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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly to partly cloudy. Scattered light showers, mainly in the morning.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Spotty showers and storms overnight.

HIGH: 70 LOW: 60



See cool cars, buy a little merch, help Folds of Honor

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Last August, Folds of Honor held a no-sponsor golf outing that raised more than \$180,000 for scholarships for families of fallen and disabled veterans and first responders. On Saturday, May 16, Folds of Honor's ongoing partnership with Indianapolis Cars & Coffee is bringing a completely free car show to the Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale St.

To give our readers a clear picture of what to expect, The Reporter spoke with Folds of Honor Indiana Chapter President Mike Daggett, U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant E8, Retired.

Much like the no-sponsor golf outing, the Indianapolis Cars & Coffee car show has been designed to have exceptionally low overhead cost so all the money can go directly to



Photo provided by Indianapolis Cars & Coffee

In late April, hundreds of cars and auto enthusiasts flooded Meridian Mark Plaza in Carmel to kick off the 2026 season of Indianapolis Cars & Coffee car shows. On Saturday morning, May 16, you can visit the next car show at Fishers Event Center.

Folds of Honor scholarships.

"These guys came to us five years ago and said, 'Hey Mike, we want to do a Car Show. We

want to raise money for you,'" Daggett told The Reporter. "And, of course, I'll never say no, but at the same point I was

like, 'Okay, let's see where this goes.' The model they've done

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Because they were roses & I was just a dandelion

Someone once said roses are admired, gifted, protected, and carefully planted.

And then there are dandelions.

They grow where they are not expected. Sometimes where they are not even wanted.

For a long time, I thought I was supposed to be a rose – perfectly placed, carefully arranged, socially approved. But life has a funny way of revealing truth.

I was never a rose. I was always a dandelion.

So here is my gentle reminder: be kind.

Don't be the reason someone skips a meal, dreads waking up, or feels invisible in a crowded room. Words linger. Actions echo. Long after conversations end, people carry how we made them feel.

Some people love dandelions because they survive anywhere. Others hate them because they grow where they weren't invited. Funny how that sounds exactly like people.

So I ask you, dear readers: are dandelions beautiful flowers or just weeds full of wishes?

If you have never picked one, closed your eyes, and blown its seeds into the air . . . have you really lived? That soft poof is childhood, hope, and possibility released into the wind. Every seed looks identical until it floats away, finding its own direction – diversity within the same pod.

Just like us.

Recently, I saw a video of dandelion fritters – golden, crispy, served with dipping sauce. Imagine that: the plant many try to eliminate is entirely edible, nourishing, healing. You can eat the whole thing. Nature wastes nothing.

Maybe the lesson is this: what we dismiss often holds unexpected value.

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Actually, it was a flawless election

Guest columnist and former Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair, **Jocelyn Vare**, recently responded to my newspaper report on the May election. She claims the 'nearly flawless' election was flawed. She said it sent hundreds of Hamilton County voters away. She claims that a Holland Park (located in Fishers) Democratic poll worker reported that approximately 700 people arrived there to vote on Election Day, and she claimed that about 220 had to be redirected to a different polling location.

She advocated for voting centers to make it more convenient.

But let's look at the facts.

To be clear, it was not the election setup that sent hundreds of voters away if, in fact, that happened. Her Democratic voters apparently did not take the time to be sufficiently advised on the election to know where they should go to vote. That information was readily available on the Hamilton County webpage, at the Hamilton County Elections Office, and in the Reporter Newspaper, among other places.

In deciding whether to institute voting centers, this same convenience argument was brought to the Hamilton County Election Board. I reasoned that if a voter was not diligent enough to find out where they could vote, they may not have been informed enough on the issues and candidates to be the type of voter that would serve this county well.

Voting seemed more accessible by being closer to the voter. It is accessible through absentee and in-person early voting, which was open numerous days. Early voting locations for the general election are already available on the [Hamilton County webpage](#).

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COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

HSE third graders recognized for exceptional math achievement

Submitted by **HSE Schools**

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools recognizes 23 third-grade students who were nominated through a new partnership between the Indiana Department of Education and the nonprofit organization National Math Stars.

The students were recognized during the May 13 Board of School Trustees meeting for scoring within the top 2 percent of third-grade math students in Indiana on the 2025-2026 ILEARN Checkpoints. Their achievement demonstrates exceptional mathematical understanding, academic potential, and a strong foundation for continued success.

All 23 students are currently enrolled in accelerated math instruction through HSE's high ability services, which provide



Photo provided by HSE Schools

A prime number of HSE third graders are on the road to mathematical perfection.

advanced learning opportunities designed to challenge and support students who demonstrate exceptional achievement or aptitude.

"This recognition is a wonderful example of what can happen when students are chal-

lenged, supported and encouraged to grow," said Erin Mohr, Assistant Director of Elementary Education. "These students have demonstrated outstanding mathematical thinking, and we are proud of the hard work they have put into their learn-

ing. It also reflects the strong instruction happening in our classrooms and the importance of building a solid foundation in mathematics beginning in the elementary grades."

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Sheridan Schools honors 2026 retirees

Submitted by **Sheridan Community Schools**

On Monday, May 11, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) recognized four individuals for their dedicated service to the district. Gretchen Policka, Brenda Ransom, Jim Kinsey, and Jeff Guenther have all dedicated decades to Sheridan students. Their dedication not only to the success of students but also to the well-being of everyone at SCS will be forever missed.

Gretchen Policka
Policka has dedicated 17 years to SCS, and her story truly exemplifies what makes such a special place. Mrs. Policka is deeply appreciative of the students, families, and staff who have been a part of her journey. She has always been passionate about science and has been able to instill that passion into her students through her genuine care and impact. She has inspired curiosity and a love of learning. SCS is thankful for her dedication, passion, and commitment to education for the past 17 years. She will definitely leave a legacy, but everyone at SCS

wishes her the best of luck on her next adventures.

Brenda Ransom
Mrs. Ransom has committed her teaching career to SCS for over 25 years. Beginning in 1999, she has taught a range of grades, from middle to high school English, to yearbook, to finally finishing her career as the Media Center Specialist. She doesn't just stay within her library walls, as she is always willing to help out wherever and whenever needed. She brings smiles and laughter to those around her and is an exceptional team player with a great attitude. Her selflessness and wit have always been admired and will be greatly missed.

Jim Kinsey
Mr. Kinsey began his career at Sheridan High School in 2006. In his time at SHS, he has helped implement a variety of new coursework through AP classes and an engineering pathway. His caring and adventurous attitude, along with his wit, thoughtfulness, good nature, and positivity, will be missed. His dedication to the forefront



Photo by Allison Waitt

(From left) Gretchen Policka, Jim Kinsey, and Brenda Ransom. Not pictured: Jeff Guenther.

of SCS – the students – has always been appreciated and will be greatly missed. SCS extends a hearty congratulations and wishes Kinsey the best of luck.

Jeff Guenther
Mr. Guenther has been an educator for 22.5 years, most of which have been in SCS. In addition to being a teacher in the middle school, he also coached multiple sports, including basketball, where he won a sectional cham-

ionship during the 2014-15 season. For the last three years of his career, he led the Northern Hamilton County Academy (NHCA), which is SHS's alternative education program. Guenther worked with a variety of high school students, assisting them to earn credits and/or make up credits to graduate on time. The success he had at the NHCA was absolutely incredible, and SCS will definitely miss his dedication.

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 172

Last Friday, our middle school staff welcomed their children for its annual Staff Bring Your Child to Work Day – a tradition that continues to highlight the family-centered culture of Hamilton Heights Middle School.

This event is a bright spot in the spring, offering students a glimpse into the world of education while celebrating the important role our staff members play both at home and in our schools. It's a joyful reminder of why our work matters and an opportunity to inspire the next generation of Huskies and future educators.

We also recently celebrated the graduation of 169 fifth- and eighth-grade students from the Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) mentoring program. Since 2019, T1L1 has been an important part of our curriculum, connecting students with caring adult mentors who meet weekly during the school day to build leadership skills rooted in the program's 10 Universal Principles: respect, integrity, self-control, compassion, courage, teamwork, excellence, humility, enthusiasm, and honor. Students are encouraged to put these principles into action, helping them grow as leaders both in and out of the classroom.

Hamilton Heights was the first district in Indiana to host a T1L1 community mentoring group, and the program now serves seven districts across Central Indiana. We are proud of our students' accomplishments and grateful for the mentors who make this transformative work possible.

As we celebrate the meaningful work happening across our district, I am pleased to recognize Mitch



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

COLUMNIST

Street, Hamilton Heights High School Assistant Principal, who has been named the District 5 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

This well-served honor reflects his exceptional leadership, steady presence, and unwavering commitment to students and staff. Mitch is known for building strong relationships, leading with integrity, and creating a school environment where students feel supported and educators feel empowered. His ability to balance high expectations with genuine care continues to be a hallmark of his leadership.

We are incredibly proud to see his dedication recognized at the state level and grateful for the difference he makes each day at Hamilton Heights.

One of our most important annual celebrations is right around the corner: Graduation. This milestone represents years of hard work, growth, friendships, challenges overcome, and moments that shaped who our students are becoming.

The Class of 2026 has explored their interests, discovered their strengths, and built the confidence to take their next steps with purpose. Some will continue their education at colleges and universities, others will enter the workforce with industry-recognized certifications, and some will begin serving our country in the military. Whatever path they choose, each graduate carries with them the experiences, relationships, and learning that have prepared them to thrive beyond Hamilton Heights.

We are excited to celebrate the Class of 2026 at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 30 in

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MATH

As nominees, students are eligible to apply for National Math Stars' free long-term support program. The program provides support for advanced math coursework, enrichment opportunities, family advising resources and access to a national network of high-achieving peers.

"This is an exciting opportunity for our students to continue developing their talents beyond the classroom," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "We are grateful for the partnership between the Indiana Department of Education and National Math Stars and proud to celebrate these students for reaching such an impressive academic milestone."

Hamilton Southeastern Schools congratulates the following students:



Photo provided by HSE Schools

- **Deer Creek Elementary:** Alexander Dodd, Bryce Nieten, and Elijah Taylor
- **Fall Creek Elementary School:** Andrew Chang and Josephine Sturm
- **Geist Elementary School:** Leo Lambert and Parker Law
- **Harrison Parkway Elementary School:** Theodore Hampshire and Jahlan Morgan

- **Hoosier Road Elementary School:** Quincy Adams and Bali Jyoti
- **Lantern Road Elementary School:** Angelo Tippmann and Isaac Caskey
- **New Britton Elementary School:** Harvey Lancaster
- **Sand Creek Elementary:** Marli Perry
- **Southeastern Elementary School:** Mukhil Johnson, Grant Wall, Mark

Landaur, Oliver Pott, and Taylor Lanwehr

• **Thorpe Creek Elementary:** Violet Ivanson, Nolan Renick, and Margaret Reschly

This recognition reflects the dedication of HSE students, teachers, and families, as well as the district's continued commitment to fostering academic excellence and helping students reach their full potential.

COOL



Photos provided by Indianapolis Cars & Coffee

is they don't charge any of the spectators and they don't charge any of the participants, which is a weird model. A lot of times, to enter a car show, you gotta pay \$25 to enter your car. They have gone completely organic with, 'I don't care what you drive. If you're proud of it, bring it.'

The money raised comes from vendors and donations.

"They'll have maybe a dozen vendors there, and then they sell some merch, and then they'll ask for donations," Daggett said.

"What they've done unique in the vendor space is when they talk to their vendors, they look at what the vendor does and who they're servicing, and they don't allow any competitor to that vendor to come in. The vendors are very loyal to the cause because they get a captive audience with this group. They get to set up a tent or a table and have thousands of people walk by for two hours. A lot of the vendors have their own cars, so they bring a car and set it up in their part of their booth and it generates a lot

Car shows for a cause

Upcoming Indianapolis Cars & Coffee events benefiting Folds of Honor will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Saturday, May 16 at Fishers Event Center
- Saturday, June 27 at Connection Pointe Christian Church
- Saturday, July 25 at Knowledge Services and The Club Co-working
- Saturday, Aug. 22 at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- Saturday, Sept. 19 at Keystone at the Crossing
- Saturday, Oct. 24 at Model 1 Commercial Vehicles and Lakefront at Keystone

Learn more online at indianapoliscarsandcoffee.org.

of conversion." The other thing that makes this car show different from almost all the rest is the focus on making it open to everyone who is proud of their ride.

"My dad and guys of that generation have their muscle cars, and even guys who are 50, 60 have their \$100,000 muscle car," Daggett said. "But some of the kids of today, they're coming in in a Kia that they put a fancy exhaust on and they're very proud of that because that's the resources they have today, and that's all they can do. What I love about this event is that kid gets the same opportunity to show what he's proud of as the guy with a \$100,000 muscle car. It kind of levels the playing field."

The car show does not ask for an entry fee or offer prizes. It's an opportunity to show off the car you are proud of – regardless of retail value – and support a great cause.

"Spend the day with other car people, networking with people who are like-minded with you and support a great cause," Daggett said. "I think a lot of car shows are really geared toward a special niche. 'Hey, this is the Corvette show, or this is the BMW show, or this is the late model show.' Whereas this is, 'Hey, if you like cars, there's something here for everybody.'"

If you read this and wake up Saturday morning thinking you should take

your car to this show, you can do that.

"Go to the website [indianapoliscarsandcoffee.org] and just literally show up at eight o'clock in the morning," Daggett said. "There'll be a sign that says spectators or participants, and you get to decide which one of those you are. If you think you're a participant, then you're a participant, no matter what you're driving."

Folds of Honor Indiana is known for its commitment to providing life-changing educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen or disabled military personnel and first responders. Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has awarded nearly 73,000 scholarships totaling over \$340 million across the United States.

Indianapolis Cars & Coffee partners with local businesses to host car-related events that create a safe, memorable experience for all attendees. In 2025, Indianapolis Cars & Coffee raised over \$65,000 in scholarship funds for Folds of Honor Indiana, and over the past four years, the organization has raised more than \$250,000.

The money raised will go to needs-based scholarships to the spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members and first responders, including police, firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics.

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FLAWLESS

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Vote centers implementation would require a ballot with all of the approximately 98 candidates who ran for office in the current election. It would need to also include more than 100 precinct committeemen and state delegates that threw their hat into the ring. The size of the ballot alone would have its own complications. As ballots get bigger, equipment may need to be replaced.

Ms. Vare's argument of convenience did not carry weight when I voted against vote centers. I said then that I wanted to wait until Allen County had tried out the new vote center system there. Allen County has recently reported that the size of their ballot on the voting machines led to drawn-out vote counting. The equipment and software to have an election to vote for 300 or so candidates is not a seamless task.

Senator Jim Banks blasted the delayed Allen County election results. I did not want that to happen here.

I am glad we waited. While it is always important to consider better options for voting, I thought then, and still think now, that caution is warranted before we change our voting systems.

Jennifer Murphy also sent me a letter. She first indicated that we could not be proud of 17 percent voter turnout. It is all how you look at it. I contend that 100 percent of the voters voted. Eighty-some per-

cent voted that things were going along well enough that they did not need to vote for change. They were equally satisfied with either of the candidates for a particular office. That thought is comforting to know that Hamilton County is apparently doing things right and has many quality candidates from which to choose.

Ms. Murphy also indicated she had trouble finding information about the Election Board. I have been appointed by the Republican Party Chairman. The Democratic Chairman also has an appointment, and the County Clerk rounds out the three-member Board. **If you Google Hamilton County Election Board, a webpage comes up.** It shows our next meeting at 11 a.m. on May 15 in the Clerk's Office. The agenda calls for the Board to review provisional ballots and certify final election results. Other Election Day matters will also be discussed. The public is always welcome to attend.

The Board welcomes input on problems and perceived problems and suggestions on how to do things better. We also like the opportunity to explain the difficulties not readily apparent in some seemingly simple solutions.

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.

DANDELION

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To me, dandelions symbolize communication and connection. They grow almost anywhere there is even a pinch of soil. Every continent has its version of them. They remind us that humans, too, are wired to connect and grow – even in unlikely places.

Like wildflowers, we must allow ourselves to bloom where others thought we never would.

The sidewalk may call it damage.

The flower calls it survival.

Dandelions light up fields like tiny lanterns – almost like Epcot at night – reminding us that beauty doesn't always follow landscaping rules.

Roses are red, violets are blue

But they don't travel the world like dandelions do

My own life journey feels deeply tied to this flower. Dandelion seeds are not meant to stay where they began. They are designed to fly.

She is ready to be carried by the wind, unafraid of distance. She doesn't envy flowers rooted in perfect soil, because she knows survival and growth matter more than location.

Hope is a mighty seed that dreams in the dark. Just wait for the breeze.

And here's a gentle spring reminder: before spraying chemicals to chase away dandelions, pause. One single flower can feed more than a hundred bees in a day. What looks messy to us may be essential to life around us: birds, pollinators, ecosystems quietly depending on what we overlook.

Maybe we should make peace with what grows naturally.

Maybe we should attract

souls who honor our growth instead of trying to prune it.

Find a field of dandelions someday. Make a hundred wishes. Watch them rise – up, up, and away – carrying hope into places you may never see.

May there be room in your life to process change – the kind that arrives quietly, like snowflakes falling one by one until suddenly the landscape looks different. Life changes us in small moments long before we notice the transformation.

Life is not made of grand miracles alone. It is a million tiny ones.

Dandelions remind us that emotional healing is possible, even when grief makes joy feel distant. They rise again after being stepped on, cut down, or ignored – reaching toward the sun anyway.

Wishes upon wishes. All it takes is a breath ... and the courage to let them go.

May all your dandelion wishes come true.

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

ગુજરાતી પ્રતિબિંબિ - Gujarati Reflection

જીવનમાં દરેકે ગુલાબ બનવું જરૂરી નથી. ક્યારેક ડેન્ડેલિયન બનવું વધુ સુંદર હોય છે — જ્યાં જમીન મળે ત્યાં ઉગી જવું, પવન આવે ત્યારે સપનાઓને ઉડવા દેવું, અને દરેક પરિસ્થિતિમાં જીવવાની હિમત રાખવી.

ડેન્ડેલિયન આપણને શીખવે છે કે સ્વીકાર મળ્યો હોય કે નહીં, આપણે પોતાની અંદરની રોશની લઈને ખીલી શકીએ. જીવનનો સાચો સૌંદર્ય પરફેક્ટ હોવામાં નથી, પરંતુ ફરી ફરી ઉગવાની શક્તિમાં છે.

“ચાલો, ઈચ્છાઓને પવનમાં ઉડાડી દઈએ — કદાચ એ જ આપણને એકબીજા સુધી લઈ જાય.”
(Let us release our wishes into the wind – perhaps that is what brings us to one another.)



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

ARWOOD

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the high school gymnasium. This ceremony is a chance to honor who they are today and who they are becoming.

This month also offers an important reminder to prioritize well-being – not only for ourselves, but for the young people we serve each day. As we move into the final weeks of the school year, it's a time to reflect on the powerful role public schools play in supporting

students' growth.

Our schools are more than places of learning; they are communities where students discover their strengths, build meaningful relationships, and learn resilience, compassion, and confidence. Mental Health Awareness Month invites us to celebrate that work while ensuring every student and family knows support is always within reach.

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HSE Schools provides financial update & launches new finance webpage

Submitted by HSE Schools

A financial update was presented to the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Board of School Trustees Wednesday, May 13, highlighting ongoing cost-saving efforts, staffing adjustments tied to enrollment and a new resource designed to make school finance information more accessible to the public.

The presentation follows HSE Schools' earlier announcement that 18 K-6 teaching positions were identified through a reduction-in-force (RIF) process due to continued enrollment decline. Since that time, six teachers have been removed from the RIF list as additional staffing changes, retirements or resignations have allowed HSE to recall affected teachers.

District leaders emphasized Wednesday that the RIF process is one part of a broader financial response and not the only action being taken.

"Over the last two years, HSE Schools has emphasized prudent spending and financial oversight, not only when budget challenges arise, but as an ongoing expectation of being good stewards of the funds available to us," HSE Schools Chief Financial Officer Tim Brown said. "Thoughtful spending decisions are part of our responsibility to students, staff, families and taxpayers."

Additionally, HSE Schools has taken several steps to reduce costs and improve efficiencies. Those efforts include a focus on high-deductible health plans



Brown



Kegley



Pascoe

and health savings accounts, negotiation of contracts upon renewal, department-level efficiencies, position absorption, a complete telecom audit, additional partnerships with the city, and salary hold decisions for the 2025-26 school year.

The district has also reviewed or renegotiated contracts upon renewal, including financial software, custodial services, copy machines, employee health clinic services, property insurance and food service maintenance.

Still, declining enrollment and recent legislative changes have created additional financial pressure. HSE Schools has experienced a steady enrollment decline since the 2020-21 school year, including a decrease of 863 students, or 4.1 percent, over the last three years.

The reduction in K-6 classroom sections for the 2026-27 school year reflects a 4.1 percent decrease, aligning with the district's enrollment decline over the last three years. Because teacher salaries and benefits represent 65 percent of the 2026 budget, staffing adjustments are a significant part of the district's overall financial response.

Of the current personnel reductions being made, 66 percent of the salary and benefit amounts are tied to K-6 teaching positions. In addition, more than 40 districtwide non-teaching positions are also being reduced as part of the overall budget response.

"All departments and areas within the district are working together to support the reductions that are necessary," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "This is an ongoing process that changes regularly. The information shared at tonight's board meeting reflects where things stand today, but we know staffing and budget details will continue to shift before the first day of the 2026-27 school year."

A summary of the work completed by the district's budget task force over the last three months was also shared. The task force, which included teachers, administrators, department leaders and school board representation, was charged with identifying a minimum of \$5 million in ongoing cost reductions.

Collectively, the recommended steps and personnel decisions represent a potential impact of more than \$7 million. Future formal

recommendations related to potential fee charges are expected to come before the School Board in June.

"The Board understands the weight of these decisions and the impact they have on our staff, students and families," HSE School Board President Tiffany Pascoe said. "At the same time, we have a responsibility to ensure HSE Schools remains financially stable and prepared to serve students well into the future. We appreciate the work that has gone into this process and remain committed to transparency as these conversations continue."

Also included in Wednesday's update, a new district finance webpage designed to help families and community members better understand school finance was unveiled.

The page includes background information on school funding, revenue sources, school funds, legislative updates, and frequently asked questions. It also features a high-level monthly financial report showing expenses and revenue in each of the three major funds, along with yearly comparisons. More detailed financial reports for each of the three major funds are also available and will be updated monthly.

"This finance webpage is designed to be a resource for our families, staff and community members," Brown said. "School finance is complex, and we want to provide information in a way that is transparent, accessible and useful."

The new finance webpage can be found at hse-schools.org/finances.

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Get a pulse on healthcare industry at Chamber luncheon

Submitted

Back by popular demand, the Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend State of Healthcare on Thursday, June 4 at Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road.

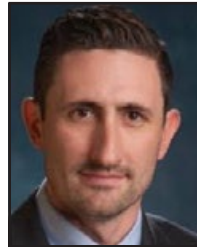
These local healthcare executives will speak during the luncheon:

• Jordan Allred, President of Ascension St. Vincent Carmel

• Derek McMichael, President of Community Health Network Northwest Region

• Julie Nix, Chief Executive Officer of Riverview Health

The healthcare industry is ever evolving. The Chamber looks forward to bringing these healthcare leaders together for an important conversation on the State of Healthcare and what everyone can look forward to as



Allred



McMichael



Nix

Westfield continues to grow and flourish.

This event is expected to sell out, so be sure to reserve your seat. Discounted Part-

ner tickets and non-Partner tickets are available. Corporate reserved tables (seating for eight) are also available. [Click here](#) for tickets.

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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.

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- 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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Sarina Marquis honored as Support Staff of the Year

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Monday, May 11, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) honored Sarina Marquis at the monthly board meeting. She works as the data manager for the school system. She helps run Canvas, PowerSchool, and all the other technological systems for the school.

Marquis is much-deserving of this year's Support Staff of the Year Award.

"Sarina's impact extends far beyond her job description," SCS Curriculum Director Valerie Love said.

Through her dedication, kindness, and unwavering support for students, staff, and families, she helps make SCS stronger every day. Over the past decade, Marquis has faithfully served the Sheridan community, becoming not only a valued teammate but also someone others consistently turn to for guidance and support. She never backs away from a challenge and is always willing to seek out answers when she does not already have



Photo by Allison Waitt

them. Her work ethic, reliability, and attention to detail make her truly invaluable to the district. Oftentimes, additional responsibilities are placed in her hands because everyone knows she will complete the task accurately and efficiently.

Marquis's commitment and service are a true reflection of what it means to support a school community, making her more than deserving of being named the 2026 Support Staff Member of the Year.

Hamilton County accepting not-for-profit grant applications

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors are now accepting grant applications from local not-for-profits for funding in 2027.

The Grant Program is intended to furnish funding to organizations that provide services in furtherance of County goals and without the providing of these services the County may need to consider the development of such programing.

Awards are provided based on application score and funding available. Any funds awarded must be supported by other funding sources or documented in-kind services and may only be distributed to Hamilton County based organiza-

tions. Complete information including eligibility criteria can be found on the application at tinyurl.com/Ham-CoNonprofitGrants.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Award recipients will be notified on or after Friday, Nov. 13 and funds will begin being distributed in January.

For additional questions not answered in the application, please contact either Director of Council Operations Kelly Morehouse at kelly.morehouse@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or Assistant Director of Administration Dianna Lynch at dianna.lynch@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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Meet this year's Miller Ambassadors



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools graduated its ninth class of Miller Ambassadors this week, adding to the more than 200 participants who have completed the district's community leadership and learning program. The Class of 2026 includes: Brett Bigler, Reece Bowen, David Burian, Melissa Cahill, Lisa Conner, Stephen Craig, Stephen Cushen, Adam Furge, Rachel Glowacki, Corinne Gunter, Andrea Gustin, Alicia Klingerman, Natalie Mathes, Michael Maurovich, Sarah McLaughlin, Jackie Miller, Bryan Mills, Matt Mitchell, Aaron Priest, Geoff Robinson, Melissa Sanderson, Michelle Schmidt, Kevin Sears, Betsy Wallis, and Rachel Woloshin. Applications for the upcoming class open in June. To learn more and apply, visit noblesvilleschools.org/millerambassadors.

Heights honors family centered culture through Bring Your Kid to Work Day

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights Middle School celebrated its annual staff Bring Your Kid to Work Day last Friday, continuing a beloved tradition that highlights the family-centered culture at the heart of the district.

The day offered students a glimpse into the world of education while giving staff members the chance to share their daily work with the people who matter most to them – their children. It was a spring bright spot filled with connection, curiosity, and moments that reminded everyone why this work matters.

For many staff members, the day provided a meaningful opportunity for their children to better understand their roles as educators. Special education teacher Ashley Wagner shared how powerful it was to watch her daughter step in to help a student with a math assignment.

"It was awesome to watch the interaction and see how responsive both my daughter and the student were as they worked through the problem together," Wagner said. "It was a great reminder of how valuable student collaboration can be and how hearing a different explanation can change a student's understanding."

Others experienced the day for the first time. Abigail Speck, eighth-grade Language Arts Teacher, noted how much her son enjoyed being part of the school community.

"It was a fun day to spend together, and memories were made," Speck said. "I also think the stu-

dents enjoyed getting to know my son and interacting with him."

For some, the day has become a cherished annual tradition. Michelle Rose, fifth-grade Math and Science Teacher, reflected on how her daughter's visits spark new insights.

"My child looks forward to this day all year long," Rose said. "I always come away having learned something new – whether it's fresh instructional ideas or different approaches to classroom management. The students in my classroom are incredibly welcoming, and their kindness and enthusiasm make me proud to be a Husky."

The event also held special meaning for staff whose children have grown up in the classroom. Audrey Wetz, seventh- and eighth-grade ELA Teacher, shared how meaningful it was to have her college-aged daughter return.

"This was the first time she wasn't close enough to just pop in to get to know my students," Wetz said. "I loved that Bring Your Kid to Work Day provided that opportunity. It was fun for my students to meet her and see that on her second day home from college, they were important enough for her to 'come back to school' to meet them."

Throughout the building, students embraced their young visitors with warmth and enthusiasm. Craig Adkins, Instructional Assistant, noted how welcoming the fifth graders were to his toddlers, who spent the morning coloring and participating in class activities. Athletic Secretary Jayme Patterson appreciated the



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights Middle School's Bring Your Kid to Work Day continues to be a meaningful reminder of the relationships, community, and the next generation of Huskies who may one day follow in their parents' footsteps. Nora Trees, daughter of Meghan Trees, fifth-grade English and Social Studies teacher, is pictured leading an activity – a moment that delighted the class and showcased the confidence these experiences can build.

chance for meaningful one-on-one time with her son before he transitions to middle school next year. Heather Greider, fifth-grade ELA, Social Studies, Science, and Math Teacher, shared that her children look forward to this day every year because they love being "special helpers" in her classroom.

Some children even stepped into leadership roles. Meghan Trees, fifth-grade English and Social Studies teacher, shared that her daughter Nora planned and led an activity entirely on her own – a moment that delighted the class and showcased the confidence

these experiences can build. For others, the day offered a first-time glimpse into the teaching profession. Instructional Assistant Sarah Pettijohn reflected, "She has loved every minute of getting to see what her mom does and the students I get to work with daily. It gives kids a good glimpse of what this profession is all about. I love that our school does this for its staff members and their kids."

Across every classroom, the theme was the same: joy, connection, and a deeper appreciation for the work happening each day at Hamilton Heights.

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Carmel Health & Living to showcase expanded in-house dialysis center

The REPORTER

Carmel Health & Living, a CarDon & Associates senior community, will hold a public open house to showcase the expansion of its in-house dialysis center from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

The open house will give guests an opportunity to tour the expanded dialysis center, meet staff members and learn more about the on-site dialysis services available to residents.

Located at 118 Medical Drive in Carmel, the expansion includes the addition of seven new private dialysis suites, increasing the com-

munity's in-house hemodialysis capacity from 22 to 29 residents. The project also includes an additional spa-style shower room and expanded staffing support to meet the needs of residents.

Carmel Health & Living partners with DaVita to provide on-site dialysis services for both short-term rehab and long-term care residents, allowing residents to receive treatment without the added stress and inconvenience of traveling to an outside dialysis center.

By offering dialysis services within the community just down the hall from their private rehabilitation room,



Photo provided by CarDon Senior Living/Facebook

residents benefit from more convenient access to treatment and coordinated care between Carmel Health & Living staff, nephrologists,

and the on-site DaVita care team.

For more information about CarDon & Associates, visit cardon.us.

Free retirement seminar scheduled in Cicero

The REPORTER

HOPE Family Care Center, a free health care provider in Cicero, extends an invitation to everyone for a free educational and informative retirement seminar provided by the Edward Jones Cicero offices at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 at Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike.

Topics of discussion include retirement accounts,

Required Minimum Distributions, Qualified Charitable Distributions, Donor Advised Funds, and changes to Inherited IRA rules.

There will be a brief time following the seminar for questions and answers, and this event is expected to last about an hour. All are welcome. No RSVP is required.

For more information, please contact HOPE at hfccicero@gmail.com.

Space telescope discoveries topic of free IU Kokomo Observatory open house

The REPORTER

What are the "little red dots" discovered by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope?

Learn more about the mysterious red-shifted objects discovered recently, at the last Indiana University Kokomo Observatory free open house of the academic year.

Patrick Motl, professor of physics, will begin the open house at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 17, with a presentation of the "little red dots," believed to be a transitional phase between dense, star-forming galaxies and active galactic nuclei, according to NASA.

"The James Webb Space Telescope discovered these very young and very distant astronomical objects recently and astronomers are starting to follow up on the Webb

observations in other kinds of light," Motl said.

After the presentation, stargazers may be able to see Jupiter, Venus, the spring constellations with the spring galaxies and the Summer Triangle constellations through the Observatory's telescopes.

They include a six-inch Takahashi refracting telescope and a 16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its larger light-collecting area.

Observation will continue through 10 p.m., weather permitting. Open houses will resume in September 2026.

The Observatory is at 2660 S. Washington St. Free parking is available on campus.

Community leader Sam Mishelow endorses Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board

Submitted

Community leader and longtime Hamilton County advocate Sam Mishelow has officially endorsed Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board At-Large, citing Russell's leadership, vision, and commitment to serving students, families, and the broader community.

Mishelow, who served with Meyer Najem Construction for 26 years and is a recipient of the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award, has dedicated decades to civic and community leadership throughout Hamilton County. His ser-

vice has included board leadership with organizations such as Ivy Tech Hamilton County, the Indiana Selective Service Commission, the Westfield Police Merit Board, Riverview Health, OneZone Chamber, and many others.

"Jack is an exceptional leader who is truly dedicated to serving others," Mishelow said. "Jack has a clear vision for serving OneZone as well as the many communities that benefit from his presence."



Russell

Russell announced his candidacy with a campaign focused on five key pillars: elevating academic excellence, strengthening school safety and well-being, inspiring community connection, championing fiscal responsibility, and fostering a culture of respect, accountability, and growth.

"I'm incredibly honored to have Sam's endorsement," Russell said. "Sam has spent decades serving our community with integ-

ity and leadership. His belief in my campaign means a great deal to me, and I'm grateful for his support as we work to ensure Hamilton Heights continues reaching new heights."

Russell's campaign emphasizes collaboration, transparency, and preparing students for long-term success while maintaining strong partnerships between schools, families, businesses, and the community.

For more information about Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board, follow the campaign on [social media](#) for updates and announcements.



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The talented Christopher Cross will make his debut at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts on June 21.

Christopher Cross sailing to Carmel

Tickets on sale now for '80s hitmaker & guitar whiz

The REPORTER

Known for timeless hits like "Sailing" and "Ride Like the Wind," singer, songwriter, and guitarist Christopher Cross will make his debut appearance at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in June.

The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Tickets starting at \$35 are on sale now at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office.

The concert is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the 2025-2026 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Cross burst onto the music scene in 1980 with his self-titled debut album, which featured the No. 2 single "Ride Like the Wind" and won five Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year and Best New Artist as well as Record of the Year and Song of the Year for the No. 1 single "Sailing." He co-wrote "Arthur's Theme" for the movie *Arthur*, another No. 1 hit that won the Academy Award for Best Song.

Since 2007, Cross has released eight albums of new material, marking his 40th anniversary in 2020 with *The Complete Works*, a collection of all 12 previously released CDs with bonus tracks.

There she goes, there she goes again

"Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical exercise save it and preserve it." – Plato

There she goes again ... writing about why we should all exercise ... I can hear it now. Sorry – not sorry!

Believe me I know that the word "exercise" can conjure up thoughts of relentless, repetitive, often difficult movements that are no fun! One analogy I sometimes use is that of our at least twice-daily habit (plus flossing of course!) of brushing our teeth. I don't know about you, but that is not an activity that I necessarily look forward to but one that is essential to keep my teeth in my mouth and not suffer from gum disease.

I am not going to write a dry column about why you should exercise, how you should exercise, or how

often you should exercise. You are all adults and can make that decision on your own.

However, I recently ended, for the summer months, the most recent FlexAbility session which I teach at the Noblesville branch of the Hamilton East Public Library. The members of the class asked me to provide a print-out with examples of some of our class movements and suggestions which they can refer to going forward. I hope that you, dear Readers, may also benefit from some of these and incorporate into your own activities.

• Deep breathing! I have mentioned in previous columns the importance, above all else, of this essential habit. Inhale through the nose, exhale through the mouth. Inhale for at least four seconds, hold the breath a few seconds, and then exhale for at least eight seconds. If this seems difficult, just practice

and you can work up to it. Remember that deep breathing will feed your brain cells with the oxygen they need! (Deep breathing can also help in pain management and stress management.)

• Practice walking "heel to toe" as opposed to placing the ball of the foot down first. This will help you to keep your torso in alignment and not tilting forward, which can affect your balance.

• Keeping your shoulders pulled back, both walking and sitting, is important to help you keep your chin up and your eyes in a forward, not downward position. This will aid you in keeping your balance and coordination moving forward. For middle age and above, you know the importance of balance!

• When standing, be sure to bend slightly at the knees. Do not lock your knees back which we often think gives us better posture but is not the case. The slight bend at the knees along with tilting your pelvis forward will

give you better alignment and balance.

• Although we did not do strength training per se in the class, I often encouraged class members to be sure to use their light weights at least two to three times per week in order to keep muscles strong and mobile.

Most importantly, stretch every day and give your body opportunities to truly relax along with your mind – which can be achieved by turning off the phone (for a short while at least!) and your newsfeed of choice. (The Hamilton County Reporter is an exception, of course!). You may be surprised at how much better you feel and function in this oftentimes turbulent world!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Niko Moon returns to Fishers in September

The REPORTER

The Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) and MOKB Presents has announced the return of popular country singer/songwriter Niko Moon live in concert in Fishers on Saturday, Sept. 12 with special guest Blake Proehl.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. today, May 15 at fisherslive.com, npdamp.com, and mokbpresents.com. For ticketed shows, the venue is an all ages facility and children ages two and under are permitted for free. Fans can also bring their own lawn chair and blankets. Additional information is available on the venue website.

Fishers has evolved into a strong concert and live entertainment market with the addition of its new world-class arena and the continued growth of the wildly popular outdoor Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Both venues have helped propel the market as a must-play city on the concert circuit, welcoming hundreds of thousands of fans each year.

More about Niko Moon

When Niko Moon first emerged with his triple-platinum smash "GOOD TIME," the Texas-born singer/songwriter lit up the country scene with his larger-than-life energy and

heartfelt message of radical positivity.

On his latest LP *AMERICAN PALM*, the Nashville-based artist takes that mission to a whole new level and immerses the audience in the idyllic landscape that never fails to lift his spirits: the sun-soaked serenity and mind-blowing splendor of the beach.

A top-notch lyricist who got his start as a co-writer for the Zac Brown Band and later penned hits for superstars like Morgan Wallen and Rascal Flatts, Moon matches his feel-good fusion of country and timeless pop with plenty of colorful storytelling,

instantly submerging the senses in the blissed-out surroundings of the coast. Made with producer Danny Majic (an L.A.-based producer/songwriter who's worked with OneRepublic, Flo Rida, Galantis, and more), the result is a seaside getaway in the form of an album: equal parts carefree, contemplative, and wildly life-affirming.

As his reach continues to expand exponentially, Moon said he looks forward to taking *AMERICAN PALM* on the road and interacting up-close with his vast community of fans.

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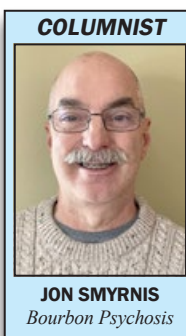
Bourbon Psychosis heads East

"Kanpai!" – Traditional Japanese toast, literally meaning "dry cup" or "empty the glass"

Let's travel East, far East. You might not know it, but Japan is one of the top bourbon/whiskey consumer nations in the world. Their appetite is voracious for the stuff, especially high-end, allocated, rarities from the United States. Another, perhaps little known, fact is that Japan is amongst the top whiskey-producing nations on earth. And ... they make some really nice juice.

I like *different*. I think that part of the fascination with bourbons/whiskeys is the never-ending search for that "something special." Of course, in my quest for the out-of-the-ordinary it would only make sense to look to the Japanese.

My first run-in with Japanese whiskey was with Nikka Coffey Grain. Not gonna lie, I bought it because I thought it was going to have a coffee flavor, and they just spelled coffee differently. Ahh, ignorance! It's actually named for the type of still it was produced in and has zero to do with coffee. I'm not going to



JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

into the different types of stills here. You can consult the Googles for that if you're interested. This very nice, 90-proof whiskey was delicious with hints of bourbon as well as notes of caramel and vanilla. It might be the power of suggestion, but I swear it has a slight coffee flavor as well. However, as we have learned, I'm easily suggestible. Though I enjoyed the Nikka, I didn't go hog-wild on purchasing other Japanese whiskeys. I know! Some signs of restraint. Then ... a good friend of mine went on a trip to Japan and brought me back a couple of little bottles of whiskey to sample.

One was "The Tottori." The Tottori is a 96-proof blended whiskey aged in first-fill ex-bourbon barrels. Its flavor profile is listed as "cream, lemon sponge cake, black pepper, and oak." I'm sitting here at my desk sampling it right now, and I'd say that I agree (at 11 a.m.). Hey! I've gotta do the research. Besides, I'm sure it's five o'clock somewhere. Overall, pretty good booze. Yet ... I still have the small bottle after several years and

it's three quarters full.

The second bottle was "The Chita," made by the venerable Suntory Distillery. Suntory is one of Japan's oldest distilleries and has an interesting history. Again, not going to get into that here. Today, it is one of the largest whiskey conglomerates in the world. It might sound familiar to you because in 2014 it acquired the Jim Beam brand.

Back to the booze. The 90-proof Chita was amazing! Light, yet complex*, if I could describe it in one word: buttery. Its official flavor profile is listed as "honey, crème brûlée, and citrus." I really, really, enjoyed this whiskey. The contents of my little bottle vanished quickly. I rushed to the liquor store (several in fact) to find more.

Alas, not available in Indiana. Go figure! It still isn't. For years I was unable to get it. Then, my good friend (same one) snagged a couple of bottles for me on a recent trip to Florida. Indiana needs to get with the program! One of these new bottles is already almost empty.

My final Japanese whiskey experience is a collaboration from Suntory/Beam called Legent. Legent is a 94-proof bourbon created by Fred Noe and then aged in red wine and sherry casks.

It is then blended by Suntory's master blender Shinji Fukuyo. It's a solidly good, spicy, whiskey with notes of "fruit and cinnamon." To me, there's not much of a "wow" factor there.

There you go, my experiences with Japanese whiskeys. Of course, there are tons more examples out there that I haven't tried. Certainly there are some gems amongst them. My problem is that delving into Japanese whiskeys is a whole new ballgame. I have enough issues with collecting bourbon and other American whiskeys. Progress ... I'm limiting myself! Yet, I believe that a foray into these different, delicate, flavorful offerings would be wholly worthwhile.

*I was so proud of myself when this thought came to me. Then a few seconds later (literally) I looked at the AI description from the Suntory Distillery and they used the same words. Swear on a case of Pappy Van Winkle that it occurred to me on my own. I'm getting better at these hoity-toity descriptions!

Jon Smyrnis is a lifelong Indianapolis area resident. He enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, kayaking, dining out, and, of course, fine cocktails and great bourbons.

HEPL Foundation announces return of "A Night in the Stacks"

Get your tickets for 21 & over after-hours fundraising event



The REPORTER

The Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) Foundation invites the community to experience the library like never before at "A Night in the Stacks," an exclusive 21-and-over fundraising event supporting library programs, literacy initiatives, and the future of HEPL.

Taking place from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 29 at the Noblesville Library, this vibrant after-hours celebration transforms the library into an immersive evening of entertainment, creativity, and connection – all in support of expanding opportunities for the community through the library.

The event invites guests to explore the library after hours while enjoying a lively, carnival-inspired atmosphere featuring laser tag, arcade and video games, a silent disco, trivia, book speed dating, crafts, board games, and more. Food and drinks will also be available throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$50 and include one complimentary drink. Advance purchase is required at hamiltoneastpl.org.

The evening also serves as the official kickoff to the library's Summer Reading Program, celebrating imagination, storytelling, and lifelong learning while raising funds that directly benefit library services and programming.

"We look forward to welcoming adults 21+ to

the library for an after-hours experience designed just for them," Foundation Director Lisa Longo said. "Guests will have the opportunity to explore the library as never before, with adventure around every corner. Most importantly, every ticket helps support library programming that benefits our entire community. A Night in the Stacks is truly a party with a purpose."

Established to strengthen and sustain the future of the library, the HEPL Foundation supports initiatives that foster literacy, lifelong learning, community connection, and equitable access to resources across Hamilton County.

The event is made possible through the generous support of community sponsors, including Nickloy, Albright, Gordon, & Seibe At Law LLC, Taylored Systems, Indiana Members Credit Union, Connico, and Church Church Hittle + Antrim.

With an expected crowd of 300 guests, "A Night in the Stacks" continues to grow as one of the community's most unique and exciting fundraising experiences.

Tickets and additional event information are available through hamiltoneastpl.org.

Onyx+East announces closing of first for-sale community in Westfield

Submitted

Onyx+East, a full-service homebuilder based in Indianapolis, and IHP Capital Partners, one of the nation's leading residential real estate investment firms, has announced the closing of 44 acres for the development of Trillium, a new for-sale home community in Westfield.

Groundbreaking and construction are expected to begin in July 2026, with sales launching, along with four model homes and several quick move-ins, scheduled for spring 2027.

Located at 199th Street and the Monon Trail, Trillium combines modern design, open space, and trail-side convenience in one of Hamilton County's most desirable areas. The project will offer a diverse mix of homesites, from low-maintenance courtyard lots to expansive executive homes, designed to accommodate different stages of life and personal preferences. At completion, the community will feature 119 detached single-family homes ranging from 2,000 to 4,500 square feet of finished living space, each with an additional unfinished basement spanning approximately 1,100 to 2,000 square feet. Homes will offer 10-foot ceilings, flexible floor plans, three to five bedrooms, and 2.5 and 3.5 bathrooms.

Ten courtyard homes



Rendering provided

will offer direct access to the Monon Trail, Indiana's award-winning rail trail. The community will also feature more than nine acres of landscaped open space, including walking paths, gathering areas, and a naturalized playground, along with a direct connection to the Monon Trail at 199th Street.

"Guided by extensive research, the newly designed floor plans reflect a modern approach to living – adaptable, functional, and responsive to a range of lifestyles," Onyx+East CEO Kelli Lawrence said. "Trillium allows us to expand our home offerings for buyers seeking elevated living options while breaking away from traditional suburban development. With unique site plans, distinctive architecture, and direct access to the Monon, the community offers a rare opportunity for thoughtful, design-forward living in Westfield."

Buyers will have the opportunity to personalize their homes at Onyx+East's local design center, working with experienced designers to select finishes, lay-

outs, and details that align with personal preferences. Smart home technology and thoughtful design features will also be incorporated to appeal to a range of buyers, including move-up homeowners, young families, and downsizers.

Trillium is surrounded on three sides by the established and nearly sold-out Chatham Hills masterplan golf community, with the Monon Trail running directly along the eastern boundary, providing walkable access to a 20-mile regional recreation corridor. The surrounding neighborhood consists of upscale detached homes, high-performing public schools, and proximity to major employment centers accessed via U.S. 31, located just one mile east of the property. Downtown Indianapolis lies approximately 20 miles to the south of the site.

While Trillium marks Onyx+East's first development in Westfield, the community is part of the company's broader expansion across Hamilton County. Onyx+East is actively sell-

ing and constructing at Flora in Carmel, a 121-home community set on 37 acres, and Nickel Row in Fishers, a 35-unit townhome community located along the Nickel Plate Trail. Onyx+East also has other thriving communities throughout the greater Indianapolis area.

"We are excited to partner with Onyx+East as we enter the Indianapolis market with the Trillium project," IHP Capital Partners Co-president Richard Whiteley said. "Their team brings extensive local market knowledge, a seasoned leadership group with strong construction expertise and a proven ability to deliver high-quality communities on time and on budget. We look forward to working together to bring a thoughtfully designed neighborhood to Westfield while establishing a new long-term partnership in the Midwest."

Whelan Advisory served as the exclusive financial advisor to Onyx+East. To learn more about Onyx+East and stay updated on Trillium and other developments in Indiana, please visit onyxandeast.com.

IU Health's Mobile Lung Unit coming to Merchants Bank Carmel

The REPORTER

The IU Health Mobile Lung Unit is traveling across Indiana, offering low-dose CT scans to individuals at high risk for lung cancer.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, claiming more lives each year than breast, prostate, and colon cancers combined. Yet, what many people don't realize is that lung cancer is often preventable, and highly treatable, when detected early. Unfortunately, most cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage when treatment options are limited and survival rates are low.

IU Health's mission is to promote early detection, which can significantly improve treatment outcomes and save lives. This initiative is not only about providing access to care; it's about giving Hoosiers a fighting chance.

Watch [this short video](#) to see how easy lung screening on the mobile really is.

Details

Low-Dose CT Lung Screenings for eligible individuals ages 50 to 77 who

are current or former smokers of 20 years. (Former smokers who have quit in the past 15 years may also be eligible.)

The screening is covered by most insurance plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. IU Health will cover the cost for those without insurance.

Date & Time

• Thursday, May 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Merchants Bank Carmel, 410 Monon Blvd.

Why it matters

Early screening saves lives. Early-stage lung cancer often has no symptoms, which means people at risk may feel healthy while the disease silently progresses. A low-dose CT (LDCT) scan is a quick, painless screening tool that can detect lung cancer before symptoms appear. Studies show that LDCT screening can reduce lung cancer deaths by up to 20 percent among high-risk individuals.

That's not just a statistic, it is lives saved, families kept whole, and futures preserved.

Learn more at iuhealth.org/mobile-lung-screening.

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Wawa thanks nurses at Riley Children's Health at IU Health Fishers



Photo provided

To celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6 to 12, the Wawa Community Care Coffee Vehicle took a trip to Riley Children's Health at IU Health Fishers to serve coffee to thank healthcare heroes. "Children's Miracle Network is a longstanding partner of Wawa and The Wawa Foundation, and we are thrilled to celebrate National Nurses Week at our CMN hospital partners in our newest communities," said Liz Simeone, President of The Wawa Foundation. "We hope our visits brighten the days of nurses and lets the healthcare community know how much we all appreciate them." Now through May 24, customers can visit any Wawa store to support Children's Miracle Network. Funds raised for Children's Miracle Network help local children's hospitals provide care for kids facing accidents, chronic conditions, premature birth, mental health challenges and life-threatening illnesses.



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New Goddard School coming to Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Goddard School, a nationally acclaimed early childhood education franchise, is set to open its second location in Noblesville this summer, expanding its inquiry-based learning experience to area families. The Goddard School of West Noblesville is the second location for owners Mitch and Denise Manders, seasoned Goddard School franchisees who have owned The Goddard School of Carmel - West since 2022.

Located at 4903 Castamere Drive, this 13,200 square-foot early childhood education center will have 12 classrooms to provide care for and educate approximately 175 students from six weeks to six years old. Additionally, the school will add more than 35 teaching jobs to the community.

"As parents of three young children who graduated from The Goddard School, we saw firsthand

how the right environment transforms a child's confidence and curiosity," Mitch Manders said. "Opening this second location is our way of helping more Noblesville and Westfield families give their kids that same incredible head start. We're eager to work side-by-side with local families and businesses to help children build a strong early foundation. We want this school to be something the community is proud to have in their backyard."

The new school will have a multi-purpose room, two outdoor classrooms and multiple playgrounds. Additionally, the school will be equipped with hospital-grade sanitization equipment to ensure a healthy environment.

The Goddard School's exclusive inquiry-based education program, **Wonder of Learning**, embraces how children learn best - through their innate curiosity - because research confirms that

when wonder leads, learning follows. Wonder of Learning features a cutting-edge curriculum developed by a diversely skilled group of educators, researchers, physicians, and early childhood experts, as well as built-in assessment of academic and social-emotional progress and family communication via a proprietary app.

Inquiry-based learning, which guides the Wonder of Learning curriculum, is a teaching and learning approach that focuses on the natural curiosity and sense of wonder children bring into the classroom. With teacher-guided inquiry topics, children learn about themselves and the world around them by exploring their interests, investigating concepts, and asking questions.

For families interested in learning more about The Goddard School and how to enroll in the new West Noblesville location, visit GoddardSchool.com or call (317) 678-9055.

Six drug traffickers, including one illegal alien, sentenced to decades in federal prison

Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana has secured prison sentences for six individuals convicted of trafficking methamphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl, and other controlled substances.

Each prosecution stemmed from a separate investigation and was individually resolved in March or April of 2026.

- **Antwan Lamont Shackelford, 46, Indianapolis:** convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine; sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment and 10 years of supervised release; prior convictions: conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute cocaine

- **Joshua Richey, 43, Indianapolis:** convicted of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking crime; sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and eight years of supervised release; prior convictions: dealing in methamphetamine

- **Carlos Bullock, 27, Indianapolis:** convicted of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and eight years of supervised release; prior convictions: armed robbery

- **Aaron Burk, 50, Brazil, Ind.:** convicted of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of Methamphetamine; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and five years of supervised release; prior convictions: conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of marijuana

- **Derrick Anthony Griffin, 50, Indianapolis:** convicted of possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, and possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl; sentenced to 10 years, 10 months' imprisonment and five years of supervised release

- **Wilfredo Alexander Reyes-Dominguez, 26, Hamilton County:** convicted of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, and using or carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime; sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and four years of supervised release

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Notable case summaries

Antwan Lamont Shackelford

From at least February 2023 through March 29, 2023, Shackelford conspired with his co-defendant to distribute 107.3 grams of pure methamphetamine throughout the Southern District of Indiana, with Shackelford serving as the supplier. Shortly after completing a drug transaction, IMPD officers conducted a traffic stop and arrested both men.

During processing at the Marion County Jail, Shackelford was found to be concealing two baggies - 8.355 grams of pure methamphetamine and 2.47 grams of fentanyl - in his anal cavity.

Wilfredo Alexander Reyes-Dominguez

On Aug. 6, 2024, Reyes-Dominguez was traveling on I-465 to deliver drugs to a customer in Frankfort, Ind., when he was stopped by law enforcement officers. He was accompanied in the vehicle by his two-year-old daughter, his wife, and his mother. A search of the vehicle uncovered 430.5 grams of pure methamphetamine, 43.1 grams of cocaine, packaging materials, a metal grinder, and a Glock 19X 9mm handgun loaded with 17 rounds. The methamphetamine and cocaine were found inside his daughter's diaper bag.

In a subsequent statement to law enforcement, Reyes-Dominguez admitted that he had paid approximately \$9,000 to cross the border and enter the United States illegally. As part of his guilty plea, he acknowledged that he will be subject to removal from the United States upon completion of his sentence and must surrender to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon release.

As part of these investigations, law enforcement seized and forfeited:

Drugs

- 124 grams of fentanyl
- 291 grams of fentanyl analogue
- 491 grams of methamphetamine

- 188 grams of heroin
- 1.3 grams of black tar heroin

- 73.5 grams of cocaine
- 127 grams of a substance containing marijuana

Firearms & ammunition

- Glock 27 handgun with machinegun conversion device
- Ruger Single Six revolver
- Glock 19X 9mm handgun

- Assorted ammunition

Other items

- Digital scales
- \$285,406 in cash

The following agencies investigated or assisted in these cases:

- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
- Homeland Security Investigations
- Federal Bureau of Investigation - Indianapolis
- Indiana State Police
- Metro Drug Task Force
- Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department
- Clarksville Police Department

U.S. Attorney Wheeler thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Cristina Carballo-Colon, Samantha Spiro, Kelsey Massa, Lindsay Karwoski, Michelle P. Brady, Patrick Gibson, and Peter A. Blackett, who prosecuted these cases.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E 171st St, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing on the following petitions:

- 2605-SPP-04; Wheeler Landing Industrial; SWC of 181st Street, Dartown Road and Kinsey Avenue; Scannell Properties by Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. requests Primary Plat review of two (2) lots and three (3) blocks on 63.7 acres +/- in the Wheeler Landing Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.

Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana or by calling (317) 804-3150, option 5.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Committee at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana at or before the hearing. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Heights School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") shall convene at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia, to consider the refunding of the Building Corporation's Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2017.

The Noblesville Park Board meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2026, has been moved to the Forest Park Lodge, 701 Cicero Road. A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesvilleparks.org/160/Parks-Recreation-Board.

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

BALAAM'S FOURTH MESSAGE

Then 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 has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

Edom will be conquered; Seir, his enemy, will be conquered, but Israel will grow strong.

A ruler will come out of Jacob and destroy the survivors of the city."

BALAAM'S FIFTH MESSAGE

Then Balaam saw Amalek and spoke his message:

"Amalek was first among the nations, but their end will be utter destruction."

BALAAM'S SIXTH MESSAGE

Then he saw the Kenites and spoke his message:

"Your dwelling place is secure, your nest is set in a rock; yet you Kenites will be destroyed when Ashur takes you captive."

BALAAM'S SEVENTH MESSAGE

Then he spoke his message:
"Alas! Who can live when God does this?"

Ships will come from the shores of Cyprus; they will subdue Ashur and Eber; but they too will come to ruin."

Then Balaam got up and returned home, and Balak went his own way.

Numbers 24:15-25 (NIV)

Debra Lynn Quakenbush
September 5, 1966 – May 6, 2026

Debra Lynn Quakenbush, born Debra Lynn Jenkins on September 5, 1966, in Indianapolis, was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose presence truly lit up every room she entered.



Debra was preceded in death by her parents, Donald Dale Jenkins and Shirley Ann Jenkins. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Dennis Quakenbush; her daughter, Toshia Teckenbrock-Pfeifer, and Toshia's children, Cayden Krom and Skyler Pfeifer; her son, Stephen Levi Jenkins, his wife, Ashley Diane Lane, and their son, Lyndon Nathan Lane; her sister, Angie Snyder; her brother, Mike Jenkins; and many extended family members and dear friends.

She had an outgoing spirit and a gift for making people feel welcome and at ease. Kind, funny, outspoken, independent, and generous, she made a lasting impression on everyone she met. Debra found her greatest joy in being with her loved ones, especially her husband, Dennis. She took pride in caring for her home and creating a place where family could gather. She enjoyed cooking, spending time outdoors and camping, skiing, listening to music, and making memories with her family. Above all, Debra cherished time spent with those she loved. Her laughter, strength, adventurous spirit, and welcoming heart will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at the Forest Park Inn, Overlook Room, in Noblesville. Visitation and gathering will take place from 2 to 4 p.m., with a service beginning at 4 p.m. Family and friends are invited to come share in remembering and honoring Debra's life.

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Baseball

Noblesville grabs HCC edge with win over Brownsburg

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — Coming into Thursday night's series opener against Brownsburg at Dunker Field, Noblesville was tied for the Hoosier Crossroads Conference with Hamilton Southeastern.

Westfield won 5-4 on the road at HSE and the Millers took care of business in defeating the visiting Bulldogs in the first game of the series, 7-2. This gives Noblesville a slight edge heading into tonight's series finale in Hendricks County.

Southpaw hurler Beckett Doane got into a groove right away in the first, striking out three of the five he faced.

"I thought Beckett was great tonight. There were times they got to him and he eventually ran out of gas," said Noblesville head coach Justin Keever.

Ethan Clark was back in the lineup and walked to lead off the bottom. Aiden Reynolds singled to left and then both he and Clark moved up on Zac Glander's ground out to third. Clark scored on an error by pitcher Cole Sabelhaus. Slade Hodges made it 2-0, grounding on a rope into center, scoring Reynolds.

Doane struck out an additional five over the next four and two-thirds for eight punchouts and he walked just two.

"I thought he pitched well. They're a good hitting team. They've got some pop. We'll have to play well tomorrow to get them at their place," continued Keever.

The Millers grabbed a

couple runs before Doane exited. Brooks Riggs took the first pitch of the bottom of the fourth and launched it down the left field line, hitting the foul pole for a solo home run and a 3-0 score.

Jalen Stidham walked and sprinted to third when Garrett Dixon hit a hard ground ball to left. Two batters later, Chris Martz laid down a sacrifice bunt to squeeze Stidham home to push it to 5-0.

Eathan Cougill hit a one-out double in the top of the fifth for the Bulldogs and was driven in by Luke Padgett for a 5-1 count.

"Ethan Clark made some really good plays in the outfield tonight. I thought our bats, for the most part, were really competitive. Their starter (Sabelhaus) has good stuff," added Keever. "He's 88 to 90 and has a decent breaking ball and a good change-up. He's a tough one and we were able to grind him up and get him out."

Reynolds led off with a hit in the fifth and stole second. Hodges and Brooks Riggs both walked, loading the bases. Reynolds scored on a balk by Nathan Peck on the mound. Hodges ran home safely on a wild pitch. Pinch runner Ryan Ruse also scored on an error by the catcher and it was 7-1.

"They made some mistakes tonight that we took advantage of, but I'm really happy for our win," Keever said. "We're going to have to play better tomorrow, if we're going to get the sweep."

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Track & Field



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) The Carmel boys track & field team won a close Hamilton County championship Thursday at Guerin Catholic. The Greyhounds scored 128 points to edge out Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield, who tied for second with 124 points each. (BELOW) Hamilton Southeastern's Sam Long won the high point award after sweeping the 110 and 300 hurdles.

Carmel wins close boys county meet

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE — The Hamilton County boys track & field meet came down to the last event — in fact, the last leg of the event.

Carmel was battling Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield for the team championship and a fourth-place finish in the 4x400 relay helped the Greyhounds stay on top of the point standings, which took place Thursday at Guerin Catholic.

The discus and shot put events hadn't been entered into the standings yet, but once they were, Carmel

could celebrate. The Greyhounds scored 128 points to win the team trophy, just ahead of the Royals and the Shamrocks, who tied for second place with 124 points.

Hounds coach Brian Hamlett credited his team's depth for helping Carmel to come through.

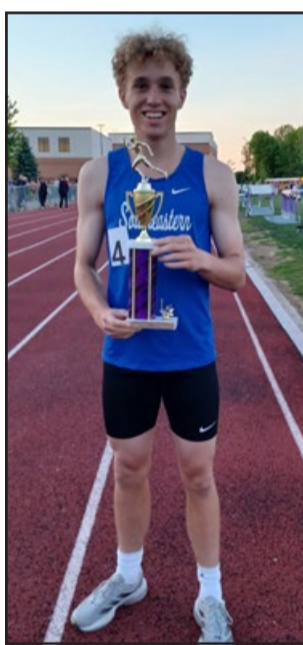
"We had guys we didn't know we'd be counting on early on in the season," said Hamlett. "Guys that are down on the roster are going to have to come up and score points when they're not expected to. Guys that are seeded a little bit lower are going to have to come up and score points when they

aren't expected to. "And that's what happened here."

The Greyhounds picked up two early event wins. Cooper Szotek, Lucas Bartlett, Carter Buhr and Trevor Walton teamed up for a victory in the 4x800 relay, clocking in at 7 minutes, 49.60 seconds. Jonah Kaul led a 1-2 finish in the 1600 run, finishing in 4:17.76. Bartlett was second. In addition to the 4x400 relay, Gavin Adkins helped keep Carmel in front by taking second in the discus.

The Shamrocks had the most event wins, collecting

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Softball

Royals hold off Yorktown

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern held off a Yorktown comeback on Thursday, winning 3-2 at the Tigers' field.

The Royals got on the board in the fourth inning when Sophia Feher hit a two-RBI single, scoring Addy Richmond and Kaleah McCarter. That gave Southeastern a 2-0 lead, and that became a 3-0 advantage in the fifth inning when McCarter singled in Richmond.

The Tigers scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh and had the bases loaded, but Grace Swedarsky threw a strikeout to finish the game. Swedarsky got the pitching win, throwing nine strikeouts in five innings.

Richmond and McCarter both got two hits.

Southeastern is 16-4 and plays Saturday at Fort Wayne Carroll.

Sheridan's comeback fell just short on Thursday, as the Blackhawks dropped a Hoosier Heartland Conference

home game 8-6 to Clinton Prairie in eight innings.

The Gophers led 6-0 midway through the fifth inning before Sheridan scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Ellie Eaton got the Hawks on the board with a two-run home run, also scoring Anna Rusk.

Hayleigh Kemp followed that with a double, then Amiyah Doss hit a single. Kemp was sent home by Adria Jump's base hit, then Dallas Terry hit a sacrifice fly to bring Jump home.

Sheridan tied the game in the sixth inning; Eaton scored on Jump's sacrifice fly. The score stayed at 6-6 until the top of the eighth when Prairie singled in two runs.

Jump counted a double among her two hits, with Doss, Dallas and Terry also getting two hits.

The Blackhawks are 2-5 in the conference and 3-11 overall. Sheridan plays another conference game this afternoon at Clinton Central.

Girls Lacrosse

Golden Eagles easily win quarterfinal

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

NOBLESVILLE — The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team easily moved into the semifinals of the Indiana Girls Lacrosse playoffs with a 19-7 quarterfinal win over Culver Academies Thursday at the Golden Eagles' field.

Guerin Catholic never trailed, leading 6-0 after one quarter. Seven different players scored for the Golden Eagles, led by Caroline Ford's six goals and eight assists. Claire Flannagan was next with five goals and one assist.

"We had beaten them before and felt that if we got out to a nice quick lead, it might deflate their spirit a little bit," said GC coach Joe Bellflower. "We've played really good the last several weeks, and we're jumping on teams early, which is something I like."

Natalie Laughon added



Photo by Mike Navarro

Guerin Catholic's Ella Capofari was one of seven different Golden Eagles players to score a goal during GC's state quarterfinal victory over Culver Academies on Thursday.

ed three goals, while Lucy Espostio added two goals. Adele Cline, Ella Capofari and Maggie Scott each scored one goal.

"Defensively, we're really solid, as we always

have been," said Bellflower. "But offensively, we're just moving the ball really well."

The Golden Eagles improved to 15-4 after the victory. Guerin Catholic

will play in the INGLA semifinals next Saturday, May 23, at Zionsville. The Golden Eagles await the winner of Saturday's quarterfinal between Carmel and Westfield.

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Boys Volleyball

Carmel, Fishers advance to semis

The REPORTER

The Carmel and Fishers boys volleyball teams advanced to Saturday's Sectional 8 semifinals with quarterfinal victories on Thursday.

The Greyhounds beat host Hamilton Southeastern in four sets in the evening's first match. The set scores were 27-25, 20-25, 25-22, 25-21.

Eli Philistin-Lynch dominated the offense with 25 kills and two aces, while Thomas Kuehl put down 14 kills. Dylan Kaiser served three aces and Shepard Spidel dished out 50 assists. Philistin-Lynch and Jett Burke both collected 15 digs and Kuehl scooped up 13 digs.

Southeastern stats were not available at press time. The Royals finished their season 19-8.

Fishers won the second match, sweeping Guerin Catholic 25-22, 25-17, 25-17. Stats from that match were not available. The Golden Eagles finished their season 12-12.

Carmel improved to 24-6, while the Tigers are 15-15. The teams will face off in Saturday's second semifinal, which begins after the day's first semifinal between Westfield and Noblesville. Action begins at 11 a.m., with the winners advancing to the 6 p.m. sectional championship.



(TOP LEFT) Carmel's Eli Philistin-Lynch hit 25 kills for the Greyhounds during their four-set sectional win over Hamilton Southeastern. **(TOP RIGHT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Brandt Marchione makes a set. **(ABOVE LEFT)** Fishers' Collin Miller (12) goes up for a spike during the Tigers' win over Guerin Catholic. Also pictured is Jake Thomas (22). **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Guerin Catholic's Gavin Cradick serves the ball.

Reporter photos by Julie Brown

Baseball

Seventh-inning rally sends Rocks past Royals

The REPORTER

Westfield rallied by scoring two runs in the seventh inning at Hamilton Southeastern on Thursday, and that carried the Shamrocks to a 5-4 Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory at Ken Seitz Field.

The Royals scored the game's first run in the first inning. Parker O'Steen hit a two-out double then scored on Cy Cole's base hit.

Westfield jumped ahead 3-1 in the top of the second. Maddox Novotney singled in Kasen Jessup, then Andrew Noble smacked a double to score Gabe Garcia and Novotney.

Southeastern tied the game in the fifth inning. O'Steen doubled Jackson Bixler home then scored on an error. In the sixth inning, the Royals took a 4-3 lead after Nick Bach batted Karson Seitz home.

But the Rocks moved ahead in the seventh inning. Noble scored on Aiden Grabowski's sacrifice fly, then Nick Fero doubled in the go-ahead run, sending Beck Jordan home.

Jordan also hit a double. Starting pitcher Corey Wilhelm struck out seven in six innings, then James Kovacs pitched the last two innings and got the win.

O'Steen was 3-for-4 at the plate. Spencer Mohr pitched a complete game, striking out nine.

Both teams are 7-4 in the conference and continue the HCC series tonight at Westfield. Overall, the Rocks are 12-9-1 and the Royals are 17-8.

Guerin Catholic started fast and cruised to a 19-4, 5-inning home win over Beech Grove on Thursday.

The Golden Eagles totaled 18 hits as a team. Ian Taylor was 3-for-3 at the plate, also scoring three runs and batting in three. Ben Canada hit two doubles, leading to three RBIs; he also scored three runs. Karson Smith smacked a triple for one of his two hits and batted in three runs.

Liam Zorger, Brody Cain and Carson Kail each hit one double. Nolan Ratcliff scored three runs. Jayce Cunningham got the pitching win.

The Golden Eagles are 18-3-1 and play at the Silver Creek Invitational on Saturday.

University cruised past Eastern Hancock 7-0 Thursday at RoundTripper Academy.

Sterling Davis Jr. singled in Oliver Kingery in the second inning to get the Trailblazers on the board. Philip Jacobs scored in the

third inning after Cooper Cammack hit a sacrifice fly.

University put up four runs in the fourth inning to take a 6-0 lead. Finn Steiner singled in Kingery, then Beckett Suh smacked a three-run double, scoring Steiner, Ethan Cutsinger and Jacobs.

Hudson Walloch scored in the sixth inning on David Gasper's RBI fielder's choice.

Suh had a perfect night, hitting 3-for-3. Kingery hit a double. Caleb Stocker got the pitching win.

The Blazers are 16-8 and host Arsenal Tech on Tuesday.

Fishers picked up a home HCC win over Franklin Central, 7-2 on Thursday.

The Tigers started strong with three runs in the first inning. Carter Strole doubled in Ethan Buelt, Owen Lukac scored after David Pina reached on error, then Isaac Fernandez batted in Strole.

Fernandez struck again in the third inning with a two-run triple, bringing in Strole and Collin Bumps. Vincent Pecoraro brought Fernandez home with a sacrifice fly, giving Fishers a 6-0 lead. Pina doubled in Buelt for a fourth-inning run.

Strole was flawless at the plate, hitting 3-for-3. Buelt also hit a double. Hayden Werner threw five innings for the win, striking out nine.

The Tigers are 7-4 in the conference and 12-12 overall. Fishers completes the HCC series tonight at Franklin Central.

Sheridan dropped a home Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Clinton Prairie 7-0 on Thursday.

Levi Gellert had two hits for the Blackhawks and Brayden Whisman had one hit. Jake Hall pitched 5.2 innings, striking out six.

Sheridan is 3-4 in conference play and 8-10 overall. The Hawks travel to Clinton Central this afternoon for another HHC contest.

Hamilton Heights fell to McCutcheon 14-0 in a five-inning home game on Thursday.

The Huskies were held to two hits, one each from Dillon Pitts and Tyson Upchurch. Greyden Dahlstrom threw four strikeouts in two innings.

Heights is 6-13 and hosts Benton Central tonight in the Hoosier Conference placement game.

MEET

six blue ribbons. Olumide Fapetu was first in the 100 dash and joined Caleb Terril, Logan Tuck and Cayden Gearhart to claim the 4x100 relay in a new meet record time of 41.70 seconds.

Westfield won the 4x400 relay as well; Terril joined Ryd Wallerstedt, Caleb Haney and Donovan Ledford for that victory. Other winners were Maison McCray in the 200 dash, Luke Moulder in the 3200 run and Brady Lemieux in the pole vault.

The Royals were helped by Sam Long, who swept both hurdle events. Long took the 110 hurdles race in 14.15 seconds, edging

out Guerin Catholic's Sefrin Smith, who finished in 14.19 seconds. Both are top 10 times in Indiana for the season. Long also claimed the 300 hurdles race.

Fishers placed fourth with 94 points and picked up two event wins. Rocky Duplessis was first in the 400 dash, while Konrad Haynes dominated the high jump, winning with a leap of 6 feet, 8 inches.

Noblesville picked up two wins. Austin Donahoe was the long jump champion, while Banner Barnes was first in the 800 run. Barnes' time of 1:50.41 is fourth in Indiana and ranks him 22nd in the country.

Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan swept the throwing events. His shot put throw of 58 feet, 10 inches rates him fourth in the state, while his discus throw of 162 feet, 7 inches ranks him ninth in Indiana.

Team scores: Carmel 128, Hamilton Southeastern 124, Westfield 124, Fishers 94, Noblesville 69, Hamilton Heights 53, Guerin Catholic 29.

Hamilton County champions

4x800 relay: Carmel (Cooper Szotek, Lucas Bartlett, Carter Buhr, Trevor Walton) 7:49.60.

110 hurdles: Sam Long (HSE) 14.15.

100 dash: Olumide Fapetu (W) 10.76.

1600 run: Jonah Kaul (C) 4:17.76.

4x100 relay: Westfield

(Caleb Terril, Logan Tuck, Fapetu, Cayden Gearhart) 41.70, new meet record.

400 dash: Rocky Duplessis (F) 49.69.

300 hurdles: Long (HSE) 38.33.

800 run: Banner Barnes (N) 1:50.41.

200 dash: Maison McCray (W) 21.51.

3200 run: Luke Moulder (W) 9:34.22.

4x400 relay: Westfield (Terril, Ryd Wallerstedt, Caleb Haney, Donovan Ledford) 3:23.45.

High jump: Konrad Hayden (F) 6-8.

Long jump: Austin Donahoe (N) 21-8.5.

Shot put: Will Duncan (HH) 58-10.

Discus: Duncan (HH) 162-7.

Pole vault: Brady Lemieux (W) 14-6.

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EDGE

Brownsburg got their second run off of reliever Griffin Snider in the sixth, but he sent them down in order in the seventh with a pair of fly outs and struck out Brayden Thompson to end the game.

Doane (5-1) and Snider combined for 10 strikeouts and three walks, along with each giving up three hits.

Along with Brooks Riggs' third home run of the

season, Reynolds went 2-for-4 with two runs. Hodges and Martz also had run-producing hits.

Noblesville (15-9, 8-3 HCC) heads to Brownsburg tonight for the second game of the series with the Bulldogs at 6:30 p.m. Saturday's afternoon game against the Tri-West Bruins (13-9) is Senior Day and a 1 p.m. first pitch.

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Noblesville's Hailey Wilbur commits to IU Columbus



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Hailey Wilbur has committed to the IU Columbus women's soccer team. (Front row, from left) Monica Wilbur (mother), Hailey Wilbur, and Kyle Wilbur (father). (Back row, from left) Mitch Holden (Noblesville Girls Soccer Head Coach), Randy Shideler (grandfather), Haiden Wilbur (brother), and Jake Hart (Noblesville Goalkeepers Coach).

Motorsports

O'Ward eager for 'Fast Friday' boost after leading practice at Indy

Submitted by IMS

Pato O'Ward was happy with leading practice Thursday for the 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, but the Mexican and his 32 rivals already are looking ahead to the increased power and speeds of "Fast Friday" at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

O'Ward led at 227.308 mph in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet, a lap he turned in traffic with the benefit of an aerodynamic tow in the first 35 minutes of the six-hour session. It was O'Ward's fastest lap of the week and the third fastest overall, behind 228.080 by Conor Daly and 228.026 by reigning "500" winner Alex Palou in cooler conditions Wednesday.

"We got a race run in, we got some qualifying simulations in, and the car is in good balance," O'Ward said. "Tomorrow when the boost comes up, it does change quite a bit. Yeah, so far it's been very smooth."

Teams and drivers will shift their focus to four-lap qualifying simulations during practice from noon to

6 p.m. Friday (broadcasting from noon to 3 p.m. on FS2; 3 to 5 p.m. on FS1 and 5 to 6 p.m. on FS2; FOX One, INDYCAR Radio powered by OnlyBulls). The Honda and Chevrolet engines that power the field will feature approximately 100 more horsepower due to increased boost levels that also will be available during PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying on Saturday and Sunday.

"Today, we noticed (reaching top speeds) over the course of two corners or like half a lap, but tomorrow you'll go from the start of the exit of (Turn) 2 to the entry of (Turn) 3 almost like full beans, so it's cool," O'Ward said.

Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves was second at 226.977 in the No. 06 Cleveland Cliffs Honda of Meyer Shank Racing w/Curb Agajanian, leading a banner day for the team with all three drivers in the top four.

Marcus Armstrong was third at 226.841 in the No. 66 Acura Honda of MSR, followed by teammate Felix Rosenqvist at 226.626 in the



Photo provided by IMS

No. 60 SiriusXM Honda.

2016 "500" winner Alexander Rossi rounded out the top five at 226.364 in the No. 20 Java House Chevrolet of Ed Carpenter Racing, a solid rebound after an engine change late Wednesday afternoon.

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Takuma Sato was the fastest car today without the benefit of an aerodynamic tow, with an eye ahead to qualifying simulations Friday and single-car qualifying runs Saturday and Sunday. Sato's best "no-tow" lap was 223.828 in the No. 75 Amada Honda of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, the fastest solo lap of the week.

Scott McLaughlin was second on the "no-tow" list at 223.738 in the No. 3 Pen-

nzoil Team Penske Chevrolet.

All 33 cars entered in the event this year combined to turn 1,469 incident-free laps today, the lowest total this week as teams started to focus on qualifying simulations. Rossi turned a session-high 68 laps on the 2.5-mile oval.

The 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 24 (10 a.m., FOX, FOX Deportes, FOX One, INDYCAR Radio powered by OnlyBulls).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 15

BASEBALL

Carmel at Roncalli, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.
Hoosier Conference playoff game
Benton Central at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF

County meet, 3 p.m. at Pebble Brook

SOFTBALL

Western Boone at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.
Eastern Hancock at Carmel, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Ben Davis, 6 p.m.
Hoosier Conference playoff game
Hamilton Heights at Benton Central, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

South Bend St. Joseph at Fishers, 4:30 p.m.
Park Tudor at Westfield, 5 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers Jim Brown Invitational, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Silver Creek Invitational, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Carmel at Bloomington North Tournament, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Tri-West at Noblesville, 1 p.m.
Lawrence North at Fishers, 6 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

INGLA quarterfinal

Westfield at Carmel, 11 a.m.

GOLF

Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg Invitational, 8 a.m. at The Trophy Club
Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at Mooresville Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Deer Creek GC
Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Angola Invitational, noon at Glendarin Hills
Hoosier Conference meet, 1 p.m. at Dykeman Park GC

SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights at Cougar Classic, 9 a.m. at Greenfield-Central
Fishers at McCutcheon doubleheader, 10 a.m.
Westfield at Mooresville, 11 a.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, noon

Noblesville at Jay County, noon

TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at North Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
Westfield Round Robin, 9 a.m.

Brebeuf Jesuit at Fishers, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern

Westfield vs. Noblesville, 11 a.m.

Carmel vs. Fishers, 12:30 p.m.

Championship, 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 17

TENNIS

Tournament draw date

Monday, May 18

BASEBALL

Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament, 5 p.m. at Kokomo
Fishers at Columbus North, 6:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne Carroll at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Hamilton Heights, 6:30 p.m.

GOLF

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 10 a.m. at Bear Slide

SOFTBALL

Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament, 5 p.m. at Rossville

Guerin Catholic at North Central, 5:30 p.m.

Western at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

Carmel at Harrison, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights at Eastern, 5 p.m.

Fishers at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

Westfield at North Central, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED TRACK

Fishers vs. Mooresville, Lawrence Central and Warren Central, 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton Heights at Lawrence North (with Pendleton Heights), 5:30 p.m.

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