



# Saturday May 9

## DONATE FOOD at your own mailbox Help LOCAL food pantries



### Details Inside Today's Edition

# THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER Your Hometown Newspaper

## FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN | TIPTON  
CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



### TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny. Shower chances in the late afternoon. Thunder possible.  
Tonight: More showers.



HIGH: 67 LOW: 51

## Hamilton Heights honors its 2026 summa cum laude graduates

### Recognizing extraordinary achievement & educators who helped shape it

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Each year, Hamilton Heights High School celebrates its summa cum laude graduates, students who have earned a 4.0 grade-point average or higher and demonstrated exceptional dedication to their academic journey.

These scholars are honored at the recent Night of Excellence, an annual tradition that highlights not only their achievements, but also the relationships, mentorship, and support that helped them reach this milestone.

As part of this celebration, each summa cum laude graduate is invited to select one staff member – past or present, K-12 – who made a meaningful impact on their life. Teachers, coaches,



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation  
**Hamilton Heights' 2026 summa cum laude graduates and the educators who helped shape their journey were honored at the annual Night of Excellence.**

custodians, secretaries, and support staff are all eligible, reflecting the truth we see every day: it takes an entire school community to shape a student's path.

This year's honorees represent the very best of Heights, students who have excelled academically and the educators who inspired, encouraged, and

believed in them along the way. The Night of Excellence is more than an academic ceremony; See *Graduates . . . Page 2*

## Mom-moment: the many faces of motherhood

Mother's Day often arrives wrapped in flowers, brunch reservations, and handwritten cards. We celebrate loudly for a day – and then life quietly returns to its rhythm.

But this year, my understanding of motherhood unfolded through many small moments.

Real mom-moments. Recently, during an Indian wedding ceremony, I found myself moving through celebration not as a guest enjoying the festivities, but as a mother working quietly behind the scenes.

I was juggling between my two girls – fixing hair, adjusting dresses, searching for missing accessories, checking jewelry, managing time, answering last-minute questions. Somewhere between laughter, music, and vibrant colors, I realized I had barely looked at myself in the mirror.

And yet, I felt completely present. These are the unseen mom-moments – the invisible choreography mothers perform every day. No announcement. No applause. Just the quiet joy of watching your children step confidently into the world while you stand slightly behind them, making sure everything holds together.

In that moment, I remembered there was once another woman doing this for me. As children, we live under an invisible promise: we are covered. Covered by love, preparation, protection, and care. Only later do we understand how much thought lived inside those effortless moments created by our mothers.

See *Motherhood . . . Page 2*

COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR  
*Taste of Community*

## Westfield Middle School Band earns ISSMA All Music Award for third year

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School band program has earned the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) All Music Award for the third consecutive year.

To qualify for the All Music Award, the band must have received gold ratings in a solo and ensemble contest, a jazz organizational contest, and a concert organizational contest.

This recognition represents a sustained commitment to high levels of learning, growth, and collaboration as students develop both as musicians and as Life Ready individuals.

To earn the ISSMA All Music Award, programs must meet rigorous criteria across multiple performance areas. WMS students consistently demonstrate excellence through solo and ensemble performances, jazz band competitions, and concert band events, earning top ratings while performing at advanced levels.

"We ask our students to be musicians," WMS Band Director Sarah Rivers said. "They're not just looking at the markings

and playing notes. They're understanding the flow of music. They're growing their understanding and improving sight reading."

**Building skills that go beyond the classroom**

For WMS students, band isn't just an elective or box to check off to graduate. It's an experience that builds skills aligned to life beyond school.

Students develop discipline, critical thinking, collaboration, and confidence as they prepare for performances and navigate increasingly complex music.

Eighth grade clarinetist Timothy Ellis shared how band has been a consistent source of support and direction.

"I really love the community, you know, the teachers, the family," Ellis said. "Going in there every day, getting to play my instrument, but also getting to socialize and get to know other people like me is just an amazing experience I couldn't replace with anything."

That sense of belonging is echoed across the program. Students consistently describe WMS band as a space where they build relationships while



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
**(From left) Band Director James Howard, Abigail Graham, Luke Miller, Sophia Ball, Timothy Ellis, and Band Director Sarah Rivers.**

working toward shared goals. "I love the environment when you walk into the classroom," said eighth-grade trombone player Sophie Ball. "It's a lot of fun, and it's always so satisfying when we get to play through a piece and it all comes together perfectly."

**High standards & strong support**

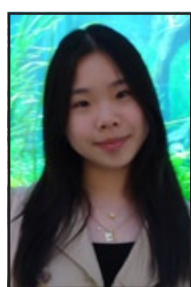
Through individualized guidance and various opportu-

nities via different styles (e.g. jazz, concert), students are encouraged to pursue their interests and challenge themselves.

Eighth grade French horn player Luke Miller credits the program's support system for helping him reach new levels as a musician.

"My teachers were able to put me in connection with great

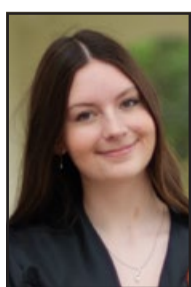
See *Band . . . Page 2*



Shen



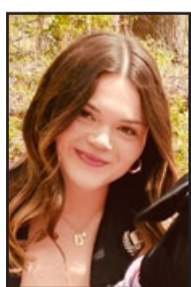
Lee



Forrester



McDonald



Sivertsen



Stites



Bolduc

## Seven students up for Hamilton County Youth Service Awards \$1,000 scholarship

The REPORTER

The 34th annual Hamilton County Youth Service Awards ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. Monday, May 11 at the Government & Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville.

The ceremony is sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOARD)

as part of its ongoing effort to recognize outstanding service by youth in our community.

"I'm always inspired by the way these students step up and lead with integrity," HCCOARD Executive Director Monica Greer said. "Their commitment to serving others and making healthy choices is shaping a stronger, more positive future for Hamilton County."

The 2026 nominees include Allison Shen of Carmel High School, Josslyn Lee of Fishers High School, Melanee Forrester of Hamilton Heights High School, Mason McDonald of Hamilton Southeastern High School, Molly Sivertsen of Noblesville High School, Norah Stites of Sheridan High School, and Katelyn Bolduc of Westfield High School.

Each has demonstrated a strong record of service and leadership within their school and community.

A selection committee made up of dedicated employees will determine this year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship. The other finalists will be recognized at the ceremony and awarded \$300 scholarships for their achievements.



Photo by James Kegley

## Jayda Dawn wins Poetry Out Loud national title

Young poet receives \$20,000 award & \$500 for University High School

The REPORTER

Indiana Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), announced Tuesday, May 5 that Jayda Dawn, a resident of Fishers and junior at University High School in Carmel, is the 2026 Poetry Out Loud® National Champion.

Dawn will receive a \$20,000 award and \$500 for her school to purchase poetry materials.

This is the first year Dawn has competed in Poetry Out Loud. At University High School, she is a part of the student government, vice president of the Black Student Union, a peer tutor, and a National Honors Society member. Outside of school, she is on both the varsity track and cheer team and is a prominent leader in the school's music and theater program. She has been writing her own poetry since she was 11 years old.

See *Dawn . . . Page 2*

Thursday  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Pebble Brook  
Golf Course**

Presented by  
**DARLINGTON**  
snacks

BGCNI.org

Register Today

## GRADUATES

from Page 1

it is a celebration of connection. Each pairing tells a story of a teacher who sparked curiosity, a coach who pushed a student to believe in themselves, a staff member who offered encouragement at just the right moment. These relationships are at the heart of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, and these honorees remind us that success

is never achieved alone. It grows from guidance, support, and the belief that every student has the potential to excel.

Congratulations to the 2026 summa cum laude graduates and to the educators who helped shape their journey. Your hard work, dedication, and partnership reflect the very best of what it means to be a Husky.

### Hamilton Heights 2026 Summa Cum Laude Graduates & Their Honored Educators

- Julia Bearman — Mrs. Volz
- Sierra Bramel — Mrs. Wiegman
- Jackson Cantlon — Mr. James
- Lily Cash — Mr. Kauffman
- Callie Connolly — Mrs. Chambers
- Allison Cramer — Miss Summers
- Austin Day — Mr. Jones
- Will Duncan — Mr. Kirschner
- Giselle Effing — Mr. Weber
- Adalynn Gould — Mrs. Combs
- Lauren Happel — Mrs. Carson
- Isaiah Heuer — Mr. Trachtman
- Kole Kirtley — Mr. Nicole
- Simon Kuhn — Mrs. Hippensteel
- Evalyn Maiden — Mrs. Handy
- Addison Mann — Mrs. Page
- Abigail Martin — Mrs. Goodman
- Anna Monnin — Mrs. Russell
- Justin Overton — Mrs. Smith
- Megan Prince — Mr. Field
- Gwendolyn Pritsch — Mrs. Greider
- Connelly Schuster — Mr. Snelson
- Averie Scott — Mrs. Froman
- Emma Trees — Mrs. Crawford
- Lyla VanAlstine — Mrs. VanAlstine
- Chloe Westerfield — Mr. Walsh

## BAND

from Page 1

people who helped me get better at my instrument, and they pushed me and encouraged me," said eighth-grade French horn player Luke Miller, who received a gold rating at State Solo and Ensemble. "I got to go to All-State with a solo because of their help and their encouragement."

WMS band directors also emphasize providing access to a wide range of experiences, from beginner-level development to advanced performance opportunities.

The addition and growth of the jazz band program over the past several years has played a key role in the program's continued success, allowing students to expand their musical experiences and meet ISSMA's comprehensive criteria.

"We've been able to build a well-rounded program that gives students multiple ways to grow," WMS Band Director James Howard said. "This recognition is a reflection of the effort students put in every

day. It's nice for the kids to be able to see this award and say 'My hard work has been manifested in this.'"

### Preparing students to be Life Ready

At its core, the WMS band program reflects WWS's commitment to preparing students to be Life Ready. It focuses on helping students develop confidence, resilience, and the ability to contribute as part of a team in addition to the expected artistic and academic growth.

"The (ISSMA) All Music award shows us how far we've come and shows how much work all of us kids put into it," said eighth-grade saxophonist Abigail Graham. "And I think it's really nice to be recognized for that."

As the program celebrates its third consecutive ISSMA All Music Award, the focus remains on what matters most: continuing to challenge and support students as they grow into capable, confident individuals prepared for wherever they decide to invest their talents.

## DAWN

from Page 1

Dawn's teacher, Kirkland Austin, supported her throughout the competition and accompanied her to Washington, D.C., for the finals.

"You don't get a lot of time to actually live in poetry, and oftentimes it's discarded as a hobby, but I think with things like this competition, you see that people actually are living in poetry day after day," Dawn said. "It's something that you can make a career out of and a life out of, and you can be super successful doing what you love doing."

A program of the NEA presented locally in partnership with the IAC and administered by Mid Atlantic Arts, Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. Since the program began in 2005, more than 4.5 million students across

the country have participated in Poetry Out Loud.

"It has been a privilege to witness Jayda's tremendous work pay off," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "Her passion for poetry is undeniable, and it's shown all of us at Indiana Humanities how powerful the study of these works can be for young people. We're grateful for our partnerships with the Indiana Arts Commission and National Endowment for the Arts for making this opportunity possible for students across the state."

This is the second time in four years that a student from Indiana has won the national title, with Sreepadaarchana Munjuluri from Columbus North High School winning in 2023. Indiana is one of just three states and jurisdictions to have two national winners.

To learn more about the Indiana Poetry Out Loud contest, [click here](#) or visit [PoetryOutLoud.org](#).



Photo by James Kegley  
**Jayda Dawn of Fishers is a student at University High School in Carmel. She is this year's winner of the national Poetry Out Loud competition.**

## MOTHERHOOD

from Page 1

At the wedding, I witnessed motherhood from many beautiful angles.

The bride's mother shared something that deeply moved me. Although she was the mother, she intentionally stepped back and allowed her daughter to lead the wedding decisions.

"I wanted her to know I trust her," she said. "I am simply following her direction now – with pride."

What a powerful transition. Motherhood is not only about guiding; it is also about trusting enough to let go. Years of nurturing transform into faith. A daughter becomes the woman her mother hoped she would be.

That, too, is a sacred moment.

Then came another perspective – equally touching.

The groom's mother performed a joyful dance she had lovingly choreographed. Her happiness was not only for her son's marriage but for the daughter she was about to receive.

"I am gaining a daughter," she said warmly. "She will make two families proud – the one she comes from and the one she is joining."

In that moment, motherhood expanded beyond biology. It became acceptance, welcome, and the courage to open one's heart again.

Motherhood, I realized, keeps growing. First we protect. Then we prepare. Then we trust. And eventually, we



Photo provided

welcome love into wider circles.

And then there are the Mother's Days that look nothing like celebrations at all.

For the past six years, Mother's Day has found me not at brunch tables but on metal bleachers, cheering for my synchronized swimmer during regional competitions.

While other mothers dress up for elaborate meals, I sit poolside with a to-go box, taking quick bites between performances, eyes fixed on the water, waiting for her team's turn.

And honestly – I would

not trade it for anything.

Because those bleachers hold their own kind of celebration.

They represent a full year of early practices, discipline, teamwork, and unwavering commitment. Synchronized swimming demands precision, resilience, and trust – athletes moving as one, breathing together, believing together.

Motherhood, in those moments, becomes presence.

Cheering loudly. Holding nervous energy. Celebrating effort more than outcome.

This year feels especially meaningful as we hope for the golden ticket – the possibility that her synchronized team will qualify for the Junior Olympics in the summer of 2026.

I realized something sitting there:

Mother's Day is not always about being celebrated. Sometimes it is about witnessing your child shine after months of invisible work. The real gift is the front-row seat to their becoming.

Growing up in a Gujarati household, I often heard a simple truth:

"When there is a mother, there is a home."

And another quiet pride every Gujarati mother carries:

"A mother stands in the sun so her children may live in shade."

Only now do I fully understand those words.

Motherhood is not measured by one perfect day.

It lives in countless unseen moments – tying hair at weddings, trusting daughters to lead, welcoming new children into the family, sitting on bleachers year after year cheering dreams into reality.

Perhaps what we often forget – on Mother's Day and on ordinary days – is to recognize the human behind the title of "Mom."

A mother is not only someone who gives. She is a woman with dreams, emotions, identities, and stories beyond the role she carries.

So maybe the true celebration is this:

Creating more meaningful moments. Moments where mothers are listened to, not needed. Moments where appreciation is spoken without waiting for a holiday. Moments where we see not only what mothers do, but who they are.

Because if you have known a mother's love, you have known lifelong shelter.

And if you are a mother, perhaps the greatest recognition is realizing this:

You were never just managing details.

You were building confidence, passing trust, shaping families, and creating belonging – one quiet moment at a time.

And those unseen moments are the real legacy of motherhood.

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

## Accurate. Balanced. Local. The Hamilton County Reporter

**Place food donations in a bag and place at your own mailbox on Saturday, May 9th.**

**Donated food will be picked up by your postal carrier that day.**

Current Needed Items

Pancake Mix	Rice Side
Syrup	Pasta
Cereal Boxes	Oatmeal
Canned Chicken	Crackers
Canned Tuna	Ketchup
Chunky Soup	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruits	Black Beans
Canned Pasta Sauce	Baking Items

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS**

**Stamp Out Hunger**

**FOOD DRIVE**

**HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST FOOD BANK**

[www.HCHFoodBank.org](http://www.HCHFoodBank.org)

Working Together With You to Feed Hamilton County

Hamilton County Food Pantries serve over 32,000 food insecure neighbors in our community.

Connect With Us!



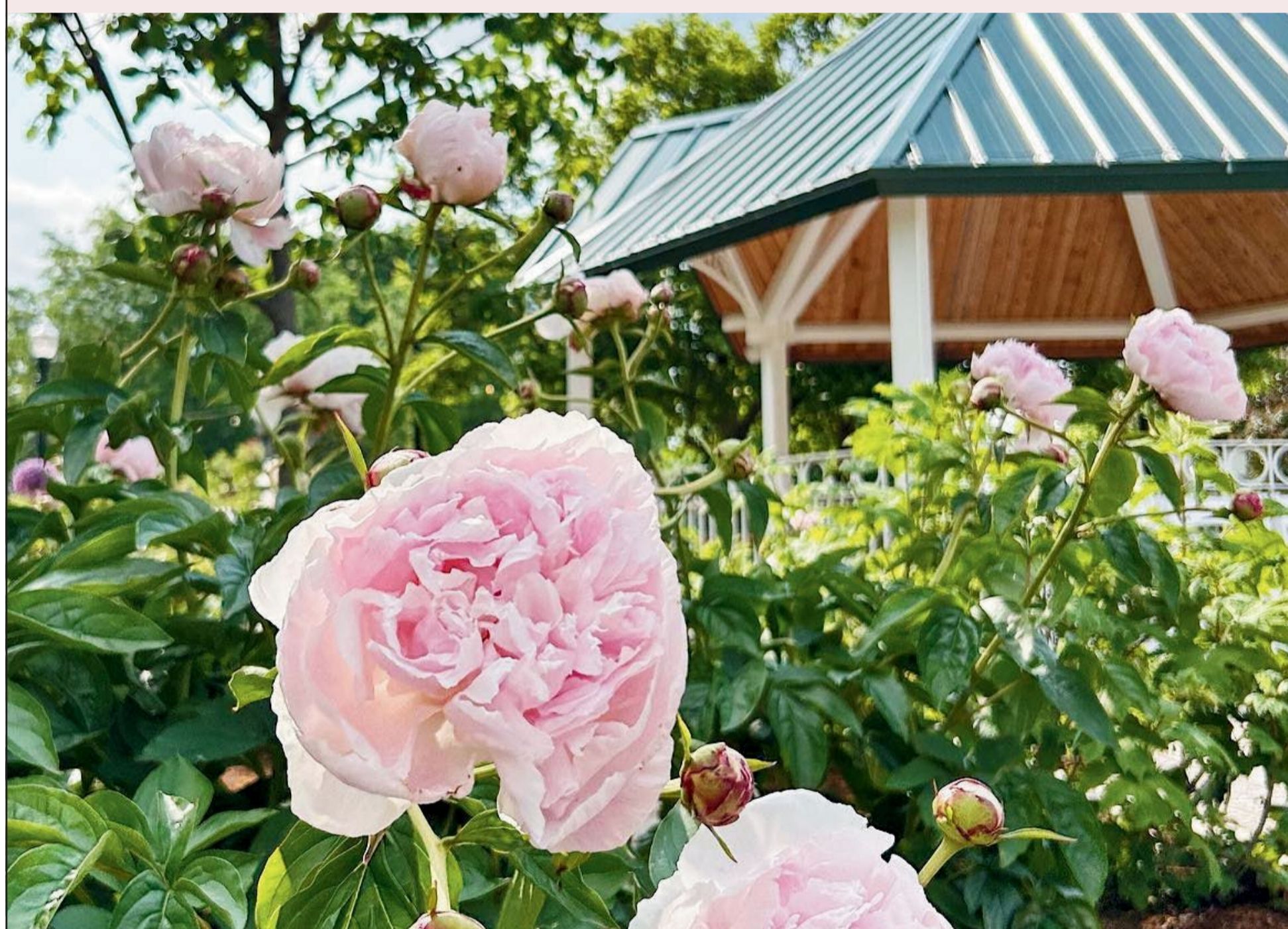
INDIANA  
**PEONY**  
*Festival*™

SPONSORED BY

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*Smith's*  
JEWELERS

**MAY 16**



**ALSO JOIN US FOR:**

*peonies*  
**IN THE PARK**

FUNDRAISING EVENT  
SOLD OUT

**MAY 15**

SPONSORED BY

**cch+a**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**BRUNCH  
& BLOOMS**

BRUNCH & RETAIL CRAWL  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**MAY 16**

SPONSORED BY

**46 & SPRUCE**  
BY SYNDICATE

# Riverview Health expands primary care access in Westfield

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health is expanding access to high-quality, patient-centered care with the opening of a new primary care facility at 323 Tournament Trail, Westfield. This strategic expansion strengthens Riverview Health's footprint in one of Indiana's fastest-growing communities, ensuring individuals and families have convenient access to essential primary care services close to home.

"As Westfield continues to grow, it's important that healthcare access grows alongside it," Riverview Health President and CEO Julie Nix said. "This new primary care location allows us to serve more patients locally, reduce barriers to care, and support healthier outcomes for the entire community."

Riverview Health has been a trusted healthcare partner in Westfield since opening the hospital at U.S. 31 and State Road 32 in 2018. The addition of this new primary care facility further advances Riverview's integrated care model of connecting preventive services with specialty care,



Photo provided by Riverview Health

**The providers at Riverview Health's new Westfield primary care offices are ready to serve you.**

outpatient services, and hospital-based care as needed.

"This new primary care location represents a significant investment in Westfield and in the long-term health of this community," said Dr. Eric Marcotte, Chief Medical Officer and practicing primary care physician at Riverview Health. "It reinforces our commitment to our patients, ensuring they have easy access to the care they need where and when they need it."

This development is a

result of a strategic collaboration between Riverview Health and project partner Innovcare | Innovative Healthcare Real Estate, LLC; general contractor Wurster Construction; architectural firm Arc Design; civil engineering firm Tesco; and financing partner GBC Bank.

"Partnering with Riverview Health on this project reflects Innovcare's mission to create modern, patient-centered healthcare environments designed for providers and patients

alike," said Tyson Chastain, CEO of Innovcare | Innovative Healthcare Real Estate. "Thankfully, we were able to control costs, save money and hold the budget for Riverview and are genuinely excited to contribute to a facility that will enhance care and convenience for Westfield and nearby communities."

Designed to meet the evolving healthcare needs of Westfield residents, the new facility offers comprehensive primary care services focused on prevention, wellness, and the management of both acute and chronic conditions, with convenient same-day appointment scheduling. [Click here](#) to schedule an appointment.

# HEPL kicks off summer reading with family-friendly community celebrations

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) invites the community to celebrate the start of summer with two free, all-ages events to kick off its annual Summer Reading Program, themed "Unearth a Story."

Families can enjoy outdoor parties packed with activities, including a dinosaur show, music, food trucks, yard games, and hands-on fun for all ages. Each event will also feature a foam party, which requires separate registration.

- Saturday, May 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Fishers Library
- Saturday, June 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Noblesville Library

The celebrations mark the launch of HEPL's Summer Reading Program, which runs June 1 through July 31 and is open to all ages. Participants can track their reading and complete simple activities to earn points and prizes throughout the summer. Kids and teens who finish the program will receive a free book, and readers of all ages can earn additional rewards and entries into grand prize drawings.

"We are excited to bring back our annual Summer Reading program for 2026," HEPL Systemwide Program Coordinator Allison Kartman said. "Reading during the summer is one of

the best ways to keep kids engaged and prepare them for the next school year. Our program is open to all ages with opportunities to win great prizes all summer long. Our librarians have also planned fantastic programs to keep the whole family entertained all summer long!"

**Register early for a chance to win**

Community members who register before June 1 will be entered into special early bird prize drawings, including:

- A "Friends & Family 4-Pack" to Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, valid for admission for four people
- A \$100 gift certificate to The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

If the community reaches 2,500 registrations before June 1, HEPL will unlock an additional bonus drawing for a mystery gift basket.

Beyond reading, HEPL will offer a full lineup of programs and activities throughout the summer designed to keep the community learning, exploring, and having fun together. Community members are encouraged to attend a kickoff celebration, sign up for the program, and make reading part of their summer routine.

For more information or to register, please visit [hamiltoneastpl.org](http://hamiltoneastpl.org).

# The Milk Bank announces first "Lifeline of Love" campaign ahead of Mother's Day

**The REPORTER**

Just in time for Mother's Day, The Milk Bank has launched "Lifeline of Love," a heartfelt campaign that allows individuals to honor the special women in their lives while helping save the lives of vulnerable infants.

Through the campaign, community members can send personalized digital tribute cards, with each gift directly supporting the provision of lifesaving donor human milk to babies in need.

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate love, care, and the powerful bond between mothers and their children.

For families with infants in neonatal intensive care units (NICUs), that bond is often shaped by uncertainty and urgent medical needs. Donor human milk plays a critical role in improving health outcomes for premature and medically fragile babies, reducing the risk of life-threatening complications.

enough to support the needs of mothers, caregivers, and mother figures with the profound impact of giving another baby a chance to survive and thrive," said Lisa Busse, Head of Advancement at The Milk Bank. "It's a simple yet powerful way to celebrate someone you love while extending that love to families facing some of their most difficult moments."

The campaign also comes at a critical time. Demand for donor milk continues to rise as more hospitals and families recognize its life-saving benefits. The Milk Bank is working to meet this growing need, but increased demand requires expanded resources, donor recruitment,



and community support.

"Every ounce of donor milk can make a difference," The Milk Bank CEO Freedom Kolb said. "As demand grows, so does our commitment to ensuring every baby who needs donor milk has access to it. It is our community's way of saying no family has to stand alone."

This Mother's Day, The Milk Bank invites the community to celebrate the nurturing power of motherhood by giving a gift that extends far beyond a single day. To send a "Lifeline of Love" digital card or learn more about supporting The Milk Bank, visit [themilkbank.org/lifeline](http://themilkbank.org/lifeline).

**FOOTLITE MUSICALS**

**Kiss me, Kate**

MUSIC and LYRICS by COLE PORTER  
BOOK by SAM and BELLA SPEWACK

**MAY 1-17** Thursday - Saturday at 7:30 PM  
Sunday at 2:30 PM

1847 N. ALABAMA ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

Tickets Available At  
FOOTLITE.ORG • (317) 926-6630 • BOXOFFICE@FOOTLITE.ORG

KISS ME, KATE is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Trams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com

**INDIANA UNCLAIMED**  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
What will you find?

**THERE ARE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WAITING TO BE CLAIMED.**

Take a second to search for yourself, your friends and your family!

VISIT [IndianaUnclaimed.Gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.Gov)  
TEXT "FIND" to 46220  
SCAN our QR code here

# Sponsorship supports new assistive-listening system

*Payne & Mencias Palladium now offers Auracast technology, thanks to Indianapolis-based Professional Hearing Services*

**The REPORTER**

With a new season of events to be announced later this month, Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts has partnered with a new sponsor to offer innovative technology for visitors who are hard of hearing.

Professional Hearing Services, a concierge-level audiology clinic based on Indianapolis' north side, has already been spreading the word to clients about Auracast™, an assistive-listening system that uses next-generation Bluetooth® technology to stream sound directly to compatible hearing aids, cochlear implants, earbuds, headphones, or smartphones. Bypassing the reverberation, crowd noise, and other acoustic challenges found in any venue, Auracast provides crystal-clear audio of music and speech with greater flexibility and less listener fatigue than other options.

Now, with support from Professional Hearing Services, the 1,500-seat Payne & Mencias Palladium is replacing its infrared-based

assistive-listening system with Auracast for the upcoming 2026-2027 performance season. For those without compatible devices, Auracast receivers and headphones are available free on request.

The private practice's audiologists have extensive experience serving participants in the live entertainment industry, providing custom ear impressions for items like molded earbuds and in-ear stage monitors. They've worked with many local musicians, including Endless Summer Band, as well as major artists like Alice Cooper and Tommy Lee of Motley Crue.

"We value the profound impact of live performance and are thrilled by the potential of this technology to revolutionize that experience for the global event industry and our local community," said Dr. Suzanne O'Connor, owner of Professional Hearing Services. "Auracast also helps diminish the stigma surrounding hearing loss by allowing attendees to discreetly tune in using their



Photo provided

own compatible devices, making every event more inclusive without the need for specialized equipment."

Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of Allied Solutions Center, said the transition to Auracast continues the ongoing effort to improve accessibility on the campus.

"We are always open to suggestions for making the entire patron experience as welcoming and inclusive as possible to people of all

needs and abilities, from buying tickets to parking to attending the event and going home happy," McDermott said. "We're grateful to Professional Hearing Services for making this important new option available in our flagship venue, and we'll continue to explore the possibilities."

FM-based assistive-listening remains available free on request at Allied Solutions Center's Tarkington and Studio Theater.

# Noblesville Diversity Coalition launches children's book contest to elevate student voices

**Submitted**

The Noblesville Diversity Coalition is launching a new children's book contest that invites six to 12 sixth-grade students who live in Noblesville to share original stories about belonging and what it means to care for one another in community.

The initiative is designed to elevate the voices of young people and encourage creativity, empathy, and imagination through

storytelling. Students will be invited to write stories for children that reflect values of humility, courage, respect, and collaboration.

"This contest invites young people to do more than write stories ... it invites them to imagine the kind of community they want," said Marya Patrice Sherron, MFA, Noblesville Diversity Coalition board member and project lead. "When children see their

ideas valued, they begin to understand that their voice matters."

Sherron is a writer, advocate, and founder of KI Productions. The author of four children's books, she is known for work that uplifts underrepresented voices and supports families, including those impacted by autism. She also serves in multiple community leadership roles focused on disability inclusion, caregiving

support, and belonging.

The contest reflects NDC's broader commitment to building a more welcoming Noblesville by creating opportunities for people of all ages to help shape our community now and in the future.

Contest details, including eligibility, guidelines, and submission deadlines, are available at [noblesvillediversitycoalition.org/bookproject](http://noblesvillediversitycoalition.org/bookproject).

# One hour can make a lifetime impact ... give blood with American Red Cross

**The REPORTER**

In May, the American Red Cross asks people to secure their blood or platelet donation appointment now to help the blood supply stay ahead of building seasonal pressures. Just one hour of time could help patients celebrate more life with loved ones in the weeks ahead.

This time of year gets busy quickly. Many are gearing up for the end of the school year or making plans for early summer fun, which can disrupt people's schedules and cause a drop in donation appointments. The Red Cross calls on donors of all blood types and those giving platelets to book a time to give now.

By giving in May, do-



nors have the chance to return to give over the summer to maximize their impact. Lock in your appointment to give blood or platelets now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give through May 17 will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. See [RedCrossBlood.org/Amazon](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Amazon) for details.

Those who come to give later in the month, May 18 to 31, will receive an oversized Red Cross beach towel, while supplies last.

**Upcoming Donation Opportunities**

**Carmel**

- May 11 from noon to 5 p.m. at Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St.
- May 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 11257 Temple Drive

**Fishers**

- May 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Billericy Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road
- May 15 from 1 to 6 p.m. at IU Health Fishers Medical Office Building, 13100 E. 136th St.

**Noblesville**

- May 13, 20, 27 from noon to 6:15 p.m. at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center, 14765 Hazel Dell Crossing, Suite 700
- May 14, 21, 28 from noon to 6:30 p.m. at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center
- May 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Noblesville Blood Donation Center

**Fortville**

- May 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Vernon Township Fire Department, 602 Vitality Drive

# Thanks for reading The Reporter!



**WESTFIELD**  
— INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
**GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA**  
225 S. UNION STREET  
12–4 p.m.

PRESENTED BY CENTIER BANK

Experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of cultures from around the globe without leaving Westfield! Catch live performances, explore the arts, and try foods you've never tasted before.

Upgrade your festival experience with the **Savor & Snack Pass**, which includes five sample tastings redeemable at select food vendors! Passes are \$15 with early bird pricing (April 20–May 15). Full-price passes cost \$20 starting May 16; a limited number will be available for purchase at the event.

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



# Sheridan students are true artists

## Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Tuesday, May 5, students from all three schools in Sheridan showed off their creative side at the second annual District Art Show. Artwork was displayed at Sheridan High School for students, staff, and family alike to see and cherish all the creativity.

This year also brought back a beloved addition – a jury! Each of the pieces on display were put into a “People’s Choice” competition. Spectators were able to

vote on different categories as they walked through all the pieces of artwork. The winners of the competition were as follows:

- High School 2D Art – Madison Hahn
- High School 3D Art – Presley Fox
- Middle School 2D Art – Bryn Doty
- Middle School 3D Art – Skyler Warwick
- Elementary Grades – 2nd – Leia Arroyo
- Elementary Grades 3rd through 5th – Presley Hansen



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**VICTORIA SPARTZ**  
PROUDLY SERVING **INDIANA'S** 5TH DISTRICT

## Constituent Services



### Help with Federal Agencies

I can help you when dealing with federal agencies, including:

- Social Security issues
- Medicare claims
- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



### US Flag Requests

Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



### Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



### US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

West District Office: (317) 848-0201

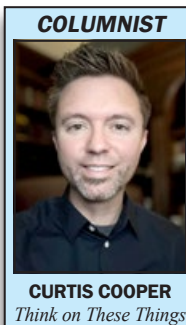
East District Office: (765) 639-0671

[www.spartz.house.gov](http://www.spartz.house.gov)

— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

# Burning down the competition

In Acts 19:18-20, Paul was in Ephesus, preaching and teaching, when something incredible happened. It says “many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”



**COLUMNIST**

**CURTIS COOPER**  
*Think on These Things*

Don't gloss over this. Here you have this town of people who found Christ. And when they found out that what they lived their life by was not compatible with Christ, they all came together, collected this big stack of magic books, piled them up, and burned them.

First notice that those books were worth 50,000 pieces of silver (or Greek drachmas). The drachma was equivalent to the Roman denarius (one day's wage). These books totaled 50,000 days (140 years) worth of wages. That is between 8 and 16 million dollars in today's wages. Would it impress you to see someone set fire to 16 million dollars because they realized something was not compatible with Christ?

Also, think about what

they used these books for. Luke suggests they were “magic books,” but people turned to these books for guidance. When they had emotional and psychological issues, they would go to their library, open these books, and say, “Here's the solution for me!” These were books they lived life by. They realized these things did not matter and were insufficient. Now they had the word of God. Notice after they burned these books it says, “the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”

Here are the questions for us. What do we need to burn? What do we find guidance in that we need to eliminate from our lives, because they are not compatible with Christ so that the Word can grow and prevail?

### Human creeds & catechisms

Creeds are man-made statements of belief written by people to summarize what they believe about God, faith, or doctrine. They are essentially man-made summaries of their religious teachings and practices. Catechisms are similar to creeds, in that they are man-made books that summarize their Church's faith, teachings, and practices. Yet, they are not necessary and very often incompatible

with scripture.

The bible says scripture is inspired (breathed out) by God, not man. Scripture, not creeds, is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. Scripture completes and equips us for every good work God has asked us to do (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

### Traditions & customs

Jesus teaches that tradition(s) (customs) are not authoritative (Mark 7:1-13). Essentially, Jesus is asked by the Jewish leaders, “Why are you not doing things the way we have always done them and following the ‘traditions of the Elders?’” (Mark 7:5). Essentially, Jesus responds by asking in several different ways, “Why are you following your traditions and not the word of God?” (Mark 7:8, 9, 13).

We are bound to have traditions, but when traditions contradict the word of God, scripture should always prevail. Honestly, the winds of tradition(s) could blow all over the place from generation to generation, but scripture will never change. The only tradition we should stand firm and hold on to is that of the apostles, written in the inspired scriptures (2 Thessalonians 2:15).

### Preferences & good intentions

Anytime we say, “God will love this ... This is a good thing ... This feels right ... I know God would

want this ...” we need to be careful. There is no way to know unless God tells us that is what He wants. How can we know God (or anything about God, for that matter) unless He tells us? (1 Corinthians 2:10-11). Or when we say “I want this or that ... in a church ... in a religion ... or in a worship service” let us remember we are here to worship and serve God, not ourselves. Let me challenge you to study to show yourself approved and rightly divide the word (2 Timothy 2:15). Let's think more in terms of what God says He wants and has asked from us.

That is just a short list and not comprehensive. Yet, the people in Ephesus did not compromise. They did not hold on to these books “just in case.” They did not say “There are some good things in there” – they burned what competed with the truth to the ground. And when they did, “the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”

How about us? What do we need to “burn”?

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (463) 287-0664. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

## Meijer Baby Gear Recycling Event returns

### The REPORTER

Meijer is bringing back its popular Baby Gear Recycling Event this spring, inviting families across the Midwest to support a cleaner, greener community. Through May 19, customers can bring used, expired, or damaged baby gear, such as car seats and strollers, to participating Meijer supercenters for proper recycling, and receive a redeemable coupon.

The retailer had a successful event last spring, during which nearly 18

tons of gear were recycled, bringing the total to more than 30 tons of recycled material since the program's inception in 2024.

“At Meijer, being a good neighbor means investing in programs that make a real difference, and we remain dedicated to supporting families and strengthening our communities through important initiatives like our baby gear recycling event,” said Don Sanderson, Chief Merchandising and Marketing Officer at Meijer. “We saw a

33 percent increase in baby gear brought for recycling last year compared to 2024 and look forward to another successful year in 2026.”

The Meijer Baby Gear Recycling Event accepts a variety of baby gear, including car seats, booster seats, strollers, and travel systems. By choosing to recycle through Meijer, families not only clear clutter but also directly contribute to building healthier, more sustainable neighborhoods.

To participate, customers should bring accepted

baby items to the marked drop-off area near the customer service desk at their local Meijer store. In recognition of their commitment to the community, participants will receive a special offer code redeemable in their mPerks account for 25 percent off one item in the Meijer baby department (excludes apparel) during the redemption period, May 6 to June 2.

To learn more about the event, including qualifying items and mPerks details, [click here](#).

### BUSINESS CARDS

**Noblesville Roofing & Restoration**

Phone (317) 223-4587  
Email: dhbs@comcast.net

## Arvin Masonry

Historical tuckpointing  
Foundation repair & replacement  
All things masonry

**Noblesville 317-645-7460**

**Live Music At Pasto Italiano**

Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday  
**1/2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays**  
Reservations Recommended

**317-804-2051**  
Reservations Recommended

3150 E. SR 32 Westfield

**Green Avenue**  
GRANT\$ & MORE

- Grant Research
- Proposal Writing
- Planning
- Other Fundraising

Your Road To Fundraising Success!  
**(317) 750-1204**  
www.greenavenue.info • amys@greenavenue.info

**NOBLE BUSINESS ADVISORS**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

**Wendy Stevens** CPA, CGMA, MSA  
Certified Business Advisor

Phone | 317.281.9063 • Fax | 317.219.0510  
wendy.stevens@wstevenscpa.com  
52 South 9th Street, Suite 3 • Noblesville, IN 46060  
[www.wstevenscpa.com](http://www.wstevenscpa.com)  
W. Stevens LLP DBA Noble Business Advisors

Scan me!

**Explore, Play, and Connect with Hamilton County Parks!**  
Beautiful trails, playgrounds, and special events.

myhamiltoncountyparks.com • 317-770-4400

# Stony Creek church of Christ



We are a group of Christians doing our best to follow the Bible and nothing more. No outside organization(s). No man-made traditions. No man-made creeds. No additions or subtractions. Just hearts fully set on Jesus, His church, His word, and living His ways. We would LOVE for you to come join us! Please let us know if you are interested in having a personal Bible study.

## WHY THE BIBLE?



## EVIDENCES FOR THE BIBLE



This is the “Pilate Stone” which was discovered in 1961 in Caesarea Maritima, Israel. This is a 1st-century limestone block bearing a Latin inscription that identifies Pontius Pilate, the one who ordered Jesus’ crucifixion, as the Prefect of Judea.

### Why is this significant?

- Confirmation that Pontius Pilate was real.** Before the discovery of the Pilate Stone, evidence for Pilate came from ancient writers like Tacitus, Josephus, and the New Testament itself. But this stone provided something even stronger — physical archaeological evidence that Pontius Pilate truly existed.
- Confirmation of the political environment in the New Testament accounts.** The stone was discovered in a building dedicated to Emperor Tiberius, confirming the exact political climate described in the New Testament: Roman rule over Judea during the time of Jesus.
- Confirmation of Pilates’ role as described in scripture.** The inscription identifies Pilate as the “Prefect of Judea,” matching the Roman titles used during that period and supporting the New Testament accounts. As prefect, Pilate possessed the authority to rule on capital cases — including the trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

📍 15530 Herriman Blvd,  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
(BEHIND THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE AT THE STOP SIGN)

☎ 463-287-0664

✉ speakingtruthinlove4.15@gmail.com

**Our Assembly times:**  
Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

# Carmel's own Madison Styer honored as 2026 Goddard School Teacher of the Year Regional Finalist

**Submitted**

Goddard Systems, LLC, (GSL), the manager of The Goddard School® franchise system, the nation's leading premium early childhood education provider, has announced Madison Styer, a toddler teacher at The Goddard School of Carmel – West as a 2026 Goddard School Teacher of the Year Award regional finalist.

Styer is a dedicated toddler teacher whose joyful energy, leadership, and commitment to best practices create a classroom rooted in trust, curiosity, and growth. Moreover, she is unwaveringly focused on consistently upholding the highest health and safety standards.

"At the heart of my work is supporting children

and families," Styer said. "This recognition affirms the care and dedication I have to helping our students thrive each day."

Now in its 20th year, The Goddard School Teacher of the Year Award celebrates outstanding Goddard School educators who encourage curiosity, inspire discovery, and foster a love of learning in their students. This year, more than 7,500 teachers from across The Goddard School's more than 680 locations were nominated by families and their colleagues in four classroom categories (infant, toddler, preschool/pre-K, and Kindergarten) across four regions (North-



Styer

east, Southeast, Midwest, and West). In total, more than 11,700 nominations were submitted. Sixteen teachers, including Styer, were selected as regional finalists for exemplifying excellence, leadership, creativity, and a safe, nurturing teaching approach.

"At the heart of The Goddard School's high-quality early childhood education are educators who feel valued, trusted and equipped to lead," said Dr. Lauren Loquasto, senior vice president and chief academic officer at GSL. "This year's Teacher of the Year honorees demonstrate how thoughtful teaching can spark curiosity and support children as they

discover and explore their interests. We are thankful for the enthusiasm, passion and care they bring to their classrooms."

As a 2026 Teacher of the Year regional finalist, GSL gave Styer a \$1,000 cash award, branded Goddard merchandise, and a framed certificate.

"Madison brings heart, leadership and positivity to our school," said Denise Manders, owner of The Goddard School of Carmel – West. "We truly appreciate her dedication and natural ability to foster a warm and supportive environment for children, families and her fellow teachers."

For more information about The Goddard School and the Teacher of the Year Award, please visit [GoddardSchool.com](http://GoddardSchool.com).



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Focused, prepared, and performing with pride – Hamilton Heights Concert Band rose to the moment at the ISSMA organizational contest hosted at Lafayette Jefferson High School. They earned Silver on stage, Gold in sight-reading, and performed with excellence throughout.

## Hamilton Heights Concert Band earns strong ratings at ISSMA Organizational Contest

**Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.**

The Hamilton Heights High School Concert Band delivered an outstanding performance on Friday evening, April 18 at the ISSMA Organizational Contest hosted at Lafayette Jefferson High School.

Competing in Group II, the ensemble earned a Silver Rating, finishing just half a point shy of Gold.

"Their achievement is especially notable given the challenge of preparing contest literature in only four rehearsals following a two-week spring break – all while simultaneously gearing up for their upcoming performance at Walt Disney World," Hamilton Heights Band Director Mark Snelson said. "The band rose to the moment with focus, determination,

and professionalism, highlighted by expressive solo features and a powerful finale on the student-favorite 'Urban Dances.'" "In the sight-reading room, the band continued its strong showing, earning a Gold Rating with a high score – an accomplishment that reflects the ensemble's musicianship, adaptability, and preparation. Most importantly, our

students represented Hamilton Heights with class, pride, and professionalism throughout the event. Their efforts were supported by the unwavering encouragement of our band families, whose presence and partnership continue to strengthen our program. We are incredibly proud of our Concert Band and all they accomplished at this contest."

## 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](http://carmelclaylibrary.org/nerdfest).

### 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.



Photo provided

## Carmel's Rotary & Kiwanis clubs partner to launch 'Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day'

**The REPORTER**

The Rotary Club of Carmel and Kiwanis Club of Carmel are partnering to launch the "Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day" in the summer of 2026 in celebration of Carmel's 50th anniversary as a city. This collaborative, community-wide initiative will feature multiple service projects across Carmel and will take place Aug. 5.

Rooted in the shared mission of both organizations to strengthen commu-

nities and develop leaders through service, the event will bring together volunteers from Rotary, Kiwanis, and other service organizations, local businesses, and non-profits to complete 1,976 acts of kindness, honoring the memory of Jim Irsay.

By dedicating a single day to collective impact, the partnership aims to inspire civic pride, expand community engagement, and leave a lasting, positive mark on the city of Carmel.

**Thanks for reading The Reporter!**

# American Bank of Freedom

[www.americanbankoffreedom.bank](http://www.americanbankoffreedom.bank)



Save time and open your account online!

## Certificate of Deposit Specials

3 Months

3.75% APY\*

6 Months

3.75% APY\*

12 Months

3.85% APY\*

\*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is current as of this issue and subject to change at any time. APY assumes that interest remains on deposit until maturity. Minimum deposit of \$1,000 to open this account with a maximum deposit of \$240,000 per account. Minimum balance requirement of \$1,000 to earn interest. A penalty will be imposed for early withdrawal. Fees may reduce earnings. Accounts may be subject to other fees, contact your local branch to learn more.

APPLIES TO NEW DEPOSITS ONLY.  
American Bank of Freedom, Member FDIC.

Stop by or call your local branch today to learn more!

14611 N. Gray Road  
Westfield, IN 46062  
(463) 622-2930



# The Farmers Bank rebranding to First Bank Midwest

**Submitted**

First Bank Richmond and The Farmers Bank have announced that, pending shareholder approval, the combined organization will operate under the name First Bank Midwest, pending regulatory approval.



The new brand will also encompass Mutual Federal, a division of First Bank Richmond, including its six offices in Ohio.

Alongside the announcement of the new name, the organizations are also publicly unveiling the official logo and brand identity that will represent the future of the combined institution beginning July 1, 2026.

Upon completion of the merger and pending shareholder approval, First Bank Midwest will operate under the parent company Richmond Mutual Bancorporation, Inc., which trades on the NASDAQ under the ticker symbol RMBI. Richmond Mutual Bancorporation, Inc. will remain headquartered in Richmond, Ind. First Bank Midwest will be headquartered in

Frankfort, Ind.

This milestone represents an important step forward in the merger process and reflects the shared vision, values, and commitment to community banking that have defined these institutions for generations.

As part of the transition, the organizations will also begin using the phrase:

**Rooted in tradition. Growing toward the future.**

The transitional tagline reflects the spirit of the merger itself, honoring the long-standing heritage of each institution while embracing the opportunities and momentum of the future organization being built together.

“This is more than a new name. It represents who we are, what we value, and the future we are building together,” said Garry Kleer, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of First Bank Richmond. “First Bank Midwest reflects the strength of our

See Bank . . . Page 10

# A non-retraction retraction

“D’oh!!!” – Homer Simpson

I have made a mistake. Not a huge one; life will go on and the Sun will continue to rise. Yet it’s big enough to give me a topic for this week’s column.

Last week I wrote about New Riff Distillery’s Bottled in Bond that was voted to be 2026’s “World’s Best Bourbon”. Have I reconsidered? Is it 2026’s World’s Best Bourbon? Still . . . no.

However, I did commit a cardinal sin that bears review. When one is pondering bourbon, or wine, or food, it’s always subjective. Everyone is different, and everyone experiences tastes differently. That’s why this column is in the opinion section and not the legal notice section.

Yet, there is one important bourbon tasting concept that I haven’t discussed with you yet. It is this concept that I failed to employ regarding New Riff’s Bottled in Bond.

When tasting and evaluating a bourbon, always give it a second (or even third and fourth) taste on a different day before giving



**JON SMYRNIS**  
*Bourbon Psychosis*

it a final thumbs up or down. I don’t know why, but many times I’ve tried a bourbon and it didn’t blow my socks off. Then, I would try it on another day and in another setting and, “Wow, this stuff is great!” It doesn’t happen with other drinks or foods; broccoli always tastes like broccoli and pizza always tastes like pizza. Bourbon just has to be unusual. Of course, that’s what we like about it.

I don’t understand why. I suppose it has to do with what one has eaten, the environment, the amount of air it has mixed with, or the alignment of the stars and the Moon. I don’t know. What I do know is that the phenomenon is real. I’ve discussed it with several friends over the years and they agree. I failed to take this strange bourbon rule into account with New Riff’s Bottled in Bond. Worse yet, I wrote about it! That really doesn’t upset me too much. I’ve told you before, I’m winging it here.

On Sundays we have family dinners. After a nice meal, it is usually cards

(nickel and dime poker) and drinks with our grown kids, my wife’s parents, and her aunt and uncle. Did I say drinks? I should’ve said **drinking**. Having recently acquired and written about them, I decided to share my recent acquisitions from New Riff and give the folks a taste.

The Bottled in Bond was delicious! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, including myself. Yes, lighter and less complex than many bourbons. Yet, it had an amazingly strong caramel sweetness to its forward taste profile and a very nice, lingering finish. Aghast at this revelation, this very column took shape in my mind. I completely missed that the first time! Opinions can change.

I can explain my problem with the term “world’s best” with a short example. Remember the scene in the movie *Elf* with the “World’s Best Cup of Coffee”? Well . . . there you go. Of course, this New Riff product isn’t the best, but if you’ll recall from last week, I did say that it was quite good. And . . . it seems to be getting better with every new taste.

On a related note, while we’re discussing some tasting rules: Never, never . . .

never buy an expensive whiskey without trying it first. Been there. Sometimes it works out great, many times not so much. I purchased a bottle of [name omitted] for \$200 a couple of years ago solely on the basis of its name recognition and that it was aged 18 years. Absolutely horrible! Followed my rule and tried it on a couple more occasions, still horrible. Now it sits in the cabinet collecting dust. Maybe I’ll use it as a mixer . . . a \$200 mixer.

I hope that by relating some of my tasting/buying errors that it will help you to avoid them. In the meantime, you, my bourbon friends, have my sincerest apologies for my recent mistake. For the price point and taste profile, New Riff’s Bottled in Bond is a winner.

I’m now off to re-try some other bottles that have been languishing in my liquor cabinet. Maybe I can find another lost gem that I banished to dustiness, or I’ll have some more mixers. Life is beautiful.

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



## Invest Hamilton County unveils its new brand

**Submitted**

Invest Hamilton County (IHC), the county’s economic development organization, has announced the launch of its new brand identity, a strategic repositioning approved by its Board of Directors. It was rolled out publicly at its annual State of the Workforce event on April 24.

The rebrand reflects the organization’s evolution from traditional economic development into an innovative civic partner working alongside cities, schools, employers, and non-profit partners across Hamilton County.

The rebrand follows a multi-year strategic planning process and reflects its focused Mission: “To strengthen Hamilton County’s economy by transforming insight into action, designing systems that remove barriers, and convening collaborative partnerships that help businesses and residents thrive.”

The new brand and Mission are anchored by an aptly reflective tagline, “Where Insight Becomes Action,” a phrase that captures IHC’s operating model, which turns rigorous research and community input into practical outcomes for Hamilton County residents, businesses, and communities.

“This rebrand isn’t just a coat of paint – it’s a focused commitment,” IHC President and CEO Mike Thibideau. “Over the past several years we’ve sharpened how we work: better research, deeper partnerships, and a workforce ecosystem that answers hard questions with evidence and intuition. We work each day for the benefit of the communities we serve to uncover meaningful data, generate funding, and drive action across the county.”

IHC’s Core Values will

guide its efforts daily: Pathways for All, Data-Driven Decision-Making, Collaboration, Employer-Centered Design, and a Quality of Life Focus.



**Thibideau**



**Altman**

“Hamilton County’s success has been the result of intentional decisions made by leaders who value data,” said Christine Altman, Hamilton County Commissioner and Chair of the IHC Board of Directors. “What IHC has built, and what this new brand reflects, is an economic development organization that’s worthy of the county it

serves. This refined strategic direction gives our Board, our staff, and our partners a common language for the work ahead.”

The work is organized around five strategic pillars that define its focus:

- **Full Employment:** Ensuring every Hamilton County resident has a pathway to meaningful work.

- **Career Pathways:** Building the connective tissue that helps Hamilton County residents find sustaining careers.

- **Quality of Life:** Addressing community conditions that determine the viability of Hamilton County’s workforce.

- **Workplace Excellence:** Helping Hamilton County employers build management practices and workforce strategies that support a competitive labor market.

- **Research and Planning:** Producing the research, analysis, and community intelligence that drive decisions.

Together, these pillars continue IHC’s position as the county’s lead organization for workforce and economic development strategy – a role the organization has held for more than two decades and recommits to under the new brand.

Learn more at [investhamiltoncounty.com](http://investhamiltoncounty.com).

# Greg Ballard campaign launches “100 Hoosiers, 100 Signatures” effort

## Submitted

Independent Indiana Secretary of State candidate Greg Ballard is launching an effort called “100 Hoosiers, 100 Signatures” to help secure the petition signatures necessary to ensure he is on the November ballot.

By law, Ballard needs to collect about 37,000 verified signatures from registered voters to have his name placed on the ballot.

“We get calls, texts and emails from Hoosiers every day eager to ensure they have a choice in November,” Ballard said. “This outpouring is not typical, so we’re responding by creating [BallardontheBallot.com](http://BallardontheBallot.com). They can visit to download and print the registration forms or ask us to mail them right to their homes. This effort is in direct response to Hoosiers asking how they can help the campaign and signals a true grassroots movement.”

The one-stop shop at [BallardontheBallot.com](http://BallardontheBallot.com) outlines the legal rules, how to obtain the petitions, and asks volunteers to commit to gathering

100 signatures each. The Ballard campaign has been collecting signatures from around the state over the past few weeks and is on track to qualify for the ballot this fall. The campaign has currently collected more than 20,000 signatures. The number of signatures gathered increases every day.

**About Greg Ballard**  
Greg Ballard served two terms as Mayor of Indianapolis from 2008 to 2016 after winning a surprise upset victory as a political newcomer and retired Marine with no prior elected experience. In office, he built a reputation for focusing on the nuts and bolts of government rather than partisan maneuvering. Ballard is running for Secretary of State to strengthen trust in Indiana’s elections, provide voters with better information, and open the door for more Hoosiers to participate in public life. You can learn more by visiting the [campaign website](http://BallardontheBallot.com) and following Greg on social media on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/gregballard), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/gregballard), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/gregballard), [Threads](https://www.threads.net/gregballard) and [X](https://www.x.com/gregballard).



Ballard

## The REPORTER

The STARTedUP Foundation has announced the top 10 student teams that will compete in the 2026 STARTedUP Challenge Finals (formerly known as Innovate WithIN) the centerpiece event of the inaugural STARTedUP Summit on June 12 at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Among the finalists are four students from Hamilton County.

**Riya Koya and Zaina Kahn**, both of Carmel, are the Region 2 finalists. Their project is OccluSense, which is transforming IV safety by replacing one-size-fits-all alarm systems with context-aware pressure analysis, reducing alarm fatigue, preventing unnecessary patient mortality, and freeing up critical nursing time through a smarter, more responsive hospital alerting system.

**Angie Xiu and Alex Mi**, both of Carmel are the wildcard selection from Region. Their project, Dermi, is a bias-corrected skin cancer screening platform that combines an affordable smartphone dermoscope

with high-accuracy AI to deliver accessible, equitable early detection across all skin tones.

This year’s competition marks a landmark moment for the STARTedUP Foundation. The STARTedUP Challenge expanded from six to seven competitive regions by adding Region 7: West Central Indiana – a direct reflection of the thriving entrepreneurial energy taking root across the state. The numbers tell the story: in a single year, the STARTedUP Challenge doubled in scale. A total of 1,174 teams submitted ventures in 2026, compared to 515 in 2025; a 128 percent increase. Student participation grew from 979 to 2,162, making this high school pitch competition one of the most competitive in the state.

The seven regional winners and three wildcard selections, chosen from the strongest runners-up across the state, will compete for a prize pool that includes \$25,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second, \$2,500 for third, and a \$1,500 People’s Choice Award. Each finalist team member also receives \$1,000 in personal



# STARTedUP FOUNDATION

funding as part of their selection.

**Sponsors & Partners**  
The STARTedUP Foundation is grateful to the sponsors and partners whose support makes the STARTedUP Challenge and Summit possible.

• **Summit Host:** Butler University & Butler Lacy School of Business

• **Foundation Partners:** Don Wood Foundation, Old National Bank Foundation

• **State Sponsor:** Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)

• **Gold Sponsors:** Beck’s Hybrids, Carmel Redevelopment Commission, City of Bloomington, Doral LLC, Indiana Tech, Lifeboost Coffee, Merchants Bank, MISO, Westmoreland Pharmacy + Compounding

• **Silver Sponsor:** Un-

• **Bronze Sponsors:** Brightwell, Plug and Play Indiana, Team Quality Services, SkilledUS

## About the STARTedUP Foundation

The STARTedUP Foundation is an Indiana-based nonprofit dedicated to igniting entrepreneurial thinking in students across the state. Through the STARTedUP Challenge, Work-Based Learning programs, the Innovation Accelerator, and student immersion experiences, STARTedUP equips the next generation of Hoosier innovators with the skills, networks, and confidence to build something that matters. STARTedUP is an IDOE-approved Work-Based Learning solution. Learn more at [startedup-foundation.org](http://startedup-foundation.org).

# To protect Hoosier children from online predators, AG Todd Rokita sues Roblox Corp. & Discord Inc.

## Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Alleging that two companies have failed to employ sufficient protections against online predators, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a lawsuit against Roblox Corp., maker of a massive online gaming platform, and Discord Inc., which operates a messaging app.

“These companies, which cater to kids and young individuals, know full well that numerous predatory sex criminals have used these platforms to contact and lure their victims,” AG Rokita said. “And yet, they continue promoting themselves as safe for children. That is more than reckless. It’s a clear and ongoing violation of Indiana’s Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and we are working to hold them accountable to protect Hoosier families.”

One individual who used these platforms is the

man who allegedly lured 17-year-old Hailey Buzbee away from her Fishers home in January this year. He interacted with Hailey via Roblox and Discord for months before her disappearance and death. Hailey is one of at least three Indiana girls who have been groomed or enticed away from their homes while using Roblox.

Similar tragic scenarios have played out across the country.

In 2019, a Florida man was arrested after law enforcement learned he was targeting 10- to 12-year-old children on Roblox, coaxing them onto Discord and then coercing them to send sexually explicit images of themselves.

In 2022, an Arizona man was arrested for kidnapping a 13-year-old boy he met on



Rokita

Roblox. According to police, the man sent sexual messages on Roblox before transitioning to a Discord chat, where the man arranged to pick up the boy.

In 2024, the

FBI arrested a Michigan man and charged him with numerous crimes related to his sexual exploitation of possibly over 100 children. The man told law enforcement that he used Roblox to talk to others sexually, some of whom he allegedly knew were children, and then transitioned the conversations to Discord and coerced the children into sending nude images.

That’s just to name a few.

“This pattern has repeated itself time and time again,” AG Rokita said. “We cannot stand idly by and allow it to continue.”

Now facing intense pub-

lic pressure, Roblox and Discord have said they are implementing new safety features – the effectiveness of which remains to be seen.

The lawsuit – [linked here](https://www.indiananews.com/news/indiana-attorney-general-todd-rokita-sues-roblox-discord) – primarily aims to secure injunctive and declaratory relief to prevent further harm on these platforms. It also seeks disgorgement of all money and benefits obtained from the unlawful, unfair, abusive, and deceptive conduct. Further, it seeks civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per knowing violation and reimbursement of the Attorney General’s investigative costs.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General about any incidents they or loved ones encounter on these or similar platforms.

Consumers can file complaints about any illicit business practice or scam by visiting [indiana-consumer.com](http://indiana-consumer.com) or calling 1-800-382-5516.

## — NOBLESVILLE —

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
City of Noblesville, Indiana

The City of Noblesville will hold a public hearing before the Noblesville Common Council on June 23, 2026 concerning its existing impact fee ordinance that provides for an increase in the amount of an impact fee after a period of time.

In Ordinance 13-04-24, adopted April 23, 2024, the City of Noblesville, by and through its Common Council, adopted an impact fee for Parks and Recreation that is currently in effect and is codified in the Noblesville Code of Ordinances at Section 160.01. That fee is set to increase on November 1, 2026, again on November 1, 2027, and again on November 1, 2028 as set forth in Section 160.01 of the Noblesville Code of Ordinances.

In Ordinance 12-04-24, adopted April 23, 2024, the City of Noblesville, by and through its Common Council, adopted an impact fee for Roads that is currently in effect and is codified in Noblesville Code of Ordinances at Section 160.02. That fee is set to increase on November 1, 2026, again on November 1, 2027, and again on November 1, 2028 as set forth in Section 160.02 of the Noblesville Code of Ordinances.

Pursuant to HB 1001 in the 2026 Session of the Indiana General Assembly, Noblesville hereby provides notice of its intent to hold a public hearing to consider those already codified increases and the imposition of the impact zones set forth in Section 24 of HB 1001 codified at IC § 36-7-4-1316.5(b).

The ordinance the Council will consider at the Public hearing will do the following:

- Adopt the increases already currently adopted as set forth in Section 160.01 of the Noblesville Code of Ordinances;
- Adopt the increases already currently adopted as set forth in Section 160.02 of the Noblesville Code of Ordinances;
- Adopt the language of Indiana Code § 36-7-4-1316.5(b) concerning impact zones.

Dated this 6th Day of May, 2026  
R7917 5/8/26, 5/11/26

## — JACKSON TOWNSHIP —

**Legal Notice**  
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 21st, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition:

**Docket No. BZA-0226-02-DC**

A Development Standard Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 120 Morse Landing Drive, Cicero, IN 46034 to allow a ten (10) foot encroachment into the existing drainage easement, Whereas Article 7.21 Fence and Walls (FN) of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that fences and/or walls be permitted up to the property line or easements; fences shall not be allowed within any utility and/or drainage easement(s).

Project Address: 120 Morse Landing Drive, Cicero, IN 46034  
Legal Description: Acreage .26 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4  
Parcel number: 05-06-01-01-01-006.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing the Planning Director, Frank Zawadzki at [fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov). Letters regarding the petitioner may be submitted via email or in person at 331 E Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
Petitioner’s Name: Michael Northeutt Date 4/24/2026  
R7919 5/8/26, 5/11/26

**Legal Notice**  
Board of zoning appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on May 21st, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition:

**Docket No. BZA-0226-12-AG**

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 6524 E 241st Street, Cicero, IN 46034 to allow fifteen (15) foot side yard setbacks for a primary structure. Whereas Article 3.2 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that side yard setbacks shall be forty-five (45) feet in the “AG” district.

Project Address: 6524 E 241st Street, Cicero, IN 46034  
Legal Description: Acreage .56 Section 34, Township 20, Range 4  
Parcel number: 03-02-34-00-00-008.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Information related to this petition may be requested by emailing the Planning Director, Frank Zawadzki at [fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov). Letters regarding the petitioner may be submitted via email or in person at 331 E Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.  
Petitioner’s Name: Samuel & Krisha Adams Date 4/24/2026  
R7938 5/8/26, 5/11/26

## — WESTFIELD —

**NOTICE**

Peyton Farms LLC, P.O. Box 140, Westfield, IN, 46074  
Date of Sale: 05/21/2026  
V3A58K115241 1958 Chevrolet Unknown \$3,000  
R7939 5/8/26, 5/11/26

## BANK

combined organizations while honoring the deep roots and trusted relationships that have defined our banks for generations. We

are building a stronger institution designed to serve our customers and communities for decades to come.”

## Meeting Notices

- The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2026, in the Board Room at Sheridan High School, 24185 Sheridan Road.
- TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.
- The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in Meeting Room 2A of the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.
- The Hamilton County Executive 911 Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2026, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
- The Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, in the Hamilton County Clerk’s Office, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 106, Noblesville, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5. The purpose of the meeting is to review Provisional Ballots, certify Final Election Results, and discuss other Election Day matters for the May 5, 2026 Primary Election.

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

from Page 9

“This announcement marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter,” said Christopher Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Farmers Bank. “The Farmers Bank has proudly served communities for 150 years, and it was incredibly important to us that the values, heritage, and identity our customers know, and trust continued forward in a meaningful way. First Bank Midwest accomplishes that. It honors our past while creating a bold vision for the future.”

## Timing of name transition

While the organization now has its official name

## Thanks for reading The Reporter

and logo, the new brand will not formally launch until July 1, 2026.

On that day, customers can expect business to continue as usual at all First Bank Richmond, The Farmers Bank, and Mutual Federal locations. The transition to the First Bank Midwest name and branding will occur in phases beginning in July 2026 and continuing into early 2027.

Some updates will happen quickly, while others will be implemented over time. Throughout the transition process, customer communication will remain a top priority. Customers can expect additional information and updates through mailed correspondence and email communications over the next nine to 12 months.

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

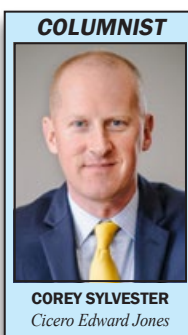
**Forest Park Rail Adventure**  
An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

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

NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides

# Saving for retirement: are you guessing or planning?

Let's say you dream of spending your retirement mornings on a warm beach, coffee in hand, waves rolling in. To get there, you had a simple plan: save \$1 million and buy the beach house you always wanted.



**COLUMNIST**  
**COREY SYLVESTER**  
Cicero Edward Jones

But when retirement arrives, reality hits. After accounting for keeping your current home, everyday expenses, and health care, \$1 million doesn't stretch as far as you thought, and the beach house remains a dream. The problem wasn't your discipline – it was that your number was never really your number. It was arbitrary, not anchored to what your ideal retirement would actually cost.

How can you make sure your retirement number is right for you?

A solid savings goal starts with a clear picture

of the retirement you want. Think through where you plan to live, whether you'll keep your current home or downsize, how much you plan to travel, if you'll help children and grandchildren financially and what health care might cost you later in life. Build a realistic monthly budget, then multiply by 12 months to find your annual need. Adjust this amount for inflation until the first year of retirement.

Then, multiply that figure by 25 to get a sense of how much may be needed to save. It's a formula based on the idea of withdrawing 4 percent annually from your savings, assuming you retire in your mid-60s. If you need \$60,000 a year, your target is around \$1.5 million. You may need more or less depending on your lifestyle, health, unexpected expenses,

Social Security benefits and other income. No single rate or strategy will work for everyone. A financial advisor can help you determine your number and strategy.

Once you know your target, the path forward becomes clearer. Here are a few tips for next steps:

- **Start early.** The sooner you begin saving, the more time compound interest has to work in your favor. Small amounts set aside automatically each paycheck have the opportunity to grow significantly over decades.

- **Live below your means.** Spending less than you earn is one of the most powerful wealth-building habits. When your income rises, save, and invest the difference instead of upgrading your lifestyle.

- **Keep your debt under control.** Since credit cards and other high-interest debt can slow your progress, pay off balances monthly when possible.

- **Invest consistently.** If your employer offers a 401(k), aim to contribute at least 10 percent to 15 percent of your salary, and increase your contributions after every raise. If you max out your 401(k), a traditional IRA or Roth IRA may offer additional tax-advantaged growth (eligibility and contribution limits apply).

- **Boost your income** when you can. Develop new skills, ask for a raise or explore a side income. Every extra dollar saved moves you closer to your goal.

The difference between a retirement you love and one full of compromises often comes down to the planning you do today. Know your real number, build a solid plan, and get the right help along the way.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Edward Jones, Member SIPC.*

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### BALAAAM'S SECOND MESSAGE

Then Balak said to him, "Come with me to another place where you can see them; you will not see them all but only the outskirts of their camp. And from there, curse them for me." So he took him to the field of Zophim on the top of Pisgah, and there he built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Balaam said to Balak, "Stay here beside your offering while I meet with him over there."

The Lord met with Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, "Go back to Balak and give him this word."

So he went to him and found him standing beside his offering, with the Moabite officials. Balak asked him, "What did the Lord say?"

Then he spoke his message:

"Arise, Balak, and listen; hear me, son of Zippor. God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind.

Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.

Numbers 23:13-20 (NIV)

## See vintage films as they were meant to be seen

### Submitted

The Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission, in partnership with The Lacy Arts Building, has brought back its beloved Vintage Film Series for 2026. This free, family-friendly series celebrates the magic of early cinema with a curated lineup of classic silent films, each presented with live piano accompaniment.

Screenings will take place at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville. Doors open at 7 p.m.,

with films beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public, with complimentary popcorn and beverages available for all attendees.

Each film will be introduced by noted film historian Eric Grayson, with live musical accompaniment by pianist Roger Lippincott, creating an authentic silent film experience.

### 2026 Film Schedule

- May 9 – *Wild and Woolly* (1917), starring Douglas Fairbanks

- June 20 – *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (1922), starring Will Rogers

- July 18 – *Spies* (1928), directed by Fritz Lang

- Aug. 22 – *Running Wild* (1927), starring W.C. Fields

- Sept. 19 – *Dancing Mothers* (1926), starring Clara Bow

- Oct. 17 – *The Student of Prague* (1913), starring Paul Wegener

- Nov. 21 – *Don Q, Son of Zorro* (1926), starring Douglas Fairbanks

Films and dates are subject to change.

The Vintage Film Series offers audiences a rare opportunity to experience silent films as they were originally intended – on the big screen with live music – while exploring the rich history of early filmmaking.

For more information, visit [NoblesvilleArts.org](http://NoblesvilleArts.org) or follow the Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission on Facebook and Instagram.

**DH HARTLEY - DUNNICHAY**  
Funeral Homes

SERVING YOUR FAMILY THROUGH GOD'S GRACE

Pre-Arrangements  
Celebrations of Life  
Grief Support  
Monuments

Honoring, Remembering, & Celebrating

**317.984.3614**  
[www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hartleyfuneralhomes.com)

**The Reporter's policy on obituaries**

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Submit obituaries under 500 words online at [ReadTheReporter.com/obitform](http://ReadTheReporter.com/obitform).

**Randall & Roberts**  
Funeral Homes

1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville  
1150 Logan Street, Noblesville  
12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers

317-773-2584

*Our family has been serving Hamilton County since 1953*

**HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER**

Contact Information

Email  
[News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com)

Web Address  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

Publisher Stu Clampitt  
765-365-2316

Subscription Inquiries  
[Subscribe@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Subscribe@ReadTheReporter.com)  
765-585-9519

Advertising & Public Notices  
[Ads@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Ads@ReadTheReporter.com)  
765-365-2316

Sports Editor Richie Hall  
[Sports@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Sports@ReadTheReporter.com)  
Twitter: @Richie\_Hall

Mailing Address  
136 S. 9th St., Suite 12  
Noblesville, IN 46060

<p><b>ON THE WATER!</b></p> <p><b>PENDING!</b> 7389 E 209TH ST. NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Fantastic waterfront condo on Morse Reservoir's secluded Waterscape side! 3BR/2BA, boat dock #104, fireplace, and deck offer year-round fun, relaxation, and scenic waterfront living with beaches and kayak storage. <b>Improved Price \$449,900</b></p>	<p><b>JUST LISTED!</b></p> <p><b>20971 Shoreline Unit 410</b> NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Enjoy low-maintenance waterfront living in this gated 2-bed, 2-bath Morse Lake condo. Features include fresh paint, new carpet, boat slip, two garage spots, storage, and stainless kitchen. Luxury meets convenience. <b>Listed at \$349,900</b></p>	<p><b>PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>204 Surrey Hill</b> NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Welcome home to this 4-bed, 2.5-bath North Harbour beauty. On 0.49 acres, this move-in ready Noblesville gem features extensive updates, open kitchen, cozy fireplace, and gorgeous backyard. Tour this quiet cul-de-sac home. <b>Listed at \$429,900</b></p>	<p><b>ACTIVE</b></p> <p><b>6178 NORTH WOODHAVEN DR.</b> MCCORDSVILLE</p> <p>This turnkey 3-bed, 2-bath ranch in McCordsville features fresh paint, granite counters, and LVP flooring. Enjoy the new wood privacy fence and covered deck. Community pool and playground are steps away! <b>Listed at \$319,900</b></p>	<p><b>PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>550 PITNEY DR.</b> NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Custom 5 bed, 3.5 bath all-brick home overlooking Pebble Brook Golf Course. Refinished hardwoods, granite kitchen, cozy family room, remodeled primary ensuite, and a finished basement with 5th bedroom as well as 3-car garage. <b>Listed at \$699,900</b></p>	<p><b>JUST LISTED/ PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>365 BEECHWOOD DR.</b> NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Unbelievable value in this stunning 4-bed brick home with basement on a private 0.49-acre cul-de-sac lot. Features new carpet and appliances, no HOA, and a fenced, gardener's backyard. Walkable to downtown Noblesville. Act fast! <b>Listed at \$324,900</b></p>	<p><b>JUST LISTED/ PENDING!</b></p> <p><b>5527 BRUCE BLVD.</b> NOBLESVILLE</p> <p>Move-in ready 3-bed, 2.5-bath home in Hazel Dell Woods features a main-floor primary bedroom, open-concept kitchen, loft, finished garage, and a park-like backyard patio. The neighborhood includes a pool, playground, and trails to Hazel Dell Elementary. <b>Listed at \$359,900</b></p>
--	--	---	--	---	--	--

**"SPEAK TO DEAK!"**

**The Deakyne Team REALTORS®**  
[www.speaktodeak.com](http://www.speaktodeak.com)  
317.695.6032 JENNIFER | 317.439.3258 PEGGY

Jennifer  
Peggy

**Talk to TUCKER REALTORS**  
F.C. TUCKER COMPANY



**NOBLESVILLE YOUTH SPORTS ALLIANCE**

**ONE COMMUNITY • 6500+ KIDS • 17 PROGRAMS**

[www.noblesvillesports.com](http://www.noblesvillesports.com) @noblesvillesports



**REPORTER SPORTS FRIDAY**

Sports Editor *Richie Hall* | [Sports@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Sports@ReadTheReporter.com) | Twitter @*Richie\_Hall*

CARMEL, FISHERS, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN, NOBLESVILLE, SHERIDAN, UNIVERSITY, WESTFIELD

*Boys Track & Field*

# Southeastern finishes second at HCC boys track meet

By **RICHIE HALL**  
[sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com)

**WESTFIELD** – Westfield’s Riverview Health Stadium hosted the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys track & field meet on a chilly Thursday evening.

Brownsburg was the team champion, finishing comfortably ahead of the field by scoring 130.5 points. Hamilton Southeastern finished second, holding off Avon by two points, 99-97.

The Royals pulled ahead of the Orioles thanks to a 1-2 finish in the 3200 run. Liam Powers claimed that race, finishing in a time of 9 minutes, 13.69 seconds. Isaac Smith placed second. Southeastern then took fourth in the 4x400 relay, finishing one place ahead of Avon to keep second place as a team.

“I’m perfectly happy,” said Royals coach Garrett Lawton. “We came into this down on we’re at right now. We’re really dinged up on the sprint side, so I wasn’t really sure what we were going to do, so to come out here and get second to a very strong Brownsburg team, we’re very pleased.”

Westfield finished fourth as a team with 77 points, but won three events. The

Shamrocks won the 4x100 relay, with the team of Caleb Terril, Logan Tuck, Olumide Fapetu and Maison McCray clocking at 41.67 seconds.

McCray later won the 200 dash, finishing in 21.99 seconds. Brady Lemieux cleared 14 feet to win the pole vault.

Fishers scored 73 points to place a close fifth. Konrad Hayden easily won the high jump, tying the conference record with a jump of 6 feet, 8 inches.

Noblesville picked up a pair of wins in the distance events. Jack Rush was first in the 1600 run (4:52.68), then Banner Barnes won the 800 run in a new HCC record time of 1:52.65.

Complete Hamilton County results now follow.

**Team scores:** Brownsburg 130.5, Hamilton Southeastern 99, Avon 97, Westfield 77, Fishers 73, Franklin Central 58.5, Noblesville 55, Zionsville 34.

**4x800 relay:** 2. Southeastern (William Henning, Liam McNiven, Liam Powers, Omar Elsayed) 7:57.01, 3. Fishers (Joshua Jenkins III, Declan Mohr, Brady FitzGerald, Reece Torres) 8:01.03, 5. Noblesville (Cooper Click, Josh Moller, Kolten Simpson, Braune Naville) 8:13.46, 7. Westfield (Dexter Hoffman, Deagan Imel, JP Mikels, Donovan Ledford) 8:23.00.

**110 hurdles – Finals:** 3. Sam Long (HSE) 14.47, 5. Logan Tuck (W) 14.06, 7. Sam Irish (HSE) 15.50, 9. Khamari Ramsey (N) 15.74. **Prelims:** 12. Joel Leo Prakash (F)



**(ABOVE LEFT)** Noblesville’s Isaiah Vohs (left) points to teammate Banner Barnes after the 800 run at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys track & field meet at Westfield. Barnes had just won the 800 run in a new conference record time, while Vohs placed second. **(TOP CENTER)** Westfield’s Brady Lemieux won the pole vault. **(TOP RIGHT)** Fishers’ Joshua Jenkins III finished third in the 400 dash. **(ABOVE CENTER)** Westfield’s Maison McCray picked up two victories, winning the 200 dash after helping the Shamrocks’ 4x100 relay to a win. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Hamilton Southeastern’s Liam Powers was first in the 3200 run.

11.25, 5. Angel Wilson (N) 11.30, 6. Kayden Myers (F) 11.46, 7. Shawn Campbell (HSE) 11.60, 8. Nathaniel Leach (N) 11.68, 9. Zachary Christopherson (HSE) 11.71. **Prelims:** 15. Zakee Smalls (F) 12.03. **1600 run:** 1. Jack Rush (N) 4:25.68, 2. Luke Moulder (W) 4:26.39, 3. Charles Ritter (HSE) 4:29.67, 4. Mason Lapp (F) 4:29.88, 8. Nate Thom-

as (F) 4:32.22, 9. Hayden Hoback (HSE) 4:33.16, 10. Carson Ackley (W) 4:33.96, 11. Noah Melton (N) 4:34.23. **See Meet . . . Page 13**

*Baseball*

## Trailblazers top Cathedral for first time

**The REPORTER**

The University baseball team got a historic win over Cathedral 6-5 Thursday at Round Tripper Academy.

The Trailblazers scored four runs in the first inning. Ryan Castetter scored after Cooper Cammack drew a bases-loaded walk, then Oliver Kingery got home when Finn Steiner drew a walk. Beckett Suh scored on David Gasper’s sacrifice fly, then Cammack got home on Quinn Green’s RBI groundout.

Philip Jacobs doubled in Cammack for a third-inning run and University led 5-0. The Irish burst back in the fifth inning, scoring five runs to tie the game. But Castetter blasted a double in the sixth inning and scored Green for what would be the game-winning run.

Castetter finished with two hits. Steiner pitched two innings for the win, striking out four. Cammack pitched four

innings, also striking out four.

University is 15-6 and hosts Park Tudor on Tuesday for the Pioneer Conference championship.

\*\*\*

Westfield edged out Zionsville 3-2 in a Thursday home Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning; Andrew Noble got the Shamrocks on the board by scoring on a wild pitch. Beck Jordan singled in Maddox Novotney for a fifth-inning run, then Gabe Garcia got home in the sixth inning on Gavin Russ’ sacrifice fly.

Aiden Grabowski and Nick Fero both had two hits; one of Grabowski’s hits was a triple. James Kovacs went two innings for the pitching win, while starter Corey Wilhelm pitched four strikeouts in five innings.

**See Blazers . . . Page 13**

*Softball*

## Royals win showdown with Millers

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Southeastern won a Hoosier Crossroads Conference showdown with Noblesville 5-3 on Thursday.

The Millers scored all three of their runs in the first inning. Haley Schatko hit a two-run home run, also scoring Blythe Walker, then Reese Newsom was brought home by Lilly Brown’s sacrifice fly.

The Royals struck back in the third inning. Madison Burlingame smacked her own two-run homer, also scoring Jaycee McCarter.

Southeastern scored the go-ahead run in the fifth inning. McCarter singled in Addy Richmond and Kaleah McCarter to give the Royals a 4-3 advantage. Sophia Feher added a sixth-inning run after Richmond reached on error.

Richmond and Burlingame both had two hits.

Carly McCall pitched three innings for the win, allowing just one hit.

Izzy Zapp and Newsom both got two hits for the Millers, with Zapp hitting a double. Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game, striking out eight.

Southeastern improved to 3-1 in the conference and 14-3 overall, while Noblesville is 2-1 in HCC play and 11-5 overall. Both teams play another conference game today: The Royals host Brownsburg, while the Millers play at Fishers.

\*\*\*

Fishers also picked up an all-county win on Thursday, beating Hamilton Heights 9-7.

The Huskies scored three runs in the top of the first inning. McKenzie Jackson batted in Heather Crays for the first run, then Lily

Cash doubled in Jackson and Hannah Dent.

The Tigers got two runs back in the bottom of the first after Anna McGrath hit a center field home run, also scoring Kennedy Shockley.

Crays scored Ellie Engle in the second inning with an RBI groundout, pushing Heights ahead 4-2. But Fishers took the lead in the bottom of the second with three runs. Cate Summerfield tripled Liv McNall home, then scored the tying run on Shockley’s RBI fielder’s choice. Adrienne Cook singled in Shockley to put the Tigers up 5-4.

Dent scored on a wild pitch to tie the game in the top of the third. The score stayed at 5-5 until the bottom of the fifth, when Fishers put up four runs.

Grace Waltermann singled in Frankie Jackson for

the go-ahead run, then both she and McNall scored on Shockley’s line drive single. Summerfield scored after McGrath reached on error.

Engle hit a solo homer for the Huskies in the sixth inning, then Dent smacked her own solo homer in the seventh inning. She finished 3-for-4 at the plate.

As for Fishers, Summerfield also went 3-for-4 at the plate, while Jackson also hit a double. CJ Smock got the pitching win, with five strikeouts in five innings.

The Tigers are 13-6 and host Noblesville tonight in an HCC game. Fishers dropped a 6-4 conference contest to Avon Wednesday, making them 1-3 in the league. Heights is 11-3 and hosts Logansport on Tuesday to begin a Hoosier Conference series.

**See Royals . . . Page 13**

## Royals beat Millers

Hamilton Southeastern beat Noblesville 5-2 Thursday. Read about the game in The Reporter’s Monday print edition.

**Joshua Herd Photographer**  
[joshuaherdphotography.com](http://joshuaherdphotography.com)

Specializes in senior portraits, family portraits, events/sports

317-670-4645 • [jhphotos@yahoo.com](mailto:jhphotos@yahoo.com)

**The Dani Robinson difference**

- What’s the market value of my home?
- What is my process for buying a home?
- Who should I call for home repairs/remodeling?
- How do I learn about building a new home?
- Who should I call to refinance my home?
- Who should I call when I have someone who wants to buy my home?

Let’s Talk

Scan here to view Dani’s current listings.

**17070 S. MILL CREEK ROAD**  
NOBLESVILLE, IN 46062  
4 Bed | 5 Bath | 4,047 Sq Ft.  
**\$ 1,350,000**

Your country home awaits in Noblesville!

This well-maintained farm offers space for livestock with two powered barns and a fully fenced perimeter. Inside, enjoy a great room with cathedral ceilings and a spacious kitchen. The upper level features four bedrooms, including a primary retreat with a jacuzzi en suite. A finished lower level and dog shower add convenience.

The good life starts here—welcome home!

317.407.6969  
[DaniR@talktotucker.com](mailto:DaniR@talktotucker.com)  
[TalkToDani.com](http://TalkToDani.com)

Talk To **Dani Robinson**  
REALTOR/BROKER/SRES

F.C. TUCKER COMPANY

# Sonsio Grand Prix fans encouraged to 'Plan Ahead' with IMS.com

## Submitted by IMS

Fans attending the Sonsio Grand Prix NTT INDYCAR SERIES event May 8-9 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway are encouraged to "Plan Ahead" through [IMS.com/PlanAhead](https://www.ims.com/PlanAhead), an interactive web page that serves as a home base for fans headed to the track.

The "Plan Ahead" page features detailed information about the entire fan experience at IMS, including directions, parking, schedule, gate regulations, digital ticket and parking guide, ADA accessibility and much more. This information will help race fans prepare for their trip to the Racing Capital of the World.

**Cashless operations**  
IMS is a cashless facility. Please be prepared to complete your ticket, credentials, parking, concession, and merchandise purchases with ease during your event via debit or credit card.

Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. A Cash-to-Card machine, which converts paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located in Pagoda Plaza. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/Visa debit cards are accepted.

**Pedestrian gate entry**  
Public pedestrian gates open on Friday, May 8 (7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.): Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 7, Gate 7S, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A.

On Saturday, May 9, public pedestrian gates open (7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.): Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 7, Gate 7S, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, Gate 11A.

Security screening detection devices are installed at all pedestrian gates.

As fans pass through one of the pedestrian entrances, they will walk through a CEIA OPENGATE® security device. Fans won't need to empty their pockets or remove items of clothing;



Photo provided by IMS

simply walk through the gate and enter the facility.

**Digital tickets**  
Race fans who order tickets in advance may select their delivery method at checkout. Digital tickets can be accessed on their smartphone's web browser or by saving the digital ticket to their mobile device's wallet. Fans are encouraged to ensure the brightness on their smartphone is turned up before approaching the gate for a seamless scanning of their digital ticket. Race fans are also encouraged to visit [the IMS Digital Ticket guide](https://www.ims.com/DigitalTicketGuide) to manage their digital tickets and enhance their at-track experience.

**Weekend street parking**

Race event parking restrictions in the Town of Speedway will be enforced during Sonsio Grand Prix weekend. No parking will be allowed on the south and east sides of any street bound by 25th Street on the north, Georgetown Road on the east, Lynhurst Drive on the west and Crawfordsville Road on the south through 8 p.m. Saturday. Additionally, three-hour parking will be monitored and enforced on both sides of Main Street between 10th Street and 16th Street over the course of the race weekend. For more information on parking and street closures in Speedway, [click here](https://www.ims.com/WeekendStreetParking).

**Additional resources & information**

Drivers can learn the locations of work zones and highway restrictions by calling INDOT's TrafficWise at 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or

**Grand Prix ticket information**  
Tickets for the Sonsio Grand Prix are available for purchase at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) or at the gates Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9.

- **May 8** – \$25 for practice and qualifications General Admission seating. Children 15 and under are admitted free with paying adult.
- **May 9** – \$50 for General Admission. \$65 for flex ticket seating in Northwest Vista (Sections 11-20), Southwest Vista (Sections 1-10), North Vista ADA (Sections 26-30), Tower Terrace (Sections 37-47, 75-79), Paddock (Sections 9-14) and Pit Road Terrace and ADA. Children 15 and under are admitted free with general admission and flex ticket paying adult. Reserved seats range from \$67-\$150.

**Grand Prix parking information**  
Parking for the Sonsio Grand Prix is available in a variety of locations around the track:

- **May 8** – Paid public parking is available in Lot 1A, Lot 2 and Main Gate parking lots for \$10 and Gate 1 parking for \$20. Paid ADA parking is available in Lot 2 for \$10 and in Gate 1 parking for \$20. Free parking is available in Infield Turn 3 and Lot 7 (North 40) accessible only via Gate 10 off 30th Street. Free ADA parking is available in West Museum Lot, Flag Lot, Tower Suites Lot and Northwest Gravel Lot. Free motorcycle parking is also available in the South Carousel Lot via Gate 2.
- **May 9** – Paid public parking is available in Lot 1A, Lot 2 and Main Gate lots for \$20. Gate 1 Lot parking is available for \$50. Pre-paid Motorcycle parking is also available at South Carousel Lot for \$20. Daily paid ADA parking is available for \$20 in Lot 3P and Lot 2. Pre-paid ADA parking is available for \$20 in the Northwest Gravel Lot, the West Museum Lot, the Flag Lot and the Tower Suites Lot, and \$50 for Gate 1 Lot. Infield vehicle parking is located inside Turn 3 and Turn 2 for ADA parking with a pre-purchased parking pass. Free and ADA parking is located in Lot 7 (North 40) accessible only via Gate 10 off 30th Street.

visiting @TrafficWise on X. No coolers larger than 18 inches long by 15 inches high by 15 inches wide can be brought into the facility, which will be strictly enforced. Fans will be allowed to bring one cooler and one standard backpack or book bag per person.

For more information regarding access to IMS, visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com). For additional information, follow on X the Indiana State Police @IndStatePolice, the Speedway Police Department

@SpeedwayPD or listen to radio stations WFNI-FM 107.5/WFNI-AM 1070 or WIBC-FM 93.1.

The Speedway Police Department can be reached for non-emergency services by dialing 311 on a cell phone. The goal of 311 is to provide an easy-to-remember number for non-emergency services while freeing up 911 lines for timely emergency response.

Visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) to purchase tickets for the Sonsio Grand Prix this weekend.

## Correction

In Thursday's article about the Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls track & field meet, the Westfield 4x800 relay team was misidentified. Makenna Condon, Jenna Burns, Jordyn Landrum and Emma Pitney ran on the team.

The Reporter regrets the error.

## BLAZERS

from Page 12

Westfield is 5-4 in the conference and 10-8-1 overall and plays at Zionsville tonight to complete the conference series.

\*\*\*

Fishers also picked up an HCC victory on Thursday, beating Avon 3-2.

Both teams scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Andrew Baldini singled in both of the Tigers' runs, scoring Asher Nelson and Vincent Pecora-

ro. Baldini scored the winning run, getting home on a wild pitch in the seventh inning.

Baldini had two hits. Hayden Werner threw six innings, striking out seven. Grant Wolf relieved him in the seventh and got the win, striking out all three Avon batters.

Fishers is 6-4 in HCC play and 10-12 overall. The Tigers host McCutcheon tonight.

## MEET

from Page 12

**4x100 relay:** 1. Westfield (Caleb Terril, Tuck Fapetu, McCray) 41.67, 4. Fishers (Ryan Thembulembu, Kayden Myers, Emil Lincey, Vincent Rozzi) 42.58, 5. Southeastern (Shawn Campbell, Christopherson, William Tschida, Darian Dos Santos) 44.04, 8. Noblesville (Austin Donahoe, Leach, Cody Prater, Wilson) 47.04.

**400 dash:** 3. Jenkins (F) 49.61, 5. Kallen Hoeft (HSE) 50.29, 6. Kerry Snow (HSE) 50.33, 8. Ryd Wallerstedt (W) 51.14, 13. Preston Wells (N) 53.55, 14. Cameron Shirvinski (F) 54.40, 15. Allan Dauss (W) 55.73, 16. Prater (N) 58.11.

**300 hurdles:** 2. Long (HSE) 38.31, 6. Hadi Tebnaja (HSE) 41.29, 8. Sturgill (F) 42.30, 9. Jackson Dukes (W) 42.52, 10. Ramsey (N) 42.99, 12. Caleb Rasche (W) 43.38, 14. Spears (N) 44.46, 15. Koretz Foster (F) 44.85.

**800 run:** 1. Banner Barnes (N) 1:52.65, 2. Isaiah Vohs (N) 1:54.14, 3. Elsayed (HSE) 1:55.02, 4. Torres (F) 1:55.74, 8. Caleb Haney (W) 1:58.73, 9. Mohr (F) 2:01.14, 14. William Henning (HSE) 2:05.74, 16. Hoffman (W) 2:06.20.

**200 dash - Finals:** 1. McCray (W) 21.99, 2. Rozzi (F) 22.22, 6. Terril (W) 22.88, 7. Christopherson (HSE) 23.07, 8. Lincey (F) 23.51.

**Prelims:** 11. Donahoe (N) 23.74. **3200 run:** 1. Powers (HSE) 9:13.69, 2. Isaac Smith (HSE) 9:18.11, 6. Bryce Pittman (W) 9:39.11, 8. Nathan McKeever (W) 9:45.36, 11. Matt Huseman (N) 9:53.99, 12. Kale Ormes

(F) 9:58.12, 15. Simpson (N) 10:16.96, 16. Noah Coles (F) 10:18.95.

**4x400 relay:** 3. Noblesville (Leach, Spears, Vohs, Barnes) 3:24.99, 4. Southeastern (Hoeft, Snow, Tyden Fiesbeck, Connor Gorman) 3:25.02, 6. Westfield (Wallerstedt, Moulder, Imel, Ackley) 3:28.93, 7. Fishers (Jenkins, Torres, Tristan Kilgore, Rozzi) 3:29.43.

**Shot put:** 2. Mason Cantwell (F) 55-10, 6. KJ Mallett (HSE) 48-5, 7. Tyler Maynard (F) 47-11, 8. Jordan Futch (HSE) 46-8, 9. Jack Eberhart (W) 46-3.5, 13. Will Lohmeyer (W) 39-6, 15. Reign Martin (N) 36-8.5, 16. Zeke Lewis (N) 34-10.5.

**Discus:** 5. Dos Santos (HSE) 145-0, 6. Jordan Gross (W) 143-1, 7. Joseph Newhard (F) 133-6, 9. Mallett (HSE) 132-10, 10. Caleb Johnson (N) 130-2, 11. Graham Schaaf (W) 128-4, 12. Cantwell (F) 127-11, 16. Zack Johnson (N) 93-2.

**Long jump:** 2. Donahoe (N) 22-0.75, 6. Tschida (HSE) 20-9.25, 8. Jay Crumdey (W) 20-1.5, 9. Shawn Campbell (HSE) 20-0.5, 11. Will Biondich (N) 19-9.25, 12. Joseph Miles (W) 19-5.25, 13. Braxton Gardner (F) 18-11.

**High jump:** 1. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-8, 2. Austin Geesaman (F) 6-4, 6. Chris Beck (HSE) 6-0, T10. Alfred Alwine (N) 5-8, T12. Simeon Brown (HSE) 5-8.

**Pole vault:** 1. Brady Lemieux (W) 14-0, 2. Weston Kopeck (HSE) 13-6, 3. Austin Scheerer (W) 13-6, 6. Lux Foster (N) 12-6.

## ROYALS

\*\*\*

Carmel dropped a 14-6 game to Center Grove on Thursday.

The Trojans scored four runs in the top of the first inning. The Greyhounds' Chloe Junkersfield hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the inning, also scoring Ellie Goddard.

Center Grove led 5-2 midway through the third inning, but Carmel scored

twice in the bottom of the third. Junkersfield singled in Jayden Kleiner and later scored on an error.

Both teams hit home runs in the fifth inning; Megan Pike hit a leadoff homer for the Hounds, keeping them within 7-5. Klein hit her own home run in the sixth inning, keeping Carmel within 8-6 before the Trojans scored six runs in the seventh.

Klein was 3-for-4 hitting while Kleiner smacked a double.

The Greyhounds are 10-9 and play at Mooresville on Friday.

\*\*\*

Westfield lost to Roncalli 3-2 in a Thursday home game.

The Royals scored a run in the first inning, after which Reese Mahannah scored a run for the

Shamrocks on an error in the second inning. Cam Pulice scored after Mahannah drew a bases-loaded walk in the sixth inning, putting Westfield up 2-1. But Roncalli hit two home runs in the seventh inning to win the game.

Shea Vohs pitched 6.2 innings for the Rocks, striking out five.

Westfield is 10-8-1 and plays tonight at Mt. Vernon.

from Page 12

**HAMILTON COUNTY TELEVISION HCTV1**

Web Television

[www.HamiltonCountyTV.com](http://www.HamiltonCountyTV.com)

On your Amazon Fire TV or Device  
Search for Hamilton County TV

Available on the Web [www.HCTV1.com](http://www.HCTV1.com)

YouTube [www.HCTV2.com](http://www.HCTV2.com)  
Be Sure to Subscribe and Click the Bell to receive notifications of new videos

On your Roku TV or Roku Device  
Search for HCTV1

Take a Swing.  
Make a Difference.

Thursday  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Pebble Brook  
Golf Course

2026 Deb Castino  
Memorial Golf  
Outing

Presented by

APPLEWAYS • DARLINGTON • CRAVE-N-RAVE

**DARLINGTON**  
snacks



Register Today



[BGCNI.org](http://BGCNI.org)

# Noblesville's Quinn Johnston commits Taylor University

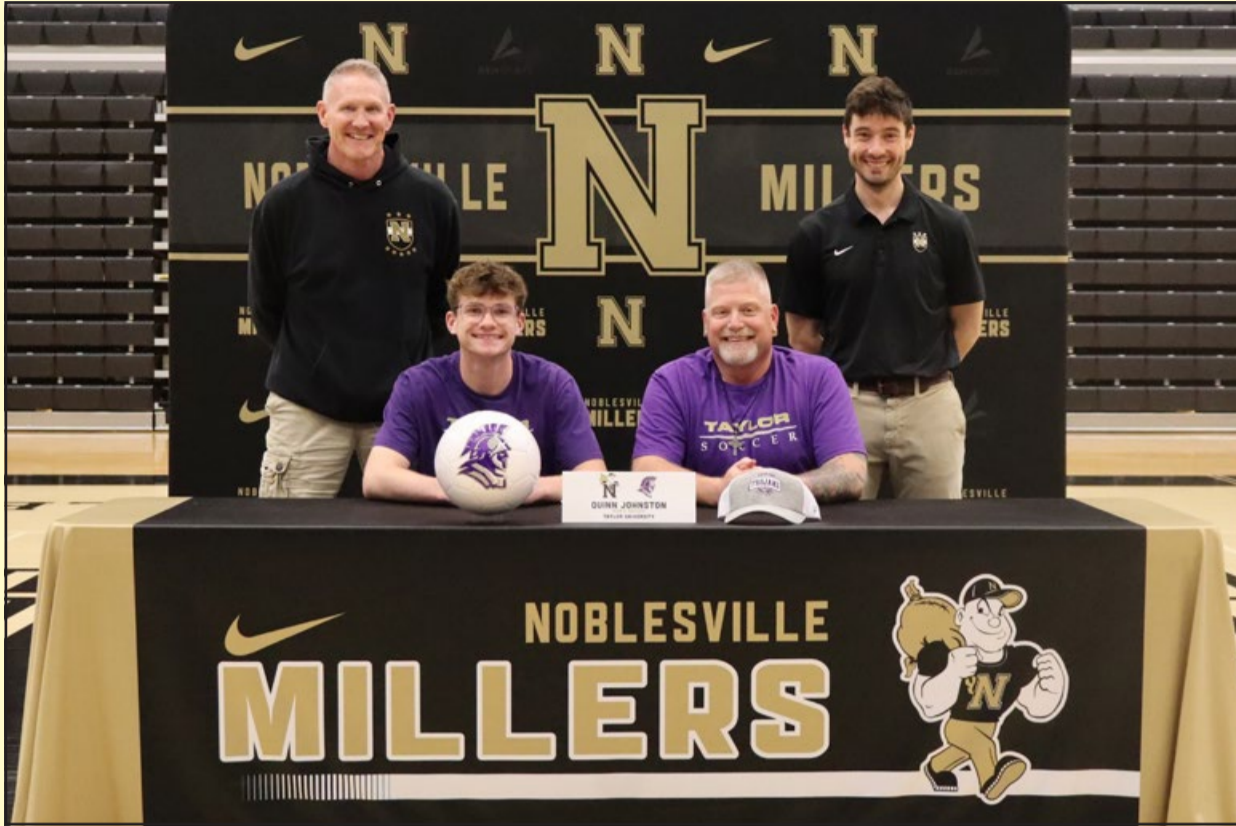


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Quinn Johnston has committed to play soccer at Taylor University. (Front row from left) Quinn Johnston and Matt Johnston (father, also Quinn's Noblesville Unified Track & Field Head Coach). (Back row from left) Jake Hart (Noblesville Goalkeepers Coach) and Thomas Doering (Noblesville Boys Soccer Head Coach).

# Noblesville's Ally Hutchinson commits to Earlham College

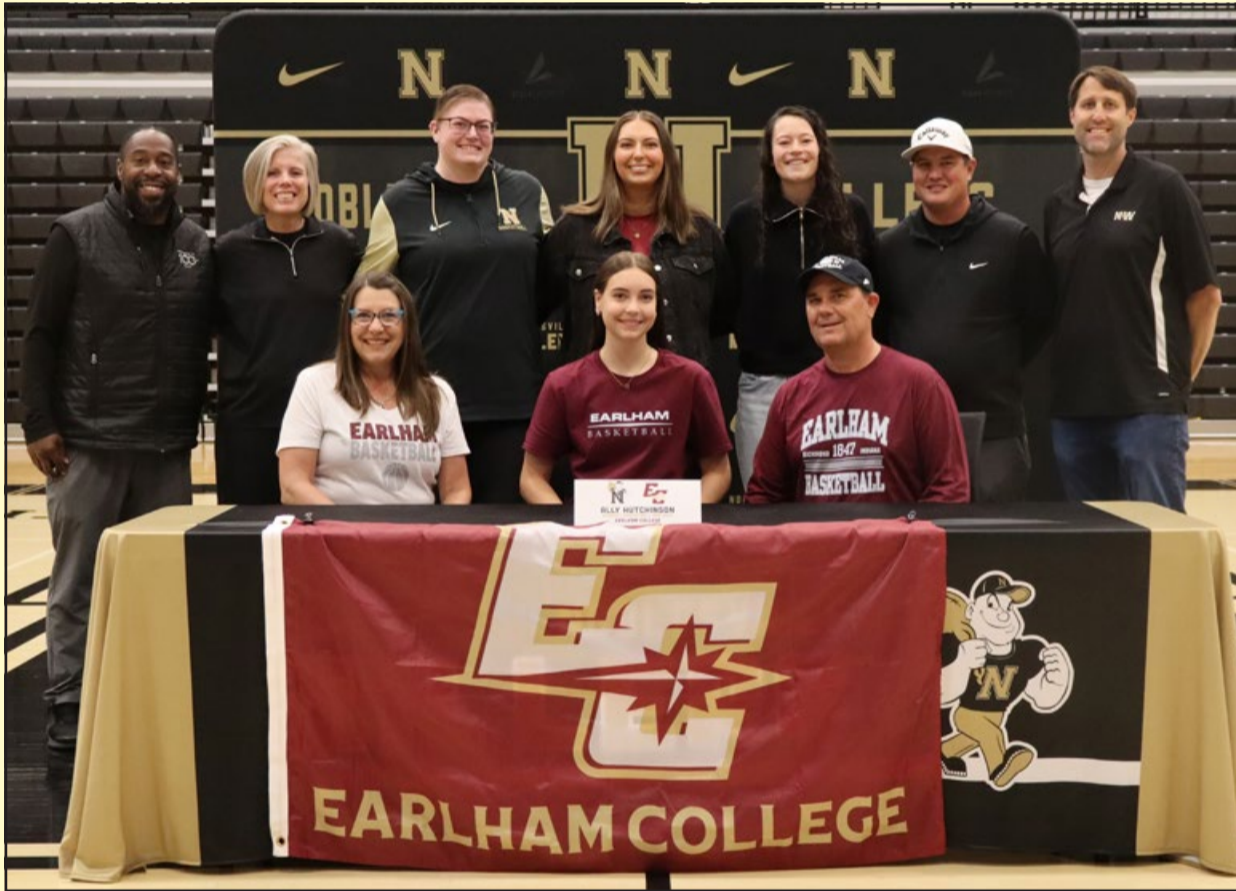


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Ally Hutchinson has committed to play basketball and golf at Earlham College. (Front row from left) Heather Hutchinson (mother), Ally Hutchinson, and Mark Hutchinson (father). (Back row from left) Nate Young, Donna Buckley (former Noblesville Girls Basketball Head Coach), Jenn Anderson, Haley Conway, Katelyn O'Reilly, Brad Bastin, and Stephen Harmas.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Friday, May 8

### BASEBALL

Shelbyville at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Zionsville, 6 p.m.  
McCutcheon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.  
Catholic Classic at Lafayette Central Catholic  
Guerin Catholic vs. South Bend St. Joseph, 8 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Cathedral at Carmel, 6 p.m.  
Center Grove at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Culver Academies, 7 p.m.  
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 8 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

#### INGLA Playoff

Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

### GOLF

Sheridan vs. Bethesda Christian, 4:45 p.m. at Cool Lake GC

### SOFTBALL

Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
Carmel at Mooresville, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Fishers, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Mt. Vernon, 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.  
Center Grove at Carmel, 6 p.m.  
Hoosier Conference meet, 5 p.m. at Logansport

### TRACK & FIELD

Hoosier Conference meet, 5:30 p.m. at West Lafayette  
Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 5:30 p.m. at Carroll

## Saturday, May 9

### BASEBALL

Brownsburg at Carmel, 10 a.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Hamilton Heights, 11 a.m.  
Catholic Classic at Lafayette Central Catholic  
Guerin Catholic vs. Bishop Luers, 1:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Culver Academies, 1:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Mason (Ohio), 3 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

#### INGLA Playoff

Evansville North at Westfield, noon  
Hamilton Southeastern at Culver Academies, 1 p.m.

### GOLF

Guerin Catholic at Rensselaer Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Spring Preview, 2 p.m. at Prairie View  
Fishers, Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson Booster Meet, 2 p.m.

### TENNIS

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Avon  
Pioneer Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Park Tudor  
Guerin Catholic at Center Grove, 10 a.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Pioneer Conference meet, 10 a.m. at Park Tudor

### UNIFIED TRACK

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 11 a.m. at Noblesville

## Monday, May 11

### BASEBALL

Kokomo at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.  
Lafayette Jefferson at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

### GOLF

University vs. Arsenal Tech, 4:30 p.m. at Eagle Creek GC  
Carmel vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 3:30 p.m. at Prairie View

### SOFTBALL

Carmel at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Anderson, 5:30 p.m.  
Speedway at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
Traders Point Christian at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Yorktown, 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

Kokomo at Hamilton Heights, 4:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
Westfield at Plainfield, 5:30 p.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Carmel at Noblesville boys Relays, 5:30 p.m.

### UNIFIED TRACK

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

Please email schedule changes or corrections to [sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com).

# ADLER attorneys

136 SOUTH 9TH STREET  
SUITE 400  
NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060  
317-773-1974

1010 WEST 8TH STREET  
SUITE 5  
ANDERSON, IN 46016  
765-642-2080

CONTACT US



RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE  
at the Historic Adler Building.  
Contact Kim Watson at  
317-773-1974 for details.



## LIFETIME LEGACY LAWYERS Podcast

<https://lifetimelegacylawyers.com>

CLICK TO LISTEN

**Paul Poteet...**  
Your Hometown Weatherman!

