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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.  
Tonight: Scattered showers and storms.



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## Lions award \$15K in scholarships

Annual event recognizes students for their service work

By JEFF LARRISON  
Westfield Lions Club

On May 7, the Westfield Lions Club held its annual Scholarship Awards Night, presenting a total of \$15,000 in scholarships to nine graduating seniors from Westfield High School.

This tradition demonstrates the Lions Club's enduring commitment to supporting the Westfield schools and the students within the community. Over the years, the amount awarded has grown, reflecting the club's dedication to education and service work.

The evening began with the presentation of the Male and Female Athlete of the Year Scholarships. Caleb Haney and Gracie Czubik received \$500 each in recognition of their achievements as outstanding student athletes and leaders at Westfield High School.

The Florence Benson Memorial Scholarship, valued at \$2,000, was awarded to Benjamin Hocker. This scholarship



(From left) Khadiga Moawad, Olivia Foor-Lecea, Gracie Czubik, Benjamin Hocker, and Maggie Pasztor.

honors Flo Benson, a beloved Home Economics teacher at Westfield High School, remembered for her excellence in education and lasting impact on her students. The award recognizes academic achievement and dedication to community service.

Flo's husband, Bob, has served as a Westfield Lion for nearly 57

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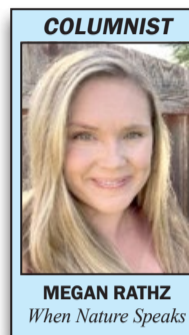
## Summer stillness

I love May. I love the chaos and excitement that it brings. It is exhausting, but there is something magical about it. The whole summer is ahead of you; the kids are so excited for the carefree days of sidewalk chalk, bike rides, running barefoot, going to the beach, and too much ice cream.

As many of the regular readers know, I teach first grade and also have two small children. There is palpable excitement and enthusiasm in the air when children know that the school year is winding down, and their whole summer awaits ahead of them.

I do feel like this month has turned into another December where there's a commitment every weekend and I'm tired. When you teach and have your own kids, you know just how many loose ends you must tie up before you can enjoy summer break. There are endless parties, the teacher gifts, the special dress days, and many more. You see the finish line but have a bit of a limp by the time you cross it because you've been eaten up.

We need the summer to let us regroup and allow ourselves to take a breath after running the marathon of the school year. It's not just us adults that are tired. The kids are, too.



MEGAN RATHZ  
When Nature Speaks

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## Fishers Arts Council announces winners of 2026 STAR Bank Senior Showcase

Submitted

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) announces the winners of the 17th annual Fishers Arts Council Senior Showcase sponsored by STAR Bank.

Senior Showcase is an annual exhibit where seniors of both city high schools, Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, exhibit their artwork and poetry while competing for scholarships.

"The 17th annual Senior Showcase once again highlighted the impressive artistic talents coming out of the Fishers and HSE School programs," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. "This year over \$4,800 in scholarships were given to 19 seniors, ranging from \$50 to \$700 per award, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and art patrons. Fishers Arts Council is proud of this event and is thankful for the partnership with the Fishers Art Center in allowing an expansion of the gallery space to better serve our graduating artists. Additionally, we give thanks to Fishers and Indy Art Center Exhibitions Manager, Alex Moore, for judging this year's show." The awards were presented Friday evening, May 8, at Art Gallery at City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center Theater



The 2026 FAC Scholarship Winners with John Lee of STAR Bank and Erica Foreman, the Board Vice President of the Fishers Arts Council.

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## David Maddox appointed Tipton chief of police

The REPORTER

Tipton city officials have announced the appointment of David Maddox as the next Chief of Police.

Maddox, a 15-year member of the Tipton Police Department (TPD) and current School Resource Officer (SRO) for Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC), began serving in this role on Monday, May 11.

Maddox brings more than a decade of local law enforcement experience to the position, having served with TPD since 2011. Since the fall of 2018, he has served as TCSC's SRO, a role that places a full-time sworn law enforcement officer in the school setting to support school-based policing, crisis response, student mentorship, and coordination between the school corporation and the police department.

Through his work as SRO, Maddox has become a familiar and trusted presence for students, families, educators, and residents. His responsibilities have included serving as a liaison between TPD and the school district, supporting school safety planning, and advancing the nationally recognized triad model of school-based policing: law enforcement officer, informal counselor and mentor, and educator.

Maddox holds several school safety and law enforcement-related credentials, including Advanced School Safety Specialist through the Indiana Department of Education, Master-Level School Resource Officer through the Indiana School Resource Officers Association, and National Practitioner through the National Association of School Resource Officers. He also



Maddox



Schmicker

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## Westfield Youth Assistance Program recognizes outstanding kids at Youth Recognition Breakfast

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Ten Westfield Washington Schools students were recognized on May 6 at Westfield Youth Assistance Program's (WYAP) 16th annual Youth Recognition Breakfast, presented by the City of Westfield.

"This event is about recognizing the strength, resilience, and determination these students have shown through difficult circumstances," said Kayla Arnold, Director of Communications for the City of Westfield. "Their stories are a reminder that growth is not always measured by perfect outcomes, but by the courage to keep moving forward. We are incredibly proud of each of these students and grateful to the educators, counselors, families, and advocates who continue to support and believe in them every step of the way."



(ABOVE LEFT) The 16th annual Youth Recognition Breakfast recognized 10 local students. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield senior Kiersten Wetschurack won this year's Christine D. Brown Scholarship.

Since 2011, the Youth Recognition Breakfast has recognized outstanding youth in Westfield Washington Schools. The honorees, nominated by counselors, teachers, principals, and other school staff, are students who have overcome adversity at home



Photos by Chaptal Photography

or school, have demonstrated a profound positive change in

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# New property tax law produces mixed results for homeowners

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The two most populous counties in central Indiana on Monday reported more homeowners saw lower property tax bills this year, but many paid more.

This year is the first year for property tax bills following the implementation of the state's new property tax law. Last spring, Gov. Mike Braun, a Republican, said the new law would mean lower property tax bills for most homeowners.

Numbers from Marion and Hamilton counties suggest this largely was the case, with some important caveats. Marion County Treasurer Barbara Lawrence, a Democrat, said a little more than 118,000 residential properties owed less than last year, while about 99,000 paid more. Last year, nearly 174,000 homeowners paid more in property taxes compared to

the year before, while a little more than 41,000 paid less.

Lawrence said the new law overall has been a mixed bag, though homeowners paying less outnumber those paying more.

Hamilton County Assessor Todd Clevenger, a Republican, provided estimates for how the average homeowner's tax liability changed in each of the county's 23 taxing districts. In six of them, the average homeowner paid more. The smallest increase was \$3.79 in Westfield, while the largest was \$189.13 in Sheridan.

The rest of the districts saw tax liability drops that ranged from \$4.32 in rural parts of Sheridan to \$481.88 in Wayne Township. Both Clevenger and Lawrence said individual



Clevenger

homeowners' bills will vary because property taxes are based first and foremost on assessed valuation. Lawrence said assessed valuation depends above all on what your neighbors' homes are selling for.

"Probably the single biggest factor in a tax bill is the assessed value, which is the value of your property," Lawrence said. "It is impacted by what your neighbors' homes are selling for and homes in the area in which you live, so a hot real estate market can impact your assessed value."

The spring property tax payment deadline has now passed. The fall deadline is Nov. 10.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/indiana-homeowners-property-tax](http://wishtv.com/news/local-news/indiana-homeowners-property-tax).*

# SHOWCASE

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Photos provided by Fishers Arts Council

(ABOVE) Ava Difilippo won Best in Show for her painting "Metamorphosis." (BELOW) Grace Gutwein (left) won this year's Jordan D. Snider award for Best Representation of the Written Word, which was presented by Catherine Snider, Jordan's mother.

during FAC's Gallery Hop Second Friday reception. Erica Foreman, Fishers Arts Council's Vice President, along with and STAR Bank Private Banking Manager, John Lee presented the awards. Catherine Snider also presented a special award, "Best Representation of the Written Word," in memory of her daughter, Jordan D. Snider.

The award for Best in Show went to Ava Difilippo (Fishers High School) for her painting titled "Metamorphosis."

The evening's other big winner was Grace Gutwein, (Hamilton Southeastern High School) for her poem titled "Addiction and Dry Shampoo," receiving the Jordan D. Snider award for Best Representation of the Written Word. Gutwein gave a reading of her winning poem, as well as another poem of hers, during the ceremony. Eighty-eight students participated in the exhibit offering 129 pieces of 2D and 3D art, along with seven poetry-based submissions.

The artwork will remain on exhibit through Saturday, May 16 at the Art Gallery at City Hall inside the Fishers Municipal Center and the Fishers Art Center, 1 Municipal Drive, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon during the Fishers Farmers' Market.

**Scholarship Sponsors**

- STAR Bank: Best in Show; 1st Place awards for Drawing, Photography, 3D Art; 2nd Place for Painting
- Catherine Snider: Jordan D. Snider Award
- Four Day Ray Brewing: 3rd Place awards in each visual arts category
- Boomerang Development: 2nd Place awards for Drawing and Digital Art
- Laura & Ed Villanyi: 1st Place award for Painting
- The Goddard School (Brooks School Road): 1st



- Place award for Digital Art
- Schoolhouse 7 Cafe: 2nd Place award for Photography
- Fishers Dental Care: 2nd Place award for 3D Art
- Tom & Connie Rich: Honorable Mention awards for visual arts

**Complete list of Winners**

- Best in Show: Ava Difilippo (FHS)
- Jordan D. Snider Award for Best Representation of the Written Word: Grace Gutwein (HSEHS)
- Drawing**
  - 1st Place: Nat Harris (FHS)
  - 2nd Place: Katherine Lee (HSEHS)
  - 3rd Place: Rebecca Aime Castillo Salazar (FHS)
- Painting**
  - 1st Place: Kayla Langley (HSEHS)
  - 2nd Place: Corina Davidhizar (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Lilly Howard (HSEHS)

- Honorable Mention: Nat Harris (FHS)
- Honorable Mention: Lindsey Antisdell (FHS)
- Photography**
  - 1st Place: Logan Dawson (FHS)
  - 2nd Place: Nick Dawson (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Emma Sealand (FHS)
  - Honorable Mention: Muhammad Hadi Jehangir (HSEHS)
- Digital Art**
  - 1st Place: Andrew Rine (FHS)
  - 2nd Place: Adam Dodge (HSEHS)
  - 3rd Place: Ava Difilippo (FHS)
- 3D Art**
  - 1st Place: Caden Baird (HSEHS)
  - 2nd Place: Molly Clarke (FHS)
  - 3rd Place: Liam Ward (HSEHS)
  - Honorable Mention: Nico Suriano (HSEHS)
  - Honorable Mention: Ava Difilippo (FHS)

# SUMMER

I look forward to this summer and welcome it with open arms. It comes at a time of much-needed rest. I cannot wait to spend time in my garden and reset. I can't wait to sit on my patio and watch my daylilies return to splash color in my garden.

I want to be better at pulling my weeds this year. I say that every summer and by the end of July, I have reached a new level of hatred for thistle and the garden hose getting stuck on the side of the house when

I'm trying to water my plants.

I want to sit on my front porch with a cup of coffee and not have a routine. Without fail, I get asked about camps, sports, and clubs for my kids to join. The only thing I might join this year is the pool. I don't want to be committed to anything that I don't want to do. So, if I'm making plans with you in the summer months, you should really know that I actually like you and enjoy your company.

I hope to find some rest

this summer. I hope to find some stillness. I hope to find some time to sit and do nothing. I give myself full permission to be lazy and allow the same for my kids. They have been going at a nonstop pace this whole school year, too, and need to reset. I hope whoever is reading this also finds a break and a chance to be still, too.

*Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.*

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ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

# MOON MARKET

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# LIONS

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years, and her son Rodney for over 10 years, continuing her legacy of service.

The Lester Tudor Memorial Scholarship, also \$2,000, is named for a former Westfield Lion and principal of Westfield High School in the late 1950s. His son, Dave, was also a dedicated club member. This year's recipient, Tori Bluto, was honored for her extensive community service work, along with her involvement in the WHS Theater & Choir program and Westfield Youth Hockey Program.

Don Russel, a past Westfield Lion, is celebrated as the founder of the club's signature fundraising event, the "Poker for Sight" @ Texas Hold 'Em tournament. The \$2,000 scholarship bearing his name recognizes students who exemplify commitment to service and academic achievement. Maggie Pasztor was chosen for her tireless work in the community and her academic success.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Westfield High School combined its service clubs into the Service Over Self (SOS) Club. The Lions Club partnered closely with this new organization, whose mission aligns

with the Lions motto, "We Serve." To honor students who dedicate themselves to helping others, two \$2,000 scholarships are awarded annually to SOS Club members. This year, Olivia Foor-Lecea and Khadiga Moawad were recognized for their commitment to service.

Recognizing the needs of graduates pursuing trade and vocational education, the Lions introduced the Trade & Vocational School Scholarship in 2022. This year's recipient is Abigail Kraus.

The Lions Club has long supported the Westfield High School Culinary Arts program, choosing it as their "official caterer" for club events. To celebrate achievement in this field, a \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to an outstanding culinary arts student, with Jayden Belyew receiving this honor for 2026.

### Join the

#### Westfield Lions Club

Anyone interested in joining the Westfield Lions and contributing to their work with the schools and in the community can visit [WestfieldLions.org](http://WestfieldLions.org). The club welcomes men and women who are passionate about serving others.

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served as School Safety Coordinator for TCSC and holds a leadership role with the Indiana School Resource Officers Association, where he serves on the organization's executive board as First Vice-President.

As Chief of Police, Maddox will be responsible for leading TPD's operations, personnel, policies, training, community engagement, and public safety priorities. His experience working across law enforcement, education, youth mentorship, crisis response, and interagency coordination aligns closely with the city's expectations for a police chief who can lead with professionalism, accountability, integrity, and a strong commitment to community-based policing.

"Officer Maddox has already made a significant impact on the Tipton community through his efforts to establish the School Resource Officer program at

Tipton Community School Corporation," Mayor Keg-an Schmicker said. "Officer Maddox's statewide relationships, community rapport, and leadership skills will directly benefit him in this role."

Maddox said he is honored to continue serving the community in this new capacity.

"Tipton is home, and I care deeply about the people, families, officers, and community partners who make this city what it is," Maddox said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the Tipton Police Department and look forward to working alongside our officers, city leadership, schools, businesses, and residents to strengthen trust, support public safety, and continue building a department that serves this community with professionalism and pride."

City officials remain committed to supporting a police department that

is visible, accountable, responsive, and engaged with the community it serves. Under Maddox's leadership, the department will continue focusing on public safety, officer development, community partnerships, and maintaining strong relationships with residents and local institutions.

Maddox's appointment represents an opportunity for leadership continuity while also positioning the department for continued growth and modernization. The city looks forward to supporting a smooth transition and working with Chief Maddox as he leads TPD into its next chapter.

#### Selection process for new School Resource Officer

Considering Maddox's new role as Chief of Police, he will spearhead the selection process for the next SRO at TCSC. This effort will be conducted in collaboration with the school corporation, the Mayor's

Office, and key community members.

"We will be investing time during the summer months to find the right fit for this critical role at Tipton Community School Corporation," Maddox said. "Beyond the responsibilities outlined in the contract, we are searching for a candidate who is committed to investing time in extracurricular activities and building robust relationships with the administration, staff, and students throughout the corporation."

This collaborative approach emphasizes the importance of integrating the SRO into the school community, ensuring they not only fulfill their law enforcement duties but also actively contribute to a safe and supportive educational environment. The selection process will prioritize finding an individual who embodies the values of community engagement and mentorship.

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their attitude or behavior, or have made an extraordinary academic turnaround. A selection committee vets the nominations and chooses the recipients. Nominees can be from all grade levels, with this year's recipients spanning from kindergarten through 11th grade.

At the breakfast, Mayor Scott Willis provided an introductory speech. This was followed by a speech from former YRB recipient, Jayden Belyew, a Westfield High School senior. WYAP Early Intervention Advocates, Amy Prater and Megan Contreras, introduced the recipients and presented them with their certificates.

"It is an absolute honor and privilege to celebrate these most deserving students!" Youth Recognition Breakfast Chair Alyssa McCool said. "Our deepest hope is that they feel seen and supported as we publicly recognize their accomplishments, incredible resilience, and perseverance. We are so thrilled to be able to host this special event that conveys to our honorees the depth of our belief in them and their ability to succeed."

Additionally, WYAP had the honor of presenting Kiersten Wetschura-

ck, a senior at Westfield High School, with the 2026 Christine D. Brown Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a youth who has proven that they know their purpose and own their own power. The recipient must be continuing their education, must have resided in Westfield Washington Township, and must be under the age of 25.

Students honored included:

- Matthias C., a kindergarten student at Washington Woods
- Levi M., a first-grade student at Carey Ridge
- Grayson S., a first-grade student at Shamrock Springs
- Camila Q., a second-grade student at Monon Trail
- Jean C., a third-grade student at Monon Trail
- Myles B., a fourth-grade student at Shamrock Springs
- Galilea G., a fourth-grade student at Washington Woods
- Lily P., a fourth-grade student at Carey Ridge
- Rori K., a 10th-grade student at Westfield High School
- Camden S., an 11th-grade student at Westfield High School

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# Westfield Yearbook Team recognized at National High School Journalism Convention

## Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Recently, six students from Westfield High School's (WHS) The Station yearbook staff recently attended the Spring National High School Journalism Convention in Minneapolis.

The event, hosted jointly by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association, welcomed thousands of attendees from all over the United States and abroad. It is billed as the nation's largest gathering of scholastic journalists, advisers, and journalism teachers.

While there, students attended sessions on a wide range of media topics, got to hear from keynote speaker and music critic John Bream, and enjoyed a trade show with professional media organizations and media schools.

As a part of the experience, WHS entered two teams into the Nation-



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

al Journalism Quiz Bowl competition, which paired broad media knowledge and speed in a trivia-style competition. Both competing teams made it into the competition's final round.

Attendees also represented WHS individually in on-site National Media Contests against students from 66 schools from across the

U.S. Five WHS journalists were recognized in the top 10 percent of competitors in their respective categories:

- Cameron Goodwin, Honorable Mention (Yearbook Copy/Captions: Clubs)
- Ava Salsman, Excellent (Feature Writing)
- Teagan Trent, Excellent (Yearbook Copy/Captions: Student Life)

Victoria Webb, Honorable Mention (Yearbook Copy/Captions: Academics)

- Lilia Doran, Excellent (Yearbook Copy/Captions: Sports)

If you know these students, please congratulate them on their excellence, successes, and their positive representation of WHS at this national event.

# New at Sheridan Public Library

## The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

### Fiction

- Chasing the Clouds Away – Debbie Macomber
- Cherry Baby – Rainbow Rowell
- Girls Trip – Ally Condie
- Here for the Cake – Jennifer Millikin
- Hope Rises – David Baldacci
- Ice Cream Murder – Leighann Dobbs
- Into the Blue – Emma Brodie
- Kill for a Million – Janet Dailey
- Mad Mabel – Sally Hepworth
- Mother-Daughter Bookclub – Susan Patterson
- Mummified Meringues – Leighann Dobbs
- Once in a Blue Moon – Kristan Higgins
- Paradox – Douglas Preston

- Patchwork Players – Jennifer Chiaverini
- Scones, Skulls, & Scams – Leighann Dobbs
- Wedded Blintz – Leighann Dobbs
- Yesteryear – Caro Claire Burke

### Non-Fiction

- Happy & Solo at Church – Amy Thornton Shankland
- Honest Motherhood – Libby Ward
- Maintain: the 3 simple shifts that turn temporary weight loss into lasting freedom

### Children's

- Armor Up! – DK Readers
- I'm So Happy You're Here – Mychal Threats
- Poopsie Gets Lost – Hannah E. Harrison
- Sherlock Bones & the Case of the Crown Jewels – Tim Collins

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# Time to register for Janus' Helping Lives Bloom event

## The REPORTER

Help support Janus Developmental Services by attending and supporting the organization's sixth annual Helping Lives Bloom.

The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 at the Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. Attendees will have the opportunity learn more about Janus and the organization's plans for the future.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and two complimentary

(drink wine/beer/soft drinks; cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild.

Affordable sponsorships for both individuals and businesses are available. Just click the link above.

If you have any questions, please email or call Development and Communications Director Jerry Jamison at [jjamison@janus-inc.org](mailto:jjamison@janus-inc.org) or (317) 773-8781 ext. 100.

# Noblesville Common Councilor Aaron Smith endorses Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board

## Submitted

Aaron Smith today announced last Friday, May 8 his endorsement of Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large.

Smith, a member of the Noblesville Common Council, began his first term in 2020 and was re-elected in 2024. He serves as Partner & Principal at BAR Communications and previously worked on the staff of Dan Coats in both Washington, D.C., and In-

dianapolis. Smith is also a 2024 IJB Forty Under 40 honoree and has served on the boards of Noblesville Main Street and the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

"Jack Russell is the kind of leader Hamilton Heights needs on its school board," Smith said. "He looks at every issue through the lens of what's



Russell

best for our kids and their future here – and from my experience on city council, I can tell you that perspective is what makes our county stronger. Jack will be a thoughtful voice for Hamilton Heights students and families. I'm proud to endorse him."

Russell is running on five key priorities: Elevate Academic Excellence,

Strengthen School Safety & Well-Being, Inspire Community Connection, Champion Fiscal Responsibility & Operational Excellence, and Foster a Culture of Respect, Accountability & Growth.

"I'm honored to have Aaron's endorsement," said Russell. "Our schools shape the future of our community, and I'm committed to ensuring every decision we make puts students first and positions them for success."



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



# Sarah Julian named Hamilton Heights' March Husky Hero

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Sarah Julian, third-grade teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, has been named the March Husky Hero. Sarah exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a Husky educator. As the high-ability teacher in third grade and the PLC leader for her team, she brings exceptional skill, intention, and heart to her work each day. The learning she provides in her classroom embodies the district's Reaching New Heights goals.

Julian's commitment to making learning both joyful and rigorous reflects the core values of the district and the vision for every child. Her leadership, professionalism, and genuine kindness are felt across the building.

What makes this honor especially meaningful is that Julian was nominated by one of her own students – a testament to the environment she creates each day in her classroom. Third-grader Emma Morehouse shared:

"Mrs. Julian is a great teacher. I like that Mrs. Julian is passionate about having students create guidelines for themselves. This helps students create a community where everyone feels safe and wanted. Mrs. Julian is very good at seeing every person and celebrating them. She sees our personalities and strengths and helps us use them positively.



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Sarah Julian, a third-grade teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of March. (From left) Michelle Derrer (third-grade teacher), Megan Spurgeon (third-grade teacher), Theresa Mandery (third-grade teacher), Amanda Engle (third-grade teacher), Julie Griffey (HHES Principal), Sarah Julian (third-grade teacher, Husky Hero, and HHES Teacher of the Year), Jenna Daniel (third-grade teacher), Amanda Davis (Special Education Teacher), Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), and Amber Bowen.

She provides unique opportunities for us to have fun and learn critical thinking skills. One example is our breakout boxes which teaches us problem solving and how to work together in a really fun way. Mrs. Julian is my Husky Hero."

Julian shared how deeply this recognition resonates with her.

"Being nominated by a student for this award is incredibly meaningful to me," she said. "It reassures me that the environment I strive to create in my classroom is making a difference and that students feel it. Knowing my students feel safe and a sense of community in our

classroom means everything to me."

Julian continued, "I enjoy watching students be involved in classroom discussions, collaborative projects, and hands-on experiences. Seeing students grow in confidence, take ownership of their learning, and become excited about coming to school each day is one of the most rewarding parts of teaching. This award inspires me to continue doing what I do and serves as a reminder that the relationships and experiences we create in the classroom matter. I will continue to create purposeful and engaging

learning experiences for my students while striving to make every child feel supported and capable of success. This motivates me to keep learning, growing, and becoming the best teacher I can be."

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at [bit.ly/hhschuskyhero](https://bit.ly/hhschuskyhero). The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

## Level Up 31 Phase 3 closures begin next week

The REPORTER

A major milestone in the Level Up 31 project will soon be underway as crews widen the elevated eastbound and westbound Interstate 465 ramps to northbound U.S. 31. Extended closures and new traffic patterns will be in place on or after Wednesday, May 13 until late fall 2026.

Northbound U.S. 31 will still be accessible for I-465 motorists via a temporary traffic shift that uses the existing southbound lanes on U.S. 31/Meridian Street, then switches traffic back over to the existing northbound lanes just south of 106th Street.

Due to this configuration, motorists on southbound Meridian Street will need to exit at 106th Street and travel west to Illinois Street and Spring Mill Road in order to resume southbound travel. A more in-depth look at the Level Up 31 closures including detour maps are available at [LevelUp31.com](https://LevelUp31.com).

Access to I-465 from northbound and southbound Meridian Street will remain open.

This is the third of four phases for the Level Up 31 project. The upcoming improvements are necessary to accommodate rapid regional growth and the increased number of vehicles using the interchange.

The following extended closures are scheduled to start on or after the following dates next week:

### Wednesday, May 13

• Closure of southbound Meridian Street between 106th Street and 96th Street through late fall 2026

• Closure of 106th Street exit ramp to southbound Meridian Street through late fall 2026. The 106th Street exit ramp to I-465 will remain open

### Saturday, May 16

• Temporary traffic shift on I-465 ramps to U.S. 31 northbound through late fall 2026

• Closure of northbound U.S. 31/Meridian Street ramp to 106th Street through late fall 2026

• Closure of 106th Street ramp to northbound U.S. 31 through late fall 2026

Phase 3 start times are weather dependent and subject to change.

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# Bell Ford Bridge earns top engineering prize

Hamilton County recognized at 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County's reconstruction of the Historic Bell Ford Bridge has been awarded the 2026 Grand Project Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Indiana, earning the top distinction among 40 projects recognized statewide. The award was presented during the Engineering Excellence Awards on Thursday, April 30.

The Bell Ford Bridge was originally constructed in 1869 in Jackson County, Ind., where it served for more than a century before its eventual collapse. As the only surviving combination post truss bridge in the world, its historic components were carefully salvaged and later relocated to Hamilton County.

The project reused a significant portion of the original materials, including most of its iron components and portions of the 19th-century timber structure. Today, the restored bridge stands over Fall Creek at Geist Park as a pedestrian crossing, blending historic preservation with modern engineering.

"A bridge built in 1869 has a story worth telling, and we didn't want that story to end," said Chris Stice, Director of Hamilton Coun-



ty Parks and Recreation. "It took a lot of people working together to make this restoration happen, and we're honored that ACEC Indiana recognized the work everyone put into it."

"This project is a great example of what can be accomplished when strong partners come together with a shared vision," County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said. "From our Highway and Parks Departments to the City of Fishers, VS Engineering, and our partners in Jackson County, this was truly a team effort. We're proud to help preserve this one-of-a-kind structure for future generations."



Photos provided  
**Chris Stice, Director of Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, and Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt accepted the Grand Project Award for the Bell Ford Bridge.**

## The Waterpark in Carmel kicks off the season May 23

**Submitted by Camel Clay Parks & Recreation**

Get ready to dive into another season of summer fun – **The Waterpark** in Carmel reopens Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. Located at 1195 Central Park Drive West, The Waterpark invites guests to enjoy a full day of play, relaxation and sunshine, with attractions for guests of all ages and abilities.

Start with a relaxing float along the lazy river, take on the **AquaClimb® wall** or

ride the **FlowRider® surf simulator**. Younger guests can enjoy the kiddie pool, while older kids race down our fast-paced adventure slides. Plus, refuel at the concessions stand by grabbing a quick bite to eat.

The Waterpark will once again offer an extended season, giving guests even more opportunities to soak up the summer fun all the way through Labor Day.

**2026 Waterpark Hours**  
• May 23 to Aug. 9: Open daily from 11 a.m. to

7 p.m.  
• Weekends and Labor Day (Aug. 15 to Sept. 7): Open from noon to 6 p.m.

**Day Passes**  
Spend the day at The Waterpark with a day pass. Admission is \$18 for adults (ages 16 to 64) and \$15 for youth and seniors (ages 3 to 15 and 65 and over).

**Season Passes**  
Make the most of the season with unlimited visits to The Waterpark. Season passes are available online

at [carmelclayparks.com](http://carmelclayparks.com) or for purchase at the front gate.

**Cabana Rentals**  
Enhance your visit with a **private cabana**, ideal for groups of six to eight guests. Each rental includes a shaded space with a ceiling fan, mini fridge, outlets, a lockable cabinet, and comfortable seating.

Stay connected throughout the season by joining **The Waterpark Facebook group** for updates, events and more.

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## 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.

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(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Judges Michael Casati (Superior 1), Richard Campbell (Superior 4), Stephenie Gookins (Superior 6), William Hughes (Superior 3), David Najjar (Superior 5), Jonathan Brown (Superior 2), Circuit Court Judge Andrew Bloch, and Darren Murphy (Superior 7). (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) County Councilors Sue Maki, Tim Griffin, and Brad Beaver, Commissioners Altman, Heirbrandt, and Dillinger, and Councilors Mark Hall and Ken Alexander.

# Judicial Center expansion underway

## Project will add 133,000 square feet & seven new courtrooms

### The REPORTER

Hamilton County officials broke ground Monday morning, May 11, on a long-anticipated expansion of the Hamilton County Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. The \$70 million project will add 133,000 square feet to the existing facility, including seven new courtrooms, upgraded security, and expanded public space.

County officials, judges, and project partners gathered on the west lawn of the Judicial Center to mark the beginning of construction on the three-story addition, which will consolidate multiple county offices and provide room for future growth. The first floor will eventually house county offices, while the second floor will serve as the new home for additional courtrooms. The third floor will remain unfinished for future buildout as case-loads continue to rise.

"This expansion is really about keeping up with the

people we serve," Superior Court 2 Judge Jon Brown said. "Hamilton County's population has exploded, and our court dockets have grown right along with it. We're seeing routine hearings being delayed for months. This new space will help us move cases more efficiently and give our judges, staff, and citizens the resources they deserve."

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

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



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(ABOVE) Superior Court 5 Judge David Najjar speaks to the crowd on behalf of his fellow judges.

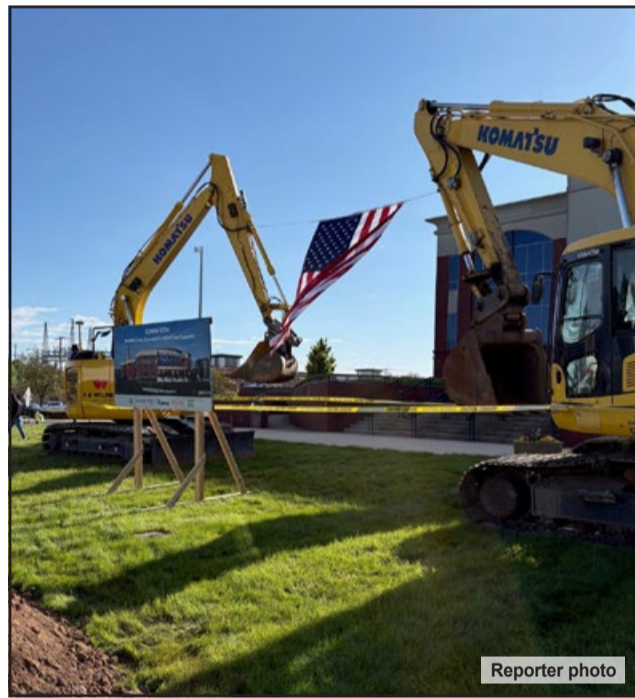
"Our goal is to make progress without getting in the way," Altman said. "We're coordinating closely with the city to align schedules, stage construction trailers and equipment off-site, and keep as much park-

ing and pedestrian access open as possible. We want to minimize disruption for businesses and residents."

Envoy is the builder for this project, which has an expected completion of late 2028.



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## Community News

### 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.

## Noblesville's Taryn Lengacher makes Union University Dean's List

### The REPORTER

Union University in Jackson, Tenn., has named 322 students to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. Among those students is

Taryn Lengacher of Noblesville.

The Dean's List includes full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average on a four-point scale.



Photo provided by Indiana State Police

## Indiana State Police releases latest statistics from Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

### The REPORTER

The Indiana State Police (ISP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) is responsible for enforcing both state and federal regulations on all commercial motor vehicles (CMV).



Major tasks include conducting Safety Inspections, New Entrant Safety Audits, and Compliance Reviews to ensure compliance with equipment and hours-of-service regulations.

CVED is also tasked with enforcing Indiana's size and weight laws and ensuring that commercial carriers are properly registered and paying their fair share of fuel tax dollars. Additionally, they assist in the investigation of commercial vehicle crashes (post-crash inspections) and manage the annual school bus inspection program.

to its enforcement efforts, CVED accomplished the following:

- Total CMV Inspections Completed: 5,105 (Total Out of Service Drivers: 585; Total Out of Service Vehicles: 749)
- Total Number of Over-size Violations: 33
- Total Number of Over-weight Violations: 540

ISP CVED's enforcement efforts are part of Governor Braun's public safety platform to ensure safe environments to travel, work and live for all Hoosiers and for those who traverse the "Crossroads of America."

## Join the race to help save lives for a chance to win Indianapolis 500 tickets

### The REPORTER

The American Red Cross asks people to make a blood or platelet donation appointment now to help the blood supply stay ahead of building seasonal pressures.

During May, many people are gearing up for the end of the school year or making plans for summer fun, which can disrupt schedules and cause a drop in donation appointments.

As a thank-you to those who come to give through May 18 at new Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donation Centers in Indianapolis and Noblesville, donors will automatically be entered for a chance to win two tickets to the Indianapolis 500 located in the Tower Terrace Section. There will be three drawings, and winners will be contacted to pick up tickets ahead of race day on Sunday, May 24.

To make an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

### How to donate blood & platelets

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of

identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

## Celebrating Hamilton Heights Middle School's highest achievers



Reporter photos

Hamilton Heights Middle School recently held its Awards Night. Principal Dr. Bret Bailey welcomed attendees and thanked families for their tireless support of their children. Included in the ceremony was recognition of students who earned a 3.66 grade-point average or higher – meaning nothing lower than an A-.

## Pool contractor faces fraud & theft charges in Hamilton County

By KARA KENNEY  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

Hamilton County prosecutors have filed criminal charges following an investigation by WISH-TV sister station, WRTV, into a Greenwood pool contractor accused of taking money from a customer and not doing the work promised.

Justin Lee Carter, the owner of Smarter Pools, was charged with fraud and theft, both low-level felonies. Sheridan Police Department investigated a complaint filed by homeowner Jenny Peretin, also a mother of two children. Carter's bond was set at \$75,000.

The Indiana Attorney General's Office is also investigating the pool contractor.

"This is where we were

planning on putting our 35- to 40-foot pool that Smarter Pools was going to install last summer," Peretin said. "Unfortunately, there is no pool."

Peretin said she paid Carter \$60,000 for pool installation. She provided a copy of her payment to WRTV.

Peretin said Smarter Pools never did any work on her pool.

"We have nothing," Peretin said. "We, we don't even have a hole in the ground. So, we didn't think there was any other recourse at that point."

Peretin said she's glad criminal charges have been filed. "I understand we may not be getting any money back, but just some level of



Carter

accountability," Peretin said.

The Better Business Bureau has issued an alert about a Greenwood-based pool company, alleging they have a pattern of contractor

plaints. The warning alleges Smarter Pools LLC collects down payments but fails to finish contracted work, and becomes hard to reach, fails to respond or both to consumer requests for updates.

I-Team 8 emailed Smarter Pools as well as the attorneys listed for them but never heard back.

The business closed its doors at its Greenwood store in 2025, according to customers.

The Smarter Pools website no longer works.

I-Team 8 found court documents that show financial firms have filed lawsuits in multiple states, including Indiana, Florida, New York, and Utah, alleging Smarter Pools and Carter owe them money.

Courts have handed down \$208,699 in judgments against the pool contractor since April 2025.

I-Team 8 went to the Greenwood office on Airport Parkway, the address listed on customer contracts. The building tenant told us Smarter Pools moved out months ago. So, I-Team 8 went to Carter's house, and talked to him but didn't get any answers.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/i-team-8/pool-contractor-faces-fraud-and-theft-charges-in-hamilton-county](http://wistv.com/news/i-team-8/pool-contractor-faces-fraud-and-theft-charges-in-hamilton-county).

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## 2026-2027 Center Presents season to launch with over 70 performances

### The REPORTER

The public is welcome to join in the free celebration on Monday, May 18 when Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts announces its upcoming 2026-2027 Center Presents performance season.

Sponsored by Allied Solutions, the upcoming schedule is the most expansive since the Center's opening year, with more than 70 performances already booked and more to come. The stellar lineup features legendary names and rising stars from the worlds of pop, rock, classical, jazz, Great American Songbook,

and international music, as well as comedy, family, and holiday events.

The 2026 Season Announcement Party begins at 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Snacks and beverages will be available, followed by a first look at the artist lineup. Patron Services representatives will be available to assist with subscription orders.

Tickets are required; limit four per order. Registration is available at (317) 843-3800 or [TheCenterPresents.org/2627SeasonAnnounce](http://TheCenterPresents.org/2627SeasonAnnounce).

### Letter to the Editor

## Sheridan reader compares & contrasts three columnists' medical musings

Dear Editor:

Sharon McMahon shared with us an excellent column about public advertising of new medicines. She advised us to talk to our private doctors before jumping on the band wagon on taking the advertised medications that tout a possible cure for acute and or a chronic disease. She pointed out that adding another medication whether by prescription or over the counter can become a dangerous mix with current medications being taken including supplements and vitamins. Sharon's statement, "awareness can and should be a tool in one's health management arsenal!" pointing out the side effects of these and all medications.

In another column, Dr. Mathias P. Bostrom shares with us the importance of choosing the right surgeon who has experience and keeps up with current medical changes. What is important is how many surgeries the surgeon has performed and after surgery results such as lower infection rates, fewer follow-up procedures, reduced re-admissions, and steadier recoveries. Dr. Bostrom's statement, "Anyone preparing for surgery ought to feel comfortable asking direct questions about a surgeon's experience and results."

Richard D. Feldman, M.D.'s column is the complete opposite from the previous two authors. He dis-

courages patient and doctor "shared decision-making". Feldman states, "This approach essentially sends the message that these vaccines are not essential but optional." A one size fits all vaccine may be detrimental to some patients especially children. This is where research comes in.

Many children and pregnant women may have serious side effects that are harmful to themselves and the unborn baby. I recall that pregnant women were told to avoid vaccines while pregnant and children under the age of two should not be vaccinated. There is such a push to vaccinate children under the age of two. Why the rush as their immune systems are developing naturally. Is it because of daycare regulations and how dare you get sick to infect others and the rate pay to daycare?

Feldman condemns Robert F. Kennedy for reducing some vaccines esp. the mandated Hepatitis B birth-dose recommendation. Many of the populous was not aware of this vaccine. It was used for mothers who had Hepatitis B while pregnant. I can see the usefulness of this for those mothers but not other uninfected mothers' babies.

Feldman mentions that the measles rate is increasing. During the 1970's the Measles vaccine was part of the vaccine schedule but when those students arrived in college,

the rates soared showing the vaccines were not effective in the first place. Recall the rates being high in the state of Texas. Texas is a border state with many illegal alien children crossing the Texas border and most unlikely unvaccinated. This fact was never mentioned in the media.

Feldman poked his finger of non-belief at the research of Autism conducted by British doctor, Andrew Wakefield. I recall when Wakefield was on a television show and the audience made constant fun of him trying to explain his research. He was shamed and was forced to redact his research. The same thing happened when the Gardasil vaccine was introduced. Young girls who were physically harmed and shared their stories of the after effects of the vaccine were also mocked being told "it was all in their head or imagination".

Sharon McMahon encouraged everyone to do their research of newly advertised medications and Dr. Bostrom said to ask questions about experience and results of surgeries. Every individual and parent has the right to question any and all vaccines being proposed for injection into one's body. Do your research, ask lots of questions and explore the results of all vaccines.

Mari Briggs  
Sheridan

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## Revisiting Daddy Jack's Happy Hour

It's interesting how much a restaurant experience can change in a month or so. This week we decided to check out what we missed on the Happy Hour (HH) menu at Daddy Jack's, located at 9419 N.



KEN KLINGENMEIER  
*A Seat at the Table*

In my review back in March, I pegged the place to have an "everybody knows your name" vibe. There was a beautifully appointed bar area, with cushioned seating in a line of booths and tables around



Photo by Ken Klingenmeier

Meridian St. It turned out to be a totally different visit.

the room, and a friendly serving staff. Regulars came in and out, and the feeling was that this was a Cheers-type of establishment.

When we walked in this last time – there again was that great bar scene – even more lively than our first visit. I told the hostess that we were there for the Happy Hour. She said "Fine, right this way please." Expecting to be set into one of the empty booths or at a table – we were much surprised to be led past all the available seating, back into the Apres Jack's area at the back of the restaurant. It was totally empty and quiet.

I mentioned to the hostess that last time we were there for Happy Hour we had sat in the bar. Her abrupt response: "Someone made a mistake..."

Now, let me say – the Apres Jack's bar is a really beautiful room. It reminded me of a 19<sup>th</sup> hole grill room

### Our order at Apres Jack's.

at a country club in North Carolina that I had been to in my younger days. Polished wood everywhere, lots of very comfortable chairs at leather topped tables, dim lighting, lit fireplace. But nothing near the vibe we had enjoyed previously (and had looked forward to).

Rather than make a fuss, we thought we'd experience the new room and see what happened.

So we ordered drinks. The non-HH Hess Chardonnay (\$10) for Mrs. K and for myself, a Stella Artois draft (\$4). We were familiar with the HH menu, (available here: [jacksareb-etter.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Happy-Hour-DJ-2025.pdf](http://jacksareb-etter.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Happy-Hour-DJ-2025.pdf)) and wanted to try something we hadn't had previously, but the Chicken Wings (five for \$8) had been so good we ordered them again – Teriyaki style. For \$12, we added a one topping pizza – sausage style.

As we waited for our eats, we started to see a little activity in the Apres. A trio of men came in and took an adjacent table. They were familiar with the place, we could tell. It livened things up a little bit, anyway.

So, the wings and pizza came out and they were excellent. Nothing better than

hot pizza – this one had generous amounts of sausage and cheese. And the wings were just as before – big, with a nice crunchy exterior, and very flavorful with celery sticks, carrots, and ranch dressing.

Another couple arrived in the room and it was approaching normal. But still not on a par with our first visit. The food and service were great – but we liked being in the bar room mix a bit better.

Our total came to around \$37 plus tip. Not bad. As we left the well-appointed Apres Jack's and walked through the Daddy Jack's to get out to our car, we couldn't help noticing the difference in vibe. The bar room was alive with chatter and laughter and lots of people – at 6 p.m.!

We've decided – next time we go there, we'll ask for a table in the bar and once we are seated and watered and menued – then, we'll ask about Happy Hour.

Ken Klingenmeier offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.

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## Don't miss Fishers Touch-A-Truck

### The REPORTER

Kids and families can explore Fishers' fleet of big rigs, including tractors, snowplows, police cars, and fire trucks at the free Touch-A-Truck event from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 18 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive.

Enjoy live activations from the Fishers Department of Public Works, Fishers AgriPark, Fishers Health Department, Fishers Fire Department, and the

Fishers Police Department, including demonstrations with police K9s, fire rope rescuing, and street paving.

In addition to city fleet vehicles, see the wheels on trash and recycling trucks, tow trucks, buses, a monster truck, and so much more.

Hosted by Fishers Parks, be sure to stop by booths at the event for free kids' activities, a meet and greet with Mayor Scott Fadness, and free popsicles.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## The Commons on Meridian receives perfect annual survey from Department of Health

### The REPORTER

The Commons on Meridian, a member of American Senior Communities, has earned a deficiency-free annual state inspection from the Indiana State Department of Health.

A deficiency-free survey is the highest rating a senior care community can achieve and is achieved by only a very small percentage of senior care providers each year.

Senior care communities undergo unannounced inspections conducted by the Indiana State Department of Health each year. These thorough evaluations review multiple aspects of operations, including cleanliness, regulatory compliance, resident and staff safety protocols, dietary services, recordkeeping, staffing levels, and overall quality of care. Inspectors also incorporate feedback from residents, their families, and team members to ensure a comprehensive and balanced assessment.

"Achieving a deficiency-free survey is a meaningful reflection of the dedication and integrity this team demonstrates every day," ASC CEO Steve Van Camp said. "It speaks to their commitment to excellence, not just in meeting standards, but in creating an environment where residents feel valued, safe, and genuinely at home. This accomplishment is a testament to their consistency, compassion, and pride in the care they provide, and we are truly honored to celebrate this recognition with them."

### About The Commons on Meridian

A member of American Senior Communities and Indiana-owned and managed, The Commons on Meridian is located at 8549 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, and provides Independent & Assisted Living Apartments, Memory Care Apartments, Respite Care, and Outpatient Therapy. For more information, call (317) 779-2116 or visit [ASCCare.com/TCOM](http://ASCCare.com/TCOM).

### Letter to the Editor

# Two tales, one state, one hope

The aftermath of the primaries feels like the air after a hard storm – everyone looking around their homes, neighborhoods, and communities wondering who got hit the hardest. But Indiana isn't like other states. After a storm, people help their neighbors; farmers help other farmers. Indiana is full of goodness.

The primary was hard; the most difficult loss was probably for the people. The news and pundits rushed in immediately to promote their own agendas, but the real story was more complicated. Some Hoosiers supported the President while also being concerned that the proposed maps targeted long-standing conservative districts. Those concerns were not opposites – they were connected.

Many Hoosiers believed the President they voted for by 19 points was once again being politically targeted, and with that came concern that the reasons they supported him were also being placed in jeopardy. Redistricting became the game national politics was playing. Hoosiers were painted as people who wanted to stay on the sidelines – but Indiana came to play.

Before the public could fully evaluate the statewide results, several in-state media outlets and pundits narrowed the conversation down to only three races – as if only three races mattered. But that leaves out a much larger story. Several Trump-en-

dorsed candidates across Indiana Senate races won by commanding double-digit margins, leaving an incomplete picture of what actually happened across Indiana.

Hoosiers are far more conservative than many pundits or Indianapolis newspapers would like to admit. President Trump carried Indiana by 19 points because many working families feel they are being run over by unelected systems they cannot control. From rising property taxes to decisions made by quasi-government entities like the IEDC, Hoosiers supported President Trump because they believed he was willing to act – not simply talk.

The Bible speaks of eternal hope: "Hope deferred makes the heart sick; but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life." Proverbs 13:12 NKJV.

Christians are used to holding fast to hope. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

I've endured many criticisms about my faith, but I am still here. Hoosiers are still here. We have hope we will go back to the Constitution! We have hope we will unite!

Should a Secretary of State candidate weigh in on something this political – especially knowing they may one day represent the entire state and oversee elections?

I believe honesty matters. Speaking of honesty, many Hoosiers do not

know that the Secretary of State of Indiana is, in many ways, a "name only" chief election officer. Decades ago, the legislature shifted substantial election authority away from the elected office and toward commissions and divisions whose members are appointed – not elected by the people. Constitutional government only works when the people know who is accountable.

This is when I pay close attention to legislators, officials, and even candidates who jump aboard the "Back to the Constitution" conversation while supporting legislation that does the opposite – or who campaign as being "for the people" while remaining silent, being courted by, or even funded by organizations that threaten Constitutional accountability itself. We understand our voices as voters must remain consistent, and we must stay involved – and so here we are.

I'm offering my services to Hoosiers because I know how to work, and the Secretary of State's office needs an administrator – not another career politician.

The storm has passed, or maybe it's just beginning ... either way it is time to work. Have Hope!

**BACK TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**UNITED IN EXCELLENCE**

**Jamie Reitenour**

*Indiana Republican Candidate for Secretary of State*

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## — HAMILTON COUNTY —

### ORDINANCE NO. 05-11-26-C

#### AN ORDINANCE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROHIBITING RECKLESS DRIVING EXHIBITIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County adopts this Ordinance to prohibit Reckless Driving Exhibitions; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions have occurred in Hamilton County; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have caused unsafe traffic conditions and public safety risks; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have prevented the full and peaceful enjoyment of property; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have negatively impacted the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions in Hamilton County have caused damage to people and property; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions may reduce the value of Public Property and Private Property because Reckless Driving Exhibitions may cause Public Property and Private Property to appear unsightly, undesirable, or of low value; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions may encourage and/or increase criminal activity in Hamilton County; and WHEREAS, Reckless Driving Exhibitions may cause or increase pollution; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Hamilton County to prohibit Reckless Driving Exhibitions; and WHEREAS, Hamilton County has an interest in protecting public safety; and WHEREAS, Hamilton County has an interest in protecting property against damage; and WHEREAS, this Ordinance is being adopted to advance these interests; and IT IS THEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County as follows:

SECTION I. APPLICABILITY.  
This Ordinance applies to acts and omissions occurring on any Public Property and Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS.

- a. "Apparent Owner" means any Person who claims to have an ownership interest in any Private Property and/or any Vehicle.
- b. "Burnout" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby the Vehicle is kept stationary, or is in motion, while the wheels are spun, resulting in friction which causes the Vehicle's tires to heat up and emit smoke.
- c. "Director" means the Director of the Hamilton County Plan Commission.
- d. "Doughnut" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby the front or rear of the Vehicle is rotated around the opposite set of wheels in a continuous motion which may cause a circular skid-mark pattern of rubber on the driving surface and/or the tires to heat up and emit smoke from friction.
- e. "Drifting" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby the Vehicle is steered so that it makes a controlled skid sideways through a turn with the front wheels pointed in a direction opposite to that of the turn.
- f. "Government Authority" means any federal, local, or state government as well as any political subdivision, agency, department, or Person exercising any function of any federal, local, or state government.
- g. "Nuisance" means anything offensive to the sight, smell, or hearing, erected or carried on in or near a public place where people dwell or pass, or have the right to pass, to their annoyance, as well as anything defined as a nuisance under Indiana Code § 32-30-6-6, including, but not limited to, anything (1) injurious to health; (2) indecent; (3) offensive to the senses; or (4) an obstruction to the free use of property; so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, is a nuisance, and the subject of an action.
- h. "Officer" means any law enforcement officer elected as Sheriff, employed by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, and/or any officer with authority to enforce this Ordinance.
- i. "Ordinance" means this ordinance, Ordinance No. 05-11-26-
- j. "Ordinance Violation" means any violation of this Ordinance.
- k. "Participate" means organizing, facilitating, participating in, or supporting any Reckless Driving Exhibitions. Participate includes, but is not limited to, the following acts and omissions:

- (1) Collecting or exchanging money or anything of value in connection with Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
- (2) Riding as a passenger in a Vehicle engaging in Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
- (3) Causing or encouraging any Vehicle to gather on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town for Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
- (4) Causing or encouraging one person or more people to gather on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town for Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
- (5) Causing or encouraging, by acts, words, or barriers, any person and/or any Vehicle to impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town for the purpose of Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
- (6) Standing or sitting on Public Property or Private Property located in Hamilton County which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town to act as an event official, including, but not limited to, a starter, steward, or announcer, at any Reckless Driving Exhibitions;
- (7) Promoting any Reckless Driving Exhibitions, including any advertising, posting, or sharing the location of any Reckless Driving Exhibitions or taking video or photographic images for purpose of promoting or profiting from any Reckless Driving Exhibitions.

l. "Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, professional association, limited partnership, general partnership, joint stock company, joint venture, association, trust, bank, trust company, land trust, business trust or other organization, whether the organization is a legal entity or not, and any Governmental Authority.

m. "Private Property" means all real estate in the unincorporated parts of Hamilton County other than Public Property which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town.

n. "Private Property Occupant" means any Person present on Private Property that claims to have a substantial interest in occupying the Private Property for legal purposes.

o. "Private Property Owner" means the owner of Private Property identified on the Private Property's Property Card.

p. "Property Card" means the property card for Private Property available on Hamilton County's website or at Hamilton County's Private Property Department.

q. "Public Property" means property which is part of a public right of way, street, highway, alley, and/or park as well as Private Property owned by a Government Authority and/or any entity acting under a Build-Operate-Transfer agreement with such a Government Authority which is not located within the municipal boundaries of any city or town.

r. "Reckless Driving Exhibitions" means the use of a Vehicle to perform or engage in any Burnouts, Doughnuts, Drifting, Wheelies, or any activity which is likely to cause harm to any Person, Public Property, and/or Private Property.

s. "Vehicle" means any automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, tractor, bus, school bus, recreational vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, watercraft, or motorized bicycle.

t. "Vehicle Owner" means the last known record titleholder of a Vehicle according to the records of the bureau under Indiana Code 9-18, or a bill of sale. If there is no title, bill of sale, or other proof of ownership produced by the person in possession of the real estate, the Vehicle Owner shall be presumed to be the owner of the real estate where the Vehicle is located.

u. "Wheelie" means a maneuver performed while operating a Vehicle whereby a Vehicle is driven for a distance with any wheel or wheels raised off the ground.

SECTION III. PURPOSES OF ORDINANCE.  
a. This Ordinance is hereby adopted to:

- 1. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which reduce the value of public and private property; and
- 2. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which encourage and increase criminal activity in Hamilton County; and
- 3. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which cause and increase pollution; and
- 4. Prevent Reckless Driving Exhibitions which are a Nuisance in Hamilton County; and
- 5. Promote public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare of Hamilton County's inhabitants and visitors.

b. This Ordinance should be interpreted, applied, and enforced in a manner that will advance the above-stated purposes.

SECTION IV. VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

- a. No Person shall engage in Reckless Driving Exhibitions on any Public Property or Private Property.
- b. No Person shall Participate in any Reckless Driving Exhibitions on Public Property or Private Property.
- c. Any Person who violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of an Ordinance Violation.
- d. Any Person who violates this Ordinance shall be fined \$500 for the first Ordinance Violation and be fined \$2,500 for each subsequent Ordinance Violation.
- e. Any Vehicle used in any Reckless Driving Exhibitions may be towed to any lot that is owned by a towing company or to any property owned by Hamilton County at the Vehicle owner's expense.
- f. The Vehicle Owner shall pay any towing and/or storage fees incurred when the Vehicle Owner's Vehicle is towed and/or stored pursuant to this Ordinance.

SECTION V. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.  
Any Person, including an Apparent Owner, Private Property Occupant, Private Property Owner, and/or Vehicle Owner who Participates in Reckless Driving Exhibitions on Public Property or Private Property may be cited for an Ordinance Violation and relief may be sought from such a Person as follows:

- a. An Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may take lawful steps to contact and/or communicate with any Person about an Ordinance Violation.
- b. An Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may serve a Notice of Violation as follows:
  - (1) By sending a copy of the Notice of Violation by registered or certified mail or other public means by which a written acknowledgment of receipt may be requested and obtained to the Private Property Owner's residence, place of business, or place of employment with return receipt requested and returned showing receipt of the Notice of Violation; or
  - (2) By delivering a copy of the Notice of Violation to an Apparent Owner, Private Property Occupant, and/or Private Property Owner personally; or
  - (3) By leaving a copy of the Notice of Violation at the Private Property or usual place of abode of the Private Property Owner; and/or
  - (4) By serving the Private Property Owner's agent as provided by rule, statute, or valid agreement.

If service is made under (3) or (4) above, the Person serving the Notice of Violation shall send by first class mail, a copy of the Notice to the Private Property Owner's last known address.

c. A Notice of Violation shall include the following information:
 

- (1) A description of the property where an Ordinance Violation was identified; and
- (2) The date the Notice of Violation was prepared.

d. In any civil action filed in the appropriate Circuit or Superior Court in Hamilton County, Hamilton County, an Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may:
 

- (1) Seek court costs and a fine of up to \$500 for the first violation of this Ordinance;
- (2) Seek court costs and up to \$2,500 for any subsequent Ordinance Violation after the first Ordinance Violation;
- (3) Seek a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and/or permanent injunction; and/or
- (4) Seek any relief available under the Indiana Code and/or any binding precedent.

If permitted by the Court, any civil action concerning a subsequent Ordinance Violation that was identified on Private Property may be filed in the Court where the first civil action concerning an Ordinance Violation on that Private Property was filed.

e. No penalty and/or remedy in this Ordinance is exclusive of any other penalty and/or remedy. Hamilton County may seek all penalties and/or remedies listed above in this Ordinance.

f. Every Notice of Violation issued constitutes a separate violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.  
1. The portions of this Ordinance which identify any Ordinance Violation shall be in full force and effect on May 11, 2026. However, no fines shall be issued for any Ordinance Violation until 30 days after the publication of the Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance. An Officer, the Director, and/or the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County may seek any non-monetary relief available pursuant to this Ordinance at any time after this Ordinance is adopted.  
2. The Hamilton County Auditor is directed to have this Ordinance codified in the Hamilton County Code of Ordinances.  
3. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. Thus, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.  
ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County this 11th day of May 2026.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, INDIANA  
Christine Altman  
Mark E. Heirbrandt  
Steven C. Dillinger

ATTEST:  
Todd Clevenger, Auditor  
R7954

5/12/26, 5/18/26

## — WESTFIELD —

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

The City of Westfield (2706 East 171st St. Westfield, IN 46074) is submitting an NOI letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP) to discharge stormwater from construction activities for the following project: 191st Street Widening Project. Work consists of roadway widening, sidewalk and pedestrian bridge construction, and stormwater improvements. Project runoff will discharge into Cool Creek via unnamed tributaries. Questions or comments concerning the CSGP should be directed to David Duncan of Lochmueller Group, Inc., 6200 Vogel Rd, Evansville, IN 47715. R7955 5/12/26, 5/18/26

## Meeting Notices

The Cicero Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, May 13, 2026, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.

The Jackson Township Merit Commission will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. A live stream of the meeting will be available at [youtube.com/CityofNoblesville](http://youtube.com/CityofNoblesville).

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(6) Discussion of Personnel Compensation; IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(B) Discussion of Pending Litigation; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(B) Discussion of Pending Litigation. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion at Morse Park & Beach, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board Meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2026, has been relocated to Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 State Road 32, Zionsville, in the Main Hangar Jet Access Conference Room.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2026. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(D)(i). For discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction including a purchase. The regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. A live stream of the meeting will be available at [youtube.com/CityofNoblesville](http://youtube.com/CityofNoblesville) and also streamed at [youtube.com/HamiltonCountyTelevision](http://youtube.com/HamiltonCountyTelevision).

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at [noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions](http://noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions).

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).

**PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE**

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**Raymond L. Faust**

*December 19, 1950 – May 10, 2026*

Raymond L. Faust, Noblesville, passed away at his home on May 10, 2026. He was 75.



Ray was born on December 19, 1950, to R. Perry Faust and Rosemary B. Faust. He graduated from Noblesville High School in 1969 and from Indiana University in 1973. He went on to earn his law degree from the Indiana University School of Law in 1976 and practiced law until his retirement in 2023.

Throughout his 47-year legal career, Ray tried more than 30 jury trials and represented clients before Indiana trial, appellate, and Supreme Courts, as well as the United States District Courts and Courts of Appeals. In 2008, he served as amicus counsel before the United States Supreme Court.

Ray was an avid supporter of the Hamilton County Sertoma Club and the Indianapolis Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. A person of deep faith, he was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville, where he served as an elder and a deacon.

Above all, Ray cherished time spent with his family and enjoyed working on small projects at his family's farm in Madison County.

He is survived by his wife of more than 47 years, Sherry L. (Whitesell) Faust; his brother, Richard P. Faust; his son, R. Daniel Faust; his daughter-in-law, Jenna M. (Calisto) Faust; his grandchildren, Luci B. Deichman, Vera L. Deichman, Asher R. Faust, and Fitch A. Faust; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m., with services at 4 p.m., on Sunday, May 17, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research ([give.michaeljfox.org](http://give.michaeljfox.org)); or First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville ([fpc-noblesville.org](http://fpc-noblesville.org)); or the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic ([nclegalclinic.org](http://nclegalclinic.org)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Edward L. Dawson**

*August 13, 1964 – April 26, 2026*

Edward L. Dawson was born in Beech Grove, Ind., to Thomas and Donna Dawson on August 13, 1964. He passed away April 26, 2026, at home surrounded by family after a brief but fierce battle with ALS that baffled doctors for over five months and was not officially diagnosed until five days before his passing.



Ed graduated from Perry Meridian High School in 1982, where he was a scrappy, enthusiastic, skilled wrestler. His love for and participation in many sports continued throughout his life.

Ed obtained a Bachelor of Science in Business from Indiana University in Indianapolis, working his way through school and sacrificing much to earn his degree. Ed was baptized into Christ in 1983 and made Jesus the Lord of his life, which was evident for all of his days.

In 1987 Ed married Nancy Bailey, and they began their adventure together. Their daughters Lindsay Heigerick and Erica Chacon have been a constant source of joy in their lives. Ed was so happy to finally be able to talk all things sports when his sons-in-law joined the family, and he loved them deeply. He absolutely adored his three grandsons and was grieved that he would be leaving them too soon.

Ed and Nancy served in the full-time ministry for 37 years in the International Churches of Christ. During their years in the ministry, they served in Indianapolis, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Chicago. They also loved working with the European Missions Society, with a special focus in Ukraine.

After retiring from ministry in 2024, Ed used his entrepreneurial mind to focus on his own business-selling aerospace engineering and precision industrial tooling. He and Nancy were planning to move to Georgia May 1st to live near their children, but God had other plans.

We are grateful for the amazing life Ed lived, dedicated to Jesus as Lord in everything. We are so thankful for the depth of his love, for his fun-loving spirit and humor, for his uncompromising conviction with the Bible as his standard above all else, and for the legacy of wisdom and love that he has left us. Ed excelled at bringing people into his life and loving people deeply. He will be greatly missed. Though we wish we could have had many more years of life together, we are surrendered and know that God loves us all more than we can fathom.

Ed is survived by his wife Nancy, who is so thankful for the wonderful life they built together for 38 years, and his two amazing daughters, Lindsay (Sam) Heigerick of Woodstock, Ga., and Erica (Peter) Chacon of Atlanta, Ga. Ed delighted in his family, and especially his three grandsons, Nolan Heigerick (6), Liam Heigerick (3), and Crews Chacon (4 months). Ed is also survived by his two sisters, Deborah (Mark Gilpin) Dawson and Tina (Ted) Alexander. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Dawson, his mother, Donna Dawson, and his brother, Glenn Brown (Janet).

A celebration of Ed's life and legacy will be held Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Zionsville Community High School in Zionsville. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m., and you may enter through Door 1. We would love for you to join us as we remember all that God has done throughout Ed's life and reflect on the faith and love he wholeheartedly lived out.

Due to venue logistics, we kindly ask that you please do not send or bring flowers or plants to the Celebration of Life. Your love is gift enough!

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**BALAAAM'S SECOND MESSAGE**

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

*"No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel.*

*The Lord their God is with them; the shout of the King is among them.*

*God brought them out of Egypt; they have the strength of a wild ox.*

*There is no divination against Jacob, no evil omens against Israel.*

*It will now be said of Jacob and of Israel, "See what God has done!"*

*The people rise like a lioness; they rouse themselves like a lion that does not rest till it devours its prey and drinks the blood of its victims."*

*Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all nor bless them at all!"*

*Balaam answered, "Did I not tell you I must do whatever the Lord says?"*

**BALAAAM'S THIRD MESSAGE**

*Then Balak said to Balaam, "Come, let me take you to another place. Perhaps it will please God to let you curse them for me from there." And Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, overlooking the wasteland.*

*Balaam said, "Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me." Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.*

*Numbers 23:21-30 (NIV)*

**Donald Boles**

*November 21, 1941 – May 10, 2026*

Donald Boles, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at his home. He was born on November 21, 1941, to Roscoe and Janie (Coston) Boles in Crab Orchard, Tenn.



Don worked as a carpenter. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing and camping. Don also loved music, especially bluegrass and old country.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Boles; daughter, Lisa (Craig) Louks; grandchildren, Nicole (Troy) Furst, Justin (Beth) Davis, Keegan (Jon) Hall, Ty Louks, Maxine (Josh) Boles, Grant Boles, Adam Staton, Heather (Phil) Matthews, and Chase Jones; 18 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Joyce Poe.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his children, Donna Davis and Chris Boles; sisters, Nettie Sue Eadens, Rita J. Boles, Louise Spures, Helen Wheeler, and Fay Cloud; and his brothers, Arnold Boles and Gary Boles.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Dr. Richard Schenck will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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## Boys Golf

# Royals soar to Spring Preview sweep

## Southeastern easily wins team title, Upchurch is medalist

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – In the latest Indiana golf coaches poll, Hamilton Southeastern is ranked fourth and received one first-place vote.

The Royals might be getting a few more first-place votes in the next poll after what they did on Saturday, May 9. What did they do? Oh, just win the loaded Spring Preview at Prairie View Golf Course in Carmel, the site of the IHSAA state finals.

Southeastern finished with a team score of 295, comfortably ahead of runner-up Homestead's 308. The Royals had the meet medalist in Mattingly Upchurch and placed two other golfers in the top 10.

Coach David Young admitted that some his players got off to a rough start on the first couple holes, but credited them with righting the ship, saying they "hung in there. They were able to listen, refocus, lock it in and really finish pretty strong."

Upchurch was the only player to finish under par for the event, scoring a three-under 69. Upchurch overcame a tough start, as he was two over after his

first four holes.

"I was pretty flustered," said Upchurch. "I just re-gathered myself and made a good birdie on 11 and that's when things got going."

The senior Upchurch, who is committed to Ball State, claimed his fourth medalist victory in recent weeks. He won the Danville Invitational at Twin Bridges and the Spring Showcase at Sultan's Run in Jasper, then added a victory at a three-team event with Noblesville and Zionsville at Broadmoor Country Club.

"It's my senior season, I've got two weeks left of [high] school," said Upchurch. "We're just having fun. We're just enjoying the last couple weeks of high school. I think it's really been translating to the golf course."

Dane Starnes scored 73, which put him in a tie for second place; he finished fourth individually on a tiebreaker. Brody Colburn scored 75, tying him for ninth place.

Carmel placed third as a team with 309. Alex Gardner and Noah Johnson each scored 76 to lead the Greyhounds.

Westfield scored 320 to place eighth. Hudson Kutchma's 75 earned him



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**The Hamilton Southeastern boys golf team won the Spring Preview Saturday, May 9 at Prairie View Golf Course in Carmel. The Royals scored 295 and had three golfers in the top 10, including medalist Mattingly Upchurch.**

a spot in the ninth-place tie. Noblesville finished ninth with a score of 322. JT Kelley led the Millers with 77.

**Team scores:** Hamilton Southeastern 295, Homestead 308, Carmel 309, Castle 310, Elkhart, 311, Center Grove 314, South Bend St. Joseph

320, Westfield 320, Noblesville 322, Zionsville 324, Bishop Dwenger 324, Leo 327, Cathedral 328, Bloomington South 330, Franklin Community 332, Lake Central 341, Floyd Central 356, Evansville North 358.

**Medalist:** Mattingly Upchurch (HSE) 35-34=69.  
**Other Southeastern**

**scores:** Dane Starnes 34-39=73, Brody Colburn 39-36=75, Blake Babb 40-38=78, Ben Miller 40-42=82.

**Carmel scores:** Noah Johnson 37-39=76, Alex Gardner 37-39=76, Preston Roberts 39-39=78, Patrick Wolf 37-42=79, Ben Wilson 39-42=81.  
**Westfield scores:** Hudson

Kutchma 37-38=75, Keaton Knott 36-43=79, Ryan Cesare 43-39=82, Mitchell Keene 42-42=84, Brayden Worthington 41-45=86.

**Noblesville scores:** JT Kelley 37-40=77, Tyler Marucci 42-38=80, Jackson Mahan 42-40=82, Vaughn Twilla 43-40=83, Dalen Rippey 40-47=87.

## Girls Tennis

# Golden Eagles, Shamrocks earn conference titles

### The REPORTER

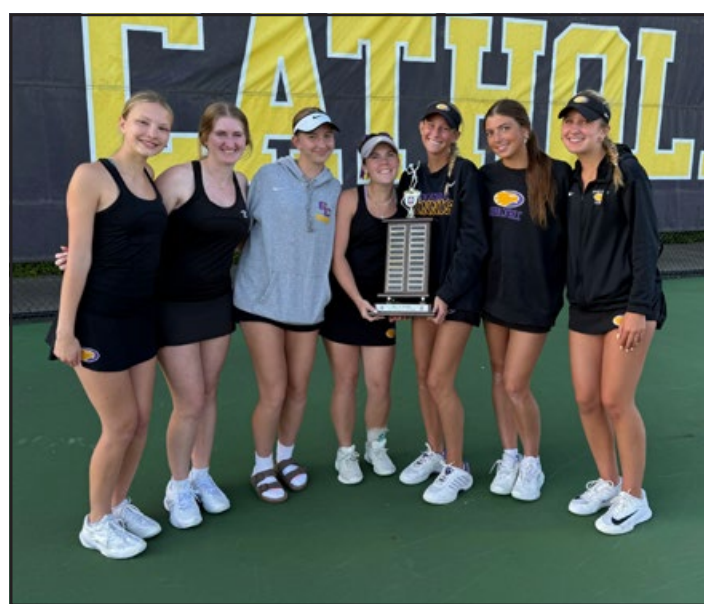
The Guerin Catholic and Westfield girls tennis teams are conference champions in their respective leagues.

The No. 1-ranked Golden Eagles clinched the Circle City Conference trophy with a 4-1 dual-meet victory over Bishop Chatard on Monday. Guerin Catholic won both doubles and the Nos. 2 and 3 singles matches.

Freshman Emily Paman won No. 2 singles 6-0, 6-2, while No. 3 singles Anna Kolb scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout. The doubles were also quick matches: No. 1 Katie Kolb and Abby Quigley won 6-3, 6-1 and No. 2 Grace Docktor and Maddy Hood were 6-1, 6-2 winners. No. 1 singles Cece Phillips dropped her match 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Westfield triumphed at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference tournament, which finished Saturday, May 9 at Avon.

The Shamrocks, who are tied for ninth in this week's coaches poll, won four of the five flights to score 39 points. All of the winners were named to the All-Conference team: No. 1 singles Isla Harvey, No. 2 singles Sloane Seyferth, No. 1 doubles Jenna Berry and Bella Rivera and No. 3



**(ABOVE LEFT) The Guerin Catholic girls tennis team beat Bishop Chatard 4-1 on Monday, clinching the Circle City Conference title for the No. 1-ranked Golden Eagles. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Westfield girls tennis team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference tournament on Saturday, May 9. The Shamrocks placed first in four of the five flights.**

singles Kendall Omer and Rayna Roy.

Zionsville placed second with 31 points, followed by third-place, No. 14-ranked Fishers with 30 points. The Tigers' Addie Sharpe won at No. 3 singles and placed her on the All-Conference team.

Fishers' No. 1 singles Allison Briggs and No. 2 Ryan Bell took second in their respective flights, also earning them All-Conference honors.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 27, tied for fourth with Brownsburg. Both teams scored 24

points. Kaitlyn Kelly placed third at No. 2 singles, while Ella Tappendorf took third at No. 3 singles.

Noblesville finished in eighth place as a team, scoring 5 points.

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Westfield won a 6-1 dual meet over Plainfield on Monday.

Harvey won at No. 1 singles 6-1, 6-0 while Seyferth cruised to a 6-2, 6-0

win at No. 2 singles. Alexis Halliburton fell 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

The Shamrocks swept all four doubles matches. No. 1 Berry and Rivera came back to win 5-7, 6-2,

6-2, No. 2 Kendall Omer and Roy were victorious 6-1, 6-1, No. 3 Emerson Dierkes and Jilly Omer won 6-1, 7-6 (9) and No. 4 Reese Miller and Rebecca Doye were 6-1, 6-2 winners.



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## Girls lacrosse update

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Girls Lacrosse playoffs will feature a Hamilton County quarter-final matchup.

Fourth seed Carmel will host No. 5 Westfield on Saturday morning. The Shamrocks advanced to the quarters with a 17-4 first-round win on Saturday, May

9 over No. 12 Evansville North.

Top seed Guerin Catholic hosts No. 8 Culver Academies on Thursday afternoon. Culver beat No. 9 Hamilton Southeastern 8-6 on Saturday, May 9.

Stats from neither game were not available at press time.

## Baseball

# Hostetler strikes out nine in Miller shutout of Kokomo

### By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

**NOBLESVILLE** – Monday night's meeting with Kokomo at Dunker Field was one that helped the Millers relieve some of the stress of dropping two Hoosier Crossroads Conference games last week.

Noblesville took out their frustrations on the Kokomo Wildkats in five innings, 14-0.

Sophomore Rhet Hostetler couldn't have been more focused on the mound. Making his fourth appearance, Hostetler (2-0) was simply mowing down the visiting hitters. He struck out two in the first, three in the second, another in the third and three more in the fourth for nine total punch outs.

The Millers' bats surely held up to their end of the bargain. Freshman Luke Stevenson led off with a single up the middle. Aiden Reynolds reached on a hard hit grounder to short. Slade Hodges followed up with a walk, loading the bases with no outs. A few hitters later with two down, Jalen Stidham hit a bases-clearing double to right for a 3-0 lead after one.

Noblesville put five more on the board in the second to push it to 8-0. With the bases loaded, Brooks Riggs was hit by a

pitch, sending Martz walking home for 4-0. Next, with the bags still loaded, Jackson Graf drove a long fly ball over the head of Kokomo's centerfielder, emptying the bases and scoring himself for an inside-the-park home run.

Reynolds hit a two-run single to left to make it 10-0. Hodges drove in Stevenson for an 11-0 cushion through three.

The Millers weren't done. Pinch hitter Brady Plunkett got plunked to start off the home half of the fourth. Logan Hash also came off the bench and walked. Plunkett moved to second on a balk, to third on a wild pitch and scored. Stevenson plated the 13th run, scoring pinch runner Eli Hall, when he reached on an error. Pinch hitter Paul Stewart hit a sacrifice fly to left, allowing Blake Riggs to score for the 14-run out.

The Millers were led by Graf (4), Stidham (3) and Reynolds (2) driving in a majority of their runs. Along with Hostetler's nine strikeouts, reliever Ryan Ruse fanned two of the three hitters he faced in the top of the fifth to close out the Wildkats.

Noblesville (14-9, 7-3 HCC) gets back to conference action on Thursday when it hosts the Brownsburg Bulldogs (8-9, 5-5 HCC) at 6:30 p.m.

## High-scoring Royals win twice at Seitz Field

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county game over Hamilton Heights, 16-6 in six innings, Saturday, May 9 at the Royals' Ken Seitz Field.

Jackson Bixler, Parker O'Steen and Cy Cole all had three hits for Southeastern, with Bixler hitting both a triple and a double. O'Steen hit two doubles and Clark Bucher hit one double. O'Steen drove in four runs, while Bucher and Cole each batted in three runs. Bixler scored four runs and Bucher scored three.

A.J. Eikenberry pitched three innings for the win, striking out three. Kaden Scholl struck out three in three innings of relief.

Brennen Heckman got two hits for the Huskies, with Josh Newton smacking a two-run double.

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Southeastern had another offensive explosion Monday, beating the Indianapolis Kings 17-13 at Ken Seitz Field.

O'Steen drove in five runs, all on two home runs. O'Steen blasted a two-run

homer in the fourth inning, then cracked a three-run home run that was part of an eight-run sixth inning. Kian Kelly tripled in two runs during that inning as well; he finished the game with three RBIs.

Cole, Chase Bradle, Bucher, Alex Shepherd and Nick Bach each hit one double. Kelly drove in four runs, with Shepherd batting in three runs. Bucher and O'Steen both scored three runs, while Bradle finished with three hits.

Trey McManama got the pitching win, with two strikeouts in three innings.

The Royals are 17-7 and begin a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series with Westfield Thursday at home.

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Heights dropped a 7-2 game at Mt. Vernon Monday.

The Huskies scored one run in the fifth inning; Andrew Kappes got home on PJ Wright's sacrifice fly. Dillon Pitts singled in Newton for a seventh-inning run.

Heights is 6-12 and hosts McCutcheon Thursday.

## Baseball

# Golden Eagles take two at Catholic Classic

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team won both of its games Saturday, May 9 at an abbreviated Catholic Classic at Lafayette Central Catholic.

The Golden Eagles beat South Bend St. Joseph 4-1 in their first game. Guerin Catholic scored its first run in the fifth inning when Nolan Ratcliff batted in Liam Zorger.

Zorger hit a one-out double in the seventh inning then moved to third base on a Ratcliff single. Everyone went home on the next at-bat: Ian Taylor smacked a three-run home run.

Karson Smith also hit a double. Tate Troxell pitched 6.2 innings, striking out 12 and allowing two hits. Tyler Larsh got the final out in the seventh inning.

The Golden Eagles took care of the host LCC Knights 12-1 in their second game, scoring five runs in the sixth inning to get the run-rule victory.

Taylor led off the fifth-inning with a center field homer. Ratcliff, Smith and Jackson Baker all hit a double, with Smith totaling three RBIs. Taylor drove in two runs and scored three.

Harrison Haq went four innings for the win, striking out 10 and allowing one hit.

Guerin Catholic is 17-2-1 and plays Wednesday at Lapel.

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Westfield came from be-

hind to win a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game 6-4 Monday at Zionsville.

The Eagles scored a run in the third inning, but the Shamrocks tied things up in the fourth inning when Gavin Russ doubled in Aiden Grabowski.

Both teams added three runs in the fifth inning. Beck Jordan batted in Kasen Jessup, then Grabowski hit a two-RBI single to bring in Andrew Noble and Jordan.

Westfield pulled ahead 5-4 in the sixth inning when Nick Fero smacked a lead-off home run. Noble then doubled Gabe Garcia home for the Rocks' sixth run.

Grabowski also hit a double. James Kovacz pitched 2.2 innings for the win.

Westfield is 6-4 in HCC play and 11-8-1 overall. The Shamrocks host Columbus North tonight.

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Fishers cruised to a 10-0, six-inning home win over Lafayette Jefferson Monday.

The Tigers were in control from the start, scoring five runs in the first inning. David Pina totaled two RBIs, with Vincent Pecoraro and Connor Hackworth both scoring two runs. Owen Lukac pitched two innings for the win.

Fishers is 11-12 and hosts Franklin Central on Thursday to begin an HCC series.



Photo by Joshua Herd

**Fishers' Sean Frey scored a run during the Tigers' win over Lafayette Jefferson Monday.**

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Carmel split a doubleheader with Brownsburg Saturday, May 9 at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds dropped the first game 7-2. Mark Neels scored a second-inning run on Luke Bryant's RBI groundout, then Jackson Harris added a sixth-inning run by getting home on a passed ball.

Bryant hit one double. Cam Carmichael threw five strikeouts in 5.2 innings.

Carmel triumphed 4-3 in the second game. The Bulldogs led 2-0 before the Hounds got on the board in the fifth inning when John Zangrilli singled in Charlie

Ranek, who had gotten on base with a double.

Brownsburg added a run in the top of the sixth to lead 3-1, but Carmel surged ahead by putting up three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Neels singled in Nate Steele, then Bryant batted in Adam Fouts for the tying run. Jackson Treadway stole home plate to give the Greyhounds the lead.

Zangrilli hit a triple, while Steele also hit a double. Zangrilli, Steele and Neels all had two hits. Eli Wier pitched six innings for the win, striking out four.

Carmel is 7-12 and plays at Mooresville on Thursday.

# HSE completes sweep of Noblesville to tie atop HCC

### By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

There's always the pressure of leading the Hoosier Crossroads Conference baseball standings and keeping the lead throughout the league slate.

Heading into the series, Noblesville had a two-game lead on Hamilton Southeastern and soon, the two were tied atop the HCC. On Thursday, May 7, the Royals stole the first game 5-2 at Dunker Field and then swept the series on Satur-

day, May 9 at Ken Seitz Field, 7-5.

The Millers got on the board first. Aiden Reynolds belted a solo home run to center for a 1-0 edge in the top of the first.

The Royals countered in the bottom. Cy Cole doubled to left, scoring Jackson Bixler for the 1-1 tie.

Noblesville grabbed a 2-1 lead in the third when Slade Hodges drove in Reynolds.

Cy Cole was at it again, tying it 2-2. Cole's base hit to center sent Clark Bucher

home.

Southeastern opened up the game in the home half of the fourth. Nick Bach and Kian Kelly had back-to-back singles. Bixler drove in Bach on a liner to center to make it 3-2.

Bucher followed with his own hit to left, scoring Kelly for the two-run advantage of 4-2. Parker O'Steen kept it going with a two-run single to go up 6-2.

O'Steen scored to finish out the HSE scoring (7-2) on Alex Shepherd's fielder's choice.

Noblesville had one last ditch push in the top of the seventh. Chris Martz and Ethan Clark both walked with one out. Aiden Reynolds hit his second home run of the game, a three-run bomb, driving in Martz and Clark for the final of 7-5.

Reynolds drove in four with his two roundtrippers and scored three runs. Hodges also had two hits.

The Royals tallied 11 hits as a team. Cole led with a 3-for-3 day and two RBIs. Bucher and O'Steen both had two hits.

# WISH-TV Athletes of the week: Westfield boys golf

### By CHARLES HUIRAS

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Westfield boys' golf is looking to build off of last year's state championship, and the senior trio of Ryan Cesare, Mitchell Keene, and Hudson Kutchma all lead the Shamrocks.

Westfield has built one of the most successful golf programs in the state. The Rocks had finished as state runners-up in the three years before last season's championship.

Not only did the Shamrocks win last year's state title, but Westfield won in record fashion. The Rocks totaled both the lowest overall team score and the largest margin of victory in state finals history.

The Rocks are currently ranked as the third-best team in the state, and Cesare has enjoyed every second of being a part of Westfield's golf program.

"It's unreal," Cesare said. "Just looking back on all the great memories

we've had as a team and all the success that starts with the coach, Coach Bryant. All the credit goes to him, and the program that he's built is something special. I'm excited for what's to come with the rest of the season."

To reach the IHSAA boys' golf state championship in four consecutive years, team camaraderie plays a big part. Cesare shared the bond his teammates and he have created over the years.

"We've got some great leaders on the team, seniors, just growing up together," Cesare said. "I think it just starts from there, it's just the bond of the team. We can pass it down to the younger freshmen and the younger underclassmen on the team."

Senior leader Hudson Kutchma also added how special the team's chemistry is.

"Team chemistry is really, really good," Kutchma said. "I think it's one



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

**The Westfield boys golf team credits team camaraderie with its success over the past few years, including last season's state championship.**

of the best in the state. The younger guys really look up towards us, which we all want. We just kind of do our own thing. The freshmen and sophomores kind of just follow what we do."

Other Westfield senior Mitchell Keene shared how the team's experience can play a role in making another deep postseason run.

"All of our games are starting to come together really nice," Keene said. "We have a lot of experience, and a lot of us have

already played in state. It helps us to know that no tournament's too big. We can always come out there and play good. The pressure, we don't really have to deal with it, because we've felt it before."

Westfield's sectional begins on June 8 in Lebanon, Indiana, at Ulen Country Club.

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# Full stop.

Softball

# Fast start leads Tigers to victory

**The REPORTER**

Fishers started fast on Monday and that led the host Tigers to a 7-5 all-county win over Carmel.

Fishers began with three runs in the first inning. Frankie Jackson singled in Cate Summerfield and Kennedy Shockley for the Tigers' first two runs, then Adrienne Cook stole home plate. Saylor Roberts tripled in Summerfield for a second-inning run, giving Fishers a 4-0 lead.

The Greyhounds got on the board in the third inning. Riley Petrites led off with a double, then Jayden Kleiner doubled her home before scoring herself on an error.

Carmel tied the game in the top of the fifth inning. Kleiner got home on Chloe Junkersfeld's RBI groundout, then Winni Owens singled in Ellie Goddard. But Fishers got the lead back right away in the bottom of the fifth: Cook slammed a three-run home run, also scoring Summerfield and Shockley.

The Hounds scored one more run in the sixth inning. Megan Pike got home on Kleiner's RBI fielder's choice.

Summerfield, Shockley, Cook and Jackson all totaled two hits. Joni Oliver got the pitching win.

Kleiner had two doubles

during a 3-for-4 night. Owens had two hits. Chelsea Bennett struck out four in 5.1 innings.

Fishers is 14-6 and plays at Franklin Central tonight in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. Carmel is 10-11 and hosts Oak Hill Friday in a varsity-only game.

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Sheridan used a late rally to win a 7-6 home Hoosier Heartland Conference game over Tri-Central on Monday.

The Trojans scored a run in the first inning. The Blackhawks got on the board with two runs in the second inning. Ellie Eaton doubled in Anna Rusk, then Amiyah Doss batted in Eaton.

Tri-Central tied the game in the fourth inning, then took a 3-2 lead in the top of the fifth. Makenzy Terry led off the fifth inning with a triple and scored on Rusk's RBI groundout, tying the contest at 3-3.

The Trojans put up three runs in the top of the sixth, but Sheridan answered again, scoring four in the bottom of the inning. Doss doubled in Abby Dallas, then Hayleigh Kemp smacked a two-run double to score Doss and Adria Jump. Kemp later scored on a wild pitch. The Hawks clinched the game with a three-up, three-down sev-

enth inning. Doss had a perfect night, hitting 4-for-4. Eaton and Dallas both had two hits. Starting pitcher Jump threw seven strikeouts in five innings, while Norah Adams pitched the last two innings and got the win.

The Hawks are 2-3 in the conference and 3-9 overall. Sheridan travels to Eastern on Wednesday to continue HHC play.

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Noblesville lost a 5-3 game Monday at Yorktown. Reese Newsom hit a

Hamilton Southeast-

ern dropped an eight-inning home HCC game to Brownsburg 4-1 on Monday. The game was scoreless after the regulation seven innings, so all of the runs were scored in the eighth. Jaleah McCarter doubled in Lilly Palmer for the Royals' run.

McCarter was 3-for-4 at the plate. Palmer also hit a double. Grace Swedarsky pitched all eight innings, striking out 12.

Southeastern is 3-2 in the conference and 14-4 overall. The Royals continue HCC play tonight at

Westfield.

Photos by Joshua Herd



(ABOVE LEFT) Bella Balbo was the starting pitcher for Fishers during its 7-5 win over Carmel on Monday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Chelsea Bennett threw four strikeouts.

## Christian Lundgaard wins Sonsio Grand Prix



Photos by Joshua Herd

Christian Lundgaard won the Sonsio Grand Prix Saturday, May 9 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. The victory was his first in nearly three years, breaking a 47-race winless drought. Lundgaard drove his Arrow McLaren Chevrolet to his second career victory by 4.6713 seconds over David Malukas. Graham Rahal finished in third place.

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# Noblesville's Noah Melton commits to Grace College

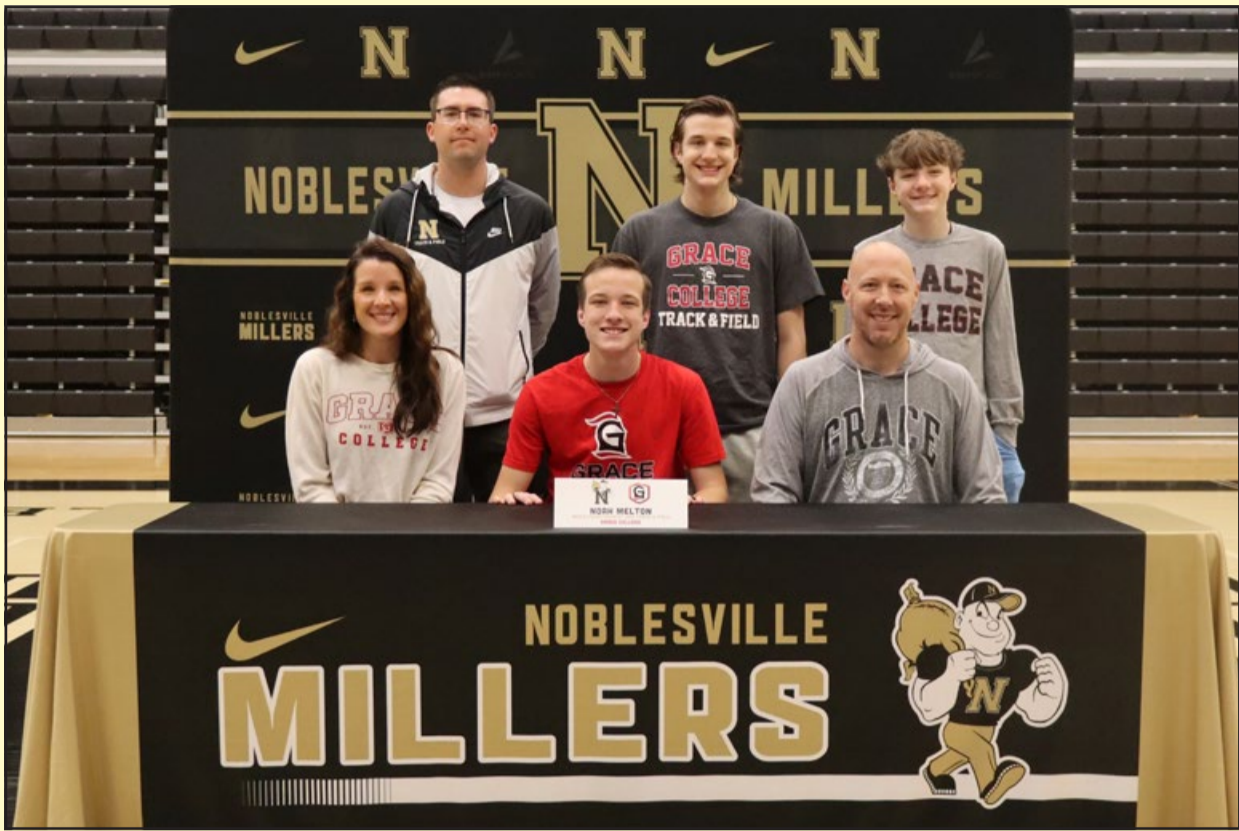


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Noah Melton has committed to the Grace College cross country and track & field teams. (Front row, from left) Lacey Melton (mother), Noah Melton, and Joshua Melton (father). (Back row, from left) Jake Freske (Noblesville Boys Track & Field Head Coach), Jude Melton (brother), and Amos Melton (brother).

# Noblesville's Jackson Mahan commits to Wabash College



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics  
Jackson Mahan has committed to play golf at Wabash College. (Front row from left) Rebekah Mahan (mother), Jackson Mahan, Ben Mahan (father). (Back row) Gary Deakyne (Noblesville Boys Golf Head Coach).

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, May 12

### BASEBALL

Columbus North at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Pioneer Conference championship  
Park Tudor at University, 5:30 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5:30 p.m.

### GOLF

Westfield vs. Tipton, 3 p.m. at Tipton Municipal GC  
Carmel vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 3:15 p.m. at Prairie View  
Hamilton Heights vs. Elwood and Speedway, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

### SOFTBALL

Fishers at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Logansport at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.

### TENNIS

Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
University at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Girls county meet, 6 p.m. at Carmel

### UNIFIED TRACK

Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 13

### BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Lapel, 5:30 p.m.  
Sheridan at Eastern, 6 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Cathedral at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Center Grove, 6 p.m.  
Franklin Community at Fishers, 7 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Detroit Brother Rice, 7 p.m.  
Carmel at Culver Academies, 8 p.m.

### GOLF

Guerin Catholic vs. Noblesville (with Zionsville), 4:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Pike, 5:30 p.m.  
Roncalli at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.  
Fishers at New Palestine, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Logansport, 6 p.m.  
Sheridan at Eastern, 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 5 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 5 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.  
University at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Sheridan, University at Lapel, 5 p.m.

### UNIFIED TRACK

County meet, 5 p.m. at Carmel

### VOLLEYBALL

Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern  
Kokomo vs. Westfield, 6 p.m.  
Noblesville vs. Peru, 7:30 p.m.  
Sectional 9 at Pike  
University vs. Park Tudor, 5:30 p.m.  
Brebeuf Jesuit vs. North Central, 7 p.m.

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