is current."

League members have sought information from all candidates running in the primary this year. They are contributing this information to the national Vote411 website so that Hamilton County users can see who is running in their areas and learn more about their platforms.

When logging onto Vote411.org, simply enter your address, and all the information on the next page will be tailored to your area. You'll see descriptions of the office, then photos and bios of the candidates who



responded to the league's request for info.

Dick said each candidate was sent a survey by email or postal mail, and their responses were entered by their own representatives. The league does not edit candidate responses.

Dick added a few reminders for primary voters. Indiana's is a "closed" primary, which means voters select candidates in one party or another. You choose one party to cast all your votes, but you do not have to be a member of that party to choose its ballot.

"In the general election in the fall, you do not have to declare a party and you can vote for anyone on the ballot, regardless of party," Dick explained. A list of more primary voting reminders is on the [league's website home page](#).

[website home page](#).

Vote411.org is free and nonpartisan in keeping with the League of Women Voters' mission as an organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. Leagues around the nation work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information, visit [Vote411.org](#), the League of Women Voters of Hamilton County [website](#), or its [Facebook](#) page.

Teachers get 50% off oil changes at Jiffy Lube

Ten Hoosier educators will receive \$500 gift card

The REPORTER

Jiffy Lube of Indiana will celebrate local educators with a statewide promotion that recognizes their hard work and impact on the community.

Throughout April and May, educators will receive 50 percent off a Conventional Jiffy Lube Signature Service Oil Change. This offer is available to all teachers, administrators, and school staff with a valid school ID

at all participating locations.

Additionally, Jiffy Lube is calling on community members to nominate a local educator by sharing a short paragraph about the impact they have had on their school district. The submission form can be found [here](#). Nominations close May 4.

Ten educators will be selected to receive a \$500 Jiffy Lube gift card for their valuable work in the com-

munity. The selected educators will be announced during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4 to 8.

"We see the hard work that our local educators put into growing and teaching the younger generations," said Lonnie Hinkle, Vice President of Operations at Jiffy Lube of Indiana. "With Teacher Appreciation Week coming up, we wanted to show our gratitude for the impact they are making."

IHA issues statement on state review of direct-to-employer health care arrangements

Submitted

Following the [Indiana Department of Health's announcement](#) regarding its inaugural review of direct-to-employer (DTE) health care arrangements plans, [Indiana Hospital Association \(IHA\) President Scott B. Tittle](#) released the following statement:

IHA applauds our hospital members for their innovative, market-based approaches that are helping employers better manage costs while maintaining access to high-quality care for their employees. Thank you to Governor Mike Braun

and Representative Carbaugh and Senator Garten as the author and sponsor of House Enrolled Act 1004 for encouraging these direct-to-employer health care arrangements. By working more directly with hospitals or targeted networks to cut out unnecessary middleman, employers can improve health outcomes of their employees, reduce administrative complexity, and create more predictable health care spending.



Tittle

As the state's review shows, hospitals are more than delivering on competitive, transparent pricing that aligns with employers' needs, and IHA looks forward to the ongoing growth of these models in the future.

For more information about DTE arrangements between hospitals and employers, please refer to the [IHA Fact Sheet: Market Solutions to Lower Health Care Costs](#).

Community News

Enjoy Bourbon & Bites in Cicero

The Cicero Friends of the Park will play host to a "Bourbon and Bites" bourbon tasting from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Red Bridge Park, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

Enjoy great pours from more than eight distilleries, as well as barbecue sliders and hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$50.

If you have any questions, please contact John Lewis at lewis7955@gmail.com.

Nieshalla to speak at next Fishers GOP meeting

The next meeting of the Fishers GOP and Young Republicans will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 at Gaylor Electric, 10405 Crosspoint Blvd., Fishers. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Indiana Comptroller Elise Nieshalla will join for a conversation on how the state is managing taxpayer dollars and planning for the future.

Please RSVP by emailing Tiffanie Ditlevson at tiffanie@hamiltoncountygop.org or John Weingardt at john@psw-cpa.com.

Cicero gets fired up about pancakes

The Cicero Fire Department's annual Pancake Breakfast will take place from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9 at the Fire Department, 1359 Stringtown Pike.

The breakfast will include pancakes and sausage as well as all the fixings. Speaking of which ...

What's your favorite go-to pancake topping? Fresh strawberries, blueberries, chocolate chips, bananas and whipped cream, maple syrup, or something unique? The Fire Departments wants to know what you like on your pancakes. [Click here](#) and comment on the Facebook post. Your suggestion could end up on this year's topping bar.

The cost is a free-will offering. Proceeds go to Cicero Fire & Community Outreach.

Coffee Hour for Veterans

Attention Veterans in northern Hamilton County ...

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

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

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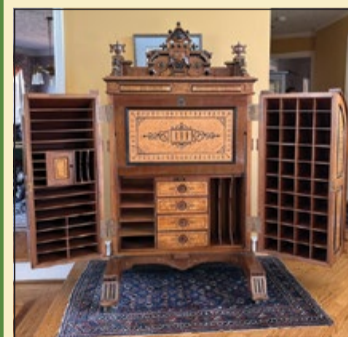
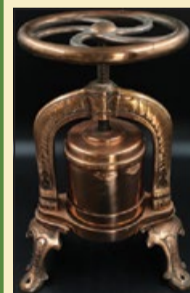
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Carmel Gateway marks Earth Day with depaving project & grand opening at West Lawn

Central Indiana's largest office park unveils new green space for tenants

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, April 22, Carmel Gateway celebrated the grand opening of the West Lawn in the heart of its more than 1 million square-foot campus. The project is part of a broader initiative to convert approximately 2.25 acres of asphalt into amenity-rich outdoor lawn space.

The Carmel Gateway West Lawn, 600 E. 96th St., features a terraced amphitheater with limestone block seating, ample green space for events such as farmers markets, and a pergola with modern audio/visual equipment to host corporate presentations, a speaker series, and musical performances.

The Grand Opening event, held notably on Earth Day, included live music from a Carmel Symphony Orchestra quintet, opening remarks from Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, Carmel Gateway senior property manager Patrick Moyers, and Carmel-based influencer Chelsea Koppelman, who kicked off Carmel Gateway's summer speaker series.

The event also featured activations for more than 3,100 on-site employees, provided picnic lunches and opportunities to enjoy the

outdoors on Earth Day.

"This is a milestone worth celebrating as we transform what was once asphalt into an incredibly-designed green space to be used by Carmel Gateway tenants," Moyers said. "In the spirit of Earth Day, the West Lawn creates a place where tenants can step outside, recharge and connect during their workday. It's a change to the landscape that makes a big difference for our community."

Complementing this space is Carmel Gateway East Lawn, which was developed and opened near the 800 and 900 Carmel Gateway office buildings. The East Lawn, which broke ground in tandem with the West Lawn, offers an expansive flex-use green space nestled into a lush landscape. The space includes a picnic area, food truck parking, swing seats, relaxation zones and electric vehicle charging stations for tenants to utilize during the workday.

"The City of Carmel has invested for decades in quality of life improvements like trail networks, green spaces, pocket parks and big, amazing parks," Mayor Finkam said. "We felt like having this at the entrance to Carmel



Photo courtesy Carmel Gateway

el is a wonderful way to say welcome. You're valued, and we want you to stay, live and play in Carmel."

Carmel Gateway has completed several on-site upgrades to campus such as an amenity building featuring a private fitness club

and executive conference rooms, fully renovated designer lobbies and restrooms, gated pickleball courts, and an on-site café with catering and an extensive menu. The thoughtfully designed outdoor meeting and gaming area, known as

Village Green, serves as a central hub for connection, collaboration, and recreation on campus.

Carmel Gateway is owned by affiliates of Philadelphia-based Rubenstein Partners, L.P., a registered investment advisor and

fund manager, and leased by Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), a global provider of real estate and investment management services.

For more information on Carmel Gateway and its more than 60 tenants, visit CarmelGateway.com.



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State Sen. Walker's bill codifying foster youth rights & expediting cancer treatments signed into law

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Kyle Walker

Several pieces of legislation authored or sponsored by State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) were ceremonially signed into law by Governor Mike Braun on Wednesday, April 22.

Senate Enrolled Act 15 codifies the Foster Youth Bill of Rights into law,

which describes the rights and responsibilities of foster youth and requires the **Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)** to develop and update the bill of rights.

To formulate the Foster Youth Bill of Rights, DCS must collaborate with at least:

- One person who has experience as a child in the child welfare system and no younger than 18;
- A child placing agency; and
- Someone with an expertise in older foster youth services.

Once formulated, DCS will publish the bill of rights on their website, distribute it to foster youth each year and share it with current or prospective foster parents. SEA 15 also defines foster youth as someone who is at least 12 years old and not older than 23, and the child is either a child in need of services or is receiving collaborative care in an out-of-home placement.

"Since entering office, supporting Indiana's foster youth has been a priority of mine and codifying the Foster Youth Bill of Rights

will continue to help Hoosier foster youth flourish," Sen. Walker said. "I appreciate the support of my colleagues and those advocating for Indiana's foster youth on this legislation, and I am excited to see how Indiana's foster youth grow."

House Enrolled Act 1114 allows advanced metastatic cancer patients to gain

quicker access to lifesaving medications by prohibiting health insurance plans from requiring STEP therapy which documents failure of a preferred drug under the plan before the original doctor-prescribed medication is covered. This new law also ensures a prescription drug that is covered by one of the three plans is consistent with the best practices for treatment, supported by peer-reviewed research and approved by the **Food and Drug Administration**.

The governor also ceremonially signed **Senate Enrolled Act 5**, **Senate Enrolled Act 163**, and **House Enrolled Act 1152**, which Walker authored or sponsored. These new laws address nuisance bars in the state, extend the county option circuit breaker tax credit through 2028 and restrict Indiana's homeowners' associations from increasing their budgets without a quorum during meetings, respectively.

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) represents Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.



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Letter to the Editor

Chadwick Hill earns wife's endorsement

Dear Editor:
I am writing both as a citizen of Hamilton County and as Chadwick Hill's wife. I do not take this responsibility lightly.

Over the past several months, I have attended numerous events and listened carefully as candidates for all of the courts have spoken. I take this matter seriously, as I know how important it is to have judges who are fair, prepared, and committed to serving our community with integrity.

Through that process, I can say with confidence that Chadwick Hill stands out – not simply because of my personal connection to him, but because of his qualifications, temperament, and dedication to the law. With 28 years of litigation experience and as the most senior magistrate in Hamilton County, Chadwick is already doing this work every day. He is ready to step into this role on day one, without a learning curve, and continue providing thoughtful, unbiased decisions.

I have seen firsthand the seriousness with which he approaches his responsibilities. He understands the weight of the role and the impact judicial decisions have on individuals and families. That perspective was shaped early on, watching his father serve as a state trooper, attorney, and judge – instilling in him a deep respect for the law and the responsibility that comes with it.

Chadwick is level-headed, fair, and committed to doing what is right. He was built for this role, and our community would be well served by his leadership on the bench.

I respectfully encourage the citizens of Hamilton County to support Chadwick Hill for Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 4.

Kati Hill
Westfield

Letter to the Editor

Westfield voter: Whalin has integrity, experience, dedication to serve as judge

Dear Editor:
I am writing in support of Trampas Whalin as he seeks election to serve as Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 4.

I have had the privilege of knowing Trampas for over 20 years, both personally and through serving on boards together. Over that time, I have come to know him as a man of exceptional character, integrity, and honor, qualities that are essential for anyone entrusted with the responsibility of the bench.

As a military veteran with 21 years of honorable service to our community and nation, I have seen firsthand the importance of leadership, accountability, and sound judgment. Trampas embodies these same principles in both his professional and personal life. In our work together on boards, I have witnessed his thoughtful decision making, fairness, and dedication to doing what is right for the community.

Trampas also introduced me to the Elks, and through that connection, I have seen his deep commitment to service. His involvement in youth activities, support for cancer research, and dedication to veterans' causes speaks volumes about who he is. These are not just obligations for him, they are causes he truly cares about.

Of particular importance to me is his advocacy for veterans. In talking with Trampas over the years, he has shared his efforts to refer appropriate clients to Veterans Court, ensuring those who have served our country are given opportunities for support and rehabilitation. This reflects both his compassion and his understanding of justice.

Trampas Whalin has consistently demonstrated the integrity, experience, and dedication required to serve as a judge. I am confident he will uphold the law with fairness, respect, and a genuine commitment to the community.

I strongly encourage others to vote for Trampas Whalin for Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 4.

Shay Bonnell
Westfield

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State Rep. Danny Lopez's bills to empower foster youth & strengthen mission of Ivy Tech signed into law

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

Two new laws sponsored by State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) were recently ceremonially signed by Gov. Mike Braun. These laws focus on empowering foster youth across the state and strengthening the mission of Ivy Tech Community College.

Lopez said **Senate Enrolled Act 15** elevates the voices of Hoosier foster youth by codifying the Foster Youth Bill of Rights and creates a process to ensure the voices of kids in Indiana's foster care system are protected.

"This new law ensures foster youth in Indiana are seen, heard and protected," State Rep. Lopez said. "Establishing a clear set of rights and responsibilities empowers them to advocate for themselves and build a strong and bright future."

Additionally, **Senate Enrolled Act 254** updates Ivy Tech Community College's mission, affirming its commitment to workforce preparation, economic development, dual credit and dual enrollment. Lopez said



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State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) (fifth from right) joins Gov. Mike Braun (seated) for the ceremonial signing of Senate Enrolled Act 15 on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Lopez sponsored the new law aimed at empowering Indiana foster youth. Also pictured are bill author State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) (sixth from right), co-authors State Sens. Scott Alexander (R-Muncie) (back, behind Braun), J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) (second from right) and Andrea Hunley (D-Indianapolis) (fifth from left) along with fellow sponsor State Rep. Carey Hamilton (D-Indianapolis) (fourth from right).

this law reaffirms Ivy Tech's place in Indiana's workforce and economic development efforts.

"Ivy Tech has long been a leader in workforce development, strengthening economic growth and expanding opportunity," Lopez

said. "This update reaffirms that commitment to ensuring more Hoosiers can access affordable, career-focused education."

Ceremonial bill signings showcase legislation passed during the 2026 session and are a way for lawmak-

ers, stakeholders and those directly impacted to come together and reflect on how these new laws will benefit Hoosiers.

State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) represents House District 39, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

Get your ukulele fix with Jake Shimabukuro

The REPORTER

Since gaining prominence in the early 2000s, ukulele marvel Jake Shimabukuro has mesmerized audiences with his innovative and dynamic style, taking the instrument to dizzying new heights.

See him perform live at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel at 8 p.m. Friday, May 8.

Over a dozen solo albums, Shimabukuro has shown a knack for moving effortlessly between genres, sometimes in the same song. He has played the world's top venues, from Lincoln Center



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to the Sydney Opera House, and has worked with artists including Yo-Yo Ma, Bela Fleck, Bette Midler, Ziggy

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Carmel Clay Parks & Rec gets \$400K state grant for White River Greenway

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced recipients of Indiana Trails Program (ITP) grants, awarding \$1.7 million in trail development assistance to five communities across the state. With local matching funds included, the program will support nearly \$3.3 million in total investment resulting in 4.12 miles of new trail construction.

“Outdoor recreation is core to our heritage as Hoosiers, with trails making important connections

to health and nature,” Governor Mike Braun said. “These trail projects will be excellent additions to their communities.”

ITP is a biennial grant program dedicated to expanding and enhancing Indiana’s network of trails to support outdoor recreation, community connectivity, economic development, and quality of life. DNR received 31 applications requesting nearly \$11 million in funding, demonstrating strong statewide demand for new and expanded trail infrastructure. The grant recipients are:

- Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Department – White River Greenway (\$400,000; 0.5 miles)

- City of Fort Wayne – Fishing Line Trail (\$400,000; 0.72 miles)

- Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department – Bur Oak Bend Trails (\$386,827.80; 1.65 miles)

- Hancock County – NineStar Park Trail (\$376,496; 0.75 miles)

- Town of North Judson – Hidden Field Trail (\$140,000; 0.5 miles)

“These projects repre-

sent the best of what Indiana communities are doing to create accessible outdoor spaces and strengthen local connections,” Indiana State Parks Director Brandt Baughman said. “The strong interest this year underscores just how important trail development has become across the state.”

Project schedules vary, but construction could begin as early as this summer, with the first trail expected to open in October 2026.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Indiana Trails Program and future grant opportunities.

Hoosiers urged to learn about organ, tissue & cornea donation then consider becoming a lifesaving donor

The REPORTER

April is National Donate Life Month, a time to recognize the selfless decisions of Hoosiers who have saved and healed lives by being organ, tissue and cornea donors.

More than 1,400 Indiana residents are on the waiting list for a lifesaving organ transplant.

One organ donor can save eight lives. One tissue donor can help heal more than 75 people. One cornea donor can restore sight to two people.

To educate Hoosiers and encourage them to consider being organ, tissue and cornea donors, here are some facts about donation:

Organ donation

Nationally, more than 108,000 people are waiting. Last year, more than 49,000 lifesaving transplants were performed in the U.S.

- Every day, 17 people die waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.

- Only three in 1,000 people die in a way that allows for potential organ donation.

- Only when a patient is declared clinically and legally dead by a physician unaffiliated with Indiana Donor Network is donation an option.

- Anyone, regardless of age or medical history, can sign up to be a donor. No one should rule themselves out for any reason.

Tissue donation

Donated tissues are used to heal lives and dramatically improve a recipient’s quality of life. These tissues can be donated for reconstructive surgical procedures:

- Skin heals burn victims or patients with serious infections.

- Veins restore circulation.

- Bone prevents need for amputation.

- Heart valves repair many cardiac defects.

- Ligaments, tendons, and cartilage restore mobility.

Anyone, regardless of age, can donate tissue if they are medically suitable at their time of death. Tissue donation must be initiated within 24 hours of a person’s death. Unlike organs, donated tissues can be processed and stored for an extended time.

More than 2.4 million tissue donations occur in the U.S. annually.

Cornea donation

The cornea, which is the clear, front part of the eye, makes one’s vision possible. Cornea transplantation restores vision in individuals who have lost it due to corneal damage or disease.

- Everyone is a universal donor for corneal tissue – the donor’s blood type does not have to match the blood type of the recipient.

- Last year, Indiana Donor Network recovered 804 corneas from generous donors to help Vision First, Indiana’s largest eye bank, provide corneas throughout the state, U.S., and world for transplant surgeries.

- Vision First in Indiana provides more than 2,000 corneas for transplant annually.

- Since 1961, more than 2.4 million people worldwide have had their sight restored through corneal transplantation.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be an organ, tissue, and cornea donor at Donate-LifeIndiana.org.

Banks introduces Promoting Access & Revenue Integrity Through Institutional Transparency (PARITY) Act

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

On Monday, April 20, U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced the Promoting Access and Revenue Integrity Through Institutional Transparency (PARITY) Act.

This bill would repeal the 90/10 rule in the Higher Education Act, which only applies to proprietary

schools and requires them to derive at least 10 percent of their revenue from non-federal sources.

“Right now, the rules single out vocational and career schools while letting other colleges play by a different



Banks

set of standards,” Sen. Banks said. “That’s not fair when these programs are helping meet critical workforce needs and keeping our economy moving.”

This legislation is supported by the Army Association of

America, American Retirees Association, Armed Forces Retiree Association, Veteran Warriors, Korean War Veterans Association, American GI Forum, Palmetto Promise, 60 Plus Association, American Principles Project, Consumer Action for a Strong Economy, Taxpayers Protection Alliance, American Accountability Foundation, National Defense Committee, Association of the U.S. Navy, Army Aviation Association of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Frontiers for Freedom.

Background

With the 90/10 rule, Congress is picking winners and losers in the higher education space. This rule only applies to proprietary colleges, not to nonprofit and public schools.

Through the One Big Beautiful Bill act, Congress moved to craft and enact a universal earnings/ROI metric that applies across all institutions of all types and directly measures student outcomes, tying earnings to Title IV Federal student aid eligibility. In this context, 90/10 is increasingly a solution in search of a problem – it’s duplicative and out of step with where policy now sits.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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Champions, competition & culinary glory: World Food Championships set for 2026 Indianapolis return

The REPORTER

The World Food Championships (WFC) will return to Indianapolis for a third consecutive year. WFC 2026 will take place Oct. 15 to 18, once again at the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center, continuing a successful and growing partnership with a coalition of strong Indiana-based partners.

Building on the momentum of the past two years, WFC 2026 will welcome hundreds of elite competitors from around the world, all vying for championship titles, life-changing prize money, and a place in Food Sport history. The multi-day event will feature a refined competition schedule designed to elevate both the competitor and fan experience.

Competition will begin with qualifying rounds on Thursday and Friday, setting the stage for an action-packed weekend. Saturday will spotlight fan-favorite and community-driven ancillary events, including WFC Junior, Military Challenge, the Redemption Tournament, and the beloved Biscuits & Jampionship. The event will culminate on Sunday, when all 10 core categories conduct their Final Rounds and crown World Champions live on the Kitchen Arena stage.

“Indianapolis has proven to be an incredible home for the World Food Championships,” WFC Founder and CEO Mike McCloud said. “The city, the venue, and the community have embraced Food Sport in a way that aligns perfectly with our mission: to celebrate culinary talent, passion, and competition at the highest level.”

The Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

has played a key role in supporting WFC’s growth and vision, providing a dynamic campus capable of hosting large-scale culinary competition, live judging, fan engagement, and consumer-driven programming. The event will again be based in the state-of-the-art Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion.

Adding to that energy, Larry Dickerson, Founder and Director of Culinary Crossroads, added, “Over the past two years, a growing coalition of over 35 Indiana businesses and organizations have become involved with the World Food Championships and are recognizing the power and potential of this partnership for the entire state of Indiana.”

Over the coming months, WFC will announce new and expanded programming elements for 2026, further enhancing the festival atmosphere and reinforcing Indianapolis as a premier destination for Food Sport. These additions will build on the strong foundation established during the first two years, with a continued focus on innovation, accessibility, food sampling, and entertainment that celebrates the Food Sport community. New additions include the recently announced Burger Battle and Dessert Smash premium experiences for event attendees.

Additional details regarding tickets, programming updates, and qualification opportunities will be released in the months ahead. Competitors, partners, and fans of Food Sport can stay up to date on all things related to the World Food Championships by visiting WorldFoodChampionships.com.

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State Rep. Smith's bills to expand teaching opportunities & cut red tape signed into law

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Hunter Smith

Governor Mike Braun recently ceremonially signed new laws co-authored and sponsored by State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) to expand teaching opportunities and cut red tape in K-12 education.

Smith said **Senate Enrolled Act 204** expands pathways into teaching by granting eligibility to individuals who have a license to teach in a charter school to obtain an initial practitioner professional educator license. It also streamlines education-related reporting requirements to reduce bureaucracy and upholds religious freedom for health education students by allowing immunization exemptions.

"This new law opens the door for more Hoosiers to enter the teaching profession while cutting down on unnecessary paperwork," said Smith, a member of the House Education Committee. "By expanding pathways into the classroom, we're making it



(ABOVE LEFT) State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) joins Gov. Mike Braun for the ceremonial signing of Senate Enrolled Act 204 on Wednesday, April 22 at the Statehouse. Smith sponsored the new law to expand teaching opportunities in Indiana. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) joins Gov. Mike Braun, State Rep. Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis) (second from right) and State Sens. Jeff Ratz (R-Richmond) (far left) and Linda Rogers (R-Granger) (second from left) for the ceremonial signing of House Enrolled Act 1004 on Wednesday, April 22 at the Statehouse. Smith co-authored the new law to cut outdated and unnecessary education regulations.

easier to recruit strong educators and focus more on student success."

Additionally, **House Enrolled Act 1004**, a House Republican priority bill, builds on efforts from last year to cut outdated and unnecessary education regulations and give schools more control over local decisions, which allows teachers to better focus on students.

"By reducing burdensome regulations, we're giving teachers more time to focus on instruction and empowering communities to make decisions that better reflect their unique needs," Smith said. "This legislation puts more trust in our local schools and the educators who know their students best."

Ceremonial bill signings

showcase legislation passed during the 2026 session and are a way for lawmakers, stakeholders, and those directly impacted to come together and reflect on how these new laws will benefit Hoosiers.

State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road.

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

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE Request for Proposal

Pursuant to the provisions of Ind. Code 5-32 et seq., the City of Westfield, by and through the Economic Development Department (collectively, "the City") is requesting Proposals from qualified construction professionals to provide Construction Manager as Constructor ("CMc") services for the 18160 Market Court Redevelopment Project. CMc Services will include: (1) Preconstruction phase services; (2) Consultation, collaboration, project construction management, and other services regarding construction during and after design/construction phases; (3) Development of construction schedule, estimated cost of construction, and analysis of qualifications of 1st tier subcontractors; (4) a guarantee of the cost of the project and the project schedule.

The City invites any and all qualified parties to submit Proposals in response to this RFP should be electronically submitted via email and PDF to Chuck Haberman, Director of Economic Development, City of Westfield, chaberman@westfield.in.gov, and should be clearly marked "18160 Market Court Redevelopment Project Proposal for CMc Services". Proposals are due by Noon (EST) on May 12, 2026 in order to be considered. The Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained from the Reprographix online E-planroom at <https://eplanroom.reprographix.com/cgi-bin/planroom/> for a non-refundable fee or will be available at the City of Westfield, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. All submissions must comply with the RFP requirements. Interviews may be conducted at the City's discretion based on the conditions set forth in the RFP documents.

CMc Services will be performed under a CMc Contract with the City. The form of the contract is set forth in the RFP. The offeror must submit a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan for performing the CMc Services, and the resources available for the performance of CMc Services. The financial statement must be submitted on SBOA Form 96 (<http://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Form96.pdf>).

Evidence of financial responsibility per Ind. Code § 36-1-12-4.5 in the amount of \$1,000.00 must be payable to the City of Westfield in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, certified check, cashier's check, or a bond acquired from an Indiana Department of Insurance registered surety. Should a successful offeror within ten (10) days after written notice of contract award withdraw its proposal, fail to provide required bonds, or execute a satisfactory contract, the City may then declare that offeror security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

Discussions may be conducted with, and best and final offers obtained from, responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If the City later determines to proceed with the Project, the City may enter into negotiations with the offeror whose proposal has been selected by an evaluation committee considering: (1) the responses to the RFP; (2) any interviews with selected offerors; and (3) evaluation of fees.

The City expects to award the contract for CMc Services at the May 2026 Redevelopment Commission meeting to the responsible offeror(s) whose Proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the City, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The City reserves the right to hold proposals, including any alternates, for up to sixty (60) days from the date of the opening. The City reserves in its sole discretion the right to cancel the solicitation, reject any and all proposals in whole or part, delay the opening, ask for new proposals, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other proposal, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the request for proposal procedure.

The City creates no obligation, expressed or implied, of any kind or description in issuing the RFP or receiving a Proposal. Neither the RFP nor the Proposal shall be construed as a legal offer.

The City is not responsible for any costs associated with preparing a Proposal in response to the RFP or related to any interviews. All costs will be the responsibility of the offeror.

The City may refuse to disclose the contents of the Proposals during discussions with eligible offerors and prior to contract award. Proposals, however, shall after contract award be considered a public record and subject to disclosure under Indiana's public records laws. Should a responder to the RFP contend that its proposal includes information not subject to disclosure under Indiana's public records laws, responder shall clearly mark in its proposal such specific information as "Confidential" and further agrees that should any administrative or legal action be commenced against the City including but not limited to complaints filed with the Indiana Public Access Counselor that relate to or arise out of the City's production of the responder's proposal with the designated "confidential" information redacted in response to any applicable public records requests, the responder agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against such actions including reasonable attorney fees.

CITY OF WESTFIELD,
BY AND THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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Metropolitan Youth Ballet presents Swan Lake May 23 at STAR Bank Performing Arts Center

Submitted

Metropolitan Youth Ballet of Indiana (MYB) will present the timeless classic *Swan Lake* on Saturday, May 23, with performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center, 1000 Mulberry St., Zionsville. Tickets are available at my-ballet.org/swan-lake starting at just \$25.

One of the most iconic works in the classical ballet repertoire, *Swan Lake* is renowned for its sweeping score, dramatic storytelling, and technical demands. MYB's production features the organization's pre-professional company alongside guest artists from Louisville Ballet and Grand Rapids Ballet, bringing together emerging and professional talent in a full-length staging designed to inspire audiences of all ages.

"This ballet is truly a cornerstone of classical dance," MYB Artistic Director Jane Hachiya-Weiner said. "*Swan Lake* is not only one of the most beloved ballets in the world, but also one of the most challenging. It requires extraordinary discipline, artistry, and unity from the entire cast."

A story of love, magic & transformation

Swan Lake tells the story of Princess Odette, who has been transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer and can only return to human form under the cover of night. Prince Siegfried vows to break the spell, but is deceived by Odile, the sorcerer's daughter – the alluring Black Swan. The ballet unfolds as a tale of love, betrayal, courage, and redemption, brought to life through expressive movement and music.

Training for excellence

MYB is dedicated to providing high-level classical ballet training in a supportive, performance-focused environment. Through rigorous instruction and performance opportunities, dancers develop the technique, strength, and artistry required to take on demanding roles such as those in *Swan Lake*.

"Our dancers spend years building the foundation needed for a production like this," Hachiya-Weiner said. "From the principal roles to the corps de ballet, every dancer must demonstrate precision, musicality, and emotional depth. It's a true ensemble effort."

Production highlights

Audiences can expect several of ballet's most celebrated moments, including:



Photo provided by Metropolitan Youth Ballet

- The dazzling Black Swan pas de deux, featuring the famous 32 fouetté turns
- The iconic Dance of the Little Swans, known for its intricate synchronization
- The ethereal beauty and lyricism of the White Swan (Odette)
- The demanding precision of the corps de ballet, where dancers move in perfect unison to create the illusion of a flock of swans

Featured performers

The roles of Odette (White Swan) and Odile (Black Swan) will be performed by two of MYB's pre-professional level dancers:

- Anya Stephenson, a senior at Carmel High School – Odette (matinee); Odile (evening)
- Miriam Danek, a student at Cardinal Ritter High School – Odile (matinee); Odette (evening)

Guest artists from Louisville Ballet and Grand Rapids Ballet will join the cast, sharing their professional dance experience and expertise with students, elevating both the dancers' growth and the overall quality of the production.

- Aleksandr Schroeder, Louisville Ballet Company Artist – Von Rothbart (both shows)
- Fletcher Barr, Louisville Ballet Company Artist – Count Benno (matinee); Prince Sigfried (evening)
- Gabriel Weiner, Grand Rapids Ballet Apprentice – Prince Sigfried (matinee); Count Benno (evening)

A full ballet experience

In addition to the performance, MYB invites audiences to enjoy a complete "ballet experience" in the theater lobby. Activities included with each ticket feature:

- The Ballet Boutique, offering ballet- and Swan Lake-inspired gifts
- The Swans' Sweets Table with themed treats
- A post-show Cast Meet & Greet
- Photo booths and interactive displays in a beautifully decorated lobby
- MYB info table to learn more about summer

programs, fall classes, and upcoming performances

Making classical ballet accessible

Through productions like *Swan Lake*, MYB aims to keep classical ballet vibrant, relevant, and accessible to the community.

"We believe these great

works should be experienced by everyone," Hachiya-Weiner said. "By presenting full-length ballets with high production value and engaging experiences, at affordable prices, we hope to inspire both seasoned patrons and first-time audience members."

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New Binford Boulevard ramp to open next weekend

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

BALAK SUMMONS BALAAM

The next morning Balaam got up and said to Balak's officials, "Go back to your own country, for the Lord has refused to let me go with you."

So the Moabite officials returned to Balak and said, "Balaam refused to come with us."

Then Balak sent other officials, more numerous and more distinguished than the first. They came to Balaam and said:

"This is what Balak son of Zippor says: Do not let anything keep you from coming to me, because I will reward you handsomely and do whatever you say. Come and put a curse on these people for me."

But Balaam answered them, "Even if Balak gave me all the silver and gold in his palace, I could not do anything great or small to go beyond the command of the Lord my God. Now spend the night here so that I can find out what else the Lord will tell me."

That night God came to Balaam and said, "Since these men have come to summon you, go with them, but do only what I tell you."

Numbers 22:13-20 (NIV)

The REPORTER

The new ramp from southbound Interstate 69 to southbound Binford Boulevard is expected to open on or after Sunday, May 3, marking another milestone on the Clear Path 465 Project.

Overnight ramp and lane restrictions are scheduled next week in northeast Indianapolis as crews prepare to shift traffic and open the new ramp.

Drivers can expect the following nightly closures from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.:

• **Monday, April 27:** Ramp from northbound Binford to northbound I-69 closed

• **Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30:** One lane closed on northbound Binford and northbound I-69 between the I-465/I-69 interchange and 96th Street

• **Tuesday, April 28 through Thursday, April 30:** Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound Binford closed

Ramp closures expected next weekend

Ramp closures are scheduled next weekend to complete the traffic switch and open the new ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound Binford Boulevard. The following ramps are expected to close at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 1 and reopen by 6 a.m. on Sunday, May

Clear Path: Final Steps

Here are the final steps needed to complete construction on the I-69 and I-465 interchange.

Opening in 2026

- ✓ Southbound I-69 to southbound I-465 ramp and bridge
- ✗ Southbound I-69 ramp to southbound Binford Boulevard (Opening May 2026)
- Eastbound/southbound I-465 bridges in the main interchange
- Eastbound I-465 ramp connected to northbound I-69 to 82nd Street
- Eastbound I-465 ramp to northbound I-69
- Northbound Binford Boulevard to westbound I-465

Phasing and scheduling are subject to change due to weather and other circumstances.

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3 unless otherwise noted:

• Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound Binford Boulevard closed

• Ramp from 96th Street to southbound I-69 closed

• Ramp from 82nd Street to southbound I-465 closed



Street to southbound I-465 closed

• Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound I-465 closed (overnight Friday only)

• Ramp from southbound I-69 to westbound I-465 closed (Saturday 6

a.m. to Sunday 6 a.m.)

Lane restrictions will also be in place. Crews will be striping pavement, moving barrier wall, and adjusting overhead signage to shift traffic on I-69.

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NFL Draft



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Westfield graduate Dillon Thieneman was selected as the 25th pick in the NFL Draft on Thursday. Thieneman is shown here in a video message to fans at Grand Park on Wednesday, where he was celebrated with a special day by the City of Westfield.

Westfield's Thieneman drafted by the Bears

By RICHIE HALL
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Westfield graduate Dillon Thieneman has been a Boilermaker and a Duck. Now he will be a Bear.

The Shamrocks star was selected by the Chicago Bears as the 25th pick in the NFL Draft Thursday evening. Thieneman played safety for the Oregon Ducks this past season after two successful years with the Purdue Boilermakers.

Thieneman, was expected to be a first-round pick. The NFL.com website describes him as a "savvy three-year starter with NFL size, speed and alignment versatility." It noted his high production, as Thieneman totaled 306 tackles and eight interceptions over the course of his three college seasons.

As Thieneman accepted his Bears hat and jersey, his family spoke with ABC-TV. Thieneman's mother Shannon Thieneman said it was "so exciting." Shannon said she was filled with gratitude and joy, and that the occasion was the "culmination of hard work and perseverance to get to this point, and it's so exciting to see this happen."

Jake Gilbert, the former Westfield coach who mentored Thieneman during his time with the Shamrocks, said he was happy for Thieneman. He said becoming an NFL player was Thieneman's goal "since I've known him."

"He's not a first-rounder by accident," said Gilbert, who is now the head football coach at Wabash College. "He was a very efficient athlete. That's why he runs so well and is so explosive. He wastes very little movement, he gets to the

football with a quick read and directly. Because of that efficiency, he can be used in so many ways. He's a great athlete, but he plays fast too because he diagnoses things quickly."

Thieneman is Westfield's first-ever NFL player.

"The odds against this are pretty amazing, so it's surprising on the one hand that you would coach a first-rounder," said Gilbert. "But I'm also not surprised in other ways because he was always consumed not just with football, but doing what it takes to get better all the time. It's not shocking that he found a way because that's just who he is."

Thieneman was drafted just one day after the City of Westfield honored him with his own day, along with Westfield basketball star Braden Smith, at a special presentation at Grand Park. He was already in Pittsburgh for the draft but appeared in a video message thanking his Westfield fans for their support.

Gilbert said that Thieneman, Smith and Shamrocks star Micah Hauser were "physically gifted players who worked their guts out." The emphasis, of course, was on the work.

"I hope that's inspirational that if you work as hard as these guys, you can put yourself in position to do some great things," said Gilbert. "A lot of people think they know how hard these guys have worked, but they really don't."

Thieneman was named Second Team All American by the Associated Press for his junior season and First Team All-Big Ten. He totaled 95 tackles, including 3.5 for a loss, made one sack and had two interceptions.

Baseball

Rocks rout Tigers, take HCC series lead

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

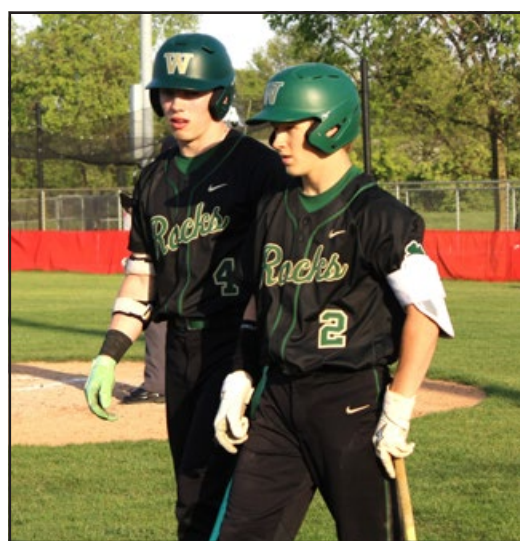
FISHERS – The Westfield Shamrocks hadn't won a regular-season game against rival Fishers since 2023.

On Thursday night, the Shamrocks ended the trend with a decisive 15-4, run-rule victory in six innings to take the first contest during their two-game Hoosier Crossroads Conference series.

The Rocks (7-4-1, 4-1 HCC) snapped their four-game, regular-season losing streak against Fishers (5-8, 2-3 HCC) with an aggressive two-strike approach, and it paid dividends with six of their 11 hits netting extra bases.

Nine Shamrock batters recorded at least one hit with their lineup's top three leading the hit parade.

Sophomore Andrew No-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Maddox Novotney (2) hit a three-RBI triple during the second inning of the Shamrocks' Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Fishers on Thursday. Westfield won the game 15-4. Also pictured is Andrew Noble (4), who scored four runs. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fisher's Asher Nelson was 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI singles.

ble (1-for-1, 4 runs, 2 RBI) and juniors Maddox Novotney (1-for-4, 3 RBI, triple) and Lincoln Hoffman (2-for-5, 4 RBI, 2 triples) reached

base a combined 11 times, while junior Kasen Jessup (2-for-4, RBI) posted one of Westfield's three doubles.

"We've been really work-

ing on expanding the zone. We have a fun game we like to call, 'puck out of the net.'

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Softball



Photo provided

The Westfield softball team welcomed Fire Chief Rob Gaylor to its April 16 game to recognize his leadership, service and dedication to the Westfield community. Gaylor threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Westfield Fire Chief Rob Gaylor throws first pitch as Shamrocks earn 7-5 win

The REPORTER

The Westfield High School Varsity Softball team welcomed Fire Chief Rob Gaylor to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before its home game on April 16, recognizing his leadership, service, and dedication to the Westfield community.

The program was honored to have Chief Gaylor take part in the evening and grateful for the many ways the Westfield Fire Department serves residents every day.

Following the first-pitch ceremony, the Shamrocks earned an exciting 7-5 victory over Harrison High

School.

Reese Mahannah delivered a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Mahannah and Makayla Watson each collected two hits.

Makenzie Delph drove in two runs while going 1-for-2 at the plate, and the

Shamrocks added a defensive highlight by turning a double play.

Westfield Varsity Softball is proud to celebrate the public servants who help protect and strengthen the city while continuing to build meaningful community connections through sport.

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Track & Field — Millers, Rocks finish 1-2 at Noblesville Girls Invitational

The REPORTER

The Noblesville girls track & field team hosted its own invitational on Wednesday.

The Millers won the team championship, scoring 161.5 points. Westfield was the team runner-up, totaling 129 points.

Noblesville claimed five individual events, including two victories for Ainsley Meinerding. The sophomore won the 100 dash (12.62 seconds) and the long jump (18 feet, 1.5 inches). The Millers also won the 4x400 relay, with Gretchen Graham, Rylan Bell, Olivia Seefeldt and Alyssa Lahee clocking in at 4 minutes, 3.25 seconds.

Noblesville dominated the throwing events, which helped put the Millers over the top. Nyla Young and Amelia Kring went 1-2 in the shot put, then reversed the order in the discus, with Kring winning and Young placing second. Young's best shot put throw was 38 feet, while Kring's effort of 135 feet, 3 inches won her the discus.

The Shamrocks won three events. Katelyn Eblen swept the hurdle events, taking the 100 hurdles in 15.29 seconds and the 300 hurdles in 45.83 seconds. Jolie Miller cleared 5 feet, 3 inches to win the high jump.

Complete county results follow.

4x800 relay: 2. Westfield (Ella Lidskin, Alivia Lozier, Gianna Ferreri, Emma Pitney) 9:42.46, 4. Noblesville (Gretchen Graham, Ansley Applegate, Nelani Render, Kate Mumaw) 9:54.17.

100 hurdles: 1. Katelyn Eblen (W) 15.29, 3. Jenna Rhodes (W) 15.67, 6. Meredith Dyar (N) 17.11, 7. Eugenia Wilson (N) 17.12, 14. Eliza Springer (N) 19.12.

100 dash: 1. Ainsley Meinerding (N) 12.62, 6. Alyssa Lahee (N) 13.16, 10. Melody Lowry (W) 13.36, 11. Aleigh Heavey (N) 13.41, 13. Addison Busch (W) 13.52, 17. Sophie Croft (W) 13.74.

1600 run: 5. Samantha Foster (W) 5:31.61, 6. Isabelle Salinas (N) 5:33.37, 10. Clau-

dia Southworth (W) 5:37.53, 12. Haley Pitney (W) 5:43.14, 13. Addison Scott (N) 5:47.10, 14. Norah Mathes (N) 5:54.67.

4x100 relay: 2. Noblesville (Tae Gates, Meinerding, Heavey, Lahee) 49.33, 3. Westfield (Izzy Brady, Ella Jenkins, LeAsia Warren, LeBraya Warren) 49.51.

400 dash: 2. Rylan Bell (N) 59.39, 5. Lowry (W) 1:01.19, 6. Maggie Naas (W) 1:02.21, 12. Sophia Shields (N) 1:04.33, 14. Lia Ricke (W) 1:05.94, 17. Giuliana Monroe (N) 1:06.60.

300 hurdles: 1. Eblen (W) 45.83, 2. Rhodes (W) 46.29, 3. Busch (W) 47.66, 7. Dyar (N) 50.45, 11. Olivia Seefeldt (N) 51.54, 12. Wilson (N) 52.03.

800 run: 2. Jordyn Landrum (W) 2:19.18, 3. Mackenna Condon (W) 2:21.40, 5. Jenna Burns (W) 2:22.89, 6. Mumaw (N) 2:25.05, 7. Applegate (N) 2:25.62.

200 dash: 1. Meinerding (N) 25.94, 4. Lahee (N) 27.38, 6. Jenna Moulder (W) 27.74, 7. Heavey (N) 27.77, 8. Jolie Miller (W) 28.02, 13. Anna Wochomurka (W) 28.59.

3200 run: 4. Izzy McCulloch (W) 12:04.91, 5. Carly Davis (W) 12:07.89, 6. Sam Plummer (W) 12:23.21, 16. Olivia Ozimek (N) 13:31.90.

4x400 relay: 1. Noblesville (Graham, Rylan Bell, Seefeldt, Lahee) 4:03.25, 2. Westfield (H. Pitney, Chloe Stuart, Naas, Landrum) 4:07.15.

High jump: 1. Miller (W) 5-3, 3. Moulder (W) 5-0, 4. Eblen (W) 5-0, 6. Larissa Young (N) 4-10, T7. Aspen Rollins (N) 4-8, T10. Elise Beckner (N) 4-8.

Pole vault: 2. Beckner (N) 9-6, 3. Madyson Reeder (N) 9-0, 5. Ava Uminski (N) 8-0, 9. Wochomurka (W) 8-0.

Long jump: 1. Meinerding (N) 18-1.5, 4. Bell (N) 16-1.5, 6. Kinsey Hoopingamer (N) 15-10.5, 14. Brady (W) 14-9, 15. Ricke (W) 14-7.5, 19. Croft (W) 12-5.

Shot put: 1. Nyla Young (N) 38-0, 2. Amelia Kring (N) 36-0, 4. Ava House (N) 33-5, 8. Zoe Burgei (W) 30-5, 13. Fiona Farrar (W) 29-5, 21. Akhelah Sargent (W) 21-11.

Discus: 1. Kring (N) 135-3, Young (N) 125-7, 5. Macey Durr (N) 107-10, 10. Burgei (W) 90-8, 11. Farrar (W) 90-5, 18. Sargent (W) 74-1.

Softball — Royals, Hounds sail to victory

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern sailed to a 12-0, five-inning win Thursday at Lawrence North.

The Royals scored three runs in the first inning, then added four in both the second and third innings. Jaycee McCarter hit a grand slam in the third inning, part of a six-RBI night. McCarter also hit a double.

Madison Burlingame went 3-for-4, including a double and drove in three runs. Kaleah McCarter and Lilly Palmer both scored three runs. Kaleah McCarter pitched three innings for the win, striking out four, while Jaycee McCarter threw the other two innings, tossing five strikeouts and allowing no hits.

Southeastern is 9-3 and plays at the Whiteland War-

rior Invitational on Saturday.

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Carmel overcame an early deficit to beat Pendleton Heights 12-3 Wednesday at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The Arabians blasted a three-run home run in the top of the first inning. The Greyhounds got a run back in the bottom of the inning: Jayden Kleiner hit a one-out double and was sent home by Chloe Junkersfeld's left field double.

Carmel took control of the game in the second inning by putting up five runs. Avery Klein led off with a triple, then Taylor Vietch scored on an Emily Proctor RBI fielder's choice. Later, Ellie Goddard singled in Proctor and Megan Pike,

then Kleiner scored on Junkersfeld's sacrifice fly. With that, the Hounds led 6-3.

Pike singled in Kleiner for a third-inning run, then Winni Owens batted in Goddard in the fourth inning. Carmel finished its scoring with four runs in the sixth inning: Riley Petrites drew a leadoff walk, then moved to third on Kleiner's double. Lolah Pence came in to run for Petrites, and both she and Kleiner scored on Goddard's single. Owens hit a center field homer, also scoring Goddard, who finished the game with four RBIs.

Chelsea Bennett pitched six innings for the win, striking out three.

Carmel is 8-6 and hosts its own Invitational, starting today.

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Fishers lost to Yorktown 5-0 in a Thursday home game.

Elizabeth Hammond had two hits for the Tigers, while Cate Summerfield and Kennedy Shockley both had one hit.

Fishers is 11-4 and plays at Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday in the Mudsock game.

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Sheridan dropped a Wednesday game 19-9 in five innings against Delphi at home.

Ellie Eaton, Amiyah Doss and Mackenzy Terry all had three hits for the Blackhawks; Terry hit two doubles while Eaton and Doss both hit one. Eaton finished the game with four RBIs.

Sheridan is 1-6 and plays Monday at Herron.

Baseball —

Millers outlast Flashes in eight as Doane strikes out 17

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

Noblesville hit the road for the first game in their Hoosier Crossroads Conference series against Franklin Central on Thursday.

Beckett Doane showed why he's an all-state candidate. Doane struck out 17 Flashes, walked just three and didn't allow a hit in 6.2 innings as the Millers outlasted Franklin Central in eight innings, 11-1.

Doane was in a zone on the mound. He struck out two in the first, three in the second and third, two in the fourth, three again

in the fifth, another three in the sixth and his 17th in the seventh.

Bases were loaded in the seventh when Zac Glander walked, scoring Jackson Graf for the 1-0 lead. FC scored on a wild pitch to send it to extras.

The Miller bats went off in the top of the eighth with 10 runs scoring to put the game pretty much out of reach.

Jalen Stidham was hit, followed by a Slade Hodges double. Brooks Riggs walked intentionally. Chris Martz doubled, scoring Stidham and Hodges. pinch runner Eli Hall scored on an error and

Martz eventually scored on the same error for 5-1.

Ethan Clark and Aiden Reynolds singled. Then, Glander reached on an error by the center fielder, plating Reynolds. Glander moved to third on the same error, scoring Clark to make it 7-1.

Brooks Riggs lined a single to center to send Glander home for an 8-1 count. Hodges drove in Riggs on a base hit to left to push it to 9-1. Garrett Dixon walked to load the bases with two outs.

Martz's second hit of the game sent a liner to right. Hodges and Stidham scored for an 11-1 advantage.

Brooks Muse sent the Flashes down in order in the home half of the eighth. Muse struck out two and the final batter grounded out to Reynolds at short to secure the road win.

Five players had multi-hit games. Hodges led with a 3-for-5 night, two runs and an RBI. Martz topped a quartet of hitters with two and had four RBIs. Brooks Riggs, Clark and Aiden Reynolds also had two.

Noblesville (7-6, 4-1 HCC) hosts Franklin Central (5-7, 1-4 HCC) in the second game of the HCC series tonight at Dunker Field at 6:30 p.m.

Royals, Hawks drop conference games

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a 12-2, six-inning Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Thursday at Avon.

The Royals scored the game's first run, with Parker O'Steen batting in Jackson Bixler in the first inning. But the Orioles put up eight

runs in the fourth inning to take control of the game. Bixler stole home plate in the fifth inning for Southeastern's second run.

O'Steen finished with

two hits.

The Royals are 4-2 in conference play and 9-4 overall. Southeastern plays at Lapel on Saturday.

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HCC —

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We just really try to expand those A-Bs," said Hoffman, a Wright State commit. "We did a pretty good job tonight getting (Owen Lukac) out pretty quick."

Lukac, an Evansville commit, started the game and faced immediate resistance. Westfield plated two runs in the top of the first and six more in the third with the bases loaded twice.

Lukac was forced to throw 25 pitches in the first inning and finished with 83 in 3.0 frames with two walks (both to lead off the first), five strikeouts and seven earned runs on eight hits.

"They did a great job with two strikes tonight, and we didn't do a good job with our approaches at the plate," Fishers coach Matthew Chery said. "They were aggressive and stayed on pitches. They were selfless in hitting the ball the other way and doing what's best for the team."

Even with Wabash commit Beck Jordan (.560, 15 RBI) and senior Nick Fero (.294) recovering from injuries, the Shamrocks strung together hits, including six in the third inning (four ex-

tra-base knocks) to lead 8-0.

"Every time someone hits a ball, it's just like a smile on everyone's face," Hoffman said. "We call it a brotherhood here. It's great. I love it."

A wild pitch in the first scored Noble for the first run and an RBI single by senior Aiden Grabowski (1-for-3), an IU Wesleyan commit, drove in Hoffman to put Westfield ahead 2-0.

A bases-clearing three-run triple by Novotney, an RBI double by senior Cade Defendis (1-for-3, RBI), an RBI double by Jessup and an RBI single by Noble highlighted the Shamrocks' big third inning.

"They battled with two strikes and grinded out good at-bats and executed the plan well," Westfield coach Ryan Bunnell said. "We've been on them — we've got to fight better with two strikes. That's what happens when you spoil pitches."

Lukac struck out a pair to end the third before the lefty's night ended.

Westfield senior Corey Wilhelm, a Rose-Hulman commit, pitched 5.0 innings

(66 pitches) for the win with five hits allowed, one unearned run and seven strikeouts.

"That's a good club. They didn't play their best today, and we know that," Bunnell said. "Corey was really good on the mound, which was a good thing for us. We were able to get him out early, so a great scenario to get him extra rest. He had to go in the mid-80s the last couple of times."

A two-run fifth fueled by a two-run double and a five-run sixth capped by a two-run triple both by Hoffman set up the run-rule after Fishers cut it to 10-1 in the bottom of the fifth.

Junior Asher Nelson (2-for-2, 2 RBI) connected for RBI singles in the fifth and sixth for Fishers. Junior Carter Davis (2-for-2) logged his first hits of the season in the fifth and sixth, as Fishers turned to the bench for production.

Lukac (1-for-3) and junior Carter Strole (1-for-3, double) supplied two of the Tigers' nine hits.

The series continues today in Westfield at 6 p.m.




Upcoming Broadcasts

Wed April 22 - Lacrosse
5:10 pm Culver Academy vs Park Tudor | 2026 Girls Lacrosse | IndianaSRN
6:15 pm Brownsburg vs **Hamilton SE** | Boys JV Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports
8:00 pm Brownsburg vs **Hamilton SE** | Boys Varsity Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports

Thur April 23 - Volleyball
5:55 pm **Westfield vs Fishers** | Boys JV Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network
7:15 pm **Westfield vs Fishers** | Boys Varsity Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network

Fri April 24 - Baseball \ Lacrosse
6:30 pm Franklin Central vs **Noblesville** | HCC Baseball | HCTV Sports
7:15 pm Olentangy Liberty vs **Hamilton SE** | Boys Lacrosse | Southeastern Sports

Sat April 25 - Baseball \ Lacrosse
11:00 am Homestead vs **Noblesville** | Boys Varsity Lacrosse | Noblesville High School
1:00 pm Eastern vs **Noblesville** | 2026 Noblesville Baseball
2:15 pm Twin Lakes vs **Hamilton SE** | Baseball | Southeastern Sports Network

Mon April 27 - Baseball
6:30 pm **Carmel vs Noblesville** | Baseball | HCTV Sports

Tues April 28 - Softball
5:45 pm **Fishers vs Hamilton SE** | Softball | Southeastern Sports Network



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Hamilton Heights' Owen Robey commits to Eureka College

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights senior Owen Robey is headed to Eureka, Ill., where he will continue his baseball career with the Eureka College Red Devils, an NCAA Division III program competing in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC). He is the son of Abby and Wade Robey.

A two-year varsity letterman, Robey, #10, contributed to the Huskies as a pitcher and infielder, earning a reputation for consistency, work ethic, and leadership.

Robey chose Eureka College for its strong occupational therapy program, which provides a clear pathway toward medical school. His long-term goal is to become an inpatient occupational therapist; a career he feels aligns with his strengths and desire to help others.

He credits his parents for their unwavering support and guidance throughout his baseball journey.

"I'm very thankful for my coaches and excited to play baseball in college," Robey said, acknowledging the role they played in his growth as both a student and an athlete.

Outside of sports, Robey has worked at Sullivan's Hardware and 10 West, experiences that helped him build responsibility and confidence.

"Owen is a joy to coach and has a high baseball IQ and understands the game as much as anyone," Hamilton Heights Head Baseball Coach Adam Hughes said. "He mixes pitches well and stays ahead in counts. Those attributes will help at the next level."

Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden added, "We are extremely happy for Owen who has been passionate about baseball for a long time and worked very hard to improve his game. Eureka College is getting a solid player with a very high ceiling."



Photo provided
Hamilton Heights senior Owen Robey has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the Eureka College Red Devils in Eureka, Ill., this fall.

Hamilton Heights' Tyler Comer signs to play baseball for Bethel University

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School senior Tyler Comer has signed a national letter of intent to continue his academic and athletic career with the Bethel University Pilots in Mishawaka, Ind. Bethel University competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and is a member of the Crossroads League. He is the son of Travis and Lisa Comer.

Comer, who wears #33 and excels as a pitcher, has been dedicated to baseball since kindergarten. Known for his quiet determination and consistent work ethic, he has spent years finding extra time before and after school to refine his skills. His commitment was recognized early in his high school career when he earned the Husky Heart award as a freshman on the JV team.

Comer chose Bethel University for its tight-knit community, strong relationships among players

and coaches, and its faith-based approach to academics and athletics. A faithful Catholic who attends Sunday services, he felt an immediate connection to the values and culture of the campus. A student with a clear sense of purpose, Comer plans to major in Exercise Science at Bethel as he works toward his long-term goal of becoming a physical therapist.

He credits his parents, friends, and coaches as the major influences in his development as both a student and an athlete, noting their steady support throughout his baseball journey.

"Tyler is a dedicated and driven individual," Head Baseball Coach Adam Hughes said. "He has worked the last four years on the field and in the classroom. He is just beginning to tap into his potential. His best baseball is ahead of him."

Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden added, "Tyler has been



Photo provided
Hamilton Heights senior Tyler Comer has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the Bethel University Pilots in Mishawaka, Ind., this fall. Comer (seated) is pictured with (from left) Sophia Comer (little sister), Travis Comer (father), and Lisa Comer (mother).

passionate about baseball for a long time. He has worked tirelessly to improve his game so it's ex-

citing to see him earn this opportunity to play at the next level. We wish him well at Bethel University."

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Friday, April 24

BASEBALL

Covenant Christian at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Franklin Central at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.
Seton Catholic at University, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Fishers at Avon, 7 p.m.
Heritage Christian at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Olentangy Liberty (Ohio) at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Crown Point at Guerin Catholic, TBA

SOFTBALL

Decatur Central at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Carmel Invitational, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Kokomo Tournament, 6 p.m.
Lawrence Central at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Carmel at Dennis McNulty Invitational, 5:30 p.m. at Warren Central
Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel Distance Showcase, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Charlie Riley Invitational, 5:30 p.m. at North Central

Saturday, April 25

BASEBALL

Tipton at Sheridan, 10 a.m.
University at Liberty Christian, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Lapel, 10:30 a.m.
Fort Wayne Carroll at Carmel doubleheader, 11 a.m.
Twin Lakes at Fishers, 11 a.m.
Andean at Westfield, noon
University at Anderson Prep Academy, noon
Eastern at Noblesville, 1 p.m.
Twin Lakes at Hamilton Southeastern, 2 p.m.
Andean at Fishers, 5 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Homestead at Noblesville, 11 a.m.
Olentangy Liberty (Ohio) at Carmel, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Culver Academies, 3 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Crown Point at Hamilton Southeastern, 11:15 a.m.
Westfield at Culver Academies, noon
Crown Point at Fishers, 2 p.m.
Westfield vs. Leo, 2 p.m. at Culver Academies
Guerin Catholic at Springboro (Ohio), TBA

GOLF

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Spring Showcase, 8 a.m. at Sultan's Run
Hamilton Heights at Westfield JV Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at Wood Wind
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lake Central Invitational, 10 a.m. at Sandy Pines
Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Noblesville Bob Spacey Invitational, 11 a.m. at Fox Prairie

SOFTBALL

Noblesville at Carmel Invitational, 9 a.m.
Westfield at Kokomo Invitational, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Whiteland Warrior Invitational, 11 a.m.

TENNIS

Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, University at Park Tudor Invitational, 8 a.m.
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Carmel Invitational, 9 a.m.
Noblesville at Crawfordsville Athenian Boosters Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 11 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hamilton Heights, University at Guerin Catholic Invitational, 10 a.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Carmel, Westfield at West Lafayette Invitational, 3 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Noblesville Miller Invitational, 8 a.m.

Monday, April 27

BASEBALL

Sheridan at Frankton, 5:30 p.m.
Carmel at Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Lawrence Central, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Center Grove, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Brownsburg at Fishers, 7:15 p.m.
Carmel at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Sheridan at Western Boone (with Clinton Prairie), 4:30 p.m.
University vs. Mooresville Christian Academy, 5 p.m. at Bluff Creek

SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Warren Central, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Yorktown, 5:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Herron, 5:30 p.m.
New Palestine at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:15 p.m.
Lawrence Central at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Cardinal Ritter at University, 6 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.

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DROP

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After the first two innings were scoreless, the Oracles scored nine runs in the third inning and added two more runs in the fourth and fifth. The Blackhawks scored their runs in the third inning: Braelan Bochner tripled in Atticus

Clayton, then scored on an error.

Bochner and Brayden Whisman each had one hit for Sheridan.

The Blackhawks are 1-1 in the conference and 4-6 overall. Sheridan hosts Tipton Saturday.

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