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In addition to the 169 students who completed the T1L1 program, Positive Attitude Awards were presented to fifth-grade students: Olivia Fenelon, Caleb Smith, and Oscar Smith; and eighth-grade students: Jack Butor, Sterling Dahlstrom, Reese Dougherty, and Mackenzie Drury. Second Mile Awards were presented to fifth-grade students: Ellis Donald, Ian Gohl, and Sydney Hartman; and eighth-grade students Colton Millikan, Sebastian Pritsch, Makaylah Ottinger, and Alethia Speck.

T1L1 Central Indiana Program Coordinator Gabby Pinkston said, “I love how we have been in this school district for seven years and we have gotten to know the school, community mentors and the students. This has been a great benefit for everyone.”

Hamilton Heights was the first school district in Indiana to host a T1L1 community mentoring group. It currently serves seven school districts in Central Indiana. For more information, go to T1L1.org.

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AUTHENTICITY

He asked us to pause and think about one of the most authentic people we know. My friend Patricia instantly popped into my mind. We next had to list the three reasons we felt this way. I wrote down how Patricia:

1. Listens to people

2. Genuinely shows a love for connecting with others

3. Makes me feel like the most important person in the room

Mr. Hall also told us to text our person about this exercise, which I happily did. I hope it made Patricia smile.

I couldn’t get this portion of Mr. Hall’s presentation out of my mind for days. Unfortunately, like many others, a lot of people discouraged me from being my authentic self in my earlier years. In fact, I had a boss tell me when I was 45, in summary, I was “too much.” It nearly broke me.

Thankfully, I finally learned I can be myself. Not everyone will like me, but at this stage of my life, I’m okay with it. Mr. Hall helped me understand how powerful authenticity is, both on and off the stage. I’ve been striving to be more like Patricia lately ... to love on people more, to truly listen to them (especially my husband John). To be my enthusiastic self and not fear being me.

Readers, scientists often say the estimated probability of you being born is 1 in 400 trillion. When someone tells you you’re special and unique, it’s TRUE! So please, tap into the power of your authenticity. Shine it for all the world to see, hear, and experience. Whether you’re taking the stage or simply talking with someone, remember- your authenticity can change lives.

Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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Terry tapped to serve Sheridan on town council

Photo provided

Stephen “Buddy” Terry will now serve on the Sheridan Town Council following a Hamilton County Republican Party caucus held Wednesday afternoon in the offices of Adler Attorneys in downtown Noblesville. Congratulations, sir! (From left) Republican Party Secretary Beth Sheller, Republican Party Executive Director Lisa Elmore, and Mr. Terry.

EXPANSION

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Built in 1992, the current Judicial Center has been remodeled several times to accommodate new staff and departments, but post-pandemic case filings have pushed the courts well beyond their intended capacity. Once completed, the expansion will also support newly elected judges who take office in 2027.

Christine Altman, President of the Hamilton County Commissioners, said the County is working closely with the City of Noblesville to manage the impact of multiple projects taking place downtown over the next two years.

“Our goal is to make progress without getting in the way,” Altman said. “We’re coordinating closely with the city to align schedules, stage construction trailers and equipment offsite, and keep as much parking and pedestrian access open as possible. We want to minimize disruption for businesses and residents.”

The groundbreaking will take place on the west lawn of the Judicial Center and will include remarks from county officials, judges, and project partners. Completion is expected in late 2027.

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monitor blood sugar, and calculate carbohydrates, all while participating in swimming, hiking, and team sports. Most importantly, it connects them with peers who understand the daily challenges of living with a chronic condition. DYFI maintains a strict policy that no child is ever turned away from camp due to an inability to pay. Their website is dyfi.org.

About the Noblesville Lions Club

The Noblesville Lions Club has been a fixture of the community since 1942 and is part of the larger Lions Clubs International, the world’s largest service club organization. The local club is well-known for its various community initiatives, including:

• Vision Programs: Providing vision screenings and eyeglasses for those in need.

• Community Impact: The club works with Gleaners twice a month to distribute food and can openers as well as keeping several streets in Noblesville clean through the Adopt-a-Highway program.

• Grants and Scholarships: Funding local parks, student scholarships, and organizations like the DYFI, Riley Children’s Hospital, and Leader Dog for the Blind.

The club is always looking for new members who have a heart for service and a desire to make Noblesville a better place to live. To learn how to get involved, please visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/noblesville or Facebook.com/NoblesvilleLionsClub.

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Noblesville Schools announces 2026 Teachers of the Year

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools has named three educators as 2026 Teachers of the Year. Nominations were open to all staff members, and district leaders evaluated and selected the honorees.

The winners are:
Kristina Trusty
Kindergarten Teacher, Hinkle Creek Elementary (elementary winner and overall district winner)

Known as a strong team player who thrives on teaching her students important life lessons, Trusty’s classroom is full of stories, academic challenges, patience, and love. Her calm, motherly approach is for adults, too, making her particularly successful in building strong relationships with families. Whether she is championing morale-building activities for her colleagues or launching a community-wide non-profit to address food insecurity, her positive attitude, high expectations, and kind heart make a huge impact on her students and the Noblesville community at large.

Kristen Durst
Language Arts Teacher, Noblesville West Middle School (middle school winner)

Kristen’s outstanding expertise, high expectations, and focus on relationships has led to significant academic growth for students of all backgrounds and abilities. Her students develop communication, collaboration, and analytical skills needed for future success through engaging reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking tasks. She is the respected leader of her department and is passionate



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about her own learning and sharing best practices with her colleagues. Her mentorship, vision, and focus on putting students first advances the overall success and culture of her school.

Caroline Hays
Art Teacher, Noblesville High School (high school winner)

In Hays’s classroom, students connect learning to the wider world through opportunities she facilitates with professional artists and the Noblesville community. Whether creating new student-led art installations to beautify her school, securing grant funds to support the arts, or partnering with school clubs for artist nights, she lives and breathes aca-

ademic excellence and care for her students. A highly acclaimed artist herself, she is an expert in her field and is always looking for the next great idea to enrich student learning experiences.

Selection focused on master teachers who excel at putting Noblesville Schools’ mission and vision into action and whose accomplishments align well with the Indiana Department of Education’s state Teacher of the Year criteria. The winners regularly demonstrate the highest levels of quality instruction for their students and leadership among their peers.

This year’s elementary school winner, Kristina

Trusty, was further distinguished as the overall Noblesville Schools district winner and will participate in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 700 teachers.

Westfield High School named Model PLC School

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield High School has been recognized as a Model PLC (Professional Learning Community) at Work® School, a distinction awarded to schools that demonstrate sustained enhancement in student learning over at least three years.

At its core, a PLC means educators work together, not in isolation, to analyze student data, align instruction, and respond to student needs in real time.

In [this video](#), you’ll hear directly from Westfield High School educators about how this work impacts classrooms every day. From common assessments and data-driven discussions to built-in support like CORE time, teachers are working together to ensure every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

“Becoming a Model PLC School is the pinnacle

of our school improvement efforts, not because of the recognition, but because of what it represents: sustained impact on student learning and a system where adults are working together to get better every day,” said Dr. John Atha, WWS Superintendent.

This recognition reflects years of intentional work and a shared commitment to:

- High levels of learning for every student
- Strong collaboration among educators
- Continuous improvement in teaching and learning

Westfield High School joins Maple Glen Elementary which achieved the Model PLC distinction in 2025.

At Westfield Washington Schools, this work supports the district’s mission of preparing every Shamrock to be Life Ready: equipped with the skills and confidence to succeed beyond graduation.



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Cops climb onto Dunkin’ rooftops for Special Olympics Indiana

The REPORTER

Nearly 50 law enforcement agencies from across Indiana will partner with Special Olympics Indiana and Dunkin’ stores on Friday, May 15, for Cop on a Rooftop.

Local departments participating include:

- Carmel Police Department, which will be at the Dunkin’ at 1305 S Range Line Road
- Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, which will be at the Dunkin’ at 2560 E. 146th St., Carmel
- Westfield Police Department, which will be at the Dunkin’ at 950 Tournamen-

ment Trail

Visitors to participating Dunkin’ stores can donate money and learn more about their local Special Olympics Indiana program. Police and safety officers will be stationed in, around, and on top of the stores between 5 a.m. and noon to help support and raise awareness for the 20,000 Hoosier athletes who train and compete for free within Special Olympics.

Individuals who donate to Cop on a Rooftop receive a coupon for a free donut. Those who donate \$10 or more receive a coupon for a free medium hot

coffee.

To date, Cop on a Rooftop events have raised more than \$125,000 for Special Olympics Indiana.

About Special Olympics Indiana

Special Olympics Indiana is a nonprofit organization that is part of the global Special Olympics movement, created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation for the benefit of persons with intellectual disabilities. Its vision is an inclusive world, driven by the power of sport, through which people with intellectual disabilities live active, healthy, and fulfilling lives.

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Time to get ready for Westfield Music Fest

Fishers Police Department to hold candlelight vigil for fallen officers

The REPORTER

The second annual Westfield Washington Schools Music Fest is set for 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at the Westfield High School Riverview Health Stadium. Enjoy an afternoon of live music featuring the Westfield Intermediate, Middle, and High School band and choir programs. Admission is free and

open to the public. Concessions will be open and food vendors will be on site throughout the afternoon. For an upgraded experience, Suite Level tickets are available, offering prime seating and a meal. Find the performance schedule, purchase suite tickets, concessions menu, and more, visit [westfield.band/musicfest](#).

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The Fishers Police Department invites the community to attend a candlelight vigil on 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 in honor of law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The vigil will take place at Liberty Plaza, located at Municipal Drive and 116th Street.

Held during National Police Week, the Fishers vigil will coincide with the National Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C., joining communities across the country in remembrance and solidarity. This solemn event will honor fallen officers and recognize the enduring impact of their service. Each

year, hundreds of names of officers killed in the line of duty are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., serving as a lasting tribute to their sacrifice. The vigil will include a candlelight tribute and time for reflection. Community members, public safety personnel, and

local leaders are encouraged to attend. **About National Police Week** National Police Week is an annual observance that honors law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and recognizes the service and sacrifice of those who continue to protect and serve.

Westfield’s first Bulk Trash Day of 2026 set for this Saturday

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield’s Spring Bulk Trash Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 9 at Westfield City Services, 2728 E. 171st St. Held twice each year, the event allows residents to safely dispose of items not accepted through WM’s weekly garbage or recycling pickup. “Bulk Trash Day is a simple way we can keep our community safe and clean,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “With many residents taking part in spring cleaning, we anticipate there may be long lines. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as our team works to serve everyone as quickly as possible.”

Proof of residency, such as a stormwater bill or valid driver’s license, is required, and participation is limited to residents of Westfield and Westfield Washington Township. Most accepted items, including carpet remnants, furniture, laptops, cell phones, and more, can be disposed of free-of-charge. However, a small fee will apply to select items, which can be paid on-site (cash only). A full list of items requiring additional fees can be found on the Bulk Trash Day webpage. Chemicals, paint, prescription drugs, and other hazardous waste items will not be accepted. To view the full list of accepted and non-accepted items, please visit [westfield.in.gov/bulktrashday](#).



Willis

By CARRIE NEAL A Seat on the Aisle

The second the lights go down for Catalyst Repertory’s production of *Amadeus*, our attention is piqued. Unseen ensemble members are whispering “Salieri” in a way that makes your hair stand on end, and the scene is instantly set. The title of Peter Shaffer’s play is *Amadeus*, but we’ve been told all we need to know: Salieri is the indisputable star. As Salieri, Tristan Ross has a gargantuan responsibility; his opening monologue alone, perfectly delivered, seems to be at least five pages long. His imposing stature and sonorous voice seem tailor-made for the role. He morphs from tortured to terrifying in an instant, and is utterly convincing at both ends of the spectrum. Salieri talks about Mozart for a very long time before we meet him. This is a brilliant device, for by the time Mozart finally bursts onto the scene, we’re dying to see what he’s really like. As *Amadeus*, Ian McCabe does not disappoint. He’s

effervescent, mercurial, and winsome, swinging rapidly between kindness and cruelty, exultation, and despair. His performance plumbs unexpected emotional depths, particularly in act two. The third star of the piece is Michelle Wafford as Constanze (Stanzi), Mozart’s wife. Their relationship is a nuanced portrait of marriage, and the trajectory of her character’s journey is just as significant as those of the two men. In Wafford’s hands, Stanzi’s journey from lighthearted coquette to disillusioned wife is heartrending and realistic. It’s a treat to see so many venerable Indy actors sharing the stage. Doug Powers, J. Charles Weimer, Craig Kemp, and David Mosedale are all delightful in their scenes together, particularly Mosedale as Emperor Joseph II. And the overall tone of the piece is greatly enhanced by the effortless vocals of Shelbi Berry Kamohara, most especially her “Lacrimosa.” Director Casey Ross is a Renaissance woman,



Photo provided by Catalyst Repertory (From left) Mozart (Ian McCabe), Katerina Cavalieri (Shelbi Berry Kamohara), and Salieri (Tristan Ross).

for she also designed the beautiful period costumes, alongside wig designer Cheryl Harmon. Delightful anachronistic touches, such as Mozart’s metallic pink high-tops, provide a nice punch, and Harmon’s wigs are spot-on. The thought often strikes me when reviewing that 21st-century attention spans aren’t very compatible with 20th-century plays. This feels especially true in the perennially uncomfortable seats of the IF Theatre. Despite seasoned performers, inventive set design,

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Hungry for more details? Visit [westfieldin.gov/internationalfestival](#).

Indiana State Police launch wellness section to support personnel, families & retirees

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police (ISP) has announced the official launch of its new Wellness Section, a comprehensive initiative focused on supporting the overall health and well-being of department personnel, their families, and retirees.

Since its founding in 1933, the Indiana State Police has remained committed to serving the public with professionalism and integrity. The creation of the Wellness Section reflects a continued investment in the people behind the badge. This effort ensures troopers and professional staff are equipped physically, mentally, and emotionally to meet the demands of public service.

The Wellness Section brings together several key support services under one unified program, including Peer Support, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services, Chaplaincy, Health Management, and Financial Resiliency resources. These components are designed to address the wide-ranging needs of personnel and their families, from mental and emotional support to physical wellness and financial stability.

Specially trained team members are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist with both personal and professional challenges. These individuals have received advanced



training in areas such as crisis intervention and peer support, ensuring they are prepared to respond to the unique challenges faced by law enforcement personnel.

"This initiative is about taking care of our people so they can continue taking care of the communities we serve," ISP Superintendent Anthony Scott said. "By investing in the wellness of our troopers, professional staff, and their families, we are strengthening our ability to serve Hoosiers with the level of professionalism and readiness they expect from our Department."

By prioritizing the wellness of its troopers and staff, ISP is strengthening its ability to serve communities across the state. This initiative reinforces the agency's commitment to developing resilient personnel who are prepared to protect, serve, and respond when Hoosiers need them most.

The ISP Wellness Section will continue to grow as the department evaluates and expands services to meet the evolving needs of its personnel, families, and retirees.



AARP Indiana & IHCD announce another round of funding to benefit Hoosiers age 50 & over

Submitted

CreatiNg Livable Communities, a partnership between AARP Indiana and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD), will continue to benefit Hoosiers age 50 and over for another year.

In an effort to further the missions of both AARP's Livable Communities program and IHCD's CreatiNg Places crowdfunding program, CreatiNg Livable Communities assists Indiana communities in funding projects for aging in place. This year, AARP Indiana has committed an additional \$25,000 to the CreatiNg Livable Communities program to support CreatiNg Places projects that benefit older Hoosiers.

"IHCD is proud to continue its partnership with AARP Indiana to again sponsor the CreatiNg Livable Communities Program as we work together to create a lasting impact for Hoosiers over the age of 50 and Indiana communities," said Samantha L. Spergel, Chief Community Programs and Services Officer at IHCD.

Projects must provide a clear and tangible benefit to Hoosiers 50-plus and satisfy additional requirements around the promotion of accessibility, as well as connection to existing community efforts, stakeholder engagement, and alignment with AARP Indiana's key priorities.

Over the last two years,

15 communities were each awarded an additional \$5,000 from AARP Indiana. These funds were in addition to those raised from their successful crowdfunding campaigns and IHCD matching grants, for total community investments exceeding \$603,599.

"We have seen firsthand the difference residents can make when they invest in their neighborhoods," AARP Indiana State Director Sarah Waddle said. "As Indiana's population continues to age, it is more important than ever to ensure our communities have the support they need. We look forward to seeing more creative and lasting projects across our state."

Eligible projects must have a total development budget of between \$15,000 and \$105,000. Projects must crowdfund between \$5,000 and \$50,000 according to CreatiNg Places guidelines through Patronicity's crowdfunding platform. Unsuccessful crowdfunding campaigns will not receive grant funding from IHCD or AARP Indiana. CreatiNg Places projects have a high crowdfunding success rate thanks to the one-on-one coaching that Patronicity provides, helping communities crowdfund over \$13 million since the program launched in 2015. Project applicants will be reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-served, and case-by-case basis until all funds are exhausted.

Jensen takes Noblesville delegation to Japan

Trip aims to support more than 1,500 local full-time jobs

Submitted by City of Noblesville

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen is leading an international economic partnership trip with a city delegation to Japan to visit SMC Corporation and Toyota Automated Logistics (TAL) from May 5 to 12.

The delegation will consist of the following:

- Mayor Chris Jensen
- Mike Davis, Common Council President
- Aaron Smith, Common Council
- Sarah Reed, Community Development Director
- Lexie Rock, Communications Director
- Andrew Murray, Economic Development Director
- Ali Krupski, City Engineer

"Partnerships like the ones we've built with SMC Corporation and Toyota Automated logistics don't happen by accident, they're the result of trust, consistency, and a shared vision for long-term success," Mayor Jen-

sen said. "These companies have made significant investments in Noblesville, with \$400 million combined, supporting not only facilities, but also our workforce, our people, and our future. Their continued growth here reflects confidence in our community, and we take seriously our role in maintaining and strengthening those relationships. This mission advances Noblesville's economy and protects existing Hoosier jobs, and we're proud to support partners who are creating opportunity, driving innovation, and choosing Noblesville as a place to invest and grow. Former Indiana Lt. Governor John Mutz paved the way 40 years ago for Indiana to have meaningful partnerships with Japan, spurring economic development to our state. Through his leadership and political courage, Indiana is number



Jensen

one per capita in the U.S. for Japanese investment."

Noblesville is home to SMC Corporation and Toyota Automated Logistics.

SMC Corporation of America is a part of a global organization that supports customers in every industrialized country and is the U.S. subsidiary of SMC Corporation based in Tokyo, Japan. SMC is a leader in pneumatic technology, providing industry with technology and products to support automation based on the guiding principle of "contributing to automation labor savings in industry."

SMC is the largest private sector employer in Noblesville, employing more than 950 full-time employees, and investing \$200M since its headquarters relocation and facility build in 2009.

As part of Toyota Industries Corporation (TICO),

Toyota Automated Logistics (TAL) is a global partner for integrated warehouse automation. Founded in April 2026, it combines the talents of three group companies – Bastian Solutions, Vanderlande's Warehousing business and viastore – under one brand as an integrated automation hub to deliver scalable systems, intelligent software and life-cycle services.

The city joined TAL and TICO leaders to officially break ground on the manufacturing and corporate headquarters campus in Noblesville in Summer 2024, with the single largest investment in Noblesville of \$165 million. The 164-acre campus will feature cutting-edge facilities designed to foster collaboration, enhance operational efficiency, and accommodate future expansion. Toyota brings 400 retained jobs through consolidation and 250 new full-time employees committed with HQ relocation to Noblesville.

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Hamilton County Reporter

Vaisakhi: when celebration becomes community

By **POOJA THAKKAR**
For The Reporter

Every community has moments when culture steps outside its home and becomes a shared experience. Festivals have a beautiful way of doing that – they invite us not only to celebrate, but to understand one another.

This spring, Carmel will experience one such moment through the celebration of Vaisakhi, a vibrant festival rooted in gratitude, heritage, and community connection.

For many Sikh families, Vaisakhi is deeply meaningful. Historically, it marks the spring harvest festival of Punjab, a joyful season of renewal and thanksgiving for abundance after winter. Fields once filled with golden wheat symbolized hope, hard work, and collective prosperity. Even today, the spirit of harvest remains at the heart of the celebration – gratitude for what we have and hope for what lies ahead.

But Vaisakhi also carries profound spiritual significance. In 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji established the Khalsa, shaping Sikh identity around timeless values of equality, courage, justice, and seva – selfless service. These principles remind us that faith is not only practiced in places of worship but lived through compassion, community care, and standing together as equals.

What makes this year's Vaisakhi celebration especially meaningful is that it

represents a first – the very first community spring festival of its kind organized in Carmel by local residents who now proudly call this city home.

Since moving to Carmel in 2023, organizers have experienced firsthand what many newcomers discover: community grows stronger when cultures are shared openly. The festival's inspiration is simple yet powerful – to showcase heritage not as something separate, but as something that enriches everyone.

On Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Carmel Gazebo, neighbors will gather for a free, family-friendly Community Spring Festival designed for all ages and backgrounds.

Visitors can expect lively Giddha and Bhangra performances, vibrant expressions of Punjabi music and dance that naturally invite smiles and participation. Local vendors will offer food and shopping experiences, while children enjoy face painting, balloon twisting, and even a STEM robotics showcase – blending tradition with innovation.

One of the most meaningful experiences will be the Turban Tying Station, where attendees can learn about the Sikh turban – not simply as attire, but as a symbol of dignity, equality, and identity. It is an opportunity for curiosity to replace assumptions and for learning to happen through personal interaction.

True to the spirit of Vaisakhi, the festival will also host a community blood drive, putting the Sikh value of seva into action. Service, after all, is the language every culture understands.

Events like these remind us that diversity is not about differences dividing us; it is about stories expanding us. When communities celebrate together, barriers soften. Conversations begin. Children grow up seeing cultural exchange as normal rather than unfamiliar.

Vaisakhi in Carmel is more than a cultural festival – it is an invitation.



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AG Rokita voluntarily dismisses Indiana's claims in Section 504 lawsuit

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Monday, May 4 the voluntary dismissal of Indiana's claims in the multistate lawsuit challenging the Biden Administration's unlawful expansion of Section 504.

Indiana joined the Texas-led coalition to fight the 2024 Biden-era rule that redefined "disability" under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act to include gender dysphoria. This change threatened to divert critical federal resources away from individuals with real physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities – undermining the law's original purpose.

With the Trump Administration's swift action to reverse Biden's overreach and restore Section 504 to its proper scope, the central objective of the lawsuit has been achieved. Indiana is therefore dismissing its claims in Texas v. Kennedy.

Attorney General Todd Rokita stated:

"Section 504 exists to protect Americans with real disabilities – not to advance a political agenda. As the father of a child with Angelman Syndrome, I will always fight to strengthen protections and resources for Hoosiers with disabilities and their families. Our goal in this lawsuit was to remove President Biden's

ridiculous addition of gender dysphoria as a disability, which risked jeopardizing services for those who truly need them most. While we remain concerned about federal overreach into traditional state matters, President Trump's decisive action has resolved the gender dysphoria issue. With that core victory secured, we have dismissed our claims. My office will continue closely monitoring any future federal actions that threaten proper support for individuals with disabilities."

Tom Crishon, Chief Legal Officer of The Arc of Indiana, stated:

"We are grateful to Attorney General Rokita and his staff for the extensive time and careful attention they devoted to hearing our concerns over the past several months on this issue. Their openness to listening thoughtfully to self-advocates, families, and the broader disability community showed a genuine commitment to understanding every perspective before making this final decision. After our conversations, we strongly believe the approach his office took in evaluating this lawsuit reflects a thoughtful and deliberate process – one that best protects the rights of all involved while faithfully upholding the core principles of Section 504."



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One night only: don't miss New Works at The Tarkington

The REPORTER

The winners of the 2026 New Works project commissions are gearing up to unveil their work soon. From jazz to dance to performance art, this evening of fresh work from local artists is one of the most exciting events of the year.

This year's performances will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at The Tarkington at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Now in its fifth season, the New Works project is an initiative by Allied Solutions Center to promote and sustain central In-



diana's working artists and arts communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works in the performing and visual arts disciplines. The four winning performing arts

proposals will be presented on stage at the Tarkington, with a talkback discussion following the performances. The event will also include the public unveiling of this year's winning visu-

al arts project.

New Works is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

Click here to get your free tickets.

Pence Media Group named 2026 Outstanding Small Agency by MUSE Creative Awards

Submitted

Pence Media Group (PMG) has been named a **2026 Outstanding Small Agency by the MUSE Creative Awards**. This is the fourth year in a row the consultancy has been named an outstanding small agency of the year.

"As a small agency, we truly do the most for our clients," PMG Owner and Operator Nicole Pence Becker said. "With this being the fourth consecutive year we've been recognized with this award, it shows our quality and commitment to our clients has never wavered, even in periods of growth and change."

PMG grew by eight full-time employees at the start of 2025 to a team of 23. Their small but mighty team supports over 40 clients monthly and serves nearly 60 clients throughout the year. A few notable highlights of Pence Media Group's accomplishments in 2025 include:

- Secured 296 articles and 185 broadcast clips surrounding the 98th National FFA Convention through 105 targeted pitches and over 75 media lists
- Produced and executed the 3rd Annual FFA Live! Inside Convention Show at



the National Convention, overseeing full studio production and newsroom operations

- Led strategic communications for the 25th Anniversary Safe Haven Law celebration in partnership with He Knows Your Name Ministry, securing over 15 media placements and 11 broadcast features

- Executed a fast-turn, national commercial campaign for Lucas Oil Products during the 2025 WNBA All-Star Weekend in Indianapolis

- Partnered with Hancock Health to execute an integrated marketing strategy that elevated brand visibility, strengthened community trust and expanded regional impact

About Pence Media Group

PMG is a full-service public relations, branding, digital and paid media, and marketing consultancy working with public, private and nonprofit clients. Nicole Pence Becker established PMG in 2017, which has grown to become a dynamic, award-winning team. PMG was also honored as one of PR Daily's Top Agencies for 2025, a prestigious award given to fewer than 50 agencies across the country. PMG won 11 Pinnacle Awards and six Awards of Honor at the 2025 PRSA Hoosier Chapter Pinnacle Awards Program, the most of any Indiana firm. Additionally,

PMG was the recipient of nine Telly Awards and won a Bronze ADDY for FFA's "Grow With Us" brand campaign last year.

PMG is made up of professionals who are experts in public relations, digital, marketing, strategic communications, and brand development. A certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) in the state of Indiana, PMG's team is proud to serve a wide range of clients with unparalleled expertise and creativity.

PMG recently launched a brand-new website to better communicate its services and capabilities. To learn more about PMG and its services, visit PenceMediaGroup.com.

Community News

Get your revenge with NerdFest at Carmel Clay Public Library!

It's the library's most popular event of the year! NerdFest is a day-long festival featuring unapologetically nerdy fun for adults, teens, and kids ages 5 and up. Enjoy trivia, arcade games, workshops, arts and crafts, costumes, giveaways, and more.

Set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, you can view the entire schedule at carmelclaylibrary.org/nerdfest.

Report finds consumers are losing more money to scams as AI use soars

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A new report reveals identity crime is becoming more financially severe, with 35 percent of reported losses exceeding \$10,000.

Numerous scams in central Indiana include the traffic enforcement QR code, and pig-butcher and banking schemes.

A massage therapist in the Irvington neighborhood in Indianapolis **lost \$18,750 to the banking scam**, and a Bedford man lost more than **\$10,000 to the pig-butcher investment scam**.

The California-based Identity Theft Resource Center **released its 2025 annual report**, which also found that 68 percent of identity crime victims seriously considered self-harm, compared to 14 percent who received support from the center.

"That dramatic number indicates to me the power of having a human lifeline of human connection during a crisis is more important now than ever," said Eva Velasquez, CEO at the center, a national nonprofit that supports victims of fraud. "The power of having a lifeline of human connection during a crisis is more important now than ever."

Too many people rely on their own research using Google or other internet search engines.

"Google is not the arbiter of truth," Velasquez said. "There are a lot of scam websites on these search en-

gines. There is still a lot of misinformation and hallucinations and AI summaries."

Many victims get scammed again after searching for help online and finding a fraudulent "recovery" service or business.

"Anyone that guarantees that they can recover your money, I want you to run," Velasquez said. "No one can guarantee you can recover your money."

The rapid evolution of artificial intelligence is making scams easy and cheap for bad actors to pull off.

"It takes no time, very little money to put into perpetrating these scams, and that is what makes everyone a target," Velasquez said. "I'm telling you that everyone is vulnerable to this, and no one has the skills to be the human lie detector that you need to be in order to suss these things out."

The best way to avoid falling victim to a scam is to pause and contact a trusted family member or friend.

If it's an unsolicited phone call, email, or text, go directly to the source to verify.

People can also file a report with the **Federal Trade Commission**, the **Identity Theft Resource Center**, the **Indiana Attorney General's Office**, or the local police.

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Ditlevson: thank you for standing with me

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Editor's note: Fishers City Councilwoman Tiffanie Ditlevson released the following statement Wednesday afternoon after her loss in the Indiana Senate District 31 Republican primary.



Ditlevson

Yesterday's outcome was not what we hoped for, but I woke up today with a grateful heart. Thank you for believing in this campaign – for your time, your encouragement, your support, and your willingness to stand with me.

Because of you, we ran a campaign we can be proud of – thoughtful, disciplined, and grounded in the values of Senate District 31. We had real conversations with voters, focused on local priorities, and stayed true to

who we are. While this campaign comes to an end, my commitment to public service does not. I will proudly continue serving my constituents in Fishers and advocating for the issues that matter to our community. I am especially grateful to the volunteers, supporters, and friends who gave so much of themselves to this effort. You showed up in ways that meant more than I can fully express. Now is also the time to rally around our nominee as she prepares for the race against Sheriff Forestal. I wish her and her team all the best. It has been an honor to earn your support and to run this race alongside you.

Democrats want to give you the blues, but in a good way

Submitted
The Hamilton County Democratic Party will hold its annual “Night for the Blues” fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16 at The Wellington, 9775 North by Northeast Blvd., Fishers.

This highly anticipated event will bring together passionate supporters, community leaders, and advocates as the organization prepares for a pivotal 2026 election cycle.

Tickets
Tickets are available for purchase online at hamcodemsin.org/events/n4tb. Each ticket includes dinner, dessert, and one drink ticket for attendees age 21 and over. Organizers encourage early ticket purchases, as the event is expected to sell out. In addition to individual tickets, sponsorship opportunities are available for those looking to make a greater impact. Sponsors



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Tickets are on sale now for the Democrats’ “Night for the Blues” event.

will gain valuable visibility while helping support candidates who share a forward-looking vision for the future of Hamilton County. For more information about sponsorship packages, interested parties are encouraged to contact ed@hamcodemsin.org. For those who prefer to contribute by mail, checks



can be made payable to: Hamilton County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 3452, Carmel, IN 46082. Proceeds from “Night

for the Blues” will support ongoing efforts to engage voters, strengthen community outreach, and prepare for the upcoming election cycle.

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Devon Wellington secures Democratic nomination for Indiana House District 29

Pledges urgent service & focus on transparency

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On Tuesday night, the voters of House District 29 sent a clear message: they are ready for leadership rooted in listening, coalition building, and a commitment to evidence-based solutions. Following a spirited primary, Devon Wellington emerged as the Democratic nominee, prepared to carry the momentum of this community-driven campaign into the general election. “I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of HD29 have placed in me tonight,” Wellington said. “This victory belongs to a community that is ready for a representative who prioritizes results over rhetoric. My focus remains clear: to serve with urgency and to ensure that everyone in District 29 has a representative

who is willing to listen and fight for them.” The primary race was defined by high engagement and community investment. Wellington extended a sincere note of appreciation to the primary challenger for her dedication to the district. “I want to thank my opponent for her participation in this process and the energy she brought to this race,” Wellington said. “Her involvement pushed our community to have vital conversations, and HD29 is more energized because of it. We are a stronger district when we engage in this democratic process together.” As the campaign shifts



Wellington

toward the general election, Wellington’s platform remains centered on the immediate, practical needs of Indiana families: • **Education First:** Moving beyond ideological talking points to implement legislation that supports evidence-based solutions and fully funded schools. • **Tackling Affordability:** Addressing the rising costs of living with common-sense policies that support working families and local small businesses. • **Urgent Representation:** Establishing a direct, responsive line of communication between the Statehouse and the residents of Noblesville and surround-

ing areas. “The work is just beginning,” Wellington said. “The challenges our families face, from the classroom to the cost of living, requires a representative who is ready to hit the ground running with proven expertise. I am ready to work for all of you.” **About Devon Wellington** Devon Wellington is an education researcher, practitioner, and small business owner with a Master’s degree in Applied Developmental Psychology. With a career built on state and federal policy analysis, Wellington is running for the Indiana House to bring data-driven leadership and a service-first mindset to District 29. Learn more about the candidate at VoteDevon.com.

Lindsay Gramlich wins Democratic nomination for Indiana House District 39

Submitted
Lindsay Gramlich has officially won the Democratic nomination for Indiana House District 39 and will advance to the General Election on Nov. 3. “I am incredibly grateful to all those who showed up to the polls in Carmel and Westfield to vote and exercise their civic duty, and to all of our supporters and volunteers who have worked diligently to bring our message to voters,” Gramlich said. “This campaign has always been about bringing people together and working to create a state that truly represents everyday Hoosiers, not special interests.” Gramlich has been a longtime community advocate and brings with her over 16 years of experience in leadership and philanthropy in central Indiana. Currently, she serves as the President and CEO of Girls

Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, a nonprofit leadership organization dedicated to helping girls realize their full potential, and has also worked in various capacities at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis. She is a 2026 recipient of the *Indianapolis Business Journal’s* prestigious “Forty Under 40” award, which recognizes young professionals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and achievements in their careers, and was voted one of Indy’s Most Pivotal Leaders in 2022. “This year, we more than doubled the votes received in the 2024 Democratic primary, significantly closing the gap between my opponent and me,” Gramlich said “These are clear signs that this State-



Gramlich

house seat is truly winnable and that the energy behind our campaign is strong and only growing.” Gramlich is a graduate of several notable leadership fellowships in central Indiana. She has served on various boards and currently sits on the DePauw Alumni Association Board and served as Co-Chair of Community Outreach of the Local Organizing Committee of the 2026 Final Four. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from DePauw University and a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University. “We are ready to move forward to the general election with a focus on the issues that truly matter to Hoosiers: fully funding our public schools, bringing down the cost of living,

and restoring transparency and accountability to our state government,” Gramlich said. “Hoosiers should demand more from their elected officials, and I’m ready to provide true representation to District 39 at the Indiana Statehouse.” **About Lindsay Gramlich** Lindsay Gramlich, a Carmel resident, community leader, and nonprofit CEO, is running to represent District 39 in the Indiana House of Representatives. With over 16 years of experience in central Indiana philanthropy, she currently serves as the President and CEO of Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, a youth nonprofit organization. She is a graduate of DePauw University and Indiana University, and lives in Carmel with her husband, three children, and two rescue dogs. Learn more about her campaign at LindsayGramlich.com.

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Spartz to hold X Spaces event on health care

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Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) will play host to the third in her series of live policy discussions on X Spaces at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7. The discussion, “Health Care: Is Government the Problem or the Solution?” – featuring special guests, Brian Blase, PhD President of Paragon Health Institute, and David N. Bernstein MD, PhD, MBA, MEI of Harvard Medical School – will examine key challenges in health care includ-



Spartz

ing rising prices, increased consolidation, and poor patient outcomes. This live briefing will also include an opportunity for audience members to participate in a Q&A. To join the conversation, participants can visit Rep. Spartz’s official page on X, [@RepSpartz](https://x.com/RepSpartz), at the time of the event. *In case you missed it:* Listen to Rep. Spartz’s previous discussion, “FISA Reauthorization: How Much Surveillance Is Too Much?” at [this link](#).

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

Hey kids, your city just opened in Westfield!



Last Friday, May 1, Kid City USA cut the ribbon on a new Westfield location, which is now open for enrollment for daycare, preschool, and before- and after-school care. The goal of Kid City USA is not to be just a daycare, but a community where every child thrives. Stop in today to take a tour of the brand-new facility at 1769 Tournament Trail. Registration for Kid City USA's Summer Camps is also open. Learn more at kidcityusa.com/locations/indiana/westfield.

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It's a full day of family fun when Art Fair on the Square hits downtown Noblesville like a dollop of paint!

Hamilton County Artists' Association announces Art Fair on the Square

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Artists' Association (HCAA) will present the 2026 Art Fair on the Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, returning to the historic downtown Noblesville Square for a full day of art, entertainment, and family-friendly activities. This year's event takes on special significance as it kicks off Indiana Peony Festival Week, bringing even more energy and visitors to the heart of Hamilton County. The Art Fair on the Square is one of HCAA's signature annual events, showcasing the work of

talented local and regional artists across a wide range of mediums. Visitors can explore artist booths, meet the makers, and purchase original artwork while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of Noblesville's historic district. This year's fair will feature:

- Live art demonstrations by HCAA members and guest artists
- Interactive exhibits designed for all ages
- Live music and performances throughout the day
- Family-friendly activities that make the event welcoming for children and adults alike

- Free admission for all attendees

"We're thrilled to bring the community together again for a day that celebrates creativity, connection, and the incredible talent found right here in Hamilton County," a spokesperson with the Hamilton County Artists' Association said. "With the fair taking place the Saturday before Mother's Day, it's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a day downtown, support local artists, and find a meaningful, one-of-a-kind gift." Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and organiza-

tions that want to support the arts and gain visibility during one of Noblesville's most beloved cultural events.

About the Hamilton County Artists' Association

Founded to support and elevate the visual arts in Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Artists' Association provides exhibitions, classes, community programs, and opportunities for artists of all levels. HCAA is headquartered at the historic Birdie Gallery in Noblesville and is committed to enriching the cultural life of the region through accessible, high-quality arts programming.

Indiana Bond Bank closes \$28.835M pooled bond sale to expand low-cost financing for Hoosier communities

Submitted by Office of Indiana Treasurer Daniel Elliott

The Indiana Bond Bank (IBB) has closed its second pooled bond sale under the Community Funding Resource (CFR) Program, a \$28.835 million issuance that brings affordable, long-term capital to Hoosier communities. The CFR Program bundles loans from multiple local units of government into a single pooled bond issue. Pooling spreads fixed transaction costs across borrowers, simplifies the process for participating units, and keeps the program sustainable as more communities take part. The model has worked well in other states and in Indiana's own State Revolving Fund program. The Bond Bank adapted it to fit the needs of Hoosier communities, particularly smaller and rural units that issue infrequently. "Pooling is one of the most practical tools we have to lower borrowing costs for local governments,"

said Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, who also serves as chair of the Indiana Bond Bank Board. "Every dollar saved on debt service is a dollar that stays in the community, paying for the roads, water systems, and public services Hoosiers count on." The senior-lien bonds carry an AA+ rating from S&P Global Ratings, reflecting the program's credit quality and investor confidence in Indiana's financial stewardship. The subordinate-lien bonds were not rated and were sold through a private placement. "The CFR Program is built to grow with demand, and this transaction shows the structure is working as designed," said Jacob Blasdel, Executive Director of the Indiana Bond Bank. "Our goal is to give smaller borrowers in Indiana access to the capital markets on terms that look more like what a larger, more frequent issuer would get."



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Hospital Week: healing doesn't stop at our doors

National Hospital Week (May 10 to 16) is a time to celebrate our hospitals and the people behind the care. Join me in recognizing the work advancing affordable, accessible and community driven care across Indiana.

Each May, National Hospital Week gives us an opportunity to recognize what our communities experience every day: hospitals aren't just places we visit when something goes wrong. They are anchors for our communities, engines for our economy, and trusted partners in building healthier lives. Hospital Week is a time to recognize the people who make care possible and the ways hospitals stay deeply connected to the communities they serve.

This week is also an important moment to reflect on what it takes to sustain high-quality care for the long term. Indiana faces real challenges around health care affordability, workforce shortages and access to care, but IU Health is leading in aligning prices to national averages, building the healthcare workforce of tomorrow and removing barriers to care.

Making care more affordable so it remains accessible
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Health has made making healthcare more affordable for Hoosiers a central focus. So far, IU Health has delivered \$1.4 billion in savings in commercial prices for employers and patients, driven, in part, by intentional reductions in commonly used services.

Despite rising labor, drug and supply costs, IU Health lowered prices across key areas. Radiology prices are down an average of 26 percent, laboratory prices by 62 percent and outpatient pharmacy prices by 33 percent. A recent study commissioned by the state showed IU Health's commercial prices are now below the national average, reinforcing our commitment to making healthcare more affordable for Hoosiers.

Building the health care workforce of tomorrow

Hospital Week is about people, which makes it the right time to talk about the workforce behind our health system. As Indiana faces a shortage in physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals, our educational programs from high school to residency are more important than ever. In 2024, IU Health invested \$85 million to train the next generation of healthcare professionals in Indiana, as reported in our annual **Community Benefit report**.

This commitment is reflected in partnerships IU Health has established to give high school students hands-on experience in real healthcare settings.

In Indianapolis, the IU Health fellowship program at Crispus Attucks High School introduces and prepares students for careers in the healthcare industry.

IU Health West in Avon partners with the Area 31 Career Center's health sciences program, which serves high school juniors and seniors from 11 school districts across Indianapolis, to offer comprehensive career training.

At IU Health North in Carmel, the hospital partners with Carmel High School to provide students the opportunity to work on select inpatient units as certified nursing assistants.

Caring for communities inside & outside hospital walls

Hospitals will always be essential, especially for emergency and complex care, but improving health across Indiana requires more than excellent care inside our facilities.

Through our community benefit work and Community Impact Investment Fund, IU Health partners with local organizations addressing critical needs such as housing security, infant mortality, mental health, food access and neighborhood revitalization.

Across Marion, Hendricks, Hamilton and Boone

counties, IU Health has invested more than \$25.6 million in local partnerships, including Cradle Indy, RecycleForce, Early Learning Indiana, Volunteers of America, Indy Public Safety Foundation and others. These investments strengthen the conditions that shape health long before a patient enters a hospital, helping communities thrive and ensuring better health outcomes for current and future generations.

A simple message this Hospital Week: Thank you, and let's keep going.

To the more than 20,000 IU Health team members serving patients across the Indy Metro area: thank you for the expertise, compassion, and resilience you bring to your work. To our community partners: thank you for walking alongside us and helping extend care beyond our walls. And to our elected leaders and civic partners: thank you for engaging in the work of building a healthier state.

Hospital Week is a celebration, yes, but it's also a reminder that the future of healthcare depends on people and on the decisions we make today to support them. If we stay focused on affordability, workforce and community health, Indiana can lead the way. And that is something worth celebrating.

Dr. Michele Saysana is the president of IU Health Metro Region.



Indy Arts Council names nine new board members to help guide strategic vision

Submitted

The Indy Arts Council has appointed nine new members to its board of directors, strengthening its leadership during a key period of the organization's strategic plan implementation. These individuals bring diverse expertise that will support the advancement of its mission to champion arts and culture.

"We are building something intentional," said Judith B. Thomas, President & CEO of Indy Arts Council. "And it takes leaders like these to help carry it forward. The arts are essential to how a city understands itself, and together, we will ensure Indianapolis's story includes all of us."

The new board members (listed below) bring deep expertise across healthcare, law, finance, higher education, sports, arts, and entertainment, philanthropy, and community development, strengthening the Arts Council's ability to build a thriving and inclusive creative ecosystem in central Indiana.

**Amandula Anderson
First Vice President and Manager of Nonprofit Services, National Bank of Indianapolis**

Amandula Anderson is First Vice President and Manager of Nonprofit Services at The National Bank of Indianapolis, with over 20 years of nonprofit experience. She has led community organizations, advanced housing initiatives, and holds degrees in public affairs and real estate development.

**Kimberly DalSanto
Partner, Taft Law**

DalSanto is an accomplished litigator with expertise in environmental and commercial law. A longtime supporter of arts initiatives in Central Indiana, she brings valuable experience in governance, compliance, and community-based cultural development.

**Andrea Fonseca
Vice President, Banker, J.P. Morgan Private Bank**

Fonseca brings nearly two decades of experience in wealth management and community leadership.

Known for her commitment to empowering individuals and families, she also serves on multiple nonprofit boards and champions initiatives that expand access and opportunity.

**Heather Harris
Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP**

Harris is a leader in education policy and law, with deep experience in government affairs, healthcare, and charter school innovation. Her work advancing educational access and policy reform aligns with the Arts Council's commitment to a creative life for all.

**Aaron Hurt
Vice President for Arts, Events & Enterprise Management, Butler University**

Hurt oversees one of the region's most active performing arts ecosystems, managing more than 1,400 events annually. A Butler alum and nationally recognized arts administrator, he brings extensive experience in venue management, audience engagement, and large-scale event production.

**Joe Jarzen
Client Liaison & Associate, Schmidt Associates**

A leader in historic preservation and placemaking, Jarzen has spent more than 20 years advancing community-centered design and sustainability. His work in public art, green space advocacy, and cultural preservation adds a critical perspective on how the built environment shapes creative life.

**Crystal Miller
President, IU Health Foundation**

A nationally respected leader in healthcare philanthropy, Miller has led transformational growth at IU Health Foundation, increasing fundraising by 800 percent since 2017. Her expertise in strategic development, sustainability, and community impact will help guide the Arts Council's long-term vision.

**Max Siegel
CEO, USA Track & Field**

A nationally renowned executive in sports and entertainment, Siegel has driven unprecedented growth and innovation at USATF.

Nation's top teen singers chosen for 2026 Songbook Academy

The REPORTER

Forty of the nation's most talented high school vocalists have been selected to participate in the 2026 Songbook Academy®, a weeklong summer intensive that immerses young performers in the gold standard of storytelling through song and helps them develop as artists under the guidance of Broadway stars, entertainment professionals and leading arts educators.

Now in its 17th year, the Songbook Academy is the flagship education program of the Great American Songbook Foundation. The 2026 Songbook Academy will take place July 11 to 18 at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The program includes workshops, masterclasses, and performance opportunities that help participants hone their vocal and stage skills, particularly in song interpretation, while building friendships and professional connections that last a lifetime.

Songbook Academy Week features three public performance events at the Center's world-class concert hall, the Payne & Mencias Palladium, for both in-person audiences and livestream viewers worldwide. These events offer opportunities to witness the rising stars of tomorrow alongside today's top performers.

On July 13, Songbook Foundation founder and



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The 40 participants selected for this year's Songbook Academy hail from 13 states and 29 cities.

five-time GRAMMY nominee Michael Feinstein and a soon-to-be-announced celebrity guest mentor will offer real-time feedback to 10 randomly selected participants during the Public Masterclass. Then, on July 16, the Songbook Showcase will feature all 40 students in solo performances, along with special appearances by Feinstein and Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez. The week culminates Saturday, July 18, in the Songbook Academy in Concert, with all 40 singers coming together for a dynamic program of ensemble numbers and featured solos celebrating the breadth, diversity and timeless appeal of the Great American Songbook.

Tickets for all three public performances will go on sale May 18 at [TheSongbook.org](https://thesongbook.org).

Indiana participants

- Jacob Cintron, Westfield, Westfield High School

- Sadie Cohen*, Carmel, Carmel High School
- Aarthi Eswaran*, Carmel, Carmel High School
- Grady Griffin*, Carmel, Carmel High School
- Aubreyana Eileen Hoepfner, Kokomo, Western High School

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- Hannah Sevensing,

Carmel, Carmel High School

- Olivia Steele, Kokomo, Northwestern High School

* Indicates alumni of the Songbook Academy

The Songbook Academy receives generous support from the Efroymsen Family Fund, Traditions Senior Communities, the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation, the Ira & Leonore S. Gershwins Trusts, The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, Westfield Veterinary Care, and the City of Carmel.

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Donna “Joan” Maris**February 9, 1933 – May 4, 2026**

Donna “Joan” Maris, 93, Fishers, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on February 9, 1933, to Artus Seawright and Ethel Marie (Kuhns) Troxel in Indianapolis.

Joan’s first love was raising her five daughters and later began her 25-year career with J.C. Penney. She was a member of Northview Christian Church. Joan liked playing the organ, fishing, and going shopping. She enjoyed sewing, making crafts, and doing diamond artwork. Joan loved her dog, JoJo, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia (Skip) Lowe, Nancy Maris, Vickie (Jim) Carter, Karen Maris, and Lee-Ann (Alan) Bird; grandchildren, Jessica Schrader, Kyle (Lauren) Schrader, Jordan Schrader, Tom (Brooke) Harber, Michael Maris, Alex Bird, Haley Bird, Sarah Bird, and Samantha Bird; great-grandchildren, Lane, Grace, and Emery Schrader and AJ Kelly; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Richard Lee Maris; brother, Donald Troxel; and sister, Betty Dougherty.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Pastor John Smith officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

The Maris Family would like to thank Dr. William Kirsch and the staff at Riverview for their compassionate care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (alz.org/indiana) or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

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A regular meeting will follow at 2 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING**BALAAM’S FIRST MESSAGE**

So he went back to him and found him standing beside his offering, with all the Moabite officials. Then Balaam spoke his message:

“Balak brought me from Aram, the king of Moab from the eastern mountains. ‘Come,’ he said, ‘curse Jacob for me; come, denounce Israel.’

How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the Lord has not denounced?

From the rocky peaks I see them, from the heights I view them. I see a people who live apart and do not consider themselves one of the nations.

Who can count the dust of Jacob or number even a fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and may my final end be like theirs!”

Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but you have done nothing but bless them!”

He answered, “Must I not speak what the Lord puts in my mouth?”

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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Monday, May 11, at 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square Noblesville, Indiana 46060. County business will be discussed.

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Girls Lacrosse

Carmel wins opening-round game

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – The Carmel girls lacrosse team began its quest for another state championship on Wednesday.

The defending state champion Greyhounds beat Park Tudor 17-6 in opening-round play at Brian Murray stadium. Carmel dominated the first half and held firm in the midst of a run by the Panthers in the third quarter.

The Panthers led 2-0 early in the first quarter before the Hounds ran off eight straight goals, finishing the period ahead 8-2. Julianna Mancini scored two goals, followed by six other Carmel players with one goal each: Ellie Espy, Kylie McGarty, Mallory Wingenroth, Sadie Benson, Jacqueline Mabry and Liv Coellner.

Marby added another goal to start the second quarter, then Lucile Esterline scored. Katherine McKeever finished the half with two goals, giving the

Greyhounds a 12-3 lead at the break.

“I thought we played well in the first half,” said Carmel coach Josh Miller. “I thought the first half was pretty clean and crisp. I thought we made some really good decisions.” Miller also credited the team with moving the ball well and were strong with ground balls.

Park Tudor cut the Greyhounds’ lead to 12-6 with 2:27 left in the third quarter before Carmel scored two goals – one each from Julia Flores and Coellner – to stay ahead 14-6 going into the fourth. The Hounds then shut out the Panthers in the final quarter. Lila Hammons scored twice and Harper Colton put in the final goal.

“We responded well,” said Miller. “I think we took some good shots today. That helped.”

Carmel will await the winner of a first-round game between Westfield and Evansville North that will be played on Saturday. As a result, the Greyhounds have to wait until next weekend



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Carmel goalkeeper Annalise Hicks (50) and midfielder Nora Naas (30) clear a ball during the Greyhounds’ win over Park Tudor on Wednesday.

for their quarterfinal game. “We’re just going to keep working on our funda-

mentals,” said Miller. “Handling our practices the way we’ve been handling them

all year. We have some intense practices, we have a lot of fast practices. I think

we’re going to keep that momentum and that pace going.”

Girls Track & Field

Bulldogs edge out Royals for HCC trophy

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls track & field meet took place Tuesday at Avon.

Hamilton Southeastern was edged out by Brownsburg for the team championship. The Bulldogs scored 106 points to the Royals 104, although Southeastern won five individual events.

The Royals picked up three consecutive victories midway through the meet. Southeastern’s 4x100 team of Cianna Cunningham, Chloe Senefeld, Laila Ehr Gott and Kaleah McCarter won that race in 48.87 seconds.

Anissa Lammie followed that with a 400 dash win (56.96 seconds), then Senefeld was back on the track for a victory in the 300 hurdles (43.28).

Zoe Gebhart blazed to first place in the 3200 run in 10 minutes, 52.60 seconds. After that, HSE’s 4x400 relay team of Cunningham, Lammie, McCarter and Senefeld were winners in 3:57.07.

Westfield scored 81 points for third place as a team. The Shamrocks began the meet with a win in the

4x800 relay; Samantha Foster, Jordyn Landrum, Alivia Lozier and Emma Pitney clocked in at 9:24.29.

Ella Jenkins won the pole vault, clearing 11 feet, 6 inches.

Fishers’ Mia Tobias swept the throwing events, claiming the shot put with a top throw of 41 feet, 11 inches, and winning the discus with a best effort of 138 feet, 9 inches.

Noblesville’s Rylan Bell won the long jump in 17 feet, 6.75 inches, leading a 1-2 finish. Noblesville’s Ainsley Meinering cleared 17 feet, 1 inch for second place.

Complete Hamilton County results now follow.

Team scores: Brownsburg 106, Hamilton Southeastern 104, Westfield 81, Avon 77, Franklin Central 73, Noblesville 68, Fishers 63, Zionsville 51.

4x800 relay: 1. Westfield (Samantha Foster, Jordyn Landrum, Alivia Lozier, Emma Pitney) 9:24.29, 3. Southeastern (Zoe Gebhart, Anissa Lammie, Evelyn Gerig, Anna Irish) 9:36.93, 5. Fishers (Aaliyah Hayes, Riley Teurman, Allie Belush, Caitlin Hawkins) 9:49.76, 7. Noblesville (Kate

Mumaw, Ansley Applegate, Grace Crawford, Gretchen Graham) 9:55.68.

100 hurdles – Finals: 4. Micaiah Bullock (HSE) 15.13, 5. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 15.68, 6. Jenna Rhodes (W) 15.70, 7. Katelyn Eblen (W) 15.76, 8. Devyn Day (F) 16.22. **Prelims:** 10. Charlotte Huffman (F) 16.58, 11. Meredith Dyar (N) 16.59, 13. Eugena Wilson (N) 17.02.

100 dash – Finals: 3. Ainsley Meinering (N) 12.51, 4. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 12.55, 7. Cianna Cunningham (HSE) 13.13. **Prelims:** 9. Kylee Black (F) 13.04, 10. Aleigh Heavey (N) 13.06, 11. Izzy Brady (W) 13.11, 15. LeAsia Warren (W) 13.67.

1600 run: 4. Pitney (W) 5:16.20, 5. Applegate (N) 5:17.30, 6. Mia Quagliaroli (F) 5:17.80, 8. Mackenna Condon (W) 5:20.90, 10. Raegan Hisong (HSE) 5:26.30, 11. Abby Lotter (F) 5:27.20, 12. Kate Lux (HSE) 5:27.60, 14. Addison Scott (N) 5:36.00.

4x100 relay: 1. Southeastern (Cianna Cunningham, Senefeld, Laila Ehr Gott, McCarter) 48.87, 4. Fishers (Day, Kylee Black, Ava Underwood, Zinnia Pineda (F) 49.51, 5. Noblesville (Tae Gates, Meinering, Heavey, Lahee) 49.86, 6. Westfield (Brady, Addison Busch, Eblen, Ella Jenkins) 49.94.

400 dash: 1. Lammie (HSE) 56.96, 4. Melody Lowry (W) 1:01.24, 5. Ava Kashani (HSE) 1:01.36, 7. Jenna Moulder (W) 1:01.74, 10. Hayes (F) 1:03.00, 13. Alayna Taylor (F) 1:04.94, 15. Sophia Shields (N) 1:05.12.

300 hurdles: 1. Senefeld (HSE) 43.28, 2. Eblen (W) 45.49, 4. Day (F) 46.88, 7. Addison Busch (W) 48.18, 9. Dyar (N) 50.03, 11. Arantxa Salazar (N) 51.85, T12. Bullock (HSE) 52.14; Huffman (F) 52.14.

800 run: 4. Landrum (W) 2:19.95, 5. Evie Patch (HSE) 2:21.63, 7. Mumaw (N) 2:22.88, 9. Belush (F) 2:27.14, 10. Kherington Patton (HSE) 2:27.21, 12. Teurman (F) 2:28.03, 13. Graham (N) 2:28.57, 15. Gianna Ferreri (W) 2:29.47.

200 dash – Finals: 3. Meinering (N) 25.79, 4. Cunningham (HSE) 26.42, 7. Lowry (W) 26.84. **Prelims:** 10. LeBraya Warren (W) 27.05, 12. Alyssa Lahee (N) 27.27, 14. Delaney Foellinger (HSE) 28.07, 15. Mia Cardozo Nunez (F) 28.08.

3200 run: 1. Zoe Gebhart (HSE) 10:52.60, 2. Hawkins (F) 10:56.59, 5. Jenna Burns

(W) 11:12.28, 11. Aubrey Berger (HSE) 11:43.95, 12. Izzy Salinas (N) 11:44.45, 13. Ella Lidskin (W) 11:53.43, 15. Eve Ziino (F) 12:09.57, 16. Norah Mathes (N) 12:38.13.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Cunningham, Lammie, McCarter, Senefeld) 3:57.07, 4. Westfield (Gracie Czubik, Eblen, Landrum, Lowry) 4:05.99, 5. Fishers (Cardozo Nunez, Charlotte Lawrence, Brianna Green, Teurman) 4:08.22, 6. Noblesville (Graham, Rylan Bell, Olivia Seefeldt, Lahee) 4:08.75.

Shot put: 1. Mia Tobias (F) 41-11, 5. Nyla Young (N) 37-11.5, 7. Amelia Kring (N) 36-5.5, 9. Christina Mimche (HSE) 34-0, 11. Bailey Timmons (F) 31-2, 12. Fiona Farrar (W) 30-3.5, 13. Zoe Burgei (W) 29-2.5, 14. Bella Arthur (HSE) 26-10.

Discus: 1. Tobias (F) 138-9, 2. Kring (N) 133-3, 4. Young (N) 115-6, 6. Farrar (W) 109-8, 9. Burgei (W) 101-1, 10. Arthur (HSE) 96-9, 12. Maggie Harder (F) 94-1, 14. Mimche (HSE) 91-6.

Long jump: 1. Bell (N) 17-6.75, 2. Meinering (N) 17-1, 3. Bullock (HSE) 16-10.75, 7. Hillary Donzeu Sen (F) 15-4, 7. McCarter (HSE) 15-0.75, 8. Lia Rieke (W) 14-7.5.

High jump: 2. Czubik (W) 5-4, 3. Black (F) 5-0, T4. Larissa Young (N) 4-10; Lawrence (F) 4-10, 7. Jolie Miller (W) 4-10, T9. Aspen Rollins (N) 4-8, 12. Azenwi Ndofo (HSE) 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Jenkins (W) 11-6, 2. Riley Williams (HSE) 11-0, 6. Eleanor Henry (HSE) 9-6, 9. Elise Beckner (N) 9-0, T10. Madysen Reeder (N) 8-6, 12. Ava Coy (F) 8-0.

Baseball

Rocks run away at Harrison

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team scored six runs in the sixth inning to run away from Harrison 10-2 in a Wednesday away game.

Gavin Russ got the Shamrocks on the board with a fourth-inning solo home run.

Westfield took the lead after scoring three runs in the fifth inning. Maddox Novotney batted in Nick Fero, Andrew Noble singled in Gabe Garcia, the Novotney scored after Russ reached on an error.

The Rocks began the sixth inning with singles

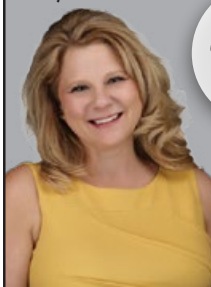
from Fero and Robbie Brandenburg. Novotney singled in Fero, Beck Jordan singled in Garcia (running for Brandenburg) and Novotney scored on a wild pitch. Russ batted in Jordan and Lincoln Hoffman with a two-run single, then Aiden Grabowski got home when Brandenburg drew a bases-loaded walk.

Novotney was 3-for-4 at the plate. Evan Govert pitched five innings for the win, striking out four.

Westfield is 9-8-1 and hosts Zionsville tonight in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

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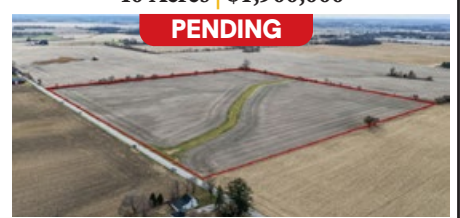


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Baseball— Golden Eagles score late, beat Park Tudor

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic used a late surge to beat Park Tudor 10-7 Wednesday in an away game.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning; Ben Canada smacked a solo home run for the Golden Eagles' score. Karsen Smith tripled in two runs during the third inning, sending Canada and Ian Taylor home.

The Panthers scored three runs in the bottom of the third for a 4-3 lead. Guerin Catholic took back the lead with three runs in the top of the fourth: Nolan Ratcliff hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Tate Troxell, then Carson Kail's left field hit scored Liam Zorger and Brody Cain.

Park Tudor put up three runs in the bottom of the fourth and led 7-6. The Golden Eagles moved ahead for good by scoring four runs in the sixth inning. Taylor cracked a two-run homer, also scoring Ratcliff, then Smith hit a left field home run, also bringing Kail home.

Smith totaled four RBIs for the game. Ben Aho got the pitching win.

Guerin Catholic is 15-2-1 and travels to Lafayette Central Catholic this weekend to play in the Catholic Classic.

Sheridan picked up a Hoosier Heartland Conference win over Taylor, 7-6 on Wednesday.

The Blackhawks got out to an early lead by scoring three runs in the first inning. Brayden Whisman singled in Levi Gellert for the first run, Braelan Bochner stole home plate, then Whisman scored on an error.

Gellert scored a second-inning run on an error for a 4-0 lead. The Titans doubled in a run in the top of the third inning, but Jake Hall singled in Chance Spencer in the bottom of the third.

Austin Hinshaw scored in the fifth inning after Eli Bales reached on an error. Taylor scored four runs in the top of the seventh to tie the game, but Hinshaw got home on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh to give Sheridan the win.

Whisman and Walker McWhorter both had two hits, with McWhorter hitting a double. Bochner threw six strikeouts in six innings for the win, allowing only one hit.

Sheridan is 7-8 and travels to Clinton Central on Saturday for another conference game.

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WISH-TV Athlete of the week: Carmel's Jayden Kleiner

By CHARLES HUIRAS
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Carmel softball's Jayden Kleiner is on a tear through the latter half of the Greyhounds regular season.

The senior has a .521 batting average and 16 extra-base hits through 18 games. The Greyhounds 10-8 record marks the program's best start to a season in five years, and Kleiner has a lot to do with it.

Kleiner was asked about her leadership role and how Carmel has turned the program around this year after a 6-17 record last season.

"Leadership isn't something that's forced upon me, it's just something that I step into," Kleiner said. "As a senior class we work really well together, we're best friends off the field so I think that helps with the way that we lead. Everybody knows their role, everyone has a role and we work together. We've all done a great job at bonding with the younger kids."

Kleiner has a career batting average of .449 with 24 home runs through 88 games. She shared some of what she's learned over her four years of high school softball.

"One thing that I have



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

Carmel senior Jayden Kleiner is batting .521 in her senior season and has helped the Greyhounds to their best start in a season in five years. Kleiner has committed to play at Michigan.

learned is that there are three parts of the game, defense, offense, and then the mental side," Kleiner said. "I think one place that I do capitalize now that I'm a senior is if I'm not performing, then not taking myself out of two of the three. If I'm not hitting well that day, I can't take myself out mentally. I need to be there for my teammates."

She also shared what her mindset is at the plate.

"Going up there with the mindset of I have nothing to lose," Kleiner said. "I'm

not trying to prove anything to anyone. Just having fun, staying within myself, and producing for my team because my team makes things happen."

Kleiner, a Michigan commit, is excited to play for the Wolverines next season.

"I'm really, really, really excited for Michigan," Kleiner said. "The reason I chose Michigan was because I felt like it was the place where I could develop the most as a player. I also felt like I could get the best education there. I love soft-

ball, but I'm really excited to see what's after softball for me. I felt like Michigan was going to develop me the most as a softball player and as a student. The culture they have there was something I wasn't seeing anywhere else, and I'm really excited to be a part of that."

The Greyhounds have six regular-season games left before the start of sectionals.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/athlete-of-the-week-carmel-softball-jayden-kleiner.

Softball— Defending Sectional 8 champ Millers draw bye

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

The Indiana High School Athletic Association announced its pairings for the upcoming softball state tournament on Sunday, May 3, and the defending sectional champion Noblesville Millers were rewarded.

While the pairings were conducted via a blind draw, the Millers, who captured their ninth sectional title all time last year, earned a first-round bye, along with Carmel, for the 41st annual state tournament series.

Both programs will begin Class 4A Sectional 8 at Zionsville in the semifinal round, while a Hoosier Crossroads Conference showdown highlights the quarterfinals with host Zionsville facing Westfield and state-ranked Hamilton Southeastern playing Fishers in a Mudsock rematch.

The sectional tournament is scheduled to run May 25-30.

HCC rivals Zionsville and Westfield kick off the sectional site's five-game, six-team format with the Shamrocks already winning their regular-season meeting, 15-2, on the road this week.

Hamilton Southeastern defeated rival Fishers, 7-1, on April 28, to capture its third straight Mudsock softball trophy, even without senior ace pitcher Grace Swedarsky, a Virginia Tech commit, who has been sidelined with a lower extremity injury.

The sectional tournament will advance to play Carmel in the first semifinal contest.

Carmel beat Zionsville, 9-4, on March 24, and lost to Westfield, 18-10, on March 25. The Greyhounds lost to HSE, 6-4, on March 27, and fell to Noblesville, 12-2, on April 15.

Carmel owns the second-most softball sectional titles in Hamilton County history at a dozen — with their last championship claimed in 2012.

HSE leads the county

with 15 titles overall, including in 2024 when the Royals went on to win their third 4A state championship all time.

The winner between HSE and Fishers in the sectional quarterfinals will move on to play Noblesville, which is currently 2-0 against sectional foes. The Millers are travelling to HSE today for a 6 p.m. HCC game.

HSE is ranked fourth in 4A, according to the Indiana Softball Coaches Association, and fourth in the HCC with a league record of 2-1. Brownsburg leads the HCC at 3-0 ahead of Noblesville (2-0) and Franklin Central (3-1).

Fishers is ranked 10th in the state at 4A behind No. 9 Brownsburg and No. 8 Noblesville. The Tigers have won two sectional titles overall in 2016 and 2019.

In Class 3A, Guerin Catholic also received a first-round bye in Sectional 25 at Lebanon.

The Golden Eagles will face the winner between Frankfort and Danville with their eyes set on their potential second sectional title all time (first in 2021).

Host Lebanon and Brebeuf Jesuit will compete in the other quarterfinal game with Crawfordsville awaiting the winner in the semifinal round.

Class 3A Hamilton Heights opens Sectional 24 in Connersville against New Castle. Jay County and Delta will play in the other quarterfinal contest. Host Connersville will face the winner between Hamilton Heights and New Castle in the semifinals. Yorktown received the sectional's second first-round bye.

Class 2A Sheridan will play Taylor in the quarterfinal round of Sectional 39 in Tipton. Lapel and Tipton highlight the other quarterfinal. Frankton will face the winner between Sheridan and Taylor in the semifinals, while Elwood Community plays the victor between Lapel and Tipton.

Girls Tennis—



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The Guerin Catholic girls tennis team honored its seniors prior to the meet.

Golden Eagles win on Senior Night

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls tennis team swept Pendleton Heights 5-0 on Wednesday to win its Senior Night meet.

Six of the seven players on the No. 1-ranked Golden Eagles' lineup were seniors. The only exception was No. 1 singles, where freshman Emily Pasman won her match 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 singles Kara Buehnerkemper was a 6-2, 6-0 winner, while No. 3 singles Lilliana Su picked up a 6-1, 6-1 victory. In doubles, the No. 1 team of Anna Kolb and Katie Kolb won their match 6-1, 6-0, while the No. 2 team of Lillian Quigley and Courtney Bassi were 6-2, 6-2 winners.

Rankings update

Guerin Catholic remains on top in this week's Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association poll, followed by Brebeuf Jesuit at No. 2, Park Tudor at No. 3 and Carmel at No. 4.

Westfield is ranked No. 10, with Fishers rated No. 16 and Hamilton Southeastern ranked No. 27. University is in the rankings at No. 30; the Trailblazers won the Whiteland Invitational on Saturday, May 2 and followed that up with a 4-1 victory over Covenant Christian on Tuesday.



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic senior Kara Buehnerkemper won the No. 2 singles match for the Golden Eagles during their meet with Pendleton Heights on Wednesday.

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Noblesville’s Max Flanagan commits to Wabash College



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Max Flanagan has committed to play basketball for Wabash College. (Front row, from left) Emily Flanagan (mother), Max Flanagan, and Mark Tamm (grandfather). (Back row, from left) Scott McClelland (Noblesville Boys Basketball Head Coach), Owen Flanagan (brother), and Jackson Flanagan (brother).

Noblesville’s Roslyn Ervin commits to The College of Wooster



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics
Roslyn Ervin has committed to play softball at The College of Wooster. (Front row, from left) Ashley Ervin (mother), Liam Ervin (brother), Roslyn Ervin, and Anthony Ervin (father). (Back row, from left) Karina (aunt), Ana (cousin), Danny (uncle), Jen Thompson (Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach), and Deke Bullard (Noblesville Softball Head Coach).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 7
BASEBALL
Cathedral at University, 5:30 p.m.
Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
Avon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
Carmel at McCutcheon, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.
Yorktown at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Fishers at Heritage Christian, 6 p.m.
GOLF
Hamilton Heights vs. Lapel, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide
University at Park Tudor, 4:30 p.m. at Wood Wind GC
SOFTBALL
Hamilton Heights at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.
Center Grove at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Roncalli at Westfield, 6 p.m.
TENNIS
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 4 p.m. at Avon
Hoosier Conference meet, 5 p.m. at Logansport
TRACK & FIELD
Carmel boys at North Central, 5:30 p.m.
Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys meet, 5:30 p.m. at Westfield
North Central at Carmel girls, 5:30 p.m.
UNIFIED TRACK
New Castle at Hamilton Heights (with New Palestine), 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson, 7 p.m.
North Central at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Zionsville at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Avon, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
University at Decatur Central, 7:30 p.m.

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BASEBALL from Page 13

University sailed past Lawrence North 12-6 in a Wednesday road game.

The Wildcats led 1-0 after two innings, but the Trailblazers took over after scoring six runs in the third inning. Ryan Castetter doubled in Ethan Cutsinger for their first run, then later scored on an error.

Cooper Cammack singled Oliver Kingery home to give University a 3-1 lead. The Blazers loaded the bases, then Beckett Suh scored after Finn Steiner drew a walk. Cammack got home on David Gasper’s sacrifice fly, then Philip Jacobs scored on a wild pitch, putting University ahead 6-1.

Kingery scored in the fourth inning on Suh’s RBI groundout, then Steiner got a fifth-inning run on a pitcher’s balk. Jacobs doubled in Suh and Castetter in the sixth inning, then Castetter singled home Quinn Green and Braxton Sparks in the seventh inning.

Castetter was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Jacobs also hit a double. Caleb Stocker pitched four innings for the win, striking out four. Hunter Canning also threw four strikeouts in two innings.

University is 14-6 and hosts Cathedral this afternoon.

Fishers beat Avon 1-0 on Wednesday for an away Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory.

Asher Nelson doubled in Isaac Fernandez in the second inning for the Tigers’ run.

Austin Conley pitched a complete game, striking out five while allowing only one hit. Owen Lukac and Vincent Pecoraro both hit one double.

Fishers is 5-4 in conference play and 9-12 overall. The Tigers host Avon tonight to complete the HCC series.

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