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TODAY'S WEATHER

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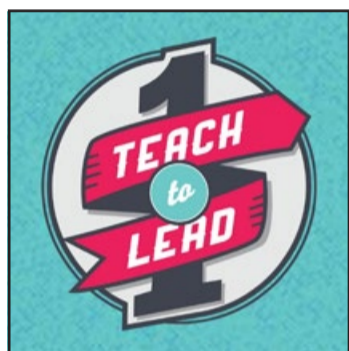
## Derek Arrowood presented with Ida Award from T1L1

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood has been presented with the Ida Yaney Overholser Award for his work with the Central Indiana chapter of Teach One to Lead One (T1L1).

The Ida Award is an annual award given to a person who has worked behind the scenes to help children overcome obstacles and become leaders through T1L1 mentoring. Hamilton Heights School Corporation is the first school system in Indiana to host a T1L1 mentoring group. He is also one of the original volunteer mentors from 2019 and continues to mentor students each week.

Since its inception, the Central Indiana T1L1 program has grown from one school serving 26 students into seven school districts serving 1,698 students across central Indiana. The Ida Award recognizes the significance of community partners who have impacted



the lives of students.

Ida Yaney Overholser was born in Indiana in 1885. Although she experienced heart-breaking loss and tragedy during her lifetime, she overcame these obstacles and taught others to do the same. In her 100 years, she served as a caregiver to people in need and a comforter to those who had experienced great loss in life, as she had. The Ida Award honors her legacy to bestow grace and kindness to people in need.

For more information on Teach One to Lead One, go to [T1L1.org](http://T1L1.org).



Photo provided

Dr. Derek Arrowood holds the 2026 Ida Award for his service to children.

## The great outdoors

This past Mother's Day weekend in Noblesville was a stunner. To me, it was the perfect weather. This brings joy to so many people, including me.

Being outdoors is the thing that can snap me out of my darkest place. It is instantaneous. Hearing the birds singing and feeling a breeze on my skin calms my nervous system in a heartbeat. Anyone else?

There are things that I enjoy about the cooler months in Indiana, such as the slower pace, but that gets daunting after a few weeks.

Summer comes with more physical demands. Lawns need mowing, flowers planted, watered and many things in between.

Each year, I feel an uncomfortable guilt as I watch my husband do most of our yard work and outdoor chores. I find myself overcompensating and desperately searching for that often-hidden self-worth.

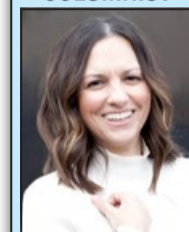
Luckily, yard work is a true passion of his, so that helps to curb my feelings of guilt. He assures me it is exactly what he wants to do in his spare time on the weekends. Gone are the days of the tug of war between kids sporting events and getting all the things done at home.

A goal each year is to plant my pots around the yard. Up until this year, I was able to do most of that independently. This year, I am grateful I was still able to do a small plant shopping trip on my own. I felt victorious as I made it back to my car that day with my small haul of colorful plants.

These days, most solo trips out and about are built on a hope and a prayer. Precious independence slipping away much faster than I can even begin to process it. Those feelings are proving to be much more painful than I could have ever imagined. I am constantly humbled.

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### COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN  
Disability in the City

## Carmel's own Allison Shen wins \$1,000 Youth Service Award scholarship

### The REPORTER

Carmel High School senior Allison Shen was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship at the 34th annual Hamilton County Youth Service Award on Monday, May 11. The Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO) sponsored the award.

Shen is the founder of Infinity Squared Mathematics, a global nonprofit that provides resources and mentorship to underserved students. She is

also an adjunct research associate with the Indiana University Department of Biostatistics where she contributes to research on diabetes and Alzheimer's. On top of that, Shen is also president of the school's Math and Chemistry Clubs and a student representative for Riley Children's Hospital Dance Marathon.

Six additional students were nominated for the Youth Service Award by their school departments.

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Allison Shen with Commissioners Christine Altman, Mark Heirbrandt, and Steve Dillinger.

## Few SNAFUs prove Hamilton County's elections work well

Too often the news only has stories that report on things that went wrong. This is a good news story.

The primary election this year had few snafus. There are 234 precincts in Hamilton County. While not every precinct has its own individual polling place, the number of locations needed and the number of poll workers required to run an election always present a challenge. Beth Sheller, our elections administrator, and Kathy Williams, the County Clerk, did a remarkable job of supervising a near flawless election.

Oh, there were the normal snafus. One worker tried to plug the machine in the wrong outlet. That was quickly corrected by a call to one of our capable technicians. One voter picked a ballot and mid-stream wanted to change ballots. They became frustrated when they were not permitted to do so. One lady did not want to give her name, and another did not want to have to choose which ballot she was going to vote.

All minor issues. Most importantly, the high-class tones set in a prior election between Judges Murphy and Gookins continued. The numerous judicial candidates were cordial, collegial, and without complaints to the Election Board, with only one exception: candidate Swenson was challenged on the use of a symbol that appeared to be close to a prohibited military insignia used to highlight her service as a veteran. When challenged, she produced a license for its use and promptly put stickers over signs to mitigate any appearance of impropriety.

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### COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER  
Ask Adler

## Noblesville Schools earns national STEM recognition for ninth consecutive year

### Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools announced Monday, May 11 that it has been recognized nationally with honors in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for the ninth consecutive year.

The district has been named a 2026 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished District for providing broad access to transformative STEM learning opportunities for students and all 10 of the district's schools were also recognized as individual Distinguished Schools.

Noblesville Schools is one of only 88 school districts in the nation to receive the honor, putting them in an elite, top 1 percent group nationally.

In addition to dozens of traditional math and science courses, Noblesville Schools offers 17 different PLTW courses across all grade levels with students exploring robotics, biomedical, cyberse-



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curity, engineering, construction, energy, weather, and much more.

The Distinguished recognition honors schools committed to increasing student

access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW STEM programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses

and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the content and ongoing continuation in the programming.

# Bringing comfort to SHEN — those in mourning

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**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office thanks Sandy Metzger and the Mudsock Quilters Guild for their generous donation of 43 handmade quilts to support Coroner Jeff Jellison's Quilt Program.

Jellison is asking the community to donate quilts for the deceased.

"The death of a loved one is traumatic," he said. "Many times the morgue is the last place a family member will see their loved one. The white sheet and stainless steel environment is not the most pleasant experience."

Jellison said he hopes replacing the traditional white sheet with a handmade quilt provided by a community member might soften the experience for grieving families. The quilts will remain with the deceased while in the morgue and will transfer with them to the funeral home for final



Photo provided  
Coroner Jeff Jellison accepts these donated quilts from Sandy Metzger of the Mudsock Quilters Guild.

arrangements. "We are incredibly grateful to Sandy Metzger and the Mudsock Quilters Guild for helping bring dignity, warmth, and care to the families we serve." "These quilts are a meaningful act of compassion and comfort during one of life's most difficult moments," Jellison said.



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(Front row, from left) Molly Sivertsen, Katelyn Bolduc, Allison Shen, and County Councilor Sue Maki. (Middle row, from left) County Councilor Tim Griffin, Norah Stites, Melanee Forrester, Josslyn Lee, and Mason McDonald. (Back row, from left) County Commissioners Christine Altman, Mark Heirbrandt, and Steve Dillinger.

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

will receive a \$300 scholarship. "We're proud to celebrate these outstanding young leaders," HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer said. "Each finalist is making a meaningful difference in their community, and their commitment to service and living drug-free is truly commendable."



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## OUTDOORS

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Saturday came, and I was ready to tackle my part in the yard. I got about three pots in and realized that I did not have the strength to do this on my own this year. I do not give up easily, but it is becoming less of a choice.

Before, I would describe my weakness like trying to move through Jell-O. These days, I would describe it as trying to move through semi-hardened cement.

In the past, I could work and push myself to my absolute breaking point and manage to get most things done in my own way. I felt proud that I could "control"

that and make it happen if I needed to. My depleted body often felt "good" because it served as a reminder that I was capable. Part of me thought I would always be able to do that. *If I work hard enough . . .*

Saturday, I felt angry and disappointed in myself. I did not want to interrupt what my husband was doing to ask for help once again. I spent about an hour stewing over my dilemma and keeping it to myself. Trying to force the words out of my mouth . . . *I need help.*

There is not an easier person on the planet I could ask to help me. He is always willing to help me. He tells me I should ask for help more. He's not wrong.

As with most things, I want to be able to do so much more than I physically can. At the end of the day, there were still several things I could do to help. I always seem to have to wade through the angst to

see the light.

Focusing on what I can do releases me from the grip of failure that I often feel and opens space for new things to come my way that are more manageable.

I am learning that to enjoy life, I must let go of so many "if only" moments. Every day, it is a choice that I must make. Giving myself space and grace is important during times of physical change or loss.

I hope I will always find peace and comfort connecting to the great outdoors.

Until next time . . .  
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## ELECTIONS

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I hope this collegial attitude continues in future elections. Hamilton County has certainly been blessed by the large number of high-quality judicial candidates.

The constant changing of precincts because of growth causes some uncertainty as poll locations sometimes change from year to year. This writer hopes the County Commissioners will start enforcing the law that provides that voting can be held in local schools. Schools typically have sufficient parking, handicapped access, and large rooms to accommodate voters. Schools would provide a more readily identifiable and stable location. While student safety has been a concern in the past, e-learning has likely solved that issue.

Election staff also continue to plan for potential voting centers. They argue that having 30 voting centers spread out among the nine townships would al-

low more poll worker expertise to be available at each location and avoid the problem of last-minute illness or failure to show of election workers. Research is available pro and con on the voting center issue. The debate continues on how to get the most accurate election results in a timely and economical manner.

Hamilton County will have an election this fall. Be sure to check your voter registration and make sure it is up to date. You may need to update voter registration if you change your name or change your address. You can check your status at [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com).

Candidates are urged to beautify Hamilton County by picking up their signs. I urge voters to help in that regard.

*Ray Adler is a longtime attorney with offices at The Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Downtown Noblesville. He is also one of the owners of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.*

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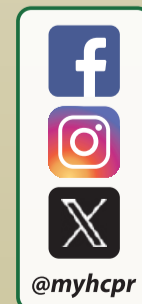
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## TONIGHT: Rep. Spartz to hold telephone town hall

### The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) will host a telephone town hall at 7 p.m. tonight, May 13, to take live questions from constituents across the 5th District.

Constituents may join the call by signing up at [this link](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact Rep. Spartz's Noblesville office at (317) 848-0201.



Spartz

# IU Kokomo pinning ceremony honors nursing & OTA graduates

### The REPORTER

Indiana University Kokomo's School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions (SNAHP) honored its 2026 graduates at its traditional pinning ceremony on May 6 in Havens Auditorium.

Nine students earned the Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences, along with one receiving a Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science and 43 earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Jennifer Negron, lecturer of occupational therapy, welcomed the graduating class, family, friends, faculty, and staff to the celebration of a significant milestone, recognizing the dedication, perseverance,



Photo provided by IU Kokomo

and remarkable achievements of those who committed themselves to the pursuit of healthcare excellence.

"As they embark on their professional journeys, we acknowledge the profound impact they will have on the lives of countless patients and communities," Negron said. "Let's take this moment to applaud their hard work, resilience, and unwavering commitment to making a difference."

She encouraged the graduates to wear their professional pins with pride, as a reminder of their commitment to excellence, and of the profound impact they will have on the lives of their patients and their families.

Dean Angela Opsahl congratulated the graduates on behalf of the faculty and staff, saying it takes a strong, dedicated, and compassionate individual to enter the healthcare workforce.

"Today, as we celebrate your pinning ceremony, we are not just acknowledging the completion of education and training; we are also recognizing the dedication of each graduate and their professional journey," Opsahl said. "The pinning ceremony symbolizes the transition from student to professional, with the trust and responsibility that society places in them. It is a reminder of our oath to provide compassionate and ethical care to all patients."

Christina Douglas, clinical assistant professor and OTA program director, said for OTA students, the pin signifies their commitment

to the core principles of occupational therapy: empowering individuals to engage in the everyday activities that bring purpose and joy to their lives.

"It embodies the hard work, compassion, and creativity you have demonstrated in learning how to use occupations, from self-care and play to work and leisure, as powerful tools for recovery and growth," Douglas said. "You are now equipped to help your clients live their fullest and most functional lives."

Makayla Clark led the Occupational Therapy Assistant Pledge and Creed, while Makenna Leicht led nursing students in the Nursing Pledge.

BSN graduate Ally Kuns said the pinning ceremony symbolizes the completion of professional programs, and an official initiation into the profession for nursing, rehabilitation sciences, and allied health graduates. She thanked everyone who supported them as they earned their degrees.

"Many of us have chosen this career to help people and make a difference in someone's life," Kuns said. "Our professional programs have helped all of us learn to be competent, compassionate, curious, and confident. But we didn't do this alone. We can thank our professors for passing their knowledge and expertise to us, and a special thank you to our friends and family for their continuous support. These are the people in our

lives who have encouraged us along the way and have helped keep us inspired and dedicated to what we will do in our careers."

### Area students honored

- Veteran honor cords: Dallas Gullion, Noblesville
- Academic honor cords with highest distinction: Makayla Clark, Noblesville
- Academic honor cords with high distinction: Reiley Hiser, Alexandria
- Honors program graduates: Annalissa Brown, Cicero; Karedis Robinson Araujo, Noblesville
- Outstanding student in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program: Reiley Hiser, Alexandria

### Area students pinned

#### Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences

- Alexandria: Reiley Hiser
- Noblesville: Makayla Clark

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Anderson: Emma Perry
  - Cicero: Annalissa Brown, Madison Dotlich
  - Noblesville: Karedis Robinson Araujo, Emma Cowan, Matthew Kado, Alexis Ketring
  - Windfall: Jace Cassidy
- Nursing graduates who participated in Legacy pinning, receiving their pin from a family member who is a registered nurse, are listed with their family member. They include:
- Alexandria: Emily Leever (Cassie Wyatt), Madison Neel (Emily Reith)
  - Lebanon: Electra Curtis (Haley Shirley)

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## Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center among top 5% nationally for patient experience

### Submitted

As the healthcare community celebrates National Hospital Week, Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center, 10580 N. Meridian St., Carmel, announces it has achieved the Healthgrades 2026 Outstanding Patient Experience Award™.

This prestigious distinction places the Heart Center among the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide for patient experience. Notably, this marks the second consecutive year that the facility has received this elite recognition, reinforcing its position as a national leader in cardiovascular care and patient satisfaction.

### Commitment to patient-centric excellence

Healthgrades evaluates patient experience performance by applying a comprehensive methodology to 10 critical patient experience measures, ranging from cleanliness and noise levels to doctor and nurse communication.

"This recognition is a direct reflection of the tireless dedication of our care teams," said Lori Shannon, President of Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center. "To be ranked in the top 5 percent for two straight years proves that our commitment to providing compassionate, personalized care isn't just a goal – it is our culture. As we enter Hospital Week, there is no better way

to celebrate our staff than by acknowledging the profound impact they have on our patients' lives every single day."

### Exceeding national standards

By consistently achieving high scores in patient-reported surveys, Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center continues to outperform national averages in three key areas:

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# Celebrating 250 years of America through music

**The REPORTER**

Music has long brought people together across generations, communities, and cultures.

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, this month's Perfect Harmony® resources celebrate the many voices and musical traditions that help tell the story of our nation. Featuring songs connected to folk, swing, rock 'n' roll, soul, and Latin music, these free resources invite older adults, care partners, families, and music lovers of all ages to explore how music can encourage self-expression and foster meaningful connection.

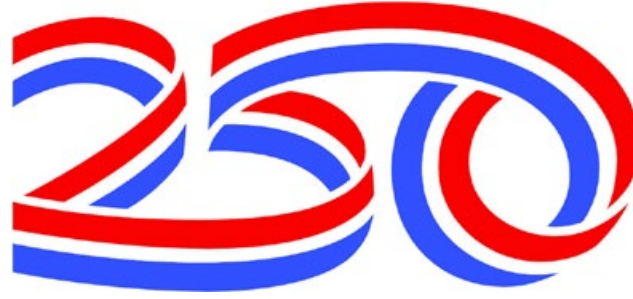
This month's featured songs include Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land," Duke El-



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lington's "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)," the Doobie Brothers' "Listen to the Music," Lionel Richie's "Stuck on You," and the beloved bolero "Contigo en la Distancia."

Click here to view this month's videos.



# When Chariot & charity come together, Westfield benefits

**Submitted**

Chariot Automotive Group recently auctioned off a two-year lease at **The Mayor's Grand Gala** at Westwood Vowery & Estate in Westfield. This year's winner is Megan Wiles of Noblesville.

The Mayor's Grand Gala is an annual night of giving to support the Advancing Westfield Foundation, Westfield Youth Assistance Program, and other local Westfield non-profit organizations. Through these efforts, attendees help provide funding for sustainable support for the vital services that enhance the lives of those in need.

This is the second time Chariot Automotive Group has provided a lease to support donations to this organization. Chariot Automotive Group's owner, Rex Gingerich, is a Westfield resident and proud supporter of the community.

**About Chariot Automotive Group**  
Chariot Automotive



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**Megan Wiles accepts the key for her new lease from Chariot Automotive Group Kokomo Platform Manager Steve Parrott.**

Group is a family-owned automotive dealership network headquartered in Kokomo. Chariot serves the transportation needs of its communities with passion, commitment, and integrity.

Chariot lives by the motto "living to serve," and employees strive to incorporate this into their daily lives. Chariot believes making a lasting impact takes real investment, which is why

they provide their employees and the communities they serve with education, advancement opportunities and philanthropic support. Learn more at [DriveChariot.com](http://DriveChariot.com).

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# WHY THE BIBLE?



# EVIDENCES FOR THE BIBLE



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

## Why is this significant?

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

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# Indiana State Museum partners in 'Dream Big' program to connect students to outer space

## The REPORTER

Educators in central and southwest Indiana have a unique opportunity to connect their students with access to outer space through a new program being offered at the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites' locations.

The program is called Dream Big: STEPS (Scalable Testing of Electronics and Programming by Students) to Space. Created by Indiana-based nonprofit NearSpace Education, the program aims to remove barriers to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education and foster future aerospace innovators and problem solvers. NearSpace Education plans to engage up to 900 Indiana students in fifth through eighth grades through Dream Big Phase II.

The Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis and the Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville were selected as regional partner locations for Dream Big



Photo by Amy Payne

Phase II. By participating as a partner for Dream Big, the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites hopes to ignite students' sense of wonder for STEM careers and foster the next generation of aerospace innovators and problem solvers.

"Building STEM confidence and building pathways for students to see a future

in STEM careers is really important," said Bethany Thomas, the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites' vice president of education and engagement. "We're able to use our connections to help support that and give back to our community by offering this rare experience."

Ahead of the start of Dream Big Phase II this summer, the Indiana State Museum and Angel Mounds are seeking area middle school teachers interested in forming teams of 20 to 30 students. With instruction and materials provided by NearSpace Education and NASA, each teacher will guide their team to learn basic coding skills. Teams will work through spring 2027 to design experiments that align with NASA space

missions and program the experiments onto a pocket-sized computer board called a Micro:Bit.

The teams' Micro:Bits will be loaded onto high-altitude balloons and launched to the edge of space during test flight events next spring at the partner locations. Using data collected through testing, the teams will refine their experiments to produce a final Micro:Bit that will be loaded aboard a NearSpace Launch Spacecraft and sent into Low Earth Orbit on a SpaceX Transporter mission in fall 2027.

Middle school teachers in Indianapolis, Evansville or the surrounding areas interested in participating in Dream Big Phase II can visit [IndianaMuseum.org](http://IndianaMuseum.org) and submit an interest form.

# Steer clear of scammers trying to black-flag your Indy 500 experience

## Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

As race fans try to chase down last-minute bargains on Indy 500 tickets, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning them to take precautions to avoid spinning right into the path of scammers.

"Con artists are getting more sophisticated by the day," AG Rokita said. "Even veteran track-goers should take time to review some basic safeguards before purchasing tickets, paying for parking, or making online reservations. No one wants the big day to arrive only to get turned away because you got duped by a fraudster."

Tickets are available in both digital and paper formats, with digital tickets the recommended, most secure choice. Official paper tickets are printed on thick card-stock material. Many counterfeit passes and tickets appear to be authentic, but Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) staffers are trained to spot fakes.

AG Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams during this year's race activities:

- Remember that if deals sound too good to be true, they usually are.
- Purchase items directly from IMS whenever possible.
- Consider your source. Know the difference be-

tween a professional ticket broker (a legitimate and accredited reseller), a ticket scalper (an unregulated and unlicensed ticket seller), and a scammer selling scam tickets.

• Know the refund policy. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.

• Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.

• Call ahead or confirm hotel reservations directly.

• Check the reviews for the hotel or wherever you're staying.

• Look for warning signs, like prices that seem a little too low or website addresses that seem odd.

• Get email confirmations for all reservations and tickets.

• Be mindful of QR codes, which can be placed by scammers to enable them to gain access to electronic devices.

• Be wary of online accounts that do not use multi-factor authentication.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General to report any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint by visiting [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or by calling 1-800-382-5516.



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# Get ready to cruise into Festival Day

## Parking & transportation information ahead of Indiana Peony Festival

By **KELLY McVEY**  
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Find plenty of parking and transportation options that make attending this year's festival, sponsored by **Smith's Jewelers**, as delightful as the peony blooms themselves.

Exciting news ... we have increased our number of designated parking lots this year! For those who'd rather skip the parking puzzle, our shuttle services will run all day from nearby lots, schools, churches, and community centers. ADA parking will also be available for guests with mobility needs.

### Parking Zone

Sponsored by **Ivy Tech Hamilton County**

One of the most frequently asked questions is "Where should I park?" Thanks to Ivy Tech, our official parking sponsor, we've got you covered. One of the main reasons we love to host the festival in and around Seminary Park is because over 500 parking spots are available nearby. Between downtown street parking, we will also have the following locations to park, including the Noblesville Ivy Tech parking lot.

#### Northside parking lots:

- Levinson's Parking Garage
- Hamilton County Parking Garage

- North Elementary School
- City Hall Employee Lot, **ADA Parking ONLY**
- Noblesville Ivy Tech, available via shuttle
- Noblesville High School North & East Lots, available via shuttle

#### Southside parking lots:

- Mill Church (asking for \$5 donation), available via shuttle
- First Christian Church, available via shuttle
- Grace Life Church, available via shuttle
- Stony Creek Elementary, available via shuttle

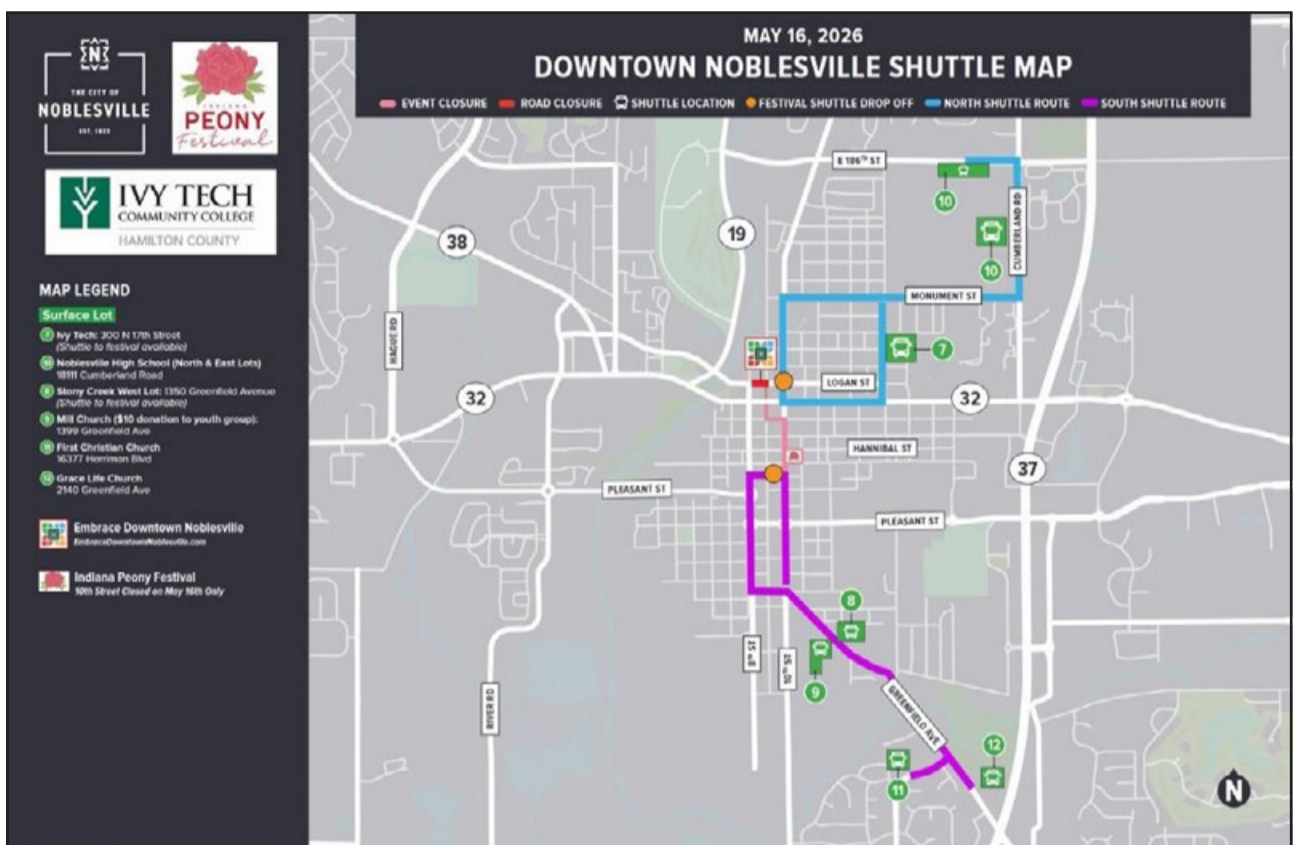
### Transportation Options

Sponsored by **Godby Home Furnishings**

We're also offering free transportation from select parking lots to the festival! Thank you to our transportation sponsor, **Godby Home Furnishings**, we've DOUBLED our bus count, allowing for more attendees to utilize. We will have a Northside shuttle route and a Southside shuttle route. These two bus routes will be running all day long and will pick up and drop off at the following locations near Seminary Park:

The Northside shuttle stop is at 160 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. This route will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Southside shuttle stop is on 9<sup>th</sup> and Mulberry streets, next to Mill Top. This route will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Graphics provided

### See the full vendor list

We have an extensive lineup of categories, so there's something for everyone to shop for.

From stunning florals and captivating art to unique pottery, delicious food and drink, trendy apparel, refreshing cocktails, exquisite jewelry, and more, there's something peony for everyone to enjoy.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of vendors as well as an accompanying map.



## WESTFIELD— INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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

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# Celebrating culture with food & family fun

The local Sikh and Punjabi communities welcomed everyone to the Vaisakhi Festival last Saturday, May 9, at the Carmel Gazebo. Asawari Kaur, a leader in Carmel's Punjabi community, described the festival as a meaningful occasion honoring both the birth of the Khalsa, or a group of Sikhs who embody courage, and the spring harvest. The event included live music and dance, as well as plenty of food vendors. Vaisakhi marks springtime in Punjab, a joyful season of renewal and thanksgiving following winter. This festival was the first of its kind in the Carmel community, and it was organized by residents who now call the city home. (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)



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# Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's April Timesheet

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



MARK HALL  
The Timesheet

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

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

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

In addition to the County Council public meetings, April work included: watching Board of Commissioners', Cicero Town Council, and Noblesville City Council public meetings; a Council Executive Session; meeting with the Hamilton County Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster reviewing his department's annual road-map plan; meeting with the Commissioners' Director of Administration; and attend-

ing the quarterly Cicero Hamilton County update session.

The in-person April Personnel Committee meeting was canceled and replaced with a poll of committee members.

Human Resources requested approval to hire a Benefits Manager at a level above the recommended formula compensation. After analyzing the request, discussing it, and reviewing the candidate's experience as it related to the role, a majority of members voted not to recommend the higher level. That recommendation went to the full council, which approved the lower pay rate, saving several thousand dollars.

The Finance Committee and Insurance Committee did not meet in April. April work included preparing and approving budget instructions for department heads.

With the county's revenue outlook shifting over the next few years – from property tax to local income tax – I am advocating a conservative approach to cost containment. Given the uncertainty, I am inclined to slow the creation of new positions. However, because the state is adding two new courts, we must fund the required staffing. If judicial services designate both as major felony courts, the added staff costs are estimated at \$2.4 million per year.

I also expect the legislature to further revise SEA 1

before we develop the 2028 budget so long-term planning is like trying to nail Jell-O to the wall.

During April I received four constituent service requests and communications.

Again this month, families living near the intersection of Pleasant Street and Cherry Tree Road contacted me regarding the speed limit along Cherry Tree Road and its intersection with the new Pleasant Street Parkway. This month the speed limit was lowered to 35 mph along Cherry Tree Road from 171<sup>st</sup> Street to Pleasant Street. This is a direct result of multiple families reporting concerns, working with local elected officials, a highway department that conducted testing and then recommending to the Board of Commissioners that the speed be reduced, and they took action to do so. Two of the families wrote thank-you notes for the change with one family reminding me that road repair remains an outstanding issue. I spoke with the Highway Department Director Brad Davis and was encouraged to learn that this stretch of road is on the list of future repairs. Stay tuned.

Another request concerned down utility lines in Jackson Township. After some research, the constituent was connected to the local authorities with zoning and planning jurisdiction over the area to resolve the issue with the responsible utility company.

A third request arrived from the daughter of an elderly Cicero couple whose

yard was left in disarray from a county construction project. After research and speaking with County Engineer Joel Thurman I came to understand that the contractor responsible has had a few similar complaints. These will be addressed specifically in the punchlist of work prior to the final project release.

The final message I received questioned the need for the Judicial Center expansion. With Hamilton County's low crime rate, why spend \$70 million to expand and renovate the building? It's a fair question. The facility was completed in 1992 when the county's population was about 121,000. Today we exceed 390,000 residents, and demand for county services has grown accordingly. Current caseloads have each judge handling the workload of more than two judges under typical conditions. Space needs have also increased across our 27 departments, and the 34-year-old building faces the wear and limitations you would expect. The project will add seven courtrooms to help address the thousands of pending cases. While crime rates per 100,000 residents have declined, civil filings have increased: business disputes, family law matters, property and employment cases, and contract litigation. And even with a lower rate, the total number of cases rises as the population grows. In short, it's time. We have people sharing cubicles and working in challenging situations. The county has even

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# Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance promotes Brett Buhl to deputy general counsel

## The REPORTER

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces that Brett Buhl of Westfield has been promoted to deputy general counsel. He assumes the role that was previously held by Jessica Philleo, who recently retired after 18 years of service with the company.

Buhl began his new role on April 18.

Buhl joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance in 2016 as associate general counsel and most recently held the position of senior associate general counsel. He also currently leads the company's strategic People Leadership Team, which works to ensure company strategies are implemented effectively and appropriately. Prior to joining Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, he spent 10 years as a litigation attorney at Ogletree Deakins, a national labor and employment law firm. In his new role, Buhl is responsible for the company's legal, compliance, and vendor contracting functions.

"I'm looking forward to partnering with our leaders and business units to navigate an increasingly complex regulatory landscape, while supporting the company's continued growth," Buhl said. "I'm grateful for the support and mentorship that's helped me get here, and I'm excited to lead a

talented team."

Buhl is passionate about maintaining and building the trust, accessibility, and solution-oriented approach of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance's legal team.

"That includes developing our team, fostering collaboration, and ensuring we're delivering clear, actionable guidance that helps the company operate effectively while managing risk," Buhl said. "I further hope to have an impact by helping the company stay ahead of change to enable continued growth – whether that's evolving regulation, emerging risks or shifts in the insurance market."

A graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Buhl earned a bachelor's degree in business management. He earned his juris doctor from the University of Dayton School of Law in Dayton, Ohio. He currently serves on the Indiana Legal Foundation board as a representative of Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

Buhl is originally from Van Wert, Ohio, and now lives in Westfield with his wife, Ashley, and their three children: Kennedy, Finely and Will. The family is active in Westfield Youth Sports. Additionally, Buhl is an active member at Northview Church and The Club at Chatham Hills.



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

Submitted by Gary Blackburn

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

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

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

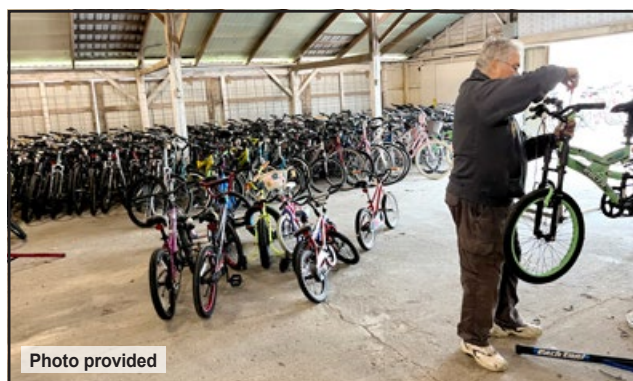


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Venmo, PayPal, credit card, etc. available).

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

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

# Carmel Clay School Board President Jon Shapiro endorses Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board

Submitted

Jon Shapiro announced on Tuesday, May 12 his endorsement of Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large.

Shapiro is a career non-profit professional with more than 25 years of experience serving youth-focused organizations. He is the parent of a student in the Carmel Clay Schools system and was elected to the Carmel Clay School Board in 2024. He currently serves as President of the board.

"As a school board member myself, I know that doing right by our kids takes more than good intentions – it takes someone who truly understands both the community and the real-world impact of every financial decision we make," Shapiro

said. "Jack Russell is that person. Through his work with OneZone, he's built deep relationships with our local business community and knows how to make resources work hard. But what really sets Jack apart is that he's not just a professional advocate, he's a parent. He has a personal stake, and that matters. Jack will bring the right mix of business sense, community trust, and genuine care for our students to this board. Jack Russell has my wholehearted endorsement for the Hamilton Heights School Board."

Russell is running on five key priorities: Elevate Aca-

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

"I'm incredibly honored to have Jon's endorsement," Russell said. "His leadership and experience in education bring valuable perspective, and I appreciate his confidence in my vision for Hamilton Heights. I'm committed to ensuring our schools continue to provide strong opportunities for every student while remaining connected to our families and community."



Russell

# Save these dates for upcoming Songbook Academy public events

The REPORTER

Songbook Academy Week, taking place July 11 to 18, features three public events at Allied Solutions Center's Payne & Mencias Palladium for in-person audiences and livestream viewers worldwide. Audiences can witness the rising stars of tomorrow alongside today's top performers.

Tickets for all three public events will go on sale May 18 at TheSongbook.org, so be sure to save the date to secure your seats.

**Public Masterclass**  
Monday, July 13 at 2 p.m.  
Payne & Mencias Palladium

Founder and five-time GRAMMY nominee Michael Feinstein and a soon-

to-be-announced celebrity guest mentor will provide real-time feedback as 10 randomly selected young singers of the Songbook Academy perform on the Payne & Mencias Palladium stage. Admission is free.

**Songbook Showcase**  
Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m.  
Payne & Mencias Palladium

The Songbook Showcase offers all 40 Songbook Academy participants the opportunity to perform a solo on stage at the Payne & Mencias Palladium. Audiences will also enjoy special appearances by Michael Feinstein and celebrated Broadway star and guest mentor Mandy Gonzalez.

**Songbook Academy in Concert**  
Saturday, July 18 at 7 p.m.  
Payne & Mencias Palladium

Hosted by Michael Feinstein, the Songbook Academy in Concert features standout solos and vibrant ensemble numbers that celebrate the growth of the students and reflect the breadth, diversity, and timeless appeal of the Great American Songbook.

# Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership increasing patrols to target seatbelt enforcement

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is partnering with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) to urge Hoosiers to buckle up as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" campaign, a high-visibility enforcement effort focused on increasing seatbelt use.

Now through May 31 officers will work overtime to ensure drivers and passengers are using their seatbelts and children are properly secured. The overtime patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through ICJI's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP).

"Buckling up is one of the simplest and most effective ways to protect yourself and your loved ones on the road," ICJI Executive Director Douglas Huntsinger. "Seatbelts save lives every day, and every trip should begin with making sure everyone is secured before hitting the road."

Since 2021, Indiana has seen a steady decline in fa-

talities among passenger vehicle occupants who are not wearing seatbelts. Seatbelt usage among Hoosiers has also increased, reaching 94.1 percent in 2025 according to the Annual Seat

Belt Usage Survey conducted by Purdue University Center for Road Safety in partnership with ICJI. This rate is above the national average of 91.2 percent usage in 2024.

"Far too often, we respond to crashes where lives could have been saved by one simple decision, wearing a seatbelt," Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush said. "Buckling up is more than just following the law. It's about protecting yourself, your family, and everyone counting on you to make it home safely. Taking a few seconds to click your seatbelt can make all the difference."

Indiana law requires drivers and all passengers to buckle up. **Children under**



Quakenbush

age eight must be properly restrained in a federally approved child car seat or booster seat. Drivers can be cited for lack of seat belt use, but also for each unbuckled passenger un-

der the age of 16.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make sure children are in the right car seat and that it is used correctly and properly installed. Resources can be found at [nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat](https://nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat). To schedule an appointment with a certified car seat safety technician at one of Indiana's 100 fitting stations, visit [on.in.gov/SafeKids](https://on.in.gov/SafeKids).

CHIRP is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. For more information about ICJI's traffic safety programs, visit [in.gov/cji](https://in.gov/cji).

Click here to learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.

# TIMESHEET

had to lease space to accommodate our workforce.

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Of special note this month was a review of the Auditor's monthly report. Each month I receive a detailed report on the county's general fund financial shape. The information includes all the County General Fund budgeted amounts by account along with year-to-date spending and pro-forma against budget. It's a great tool to review how we are performing against expected revenue and expenses by department and fund. I'm happy to report that the fiscal health of the county remains strong, and even though as citizens we can generally feel that things are okay, it's reassuring to have the data, review it, and know in your knower that things are okay.

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This is my timesheet.

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

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

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

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## Community News

### Meet candidates at Westfield GOP Happy Hour

The Westfield GOP will hold its May Happy Hour from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at Grand Junction Brewery, 1189 E. 181st St., Westfield.

The following local elected officials and nominees have confirmed their attendance at Happy Hour:

- Westfield Mayor Scott Willis
- Westfield City Council President Patrick Tamm
- Westfield City Councilman Jon Dartt
- Republican Nominee for State Senate Tracey Powell
- Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman
- Hamilton County Councilman Ken Alexander
- Hamilton County Prosecutor Josh Kocher
- Republican Nominee for Hamilton County Sheriff

Dustin Dixon

- Republican Nominee for Hamilton County Clerk

Beth Sheller

- Republican Nominee for Hamilton Superior Court

9, Paul Sweeney

- Westfield Washington Township Board Member

Jim Ake

Please RSVP at [this link](#).

### Police Chief Keen & Fire Chief Gaylor to speak at Westfield GOP's June meeting

The Westfield GOP will welcome Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen and Westfield Fire Chief Rob Gaylor to the club's June meeting, set for 6:15 p.m. at June 16 at Harmony Clubhouse, 1414 W. 151st St.

Please RSVP at [this link](#).

### 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.

## Young urges Supreme Court to protect women & babies from abortion drugs by mail

### Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) has joined over 100 colleagues in filing an **amicus brief** in the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Louisiana's lawsuit to protect women and their unborn children from dangerous mail-order chemical abortion drugs. The brief argues mifepristone's in-person dispensing requirement must be reinstated.

"I'm proud to join with my Congressional colleagues in filing this amicus brief in the Supreme Court in support of protecting women and children from dangerous mail-order chemical abortion drugs," Sen. Young said.

The brief is supported by U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Jim Banks (R-Ind.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Katie Boyd Britt (R-Ala.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Roger Marshall,

M.D. (R-Kan.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Rand Paul, M.D. (R-Ky.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Tim Sheehy (R-Mont.), and Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) U.S. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-La.) also joined the brief.



Young

In October 2025, Louisiana and Rosalie Markezich, a victim of the removal of the in-person dispensing requirement for dangerous chemical abortion drugs, filed a lawsuit to overturn the illegal policy. Because of President Biden's policy, Rosalie's boyfriend was able to order chemical abortion pills online from an abortionist in California and coerced her to take the drug to kill her unborn child. The Republican lawmakers argue that the Biden Administration violated federal law by removing the in-person dispensing requirement, and that these protections should be reinstated.

Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit sided with Louisiana, issuing an order that put the in-person dispensing requirement back into place while the litigation continued. The amicus brief asks the Supreme Court to uphold the Fifth Circuit's decision.

### Patty Ann Nichols

December 7, 1955 – April 29, 2026

Patty Ann Nichols, 70, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, April 29, 2026, at Majestic Care of Sheridan. Born December 7, 1955, in Lebanon, Ind., she was the daughter of Alfred and Barbara (Adams) Endsley.

She was a 1974 graduate of Sheridan High School.

Patty attended Freedom Church in Lebanon. Her strong faith was the foundation of a life spent in service to others.

In 1980, Patty would join the Marionettes Extension Homemakers club, and from there, her life would never be the same. She slowly began flirting with the idea of serving as an officer with the club, and before you knew it, she had served in every position available. It didn't stop there either. Patty became very active in all areas of the Extension Homemakers (EH) program. During her years with the Boone County Extension Homemakers, she proudly served as President on three separate occasions (1997-99, 2009-2011, and 2022-2024), giving her the distinct honor of being the only three-term office holder at that position.

She wasn't content with just holding office; she also loved volunteering in any way she could during the 4-H fair, especially when it came to the Beehive. It wasn't long before she became involved on the District level. The Indianapolis District, consisting of Indianapolis and most of the donut counties (Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Morgan, and Shelby), quickly gave her a whole new group of people to share her EH journey with. It also gave Patty many more ways to serve. From 1999-2024, she held various roles, including District Treasurer (five different times), District Secretary (six different times), and District Representative during the 2002-2004 term. Her years at the District level were filled with various committee obligations, but it was getting to visit with Extension member from the various clubs that was always a very special time. The friendships she made from different functions (especially the Fall Retreat at Waycross) became long-lasting ones. Her absence from the 2025 retreat was felt by everyone.

As much as she loved visiting other clubs, hosting Boone County EH events was always a favorite. The "Host a Hoosier" program was definitely an opportunity that fit Patty like a glove. As you can probably imagine, Patty became heavily involved with the Extension Homemakers at the State level (1999-2023) as well.

As with every other part of the organization she was involved with, this was not an idle role. She was involved in various committees including the Education Focus Group, State Education, Cultural Arts, Logo, Volunteer Community Support, Style Show, Leadership, Silent Auction at the state conference, and Marketing, were just the tip of the iceberg of things she was involved with. She always loved attending the Indiana Extension Homemakers (ISHA) conference every spring. She was also a member of NVON (National Volunteer Outreach Network).

Patty was also a huge fan of the Indiana State Fair. During her 20 years at the fair, she worked in clothing area at the Home and Family Arts Building. This gave her the perfect cover to go looking at (and bringing home) many, many, baskets from various artisans. Once a basket made its way in the door, it was home free.

4-H and the Extension Homemakers was Patty's life, and in turn, became her family's life as well. She insisted that the grandchildren participate in 4-H. As you can guess, she was the most supportive grandmother in the world. She was always willing to help with projects, give advice, and push them to continue forward. Several of the grandkids became 10-year members, and Patty was lucky enough to be there for all of it.

There was nothing more important in her life than family. She always tried to instill the values of hard work and dedication, as well as passing along the knowledge she gained throughout her life. Patty wanted to make sure that everyone learned how to cook. that was no small task, but in doing so, she also passed along a great appreciation for her love of gardening.

Patty was also a very talented seamstress. One of her many gifts were baby quilts for all of the grandchildren. Family also included her four-legged friends as well. Patty loved animals, and was never shy about adopting any dogs or feral cats that found their way to her. Her fur babies never knew a better home.

She also had a deep love for traveling. Patty was lucky enough to be able to see some amazing places throughout this beautiful country, visiting all but eight states. Some of her most memorable trips included stops at Yellowstone, as well as every state involved in the Civil War.

Patty is survived by her loving husband, Mark Lee Nichols. He and Patty were married on July 7, 1984. Also surviving are her two sons, Matthew Raymond Crail of Sheridan and Douglas Lee Nichols (Mandy) of Danville; two daughters, Lacey Dawn Haseley (Michael P.) of Lebanon, and Vanessa Grace Hamblin (Daniel) of Lebanon; grandchildren, Kody, Shelby, Elijah, Oliver, Mila, Beckett, Adler, Aydan (fiancée, Brooklyn), Crosby, and Leilani; and siblings, Diana Susong of Jamestown, Debbie Burton (Carl) of Sheridan, and Jerry Endsley (Kelli) of Colfax.

She was preceded in death by her father, Alfred Endsley; daughter, Christina Ann Crail; and by her 1st husband, Raymond Crail.

A Celebration of Patty's life will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, at Freedom Church, 2061 Indianapolis Ave., Lebanon.

A memorial fund in Patty's name has been started by the Boone County Extension Homemakers. Memorial contributions can be mailed to BCEH, 1300 E 100 S, Lebanon, IN 46052, or can be delivered to the Extension Office at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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### Steven M. Osborne

February 26, 1941 – April 26, 2026

Steven M. Osborne, 85, Sheridan, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2026, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born February 26, 1941, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, he was the son of Marion H. and Reba Kathleen (Moore) Osborne.

He was one of 33 seniors proudly graduating from Westfield High School with the Class of 1959. During those days, Steve and his friends would travel to Sheridan and cruise town for hours on end, making stops at both the Twin Kiss and Dewey's Drive In. It was during one of those stops that he mustered up the courage to make a date with one of the car hops, Linda Fox. After that first date, she knew he was the one. Linda and Steve were married on August 12, 1961, and spent the next 65 years by each other's side, creating a lifetime of wonderful memories.

Steve found a job with Curtis Dyna Products soon after graduation. In 1962, he hired on at the Detroit Deisel - Allison's plant in Speedway, where he worked as a gauge inspector. After 30 years of dedicated service, he retired, but only for a short time. Steve was approached about driving a school bus route; he accepted, and it was not very long before he completely fell in love with it. His new "career" started with Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After a few years he made the move to Westfield School System, where he spent the next 25 years. He retired from bus driving in 2018.

Steve was birthright Quaker, attending Hortonville Friends Church until 2012. When the church shuttered its doors and the property was sold, he began attending Hinkle Creek Friends Church in Noblesville. It was more of a homecoming than a transfer of membership, as it was his great grandfather, James Sumner, who gave the land for Hinkle Creek, as well as the attached cemetery, almost 200 years ago.

Steve and Linda loved going on adventures together. Quite a few of those trips were by way of Hayward, Wis., where Steve was able to fish to his heart's content. But one of their most special trips occurred just a few summers ago. They traveled to Greensboro, N.C., to attend the Center Friends Sunday Service. While exploring the church cemetery grounds, they were able to find many distant relatives on the Osborne side of the family, including Matthew Osborne II. Steve was very excited to take a picture beside the family monument the was made to look like an old grist mill. At that time, the minister for the Center Friends Meeting was David Osborne. Steve was disappointed that he didn't get to meet him in person on that trip, however they did get to talk over the phone.

Family heritage has always been a source of great pride for Steve, and he considered it a great honor to be related to all of the founders of the Town of Westfield. He was also very proud of his family's agricultural heritage. Receiving the Hoosier Homestead Award for owning 100-year-old family farm was quite a humbling experience. The family farm was originally purchased in 1863 by Marion's parents, Alva and Nora Horney Osborne. Steve was always a farmer at heart. He enjoyed working on the farm, and everything that came along with it. His dad's 1949 Farmall M. was one of his prized possessions, but the 1982 International Harvester that he and the boys restored was probably his favorite.

Steve had lived on Six Points Road for 78 years, in three different homes. His and Linda's present home will be 50 years old on November 27, 2026. He built the barn, with the help of his boys, as well as a section of the workshop. He assisted the boys with the 10 years (each) of 4-H projects, the last animals being two miniature horses (Peanut and Cinnamon). They were trained to drive, and took many, many trips around the neighborhood with their rebuilt wagon, one of Steve's many shop projects. He thoroughly enjoyed the time spent, and projects that came from his workshop. Some of his favorites included Linda's sewing cabinet, the pie safe that housed her fabric, many picture frames, and all of the cabinets for the shop.

A few years ago, the city limits of Westfield started to expand. Steve, along with his nephew, Kelvin, made the hard decision to sell the family farm. This led to the development known today as Osborne Trails.

Steve was a very active member of the Westfield Jaycees for several years. He and Linda also enjoyed square dancing with the Do-Si-Squares. Steve was also a 50-year member and Past Master of the Westfield Masonic Lodge F&AM 115, as well as a member of Fidelity Lodge F&AM 309 in Sheridan, and a member of the Scottish Rite.

More recently, Steve served on the Board for the Westfield Historical Society as both President and Vice President. During his tenure he was involved with the restoration of the 1835 Barker Cabin. A few of the logs that were used on the project came from the Osborne barn.

Steve is survived by his loving wife, Linda Lou (Fox) Osborne of Sheridan; three sons, Scott K. Osborne (Karen), Douglas M. Osborne, and Kyle H. Osborne (Monica); seven grandchildren, Megan H. Osborne, Allison Hiatt (Levi), Kate Sue Osborne, Makaila Maloney (Pat), Aundrea Inman (Daniel "Sparky"), Kiersten Osborne, and Seth M. Osborne; seven great-grandchildren (with one on the way), Isaac, Wade, Ruthanna Jane, Maren, Elise, Wylin, and Porter; brother-in-law, Robert L. Fox (Valri) of Sheridan; and sister-in-law, Peggy L. Fairchild of Commiskey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion H. and Reba Kathleen (Moore) Osborne; sister, Marcia Osborne; brother, J. Ronald Osborne and wife Lois M.; brother-in-law, James R. Fairchild; and nephew, Kyle Michael Fox.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road, Noblesville. Pastor Kelly Haemmerle and Pastor Steve Pedigo officiated.

Steve will be laid to rest at a later date at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Rd, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not resort to divination as at other times, but turned his face toward the wilderness. When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came on him and he spoke his message:

*"The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor; the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly, the prophecy of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:*

*"How beautiful are your tents, Jacob, your dwelling places, Israel!*

*"Like valleys they spread out, like gardens beside a river, like aloes planted by the Lord, like cedars beside the waters.*

*Water will flow from their buckets; their seed will have abundant water.*

*"Their king will be greater than Agag; their kingdom will be exalted.*

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

*They devour hostile nations and break their bones in pieces; with their arrows they pierce them.*

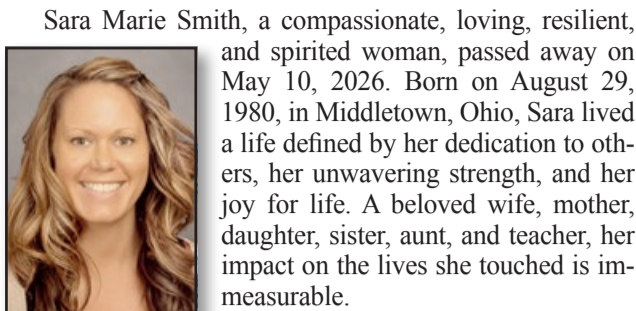
*Like a lion they crouch and lie down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse them?*

*"May those who bless you be blessed and those who curse you be cursed!"*

Numbers 24:1-9 (NIV)

**Sara Marie Smith**

August 29, 1980 – May 10, 2026



Sara Marie Smith, a compassionate, loving, resilient, and spirited woman, passed away on May 10, 2026. Born on August 29, 1980, in Middletown, Ohio, Sara lived a life defined by her dedication to others, her unwavering strength, and her joy for life. A beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and teacher, her impact on the lives she touched is immeasurable.

Sara married the love of her life, Derek Smith, on July 27, 2002. Together, they built a beautiful family with their two sons, Tegan and Maverick, in Cicero. Sara's love for her family was matched only by her passion for teaching. Her commitment to education led her to serve at schools in Florida and Indiana, earning recognition as the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year at RJ Longstreet in Orlando, Fla., and a nomination for the same honor for the 2024-2025 school year at White River Elementary in Noblesville. Her dedication extended beyond the classroom as she often helped students after school, fueled by her desire to make a difference.

Beyond her professional achievements, Sara was known for her love of travel, having visited places like Costa Rica and Colombia. She was an avid listener of KLOVE and a regular at Starbucks, where she favored a Caramel Frappuccino with extra drizzle. An enthusiastic spectator of her boys' sports activities, Sara also loved walking her dog Izzy and spending time at Hamilton Lake and the beach. Her faith played a significant role in her life, serving in children's ministries in California, Florida, and Indiana, and participating in inner-city worship in Florida.

Sara is survived by her husband, Derek; their sons, Tegan and Maverick; her parents, George and Brenda Reeves; her sister, Jessica (Eric) Westgerdes; her brother-in-law, Jamie (Andrea) Smith; her mother-in-law, Cathy Smith; her nieces, Lexi and Brynn; and her nephews, Hunter and Mason. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Joe Smith.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2026, at Mercy Road Church, 2381 Pointe Pkwy., Carmel. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2026, in the same location, followed by burial at Cicero Cemetery at 1 p.m. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

For those unable to attend the service in person, a live stream will be available at [my.gather.app/remember/sara-smith-may-2026](https://my.gather.app/remember/sara-smith-may-2026).

In the face of adversity, Sara remained grounded with her personal mantra: "I am Happy, I am Healthy, I am Healed." Her spirit will continue to inspire all who knew her. Please honor her memory by sharing your stories, photos, and memories of Sara on her memorial page.

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**Ronald Messersmith**

July 1, 1941 – May 9, 2026



Ronald "Ron" Messersmith, 84, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Maple Park Village in Westfield. He was born on July 1, 1941, to Harry and Janet (Hill) Messersmith in Castleton, Ind.

Ronald was a plumber for L. E. Isley and Sons for over 40 years before his retirement. He was a member of Eagle Creek Church and HSTA. Ronald enjoyed motorcycles and was a trap shooting champion. Most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Charles Messersmith; daughter, Paula Myers; grandchildren, Andrew (Angelica) Messersmith, Benjamin (Taylor) Messersmith, Cory Myers, Hannah Myers, and Samantha Myers; and great-grandchildren, Nessa, Madilyn, and Wyatt Messersmith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Anne Louise Messersmith.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church, 18325 Eagletown Road, Westfield, with Pastor Markus Dennis officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be at Eagletown Cemetery in Westfield.

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<p>The Atlanta Town Council has canceled its May 25 meeting and has rescheduled it for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St.</p>	

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## Girls Track & Field



(ABOVE LEFT) The Carmel girls track & field team won the Hamilton County meet on Tuesday. The Greyhounds scored 153.5 team points and won four events, all in new meet record time. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Ainsley Meinerding won the high point award. The Millers senior claimed three events, including the long jump in a new record of 19 feet, 2.5 inches.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

# Hounds dominate, many records fall

## County athletes combine to set eight new marks

**By RICHIE HALL**  
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**CARMEL** – The record book at next year's Hamilton County girls track & field meet is going to look dramatically different than the book at this year's meet.

That's because there were eight new record set at this year's meet, which took place Tuesday at Carmel Stadium. New marks were set in every type of race, from distance to sprints, from hurdles to field events.

The Greyhounds won the meet, scoring 153.5 team points. Carmel enters the post-season next week as it tries to defend its state championship and Greyhounds head coach Aaron McRill said the county meet was a preparation for next Tuesday's sectional.

"There were a few things we needed to see that we got to tonight," said McRill. "We'll finalize things tonight to get that sectional roster in by the morning."

Carmel won four events, all in new meet record time. Sadie Foley claimed the 1600 run in 4 minutes, 46.15 seconds, a time that

ranks her third in the state and 28th across the nation. Larkin Taylor won the 800 run, clocking in at 2:11.86.

Annabel Pollert kept the new record parade going, claiming the 3200 in 10:23.26, a top 100 time in the country. The Hounds finished the meet with a victory in the 4x400 relay; Katelyn Oshimura, Elise Maurer, Kalinda Lee and Gabriela Grande Rosas won in a time of 3:53.11.

"We're really excited about the tournament," said McRill.

Westfield was the team runner-up, scoring 100.5 points. Jenna Rhodes won the 100 hurdles for the Shamrocks and Ella Jenkins finished a very close second in the pole vault. She and Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith cleared 13 feet; Smith won the event on fewer misses. That 13-foot performance is the best vault in the state and set a new county record.

Noblesville placed third with 90 points. Ainsley Meinerding won three events – the 100 dash, 200 dash and the long jump in a new record 19 feet, 2.5 inches.

Meinerding won the high-point award after the meet, totaling 31.25 points. She also ran in the fourth-place 4x100 relay, thus giving her the extra 1.25 points (fourth-place relays score 5 points) in addition to the 10 points each she got for winning each event.

All seven of the schools that scored team points won at least one event.

Fishers' Mia Tobias swept both throwing events, claiming the discus with a top throw of 143 feet, 7 inches. Tobias won the shot put with a best effort of 41 feet, 9.75 inches.

Hamilton Southeastern claimed two events. The 4x100 relay team of Micaiah Bullock, Chloe Senefeld,

Laila Ehrgott and Cianna Cunningham won that race, then Senefeld blasted through the 300 hurdles in a meet record time of 41.95 seconds, ranking her first in the state and 18th in the nation.

Hamilton Heights' Norah Reiger cruised to victory in the 400 dash, clocking in at a new record 55.71 seconds. The Huskies' Waverly Woolever won the high jump.

Besides Smith's pole vault win, the Golden Eagles also claimed the 4x800 relay. Katherine Kolb, Brinna Wolf, Chloe Tragesser and Jillian Tichenor won that race in 9:28.71.

**Team scores:** Carmel 153.5, Westfield 100.5, Noblesville 90, Fishers 85, Hamil-

ton Southeastern 81, Hamilton Heights 61, Guerin Catholic 48.

**Hamilton County champions**

**4x800 relay:** Guerin Catholic (Katherine Kolb, Brinna Wolf, Chloe Tragesser, Jillian Tichenor) 9:28.71.

**100 hurdles:** Jenna Rhodes (W) 15.51.

**100 dash:** Ainsley Meinerding (N) 12.59.

**1600 run:** Sadie Foley (C) 4:46.15, new meet record.

**4x100 relay:** Southeastern (Micaiah Bullock, Chloe Senefeld, Laila Ehrgott, Cianna Cunningham) 48.07.

**400 dash:** Norah Reiger (HH) 55.71, new meet record.

**300 hurdles:** Senefeld (HSE) 41.95, new meet record.

**800 run:** Larkin Taylor (C)

2:11.86, new meet record.  
**200 dash:** Meinerding (N) 25.69.

**3200 run:** Annabel Pollert (C) 10:23.62, new meet record.

**4x400 relay:** Carmel (Katelyn Oshimura, Elise Maurer, Kalinda Lee, Gabriela Grande Rosas) 3:53.11, new meet record.

**High jump:** Waverly Woolever (HH) 5-4.

**Long jump:** Meinerding (N) 19-2.5, new meet record.

**Pole vault:** 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 13-0, new meet record. (NOTE: Ella Jenkins of Westfield also cleared 13-0; Smith won on fewer misses.)

**Discus:** Mia Tobias (F) 143-7.

**Shot put:** Tobias (F) 41-9.75.

## Baseball

# Rocks fall to Columbus North

**The REPORTER**

Westfield fell behind early and eventually dropped a 5-3 home game to Columbus North on Tuesday.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning. Beck Jordan was sent home by a Lincoln Hoffman sacrifice fly to get the Shamrocks on the board.

The Bull Dogs scored three runs in the second inning, then added another run in the third. Westfield scored its other two runs in the fourth inning: Jordan singled in Maddox Novotney and Kasen Jessup.

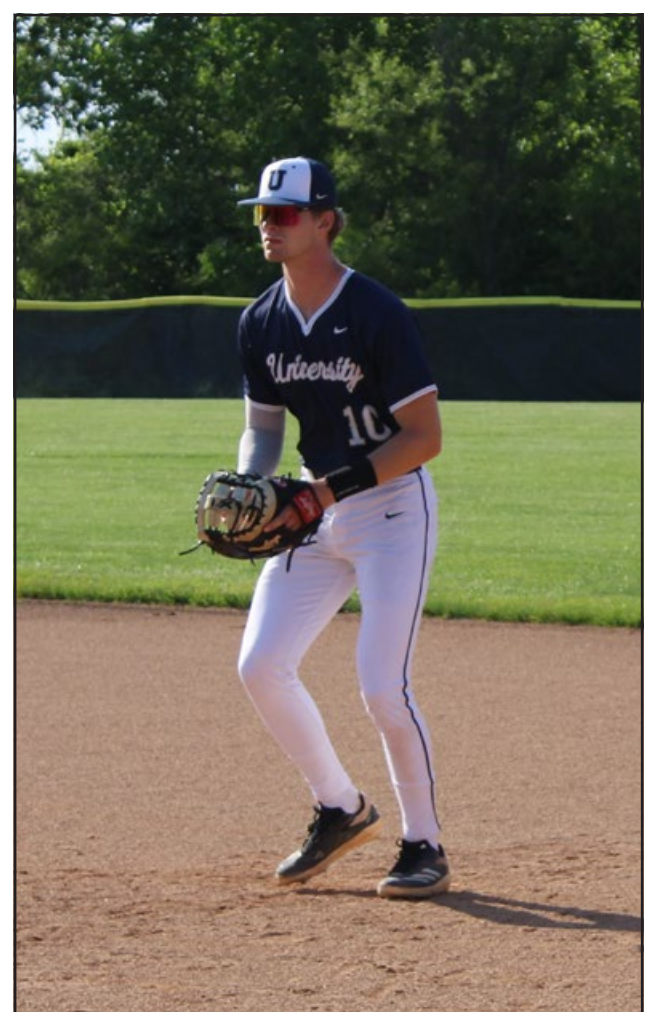
Jordan finished 3-for-4 at the plate; both he and

Hoffman hit one triple each. Ben Spencer pitched three innings, striking out five and allowing only two hits. Westfield collected eight hits to Columbus North's seven.

The Rocks are 11-9-1 and play Thursday at Hamilton Southeastern to begin a Hoosier Crossroads Conference series.

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University fell to Park Tudor 17-7 Tuesday in the Pioneer Conference championship game, which the Trailblazers hosted at RoundTripper Academy.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
University's Cooper Cammack hit a home run for the Trailblazers during the Pioneer Conference championship game on Tuesday.

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## Boys Lacrosse



The Guerin Catholic boys lacrosse team clinched the Circle City Conference championship on Tuesday with an 18-1 win over Brebeuf Jesuit.

Photo by Mike Navarro

## Guerin Catholic clinches conference title

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys lacrosse team clinched the Circle City Conference championship with an 18-1 win over Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday.

Stats from the game were unavailable at press time and will appear in a later edition. The Golden Eagles finished conference play undefeated.

In an earlier game, Guerin Catholic fell to Culver Academies 15-5 on Saturday, May 9. Gavin Soucie scored three goals, while Chris Giedd and Ethan Lehtinen both scored one.

The Golden Eagles finished the regular season 9-7.

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Carmel plays at Culver Academies tonight as it tries to finish an undefeated regular season against Indiana teams.

The Greyhounds added to their record on Friday, May 8 by beating Cathedral 17-7 at Brian Murray Stadium. Luke Shrift scored five goals, while EB Warren put in four goals. Lincoln O'Leary and Ike Stittle both scored two goals, with Max McCord, Henry Dvorak, Evan Bardwell and Cohen Odle each adding one.

Carmel is 14-1; the Greyhounds' only loss is to Cincinnati St. Xavier.



The Golden Eagles' Vincent Elliott takes the ball downfield.

Photo by Mike Navarro

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Westfield played at Culver Academies on Friday, May 8, falling 21-2.

Daniel Sherman and Finigan Smyth both scored one goal for the Shamrocks, who finish their regular season tonight at Center Grove. Westfield is 9-7.

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Noblesville took on Center Grove Friday, May 8 and won 13-7.

Hayden McCaslin put in seven goals for the Mill-

ers. Charlie Boe added three goals, William Kelsey scored twice and Harrison Boe had one goal.

Noblesville is 6-9 and hosts Cathedral tonight to finish the regular season.

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Hamilton Southeastern picked up two wins over the weekend, first beating Zionsville 11-10 in overtime on Friday, May 8.

Kyle Jenkins led the Royals with four goals. Sam Brandenburg, Henry Wans

and Cohen O'Grady all scored two goals and Ben Speckman added one goal.

Southeastern traveled to Mason (Ohio) on Saturday, May 9 and won 12-8. Brandenburg led that game with three goals, followed by two goals each from Carson Berry, Speckman and Wans. Nate Cooper, O'Grady and Marcus Laux all made one goal.

The Royals are 12-7 and host Brother Rice (Mich.) tonight to finish regular-season play.

## Softball

## McCarter's two homers send Royals past Rocks

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game 7-2 Tuesday at Westfield.

The Royals got on the board in the third inning after Jaycee McCarter hit a three-run home run into right field. Addy Richmond and Kaleah McCarter also scored.

The Shamrocks scored their runs in the fourth inning. Alyssa Ayres got home on a wild pitch, then Dylan Todd scored after Sofia Easterhaus reached on an error.

Southeastern saved its biggest hit for the seventh inning. The Royals loaded the bases, then Jaycee McCarter sent a grand slam into center field. Lilly Palmer, Richmond and Kaleah McCarter also scored.

The two home runs gave Jaycee McCarter seven RBIs for the game on two hits. Richmond was 3-for-4 at the plate. Kaleah McCarter had two hits and Haleigh Seitz hit a double. Kaleah McCarter pitched five innings for the win, striking out eight.

Easterhaus and Annika Lawrence had two hits for Westfield, with Mariana Lopez and Makayla Watson each hitting a double.

Southeastern is 4-2 in conference play and 15-4 overall and travels to Yorktown on Thursday. The Rocks are 2-4 in the HCC and 11-9-1 overall and Westfield play at Ben Davis Friday.

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Noblesville gave the HCC standings a jolt on Tuesday when it blasted Brownsburg 16-5 in an away game.

Both teams scored two runs in the first inning, then the Millers' Bella Hughes singled in a run during the third inning. The Bulldogs briefly took a 4-3 lead after

scoring twice in the bottom of the third, but it was all Noblesville after that.

Reese Newsom scored the tying run in the fourth inning on Lilly Brown's sacrifice fly. Kinley Westbrook scored a fifth-inning run on a wild pitch, putting the Millers ahead 5-4.

Noblesville let loose in the sixth running, scoring seven runs. Brown got home after Allie Thompson was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, Izzy Zapp blasted a three-run double, Haley Schatko singled in a run, then Brown cracked a two-RBI single.

The Millers rolled through the seventh inning. Schatko and Maggie Kern both singled in a run, then Brown sent both of them home with a right field double.

Schatko was perfect at the plate, hitting 5-for-5. The Millers totaled 20 hits in all. Westbrook was also flawless, hitting 4-for-4. Brown was 3-for-4, driving in five runs. Zapp also collected three hits, batting in three runs.

Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game, striking out six.

Noblesville handed Brownsburg its first conference loss of the season. The Bulldogs are 4-1 in HCC play, with the Millers right behind at 3-1.

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Hamilton Heights fell to Logansport 16-3 on Tuesday to begin a Hoosier Conference series.

The Huskies scored their first run in the second inning. Kamryn Rhoton hit a one-out double, then was sent home by Ellie Engle's double. McKenzie Jackson hit a two-run home run in the third inning, also scoring Heather Crays.

Heights is 11-5 and travels to Logansport tonight to complete the series.

## Girls Tennis

## Guerin Catholic, University win all-county battles

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic and University tennis teams each won all-county battles on Tuesday.

The top-ranked Golden Eagles defeated No. 14 Fishers 4-1. Cece Phillips was a 6-1, 6-0 winner at No. 2 singles, while Anna Kolb took the No. 3 singles match 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles, No. 1 Abby Quigley and Grace Docktor won their match 6-0, 6-1, while No. 2 Maddy Hood and Courtney Bassi scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout.

No. 1 singles Allie Briggs won the Tigers' match 6-3, 6-2.

Meanwhile, No. 30-ranked University traveled to Noblesville and won that dual match 4-1.

No. 1 singles Laurel Buttrick and No. 2 singles Duygu Arseven both claimed 6-0, 6-0 shutouts; Buttrick is now 16-3 for the season. No. 3 singles Sruti Alturi won her match 6-1, 6-0.

The teams split the doubles: the Trailblazers' No. 1 team of Sarah Coleman and Lauren Quinto were victorious, while the Millers' Mia Teachnor and Lucy Augspurger won the No. 2 match. (Scores were not available).

## Motorsports

## Qualifying procedure expanded for 110<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500

Additional round on Sunday to set Top 12 round, add another layer of intense competition in quest for pole position

### Submitted by IMS

What is widely regarded as the most powerful and pressure-filled four laps in motorsports have become even more challenging and ultimately more rewarding for the driver and team that claim pole position for the 110th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

INDYCAR has announced an update to the PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying with Day One scheduled for Saturday, May 16 and Day Two Sunday, May 17. Both will set the field for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" on Sunday, May 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

It begins with Day One of qualifying from 11 a.m. to 5:50 p.m., which will determine positions 16-33 for the "500." The fastest nine cars from Day One also will be locked into the Top 12 qualifying session on Day Two earning the opportunity to advance to the Firestone Fast Six and a spot to compete for the coveted NTT P1 Award and start from pole position on Race Day.

Cars ranked 10-15 on

Day One will advance to the Final 15 round on Day Two and will have the opportunity to compete for the three spots remaining to fill the Top 12 round. Starting in reverse order of qualifying speeds based on Day One (15, 14, 13, 12, 11 and 10), each of the six cars will have one attempt to post a traditional four-lap qualifying time starting at 4 p.m. The fastest three will advance to the Top 12 qualifying round.

At approximately 5 p.m., Top 12 Qualifying will begin with the three advancing cars from Final 15 – slowest to fastest – followed by the cars, from ninth to first, that advanced to the round based on speeds from Day One. Like in previous years, the fastest six will advance to the Firestone Fast Six to determine positions one through six and compete for the NTT P1 Award for pole. Those finishing seventh through 12th will fill out starting positions seven through 12 according to their time and speed.

In the Firestone Fast Six at approximately 6:35 p.m., each entrant is again given one attempt and will qual-



Photo provided by IMS

ify in reverse order based on their Top 12 qualifying results. The fastest driver earns pole position and the accompanying \$100,000 prize, while the remaining five drivers complete the first two rows of the starting grid.

"Next to Race Day, Indianapolis 500 qualifying weekend is a can't-miss moment on the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and Indianapolis Motor Speedway calendar," INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles said. "As the past few seasons have proven, INDYCAR has an incredibly deep and world-class field filled with current and rising stars. This expanded format, which includes all rounds on FOX, will shine

a massive spotlight on the remarkable skill it takes to start toward the front of our sport's biggest event.

"Winning pole position for the '500' carries with it one of the most prestigious honors in all of motorsports, and we know our fans – whether spending the day with us at the track or watching on FOX – will look forward to celebrating this year's pole winner."

2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship points will be awarded for those who advance to the Top 12 qualifying session. The Indy 500 pole winner will receive 12 points, the second fastest will receive 11, and points awarded will decrease by one-point increments down to the 12th fastest (one point).

## ROCKS

The Panthers led 6-0 before University got on the board with two runs in the fourth inning. Philip Jacobs scored on a wild pitch, then Beckett Suh singled in Quentin Green.

Park Tudor put up three runs in the top of the fifth for

a 9-2 advantage. The Blazers scored two in the bottom of the fifth: Braxton Sparks was sent home by Ethan Cutsinger's RBI groundout, then Oliver Kingery batted in Green.

The Panthers scored twice in the top of the sixth

inning. Cooper Cammack led off the bottom of the sixth with a home run, keeping University within 11-5. But Park Tudor scored six runs in the top of the seventh to put the game out of reach.

The Trailblazers scored two more runs in the bottom

of the seventh. Cammack doubled in Hudson Walloch and Kingery.

Kingery, Suh, Cammack and Jacobs all had two hits, with Jacobs hitting a double.

University is 15-6 and plays at Bloomington North this evening.

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# SPORTS SCHEDULE

## 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.

## Thursday, May 14

### BASEBALL

Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 5 p.m.  
 Beech Grove at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
 University at Eastern Hancock, 5:30 p.m.  
 Carmel at Mooresville, 6 p.m.  
 McCutcheon at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
 Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
 Brownsburg at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Franklin Central at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

#### INGLA quarterfinal

Culver Academies at Guerin Catholic, 6:30 p.m.

### GOLF

Hamilton Heights Husky 4-Way, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide  
 Pioneer Conference meet, 4:30 p.m. at Wood Wind  
 Taylor at Sheridan, 4:30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 5 p.m.  
 Hamilton Southeastern at Yorktown, 6 p.m.

### TENNIS

Fishers at Carmel, 5 p.m.  
 Hamilton Southeastern at Mt. Vernon, 5 p.m.  
 University at Brownsburg, 5 p.m.

### TRACK & FIELD

Boys county meet, 6 p.m. at Guerin Catholic

### UNIFIED TRACK

Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 5:30 p.m.  
 Westfield at Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern  
 Hamilton Southeastern vs. Carmel, 6 p.m.  
 Guerin Catholic vs. Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sectional 9 at Pike

Pike vs. International, 5:30 p.m.  
 Bishop Chatard vs. MTI School of Knowledge, 7 p.m.

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

# Noblesville's Calvin Moody commits to Ohio University



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Calvin Moody has committed to play football at Ohio University. (Front row, from left) Lydia Moody (mother), Calvin Moody, and David Moody (father). (Back row, from left) Jason Shonkwiler (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), Jeremy Hochstedler (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), Josie Moody (sister), John Hebert (Noblesville Football Head Coach), and Jarrod Pennycoff (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach).

# Noblesville's Kinzington Poole commits to IU Indianapolis

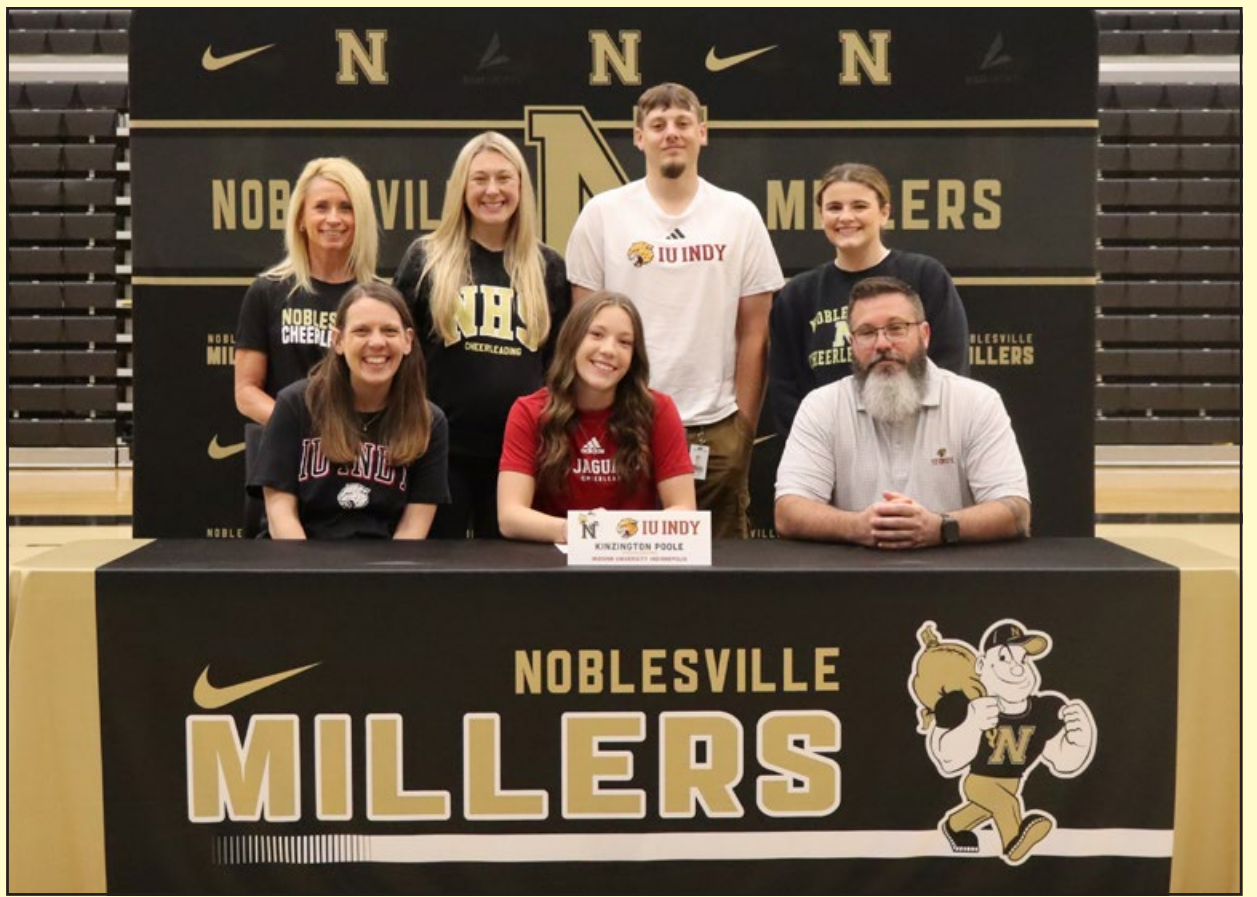


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Kinzington Poole has committed to the IU Indianapolis cheerleading team. (Front row from left), Katie Thompson (mother), Kinzington Poole, Chadrick Poole (father). (Back row from left), Crystal Scott (Noblesville Cheerleading Head Coach), Ali Alvey (Noblesville Cheerleading Head Coach), Chapman Poole (brother), Abi Yaste (Noblesville Cheerleading Assistant Coach).

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