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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered afternoon showers and storms. Some could be severe.
Tonight: Scattered showers and storms. Some could be severe.
HIGH: 82 LOW: 57



Real peony people don't mind a rain delay & Sunday proved it!



Photo by Lindsay Martin, Southern Sky Photography

If you thought stormy weather could put a soft pedal on a peony-percolated weekend ... boy, were you wrong! Thanks to quick thinking from Indiana Peony Festival organizers, the decision was made early Saturday morning to push the party to Sunday, May 17. As your peepers can perceive from this picture, peony-lovers of all persuasions packed the park in Noblesville to get their fill of springtime fun. By the way, if you didn't make it to the merchandise tent last weekend, you can pick up peony apparel at [this link](#). Thank you for another great Indiana Peony Festival. See you next May! Pivot to Page 3 to peruse photos from last Friday evening's sold-out Peonies in the Park fundraiser, as well as a graphic listing this year's sponsors.

My Kinda Saturday Night & some other stuff that happened

Typically, in the month of May, I would want to write about the Greatest Spectacle in Racing.



However, while that will always be one of my favorite topics, my wife, Megan, and I recently had a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We had the good fortune of attending the Luke Combs My Kinda Saturday Night Tour concert at Notre Dame Stadium. This 40-something doesn't get to a ton of concerts anymore, so I was really excited for this one. I've only been into country music for the last two or three years and Luke Combs has been my favorite of that genre.

Tickets for this mega-concert went on sale last October, literally while we were driving to our fall break destination. We pulled over to a McDonald's parking lot so we could both be on our phones to try to get seats before they sold out. We had our friends, a couple who were going with us, do the same to give us the best possible chance. I've written before that ticket-buying is one of the most nerve-wracking events in my life, and this proved to be no exception. However, when it was all said and done (after anxiety-eating half the menu) we accomplished our task and bought four tickets to the show.

We were so excited to snag these well-sought-after seats for that April concert date. Wait ... an outdoor April concert ... in South Bend, Indiana? More on that later.

Shortly after securing the tickets, I jumped on the Bootlegger website (the official fan site for Luke Combs) and signed up for a chance to win a meet and greet before the show. I figured, why not? It never hurts to try.

After six months of joyful anticipation, the week of the concert had finally arrived. I had completely forgotten I signed up for that meet and greet. That Monday, I happened to be checking my junk email (yes, I'm a nerd who checks his junk mail every day) and saw something about Luke Combs. There was also another word ... "winner." I went ahead and clicked on it out of curiosity. The email informed me I was one of 25 winners for a meet and greet for me and a guest.

Now, obviously I thought it was spam, so I went to the Bootlegger site and signed in. There it was, plain as day. I won a meet and greet! I have never won as much as a game of bingo in my life, let alone being one of 25 for a concert that was going to hold over 80,000 people.

That tidbit of news made things even more exciting when the Saturday concert day rolled around. The one issue with winning something like a meet and greet is that they give you virtually zero information, other than to pick up the package at will-call for further info.

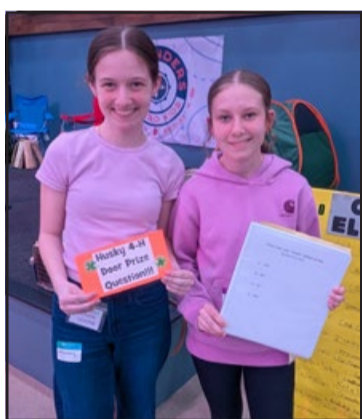
Rabbits, chickens & horses, oh my!

By CASH CAMPERELLI
Husky 4-H's Club Reporter

On Wednesday, May 13, the Husky 4-H's began our meeting with the pledges and then got down to business.

Lauren Happel filled three roles by serving as President and then giving both the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports. Zuri Ebigo shared a Devotion about courage, and Sophia Camperelli gave a Health and Safety demonstration about fire safety, including what to keep away from a fire and how far back to stand.

We then voted on several items, including whether to donate money to the Food and Animal Auction, and the motion passed. We also voted on whether to donate money for



Photos provided by Husky 4-H's Club

(ABOVE LEFT) McKinsey Allen won the trivia prize for knowing when "Health" was added to the 4 H's. (ABOVE CENTER) Mrs. Elizabeth Fouch with Goldie the Buff Orpington. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Ebigo sisters petting Goldie the chicken.

photos at the 4-H Fair, and the vote also passed.

Our trivia question for the night was, "When was Health added to the 4 H's?" The correct answer was 1911 (wow!),

and McKinsey Allen won that.

Next, Chiamaka Ebigo demonstrated how to hold a rabbit properly. She taught us how to cover its eyes so it wouldn't

be scared and why you hold rabbits a certain way. We also got to pet the rabbit, whose name was Axel.

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Supporting student success & campus growth

Hamilton County Community Foundation's investment in Ivy Tech Hamilton County surpasses \$100,000

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County recognizes the significant and ongoing support of the Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), whose contributions have now exceeded \$100,000 since the campus opened on July 1, 2021.

HCCF's continued investment has directly strengthened student success initiatives, expanded workforce development efforts, and supported signature campus events that bring students, employers, and the community together.

For the 2025-26 academic year alone, HCCF has provided \$40,000 in scholarship support, help-

ing make higher education more accessible for Ivy Tech students pursuing degrees and credentials in high-demand fields.

In addition to scholarship funding, HCCF has played a key role in advancing campus engagement and workforce readiness by sponsoring several major initiatives, including Ivy Tech Hamilton County's inaugural State of the Campus event in October 2025 and Ivy Tech Day 2025, a 24-hour giving event dedicated to advancing student success, scholarships, and community impact across the college. These events highlighted the college's growing impact in the region and strength-

ened connections between students, employers, and community partners.

In 2024, HCCF also awarded a \$15,000 workforce grant, further supporting programming designed to align student training with local labor market needs and strengthen pathways into in-demand careers.

HCCF's cumulative support reflects a shared commitment to expanding access to education and building long-term economic mobility across Hamilton County.

For more information about Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County, please visit ivytech.edu/hamco.



Photo provided by Ivy Tech Hamilton County

(From left) Eliza Sandlin, Marketing & Communications Officer; Alyssa Chavez, Community Leadership Officer; Tammy Hall, Executive Assistant to the President; Amanda Massey, Vice President of Development & External Engagement; Josie Frey, Philanthropic Advisor; Anita Rogers, Senior Community Leadership Officer; Danielle Stiles-Polk, HCCF President; Chancellor Rachel Kartz; Kelly Wallace, Executive Director of Development & Marketing; and Emily Cullen, Assistant Director of Development.

OH MY!

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This month our guest speaker was Mrs. Fouch, one of our club leaders. She talked to us about chickens (along with bringing a real chicken). She taught us some interesting facts about her chicken, such as where her chicken originated from and what class it was in. Then she shared a really cool fact: the older a chicken gets, the whiter its legs get!

After we got to pet Mrs. Fouch's Buff Orpington chicken, Goldie, Natalie Knapp gave a demonstration on horse saddles, such as the parts of a saddle and why some saddles look the way they look. She also taught us how to get on and off a horse.

After that, Chiamaka Ebigbo and Natalie Knapp led us in two games. The

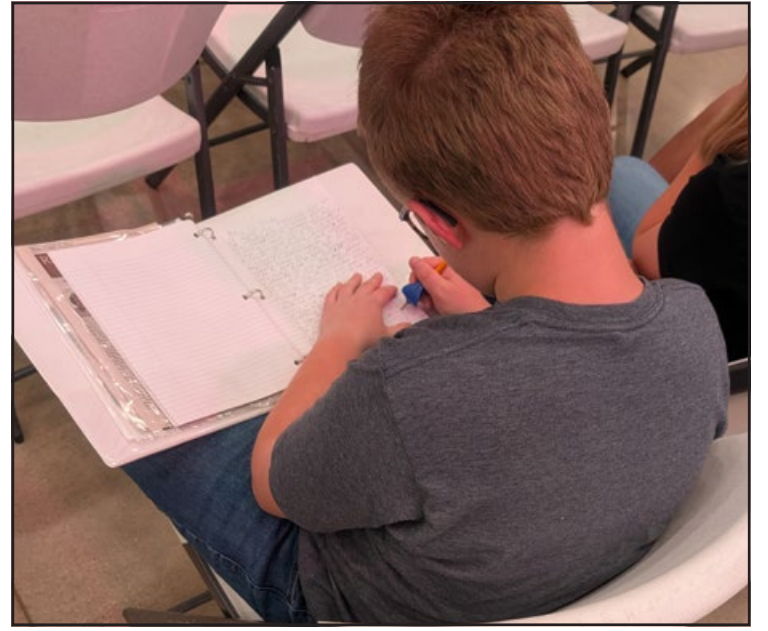
first was Hula-Hoop Toss, where teams must hold hands and work together to pass a hula hoop from one end to the other. But the catch: you can't use your hands! After a round of that, Chiamaka and Natalie taught us how to play Hula-Hoop Beanbag Toss, where players must toss a beanbag into a hula hoop to advance their hoop till they reach the end.

After a couple of heated, exciting rounds, we ended the meeting with snacks. But while some members were ending things, this reporter was starting some. Now, what you are about to read is the product of what this reporter did with some of his spare time.

Ladies and gentlemen, I give you: The Dirt!



(ABOVE LEFT) Natalie Knapp with her Western saddle.



(ABOVE RIGHT) Our Club Reporter hard at work.

Photos provided by Husky 4-H'ers Club

Our question for this meeting was "What has been your favorite part of the meeting so far this

year?" Here are the responses from a few of our Husky 4-Hers:

"Learning about what

the guest speakers are talking about." – Nathaniel Leonard

"The ice cream sundae

at the beginning." – Eliza Allen

"Petting the bunny." – Eleanor Brown

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OTHER STUFF

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Our columnist Tim, shown here with his wife and fellow columnist Megan Rathz, wouldn't let anything stop him from meeting country singer Luke Combs.

The problem was, it didn't say where the will-call was.

I assumed it was at the box office, but of course it wasn't. It was located in a random trailer next to one of the gates. Getting the info for that location was just a touch more difficult than learning the deepest secrets of Area 51, but I managed.

When we arrived, I learned I had massively underestimated what 80,000 people was going to look like when trying to get around the small city of Notre Dame, Indiana. And this is coming from someone who goes to the race every year with 300,000 others. Our super-secret meet and greet package had to be picked up by 5:30 p.m. and we were stuck in traffic in an Uber at about 5:15 p.m. This was going to be close, but no way I was going to screw this up. So, I jumped out of the Uber, leaving my wife and friends behind and

started running. I can only imagine the other cars stuck in traffic, taking in the site of a 40-something me huffing and puffing, sprinting toward the stadium.

The good news is, I managed to make it and received my letter that gave the location of the meet and greet. The letter then immediately self-destructed.

Megan and I met Luke, and he was as nice and as normal a guy and we had hoped he would be. With that amazing experience behind us, we made our way to the seats for the show.

Oh yeah, I did mention earlier that it was April in South Bend. It was 40 degrees that night, so it was officially my first concert in a winter coat.

The merchandise and bathroom lines rivaled anything you've ever seen at Disney. However, I did find one men's room that was hidden because the line for the women's room was so long. So, after knocking

down a few ladies in cowboy boots and earmuffs, I had a bathroom all to myself... hee-hee.

The show was amazing, and we were exhausted! So, after not being able to find an Uber out of there, a thousand-mile walk, led by a couple of morons who may have indulged in some beverages (possibly me and my friend), a ride from a total stranger who felt bad for us, and two wives who were questioning their choice of spouses (me and my friend again), we finally made it back to the hotel and put this trip in the books.

I realize that last paragraph was a lot of information that really should have some explanation, but I'm out of time, so let's save that for another day.

The moral of the story is... don't forget to check your junk mail.

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The Greatest Spectacle in Seminary Park



(ABOVE LEFT) As always, Peonies in the Park packed in flower fans from far and wide. (ABOVE RIGHT) Aly Kirkham (a.k.a. That Painter Chick) created a live mural during Peonies in the Park last Friday, May 15.



(ABOVE LEFT) Tinker Street presents samples of Chef Tyler Shortt's Roasted Asparagus Salad. (ABOVE CENTER AND RIGHT) The complimentary cocktail and mocktail beverage of the evening was very on-brand for this event. It was light, sweet, and even had peony petals in the ice cubes. The adult version contained a bit of gin. After finding other gin-infused beverages at the festival and asking, "Why does everything here have gin in it?" someone told our publisher that was because gin is made from peonies. (Editor's note: gin is in fact made from juniper berries.)



Reporter photo Julie & Chris Jensen pose for their peony pic.

(ABOVE LEFT) One of the peony plein-air painters paused for this picture. (ABOVE RIGHT) Ninth Street Bistro's samples were tasty, but that jacket is the real treat. You can almost hear "Stayin' Alive" just from looking at it.



Reporter photos (ABOVE) We found Jeff and Julia Kozicki at Peonies in the Park, and as you can see from Jeff's shirt, wild horses could not have kept them away. He noted that those flowers identified as peonies for the duration of the festival, even though they look a little rose-esque. (BELOW) Julia was one of the cake walk winners.

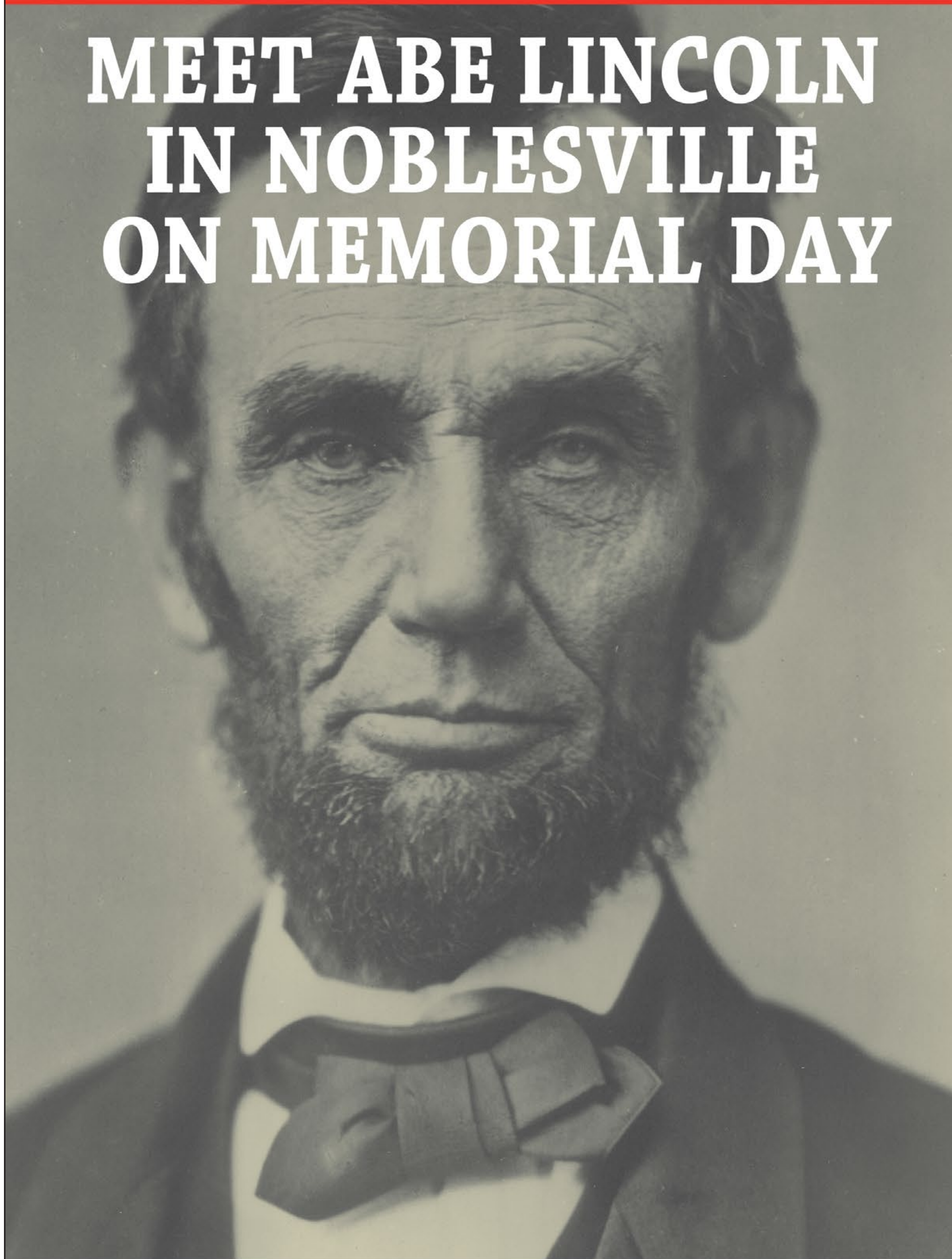
Photo by Tenth Street Photography The Reporter's friend Chasten Harmon was a Very Important Peony Person on Friday. She is also the proprietor of Pure Green, 8594 E. 116th St., in the heart of Fishers. Thanks to Tenth Street Photography, she, like many others, has a physical picture of proof of her peony-packed fun-filled Friday.



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Carmel PorchFest, Inc. announces 2026 schedule

Submitted by City of Carmel

Are you ready for a late-night street party in the Carmel Arts & Design District? Carmel PorchFest, Inc. recently announced four events for 2026, including three Late Night on Main events and its signature event in September, PorchFest.

Late Night on Main is a free, family-friendly community concert in the street with food and beverage vendors available. Bring your own chairs for relaxing and be ready to dance.

Carmel PorchFest

Carmel PorchFest will take place from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. Every September across the Arts & Design District, porches turn into stages and sidewalks into front-row seats. With close to 70 performances on more than 20 porches, local bands have the opportunity to shine.

Tons of local food and beverage vendors will be onsite to create the perfect festival vibe. Carmel PorchFest is Carmel's signature music festival: free, community-driven, and unlike anything else.

Are you interested in performing at Carmel PorchFest? **Band applications are open** to everyone through June 1.

Late Night on Main

Late Night on Main returns to Carmel's Main Street on the third Saturday of each summer month. The high-energy street party spans two city blocks and begins at 6 p.m. Plenty of food and beverage vendors will be available and many of the Main Street businesses stay open late. Come early for dinner and bring your chairs.



Photos provided by City of Carmel

The annual PorchFest (top) and Late Night on Main events (above) are pure Carmel: free, community-driven, open to everyone, and unlike anything else.

- **Saturday, June 20:** Blair Clark and The Fun Factor Band. The Fun Factor Band is made up of gifted musicians, skilled vocalists, and seasoned performers, led by the electrifying performer Blair Clark.
- **Saturday, Aug. 15:** DUDE! is a five-member dance pop band from Indianapolis that plays ev-
- **Saturday, July 18:**

erything from to Adele to Zeppelin and A-Ha to Lady Gaga. DUDE! is led by Renée Michelle Merrifield, a versatile female singer and charismatic star.

Click here to read more about the Carmel PorchFest, Inc. 2026 events and the Carmel PorchFest Grant Program for children.

Sacred Rebel
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with Jerry Zehr

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Finding your voice in fearful times

Submitted

At a time when so many people feel exhausted by division, fear, and the inability to truly hear one another, Carmel author and longtime interfaith leader Jerry Zehr is inviting the community into a different kind of conversation.

On Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Public Library Community Room, Zehr will launch his new book, *Sacred Rebel: Fierce Love in a Fearful World*.

Rather than a traditional author reading, the afternoon is designed as an open and engaging community conversation exploring courage, compassion, and the finding one's own voice,

and how we stay connected across deep differences in today's culture.

Drawing from nearly 40 years in pastoral leadership and interfaith work in central Indiana, Zehr's book invites readers to rethink what strength, spirituality, and healing can look like in anxious times.

The event will include a few stories from the book, audience interaction, questions and discussion, and a book signing afterward.

Click here to register for this free event. The library is located at 425 E. Main St., Carmel.

Readers can also explore the opening chapter and learn more about the book at JerryZehr.com.

Westfield Communications Department receives national recognition for digital communications & resident engagement

Submitted by City of Westfield

The Westfield Communications Department has received multiple national and international recognitions for excellence in government communications, digital engagement, and public transparency.

The department recently earned two Award of Distinction honors in the 32nd annual Communicator Awards, an international competition recognizing excellence in marketing, communications, and creative work. The awards were presented by the Academy of Interactive & Visual Arts.

The city also received a third-place Blue Pencil Award from the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC), while Communications Director Kayla Arnold was recognized as a finalist for the organization's 2026 Communicator of the Year award.

"These recognitions reflect the City's commitment to transparent, accessible and innovative communication with our residents, businesses and visitors," Mayor Scott Willis said. "Our communications team continues to elevate how local government connects with the community while ensuring residents have timely and accurate information about their city."

Discover Westfield website earns international recognition

The city's Discover Westfield website received an Award of Distinction in the Travel/Tourism category through The Communicator Awards.

Launched in 2025, the Discover Westfield website was developed in-house by the city's communications team to serve both residents and visitors. The platform highlights local amenities, restaurants, events, parks, and attractions while also supporting the millions of visitors who travel to Westfield annually for activities and tournaments at Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus.

The Communicator Awards is one of the largest and most competitive awards programs in the communications industry, receiving thousands of entries annually from organizations across the United States and around the world.

Westfield Economic Development website recognized for excellence

The city also earned an Award of Distinction in the Government category for the Westfield Economic Development website.

Launched in 2025, the website was developed through a partnership between the city's economic development team and Golden Shovel Agency, a nationally recognized economic development mar-

keting firm specializing in business attraction and community growth strategies.

The website was designed to support business attraction, showcase development opportunities, and position Westfield competitively in the national economic development landscape.

Advancing Westfield newsletter receives Blue Pencil Award

The city's Advancing Westfield quarterly newsletter earned third place in the Publication - Newsletter category through the NAGC Blue Pencil Awards program, which recognizes outstanding government communication products and the professionals who create them.

Created as part of Mayor Willis's commitment to transparency and accountability, Advancing Westfield is mailed quarterly to every household and business in the city.

The publication was developed to provide residents with clear, accurate, and accessible information about city operations, infrastructure investments, public initiatives, and community

growth.

Communications Director recognized nationally

During the NAGC annual conference, Communications Director Kayla Arnold was recognized as a finalist for the 2026 Communicator of the Year award.

The national recognition honors professional excellence in government communications while highlighting leaders who inspire and advance best practices within the profession.

"These recognitions are especially meaningful because they reflect the dedication and creativity of a small but incredibly talented team," Arnold said. "As Westfield continues to grow, strong communication becomes even more important. Our goal is always to ensure residents feel informed, connected, and confident in the work happening across the city."

The Westfield Communications Department oversees strategic communications, media relations, social media, website management, resident engagement initiatives, crisis communications, and public information efforts for the city.

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Coffee Hour for Veterans

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Letter to the Editor

Carmel & Fishers top state's list of debtor cities

Dear Editor:

For those of us concerned with runaway debt in local government, the latest reports on the state's Indiana Gateway website are discouraging indeed.

According to data the cities provided to the state, two of the top four debtor cities are in Hamilton County.

The top four:

- Carmel: \$1.6 billion
- Fishers: \$1.4 billion
- Evansville: \$1.4 billion
- Fort Wayne: \$1.3 billion

Each year the debt grows as spending outpaces revenue, and lenders are happy to draw large interest payments from taxpayer wallets.

From a moral point of view, however, leaving these debts to the next generation is shameful.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Less than one month to go until Janus' Helping Lives Bloom event

The REPORTER

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

The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 at Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville.

Meet some of the Janus staff and clients and learn more about the organization and its plans for the future. Other activities include a Wine Pull and Silent Auction in a casual atmosphere for a fun evening. Janus partners with the For the Love of Janus Guild for the Silent Auction. The money they raise is used for Participant Birthday

Parties each month, Summer Fest, Halloween Party and Christmas Party. This is Janus' biggest Fundraiser of the Year with many great baskets to bid on.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and two complimentary drinks (wine/beer/soft drinks; cash bar available).

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

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

7th Juneteenth Jubilee seeks vendors

Submitted

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) and Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders (FBL) club are will present the seventh annual Juneteenth Jubilee from 5 to 8 p.m. on June 19 at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

This annual student-managed event features Black-owned businesses and visual artists, culinary artists, community resources, as well as talented performing artists. Thank you to Title Sponsor MIBOR Realtor Association along with Entertainment Sponsors Accent Coatings and Mays Chemical. Special thanks to Zone Sponsors Conner Prairie and Alpha Gamma Mu Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Juneteenth Jubilee has been organized and created by students from the FBL club since 2020, and this is the fourth year it will be held at Conner Prairie. Last year more than 2,000 individuals enjoyed the Jubilee with their families. Roughly 30 spaces remain for vendors to join this annual event. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, May 19. Interested individuals can visit FishersArtsCouncil.org/juneteenth to sign up. *(Special note: The application deadline for Hamilton County Reporter readers has been extended to Thursday, May 21!)*

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for small and large businesses to help support different areas of the Jubilee. Details about sponsorship can be found at FishersArtsCouncil.org/juneteenth and all sponsorship levels include a booth space at the 2026 event.



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Fishers High School's Future Black Leaders and adult volunteers.



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FBL's Juneteenth Jubilee returns to Conner Prairie for the fourth year.

Juneteenth is an important celebration for the students of FBL at Fishers High School.

"Juneteenth marks the celebration of freedom for many African American people," said Gianna Fowler, one of the student organizers. "It celebrates liberty and independence."

Sondos Mertami sees how the history is shared through the day.

"Juneteenth is important to the Fishers community because it brings people together and raises awareness of the holiday allowing people to learn about the history behind it!" Mertami said.

FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said, "Working alongside these incredible student lead-



ers is an inspiration. We are proud to support these students and the amazing event they create for the community year after year. They decide what will be offered, coordinate with the vendors and entertainment, create educational materials, and fundraise. It's truly amazing to see the power of what our

youth can make happen in Fishers."

About Fishers Arts Council
Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers.

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Growing number of Indiana schools are victims of cyberattacks, data shows

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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A growing number of Indiana K-12 schools are becoming victims of cyberattacks, according to data obtained by I-Team 8.

These incidents can cost schools time, money and even put your child's personal information at risk.

I-Team 8 requested the data in light of last week's attack on Canvas, a platform used by K-12 schools and universities across the country.

In Indiana, a new law took effect in July 2021 that requires schools and local government agencies to report cybersecurity incidents to the state's Office of Information Technology within 48 hours.

Reported incidents by K-12 schools

- 2024: 27 incidents
- 2025: 69 incidents
- 2026: 40 incidents (so far)

Indiana is one of only a handful of states with a law requiring local government

agencies to report cybersecurity incidents to the state.

Among the types of attacks include ransomware, business email compromise and vulnerability exploitation, according to records obtained by I-Team 8.

I-Team 8 spoke with Doug Levin, director at K-12 Security Information Exchange, a nonprofit aimed at protecting schools from cybersecurity risks.

"We see every week examples of school systems large and small across the US being affected by cybersecurity incidents," Levin said. "Sometimes they're ransomware attacks, sometimes they're targeted phishing attacks, sometimes they're something different than that, but there is a steady drumbeat of these incidents happening."

They're also seeing an uptick in attacks against companies that serve education like Canvas and PowerSchool.

"The data was stolen and a threat actor is trying to ex-

tort the company into paying the money," Levin said.

Even when no information is compromised, cybersecurity threats can be quite costly to Indiana school districts.

I-Team 8 filed records requests and found Indiana schools have paid tens of thousands of dollars to help recover from cyberattacks and to improve their IT systems after the fact.

- Baugo Schools spent \$10,000 to upgrade their firewall following a cyberattack.
- Logansport Schools paid a company \$30,000 per year to help monitor its systems 24/7.

It can also put your child's information at risk. "Practicing basic cyber hygiene is, is what remains important and what I would encourage people to do," Levin said. "Certainly, if you reuse your username and password that you may use for Canvas, you're probably going to want to change that and make sure that you have unique us-

ernames and passwords across all your sites."

If you know of a cybersecurity incident at a school, please let us know at kara.kenney@wishtv.com.

Tips for protecting your family from cyber attacks

- Ask your school district for their cybersecurity incident response plan.
- It should outline what they will do and who they will contact (parents, the FBI, etc.) if there is a threat
- Talk to your kids about good password practices on both their school and home devices.
- Use two-factor authentication when possible, which makes it harder for someone to get into your accounts.
- Do a credit freeze so no one can open accounts in your name or your child's name.

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Carmel woman warns others about scam calls claiming to help with pain

By KARA KENNEY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Carmel woman says she's getting flooded with scam calls offering to help her with her pain.

Linda Barron, 81, contacted I-Team 8 for help because she's fed up with the calls.

"They say they're calling about my pain, but I'm probably the healthiest almost 82-year-old that you will find," said Barron.

Barron knows to hang up, but she's worried about her fellow senior citizens. "If I'm getting then others are getting it too," said Barron.

She filed a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General and I-Team 8.

"I looked online and I found you," said Barron.

I-Team 8 contacted Indiana Senior Medicare Patrol, which told us they're seeing an uptick in calls about pain and callers claiming to be from Medicare.

"Your Medicare number is more valuable than a social security number, because that can be used to order supplies that you may not even receive," said program director Nancy Moore. "Most a lot of the fraud now people don't even receive anything. It just shows up on their Medicare statements."

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Medicare-related scams resulted in more than \$2 million in consumer losses in 2025

with the average person losing \$2,000.

"Everybody is a target," said Moore.

Moore said because of data breaches and AI, scam callers may know a lot about you including which condition you have.

Many people make a common mistake – answering the phone. That just tells the scammers you have a working phone number and you're willing to pick up, which means you end up with more calls.

"I always say, be a millennial, don't answer your phone," said Moore.

Linda Barron admits she has a hard time doing that because she owns a Carmel office building.

"When I've got places for lease, I get strange phone numbers calling so I have to answer in my instance," said Barron.

She wants to spread the word and help others protect their personal information.

"I don't have patience with anyone being scammed, but especially seniors," said Barron.

Do not answer your phone for numbers you don't recognize.

When in doubt, hang up and verify directly with Medicare or whatever agency claims to be calling you.

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Hamilton County Tourism named 'Best Place to Work' in Indiana for seventh year

Organization ranks No. 7 in Small Company category statewide

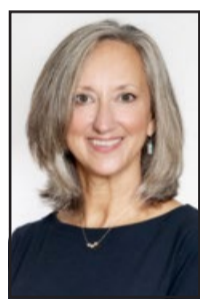
The REPORTER

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce named Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. to its **Best Places to Work in Indiana list** for the seventh year. Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. placed seventh out of 28 in the overall rankings for the Small Company category, which was announced at the 2026 Best Places to Work in Indiana Awards Dinner on May 13.

The statewide survey and awards program is designed to evaluate participating organizations and honor those with the highest levels of employee satisfaction and

engagement in the workplace.

"This recognition is a reflection of a team that genuinely believes in our organization's mission and the impact it's making on the community and the visitor experience," said Hamilton County Tourism President and Chief Executive Officer Karen Radcliff. "When the team is engaged, that energy shows up in the



Radcliff



work they do, and ultimately, in the destination itself. I couldn't be prouder of the people who show up every day and make this organization what it is."

The Best Places to Work program, managed by Workforce Research Group, evaluates organizations through a two-part process combining an assessment of workplace

policies and practices with a direct employee survey measuring satisfaction and engagement. Combined scores determine the final rankings.

Some of the attributes that have elevated Hamilton County Tourism in the surveys through the years include its professional development opportunities, a collaborative team environment and the feeling of purpose-driven work.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Indiana program, visit BestPlacesToWorkIndiana.com.

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Indianapolis theatre celebrates Flanner Family legacy in new play *They Call Me Genêt*

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A new stage production celebrating the life and legacy of Janet Flanner, a trailblazing writer and the daughter of the founder of Flanner Buchanan, a family-owned funeral home that's been proudly serving the Indianapolis community since 1881, is set to premiere at The District Theatre, 627 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis, reconnecting Indianapolis with one of America's most influential literary figures.

They Call Me Genêt, written by playwright D. Paul Thomas, brings to life the story of Flanner, an Indianapolis-born writer who went on to become one of the most impactful correspondents in *The New Yorker's* history. For more than 50 years, Flanner was known to *The New Yorker* audiences as "Genêt,"

whose reports on European culture, politics, art, and society shaped how generations of Americans envisioned the Parisian life.

The production begins with Flanner's roots in the American Midwest, a daughter of Frank W. Flanner, Indiana's first licensed embalmer, who had dedicated his life to caring for his friends and neighbors in Indianapolis. Janet would go on to serve her community in her own way, initially starting her career working for *The Indianapolis Star* before becoming a founding voice for *The New Yorker*.

"Janet Flanner was one of the most important journalists of the twentieth century, yet many people in her own hometown don't know her story," said Pauline Moffat, Managing Director of The District

Theatre. "Through this play, we are reclaiming an extraordinary Indianapolis voice that helped interpret Europe to America for half a century."

From July 16 to 19 and 23 to 26, Indianapolis is invited to discover someone who is more than a cultural icon, who helped shape American perception of everything from café society to the rise of fascism during World War II. They're invited to meet the woman behind the byline and an integral member of the Flanner Buchanan family who has long cared for the Indianapolis community.

"Thomas has captured Janet's iconic personality in this work," said Bruce W. Buchanan, a relative of Janet's. "The play will appeal to anyone interested in how a creative writer em-



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) The Flanner Family: (from left) Janet, Frank, Mary Emma (Marie), Mary, and Hildegarde. (ABOVE RIGHT) Janet Flanner as a young woman.

bodies their thoughts into elegant prose. She was an extraordinary talent!"

"This is not simply a play about a journalist," Moffat said. "It is about a woman from Indianapolis who stepped into the world and helped explain it back to us."

Tickets for *They Call Me Genêt* are on sale now

on The District Theatre's website, indydistricttheatre.org.

To ensure that even more Indianapolis families can meet "Genêt," Flanner Buchanan will be raffling off tickets on their [Facebook page](#).

About Flanner Buchanan
Founded in 1881, Flanner Buchanan is one of In-

diana's most respected and innovative funeral service providers. Family-owned with locations throughout central Indiana, Flanner Buchanan provides a full range of funeral, cremation, cemetery, and preplanning services, blending tradition with creative celebrations of life. Learn more at flannerbuchanan.com.

Trio Marketing launches with acquisition of Pickett & Associates

Submitted

A new chapter in Indiana's marketing and communications landscape is unfolding this month as Trio Marketing officially launches, acquiring longtime firm Pickett & Associates and stepping forward as its next-generation successor.

Founded by Patricia "Pat" Pickett in 2010, Pickett & Associates has served public sector, nonprofit, healthcare, and business clients across central Indiana for 15 years. The transition to Trio Marketing reflects both a thoughtful succession plan and a natural evolution of leadership.

Trio Marketing is led by a three-part ownership team:

- Rose Campbell, Co-Owner & Strategy Director
- Kat Wedmore, Co-Owner & Creative Director
- Kate Jaggard Tyo, Co-Owner & Content Director

As part of the transition, the Trio leadership team has acquired Pickett & Associates' existing client portfolio and will assume full operational leadership of the business moving forward.

"This is exactly what succession should look like: intentional, strategic, and rooted in relationships," Pickett said. "I have complete confidence in Trio's leadership. They understand our clients, they understand the work, and they are exceptionally well-positioned to take it to the next level."

Pickett will continue to support the firm in a consulting capacity, providing expertise in public relations, strategic communications, and crisis management, ensuring continuity for clients who have long relied on her experience and counsel.

The timing of the announcement aligned with the recent Mother's Day



Photo provided

weekend is particularly meaningful, as two members of Trio's leadership team are Pickett's daughters. Both have deep roots in the business: Kat Wedmore has been part of Pickett & Associates since 2013, and Rose Campbell since 2019, working alongside clients and contributing to the firm's growth over the years.

The Trio leadership model also reflects a broader vision for the firm's future. While two of the owners are Pickett's daughters, the third – Kate Jaggard Tyo – brings an entrepreneurial background and a long-standing professional connection to the team. Jaggard Tyo built her own business with a strong emphasis on authentic storytelling and client engagement before joining the firm. Her addition underscores Trio's commitment to building a leadership team based on complementary strengths, shared values, and a deep understanding of how modern businesses connect with their audiences.

"We didn't just step into this – we grew up in it," Wedmore said. "From early exposure to client work to building real experience over time, this business has shaped how we think, create, and serve."



Campbell added, "There's a responsibility that comes with carrying forward something that's been built on trust. We're excited to honor that foundation while bringing new energy, systems, and ideas to our clients."

"Trio was built to meet the moment," the leadership team added. "Businesses need more than ideas. They need clarity, execution, and a partner who can step in and move things forward. That's what we're here to do."

Trio Marketing will operate as a modern, flexible marketing partner, offering services across content development, copywriting, and creative execution, as well as fractional marketing leadership for growing organizations.

Clients can expect a seamless transition, with established relationships remaining intact and enhanced by new systems, streamlined processes, and a shift toward project-based pricing and strategic planning. As noted in client

transition materials, "We are delighted to have you in this 'new' space, though we expect things will feel familiar."

The firm's official rollout will take place throughout May, including the **launch of a new website** and expanded digital presence.

"Building this business was never just about me. It was about creating something that would last," Pickett added. "Seeing it continue in the hands of the next generation, with the same commitment to clients and the work, is exactly what I hoped for."

About Trio Marketing
Trio Marketing is a full-service marketing firm specializing in content, copy, and creative strategy. Designed as a modern alternative to traditional agencies, Trio offers fractional marketing leadership, campaign execution, and project-based support for organizations at every stage of growth. Visit GetTrioMarketing.com for more information.

Fishers celebrates end of school year by awarding nearly \$90K to local educators

Submitted by City of Fishers

As the school year comes to an end, Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness visited local classrooms to award over \$88,500 in funding as part of the city's **Educator Innovation Grant** program.

Launched in 2024, the program strives to empower educators within HSE Schools with the financial resources to bring innovation to the classroom and inspire students to rethink learning. Since its inception, the city has awarded 28 grants totaling \$473,093 to support classroom innovation. Grants have been awarded at every grade level across the district, helping to launch innovative makerspaces; supporting programming in STEM, virtual reality, film, media, and English as a New Language (ENL); and funding professional development opportunities for teachers.

The new round of grant recipients focuses on expanding technology at both local high schools, with recipients including:

Jeffrey Fronius
Fishers High School, Engineering Department

Fronius received \$13,900 to purchase a laser cutter to expand student learning in engineering and robotics. By bringing this tool into the classroom, students will be able to fabricate and design onsite, instead of leaving the school to gain hands-on experience.

Along with integration into engineering courses within the Project Lead the Way curriculum, this tool will also help to grow the skills of the FRC #5010 Tiger Dynasty Robotics Team, which earned finalist honors and secured the FIRST Engineering Inspiration Award

at a statewide competition this spring.

Braden Tribolet & Adam Good
Fishers High School, Media & Marketing Department

Tribolet and Good received \$59,854 to modernize equipment within the school's growing media program. Through integrating modern tools like drones, podcasting equipment, professional-grade cameras and stabilization equipment, students will explore emerging media formats that are shaping today's media landscape to build competitive portfolios that mirror collegiate and industry expectations.

Lisa Brown
Fishers High School, Photography & Yearbook

Brown received \$12,933 to purchase two professional-grade cameras to capture content for yearbook, the student-run newspaper, social media channels, and district-wide art shows. By providing enhanced access to professional-grade equipment, students can capture high-quality images in challenging and dynamic environments like sporting events and performing arts productions and prepare for future careers in visual arts and media.

Risa Petty
Hamilton Southeastern High School

Petty received \$1,820 to create a switch-accessible Office & Garden Work Zone for HSE's Special Education Department to build vocational independence, work habits, and community transferable skills. By using switch-activated tools that replicate real-world office and garden routines, students with limited

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Indiana secures federal approval for Medicaid hospital payment reforms

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Following the State of Indiana's announcement last Friday, May 15 regarding federal approval for updates to the Hospital Assessment Fee program and the State Directed Payment initiative, the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) President Scott B. Tittle released this statement on how Indiana hospitals have reduced prices over time.



Tittle

"Today's announcement marks an important step forward for Hoosier patients. We thank the Braun administration and the Indiana General Assembly for the multiyear effort to begin to address the significant financial challenges facing Indiana hospitals, and for working to bring much-needed supplemental federal dollars back to Indiana. This action provides a critical lifeline, underscoring a simple reality: base Medicaid rates do not cover the cost of care. We also thank Rep. Carbaugh and Sen. Garten for carrying the legislation that made this possible.

"While Indiana's specific approach is unique, the State is now joining more than 40 others that have taken this step to address chronic Medicaid underpayment by utilizing federal supplemental payments. This funding is certainly significant; however, it does not fully close the gap, and more work remains to ensure Medicaid reimbursement is sustainable long-term.

"Importantly, this approach relies on hospitals stepping up – paying enhanced fees to draw down additional federal matching funds – while continuing the progress Indiana hospitals have made to lower prices and improve affordability.

"As implementation begins, we look forward to working with the administration and lawmakers to ensure the policy works as intended for all hospitals, including independent and rural providers, and that

it is built on accurate data that reflects operating realities across Indiana's diverse health care landscape."

Background

Indiana hospitals have made significant progress on health care affordability.

Report: Indiana's hospital systems lowered prices in 2024.

- A new state commissioned analysis shows Indiana's five largest nonprofit hospital systems reduced their commercial prices by nearly 7 percentage points on average in 2024 compared to the year before.
- This marks one of the most significant year over year improvements to-date in the effort to make health-care more affordable for Hoosiers.
- Commercial prices for all five systems averaged 252 percent of Medicare in 2024, a full 33 percentage points below the state benchmark set by the Indiana General Assembly.

National rankings show Indiana hospitals are making care more affordable for Hoosiers.

- Indiana ranked eighth best in the nation for health care costs in 2025, up from 15th in 2021, per WalletHub.
- A 2024 Forbes analysis ranked Indiana 24th out of 50 states in health care costs, improving 13 spots from the prior year.
- Employer-based insurance premiums in Indiana have remained at or below the national average since 2020, according to KFF.
- RAND Corporation studies show a clear downward trend in Indiana hospital prices, moving from the most expensive state in RAND 2.0 (2019) to ninth in the RAND 5.1 report (2024). While IHA has raised concerns about RAND's methodology, the RAND study has reflected Indiana's consistent improvement across reports, pointing to meaningful progress.

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motor control can perform the same tasks as their peers and their experience for future careers.

Grants are awarded by a selection committee comprised of former educators from HSE Schools, community entrepreneurs, and

HSE alumni. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and there is no funding cap for project requests. The next round of grants will be awarded in fall 2026.

Learn more about the grant program and apply at [FishersIN.gov/InnovationGrant](https://fishersin.gov/InnovationGrant).

Civic Theatre announces 112th season

A celebration of community, live performance & bold new works

The REPORTER

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre proudly announces its 112th Season, continuing a long-standing tradition of bringing exceptional live theatre to Central Indiana audiences. The upcoming season promises a dynamic lineup of bold new works, beloved classics, hilarious musical theatre - and a surprise! - reflecting Civic's commitment to artistic excellence, education, and community connection.

The 112th Season will include:

Alanis Morissette's Jagged Little Pill, The Musical

Inspired by the groundbreaking album, Civic will open the season with Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill, The Musical*, a powerful and electrifying musical about a modern family navigating love, identity, addiction, and healing in an increasingly complicated world.

The show features iconic songs including "You Oughta Know," "Hand in My Pocket," and "Ironic." This Tony Award-winning musical delivers an unforgettable theatrical experience filled with raw emotion, stunning choreography, and a message of resilience and hope. Bold, contemporary, and deeply human, *Jagged*

Little Pill speaks to generations searching for connection and truth.

Annie

For the holidays, Civic will present one of the world's most beloved musicals.

Annie is a heartwarming classic filled with unforgettable songs, timeless characters, and unstoppable optimism. Set in 1930s New York City, the story follows spirited young orphan Annie as she embarks on an adventure that changes her life – and the lives of everyone around her.

Featuring iconic favorites like "Tomorrow," "Hard Knock Life," and "Maybe," *Annie* is a joyful celebration of hope, family, and perseverance that will delight audiences of all ages.

Surprise!

To kick off 2027, Civic will introduce its audiences to a fun, new comedy. Stay tuned for an announcement of the title in October.

Steel Magnolias

Filled with sharp humor, heartfelt moments, and enduring friendship, *Steel Magnolias* celebrates the strength and resilience of the women who support one another through life's joys and heartbreaks.

Set in a small-town Louisiana beauty salon, this beloved play follows a

close-knit group of women whose laughter, love, and unwavering bonds carry them through triumph and tragedy alike. Warm, funny, and deeply moving, *Steel Magnolias* is a timeless story about community, courage, and the power of friendship.

Mean Girls

Based on the hit film and packed with high-energy songs, sharp comedy, and plenty of pink, *Mean Girls* follows Cady Heron as she navigates the wild social hierarchy of high school for the very first time. As she becomes entangled with the infamous Plastics, Cady learns that fitting in can come at a surprising cost. Funny, fearless, and fetch in every way, *Mean Girls* is a wildly entertaining musical about friendship, identity, and staying true to yourself.

"This season represents everything audiences love about Civic Theatre: inspiring stories, extraordinary talent, and experiences that bring people together," Executive Artistic Director Michael J. Lasley said. "As we enter our 112th season, we remain committed to creating theatre that entertains, challenges, and strengthens our community."

Founded in 1915, Civic Theatre is one of the na-

tion's longest continuously operating community theatres and has become a cornerstone of the Central Indiana arts landscape. The organization continues to serve thousands of audience members, students, artists, and volunteers each year through productions, educational programs, and outreach initiatives.

Subscriptions will be available beginning May 27, and single tickets on July 23. They can be purchased at CivicTheatre.org or by calling or emailing the Box Office of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts at (317) 843-3800 or tickets@thecenterpresents.org.

About Civic Theatre

Founded in 1915, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre's mission is to foster a love of theatre through imagination, education, and participation. Civic is the largest of more than 70 community theatres in Indiana and one of the 10 largest active community theatres in the United States. Civic has been a vital part of the cultural landscape of central Indiana for more than 100 years. Civic Theatre is the principal resident company of the Tarkington Theatre at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

New York man charged after operating prostitution ring in Westfield rental home

By MICHAELA SPRINGER

WISH-TV | wistv.com



Chen

Two people leasing a short-term rental property in Westfield now face charges after an investigation uncovered they'd been using the property for prostitution.

Westfield Police Department officers arrested Chaopeng Chen and QingPing Chen on Thursday after investigators were notified earlier in the week about "suspected prostitution activity" at a Westfield home on Beechwood

At the start of the investigation, detectives soon determined that "multiple men had traveled to the residence after agreeing to pay for various sex acts." Chaopeng Chen reportedly acted as a "check-in person" for the people coming and going through the home.

Police on Wednesday obtained a search warrant, while also recruiting the

help of the FBI and Homeland Security.

Minutes before executing a search warrant on Thursday afternoon, police say a man arrived at the home to "allegedly engage in prostitution." When investigators moved in for the search, that man left the home. The Chens initially refused to exit the home, but did so some time later "without incident."

According to police, the suspects had been renting the home through a short-term rental company "for the purpose of conducting illicit activities." Online jail records list Brooklyn, New York, as Chaopeng Chen's home address.

A search of the home netted police over \$7,500 in cash, cocaine, and other "prostitution-related" items.

Chaopeng Chen has

been charged with promoting prostitution and cocaine possession, while QingPing Chen was charged with a misdemeanor count of prostitution.

Police say the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office has been requested to charge the man seen entering the home ahead of the search with making an unlawful proposition.

News 8 has elected not to identify the man as he has not been formally charged.

Help is available for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual assault. Below is a list of suggested resources, both national and local:

- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800-799-7233 or text START to 88788
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline en**

español: 800-799-7233 o texto "START" al 88788

- **Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** 24-hour hotline available at 800-332-7385
- **Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking**
- **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children**
- **La Plaza Indy**
- **The Julian Center**
- **Indiana Child Abuse Hotline:** 800-800-5556
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline:** 800-656-4673
- **Crime Resources**
- **Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana:** 317-262-8477
- P3tips app | **Apple devices** | **Google Play**

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the same location.

The Carmel Mayor's Advisory Commission on Food Access will meet at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission will meet for an executive session at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2026, in the Council Conference Room in addition to its public meeting at 5 p.m. in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. The Executive Session will be held pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19).

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.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Purpose of this meeting if for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 amendments, reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing for the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions on said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing.

1000 (101) General Fund	2000 Office Supplies	14,406
	3000 Other Services & Charges	8,842,450
	4000 Capital Outlays	51,518
1025 Airport Authority Capital Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	403,590
1028 Airport Authority Grant Fund	6000 Interfund Transfer	109,039
1138 Cumulative Capital Development Fund	4000 Capital Outlays	100,000
	3000 Other Services & Charges	77,000
1135 LIT Dedicated to PSAP	4000 Capital Outlays	1,400,000
	2000 Office Supplies	8,375
1237 Opioid Restricted Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	229,837
4925 FSSA	2000 Office Supplies	9,173
8200 Federal Grants	1000 Personnel Services	40,000
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AG Rokita celebrates Indiana Supreme Court upholding landmark pro-life law

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

The Indiana Supreme Court on Thursday, May 14 rejected Planned Parenthood's petition to transfer jurisdiction, ensuring that last August's Indiana Court of Appeals decision upholding the state's landmark pro-life law will stand.

The ruling marks a decisive victory for Attorney General Todd Rokita and his office in their efforts to protect unborn life.

"This is a major victory for the rule of law, for unborn Hoosiers, and for the people of Indiana who elect-

ed us to protect innocent life," AG Rokita said. "Our office has fought tirelessly to defend this pro-life law, and no matter how many times Planned Parenthood drags us back into court to

push their culture of death, we will never back down. We will keep fighting for mothers, fathers, and every unborn child in this state."

Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers argued in their challenge that the law's health exceptions



Rokita

allowing abortions were too narrow to comply with the Indiana Constitution's life and liberty protections. The Indiana Court of Appeals ruling found that the law's "reasonable medical judgment" standard for the exceptions was constitutional.

In 2025, Indiana recorded 126 abortions, down from 9,529 in 2022 before the law was in effect.

"Making abortion illegal is one thing - making

it unthinkable is our ultimate goal," AG Rokita said. "Indiana is proving we're winning that fight with real results, but our work is far from finished. We will push forward relentlessly, not only defending our laws but transforming the culture so every unborn child is valued and protected."

AG Rokita thanked Solicitor General James Barta and his outstanding team for their exceptional work and unwavering commitment throughout this hard-fought victory.

Read the court's ruling [here](#).

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MOAB SEDUCES ISRAEL

While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate the sacrificial meal and bowed down before these gods. So Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them.

The Lord said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of these people, kill them and expose them in broad daylight before the Lord, so that the Lord's fierce anger may turn away from Israel."

So Moses said to Israel's judges, "Each of you must put to death those of your people who have yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor."

Then an Israelite man brought into the camp a Midianite woman right before the eyes of Moses and the whole assembly of Israel while they were weeping at the entrance to the tent of meeting. When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear into both of them, right through the Israelite man and into the woman's stomach. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped; but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000.

The Lord said to Moses, "Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned my anger away from the Israelites. Since he was as zealous for my honor among them as I am, I did not put an end to them in my zeal. Therefore tell him I am making my covenant of peace with him. He and his descendants will have a covenant of a lasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the honor of his God and made atonement for the Israelites."

The name of the Israelite who was killed with the Midianite woman was Zimri son of Salu, the leader of a Simeonite family. And the name of the Midianite woman who was put to death was Kozbi daughter of Zur, a tribal chief of a Midianite family.

The Lord said to Moses, "Treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them. They treated you as enemies when they deceived you in the Peor incident involving their sister Kozbi, the daughter of a Midianite leader, the woman who was killed when the plague came as a result of that incident." Numbers 25:1-18 (NIV)

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Boys Golf

Shamrocks start winning streak

Westfield finishes first in three big tournaments over four days

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CICERO — A good way to describe the Westfield boys golf team after Monday is “tired, but happy.”

And a little wet, since that day’s Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet at Bear Slide Golf Club was thrown off schedule due to afternoon thunderstorms. But the Shamrocks got through it and were rewarded with the HCC team championship.

Westfield scored 294 to claim the trophy.

Hudson Kutchma finished as the medalist with a score of 69. Kutchma was one of four Westfield players that earned a place on the All-HCC team. The others were Ryan Cesare (73), Mitchell Keene (74) and Jude Kaufman (78).

“Our seniors really stepped up today,” said Rocks coach Josh Bryant. The coach credited his team with handling the weather delay, which kept them on the course until after 7 p.m. after Westfield started its round at 11:45 a.m.

“Hudson had a great day and then he came back out after a rain delay and made a couple birdies,” said Bryant. “Pretty proud of those guys.”

Noblesville placed second as a team, scoring 301. Tyler Marucci was the individual runner-up, carding a score of 70 for All-HCC honors. Three more Mill-

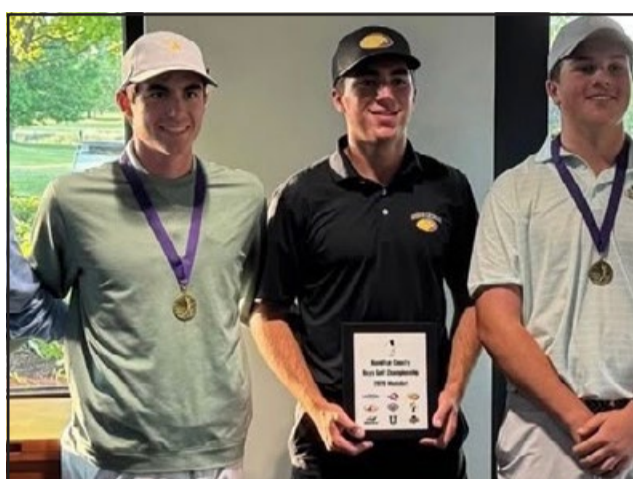


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Guerin Catholic’s Eli Wessel (center) won medalist honors at the Hamilton County meet Friday, May 15 at Pebble Brook.

ers made the all-conference team: Jackson Mahan (75), Dustin Turpin (78) and Zane Corley (78).

Hamilton Southeastern finished third, totaling 304. Mattingly Upchurch paced the Royals with his score of 73 and was joined on the All-HCC team by Dane Starnes (76), Ben Miller (77) and Zach Kinzer (78).

Fishers scored 311. Evan Back scored 74 and Cam Young carded 78; both were named to the All-HCC team.

The Shamrocks’ victory was their third major championship for the Rocks in four days. Westfield claimed the Hamilton County meet Friday, May 15 at Pebble Brook Golf Course to start its streak.

The Rocks sent a team to the Franklin Invitational at The Legends in Franklin on Saturday, May 16 and won

first place there. Westfield held off Carmel 295-296 to claim the Franklin Invitational. Cesare and Hudson Kutchma both scored 73. Ben Wilson led the Greyhounds with 72.

Six under 300

The Rocks put together an incredible round at Pebble Brook, where the top six teams all scored under 300. Westfield finished the day with a one under par 279. Ryan Cesare scored 68 (two under par), while Keaton Knott carded a one under 69, making an eagle on the 18th hole.

Cesare tied with Guerin Catholic’s Eli Wessel for first place, as Wessel also totaled 68. That led to a play-off for individual medalist, which Wessel won.

Knott tied for third place individually, while Brayden Worthington’s even par 70 tied him for fifth.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Westfield boys golf team won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship Monday at Bear Slide. The Shamrocks scored 294 and had four players make the All-HCC team.

The Golden Eagles finished second as a team with 284. Brady Wagner was part of the fifth-place tie with his score of 70.

Carmel placed third with 291, followed by Hamilton Southeastern (292) and Noblesville (294). The Greyhounds’ Noah Johnson scored 69 to tie for third and Preston Roberts’ 70 placed

him in the fifth-place tie.

Noblesville’s Tyler Marucci also joined the fifth-place tie with his 70. The Royals’ Mattingly Upchurch scored 71 to tie for ninth. Fishers’ Tommy Klinker also totaled 71 and is part of the ninth-place tie. The Tigers scored 305 as a team.

Hamilton Heights

scored 322. Kole Kirtley led the Huskies with 76.

Heights traveled to Dykeman Park Golf Course on Saturday, May 16 for the Hoosier Conference meet.

The Huskies scored 335 as a team. Kirtley carded a 74 and was named to the All-Conference team. Drew Woodruff totaled 84 and Bruce Hutcherson scored 85.

Boys Volleyball

Hounds sweep Westfield for first IHSAA sectional

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS — With this season being only the second season of the IH-SAA-sanctioned boys volleyball tournament, Carmel coach Andrew Fuller said it best: “Sectional means a little more than it used to.”

The sanctioning of boys volleyball gave several schools such as Carmel — which has won a sectional championship in every other sport — a chance to have that feeling of a first-ever title. The Greyhounds did just that on Saturday, May 16, claiming its first-ever championship with a hard-fought sweep of Westfield in the finals.

The set scores were 27-25, 25-19, 25-21.

The Shamrocks came out ready to play, and in fact held a 10-5 lead in the first set. Junior Aidyn Kuzma hit a couple kills during the early part of the set and Xavier Lyon hit two aces.

Carmel soon came back to tie the set at 12-12, then won the next point with a block by junior Jack Kovac, which would be a familiar theme throughout the match.

“Jack’s blocks are insane,” said Greyhounds sophomore Eli Philistin-Lynch. “It’s very hard for teams to compete with his blocks because he’s getting so high up. I think once he continues to grow, has more experience with the sport, he’s going to be amazing.”

Philistin-Lynch played



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel boys volleyball team won its first-ever IHSAA sectional on Saturday, May 16. The Greyhounds swept Westfield in the championship for the trophy.

amazing as well, with several kills during the first set. That helped Carmel

overcome a back-and-forth battle at the end of the first set. The Rocks saved

two set points and tied the score at 25-25 before Philistin-Lynch made a kill to give the Hounds a third set point, which they won to secure the set.

The second set was tied at 6-6 before Carmel made a four-point run to take a 10-6 lead. Sophomore Dylan Kaiser served an ace while classmate Ian Czarniecki put down a kill. The Greyhounds steadily increased their lead throughout the

set, with Thomas Kuehl spiking a kill to put his team up 23-15. Carmel had the set a couple minutes later.

The Hounds led 7-4 in the third set; Philistin-Lynch hit three kills during that early time. Westfield rolled back to hold a 18-16 lead, with sophomore Simon Falvey putting down two kills and junior Eric Keller serving an ace.

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Girls Lacrosse



Photos by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Jackie Mabry scored three goals for the Greyhounds during their playoff quarterfinal win over Westfield on Saturday, May 16. (ABOVE RIGHT) Westfield's Ella Schaefer scored two goals for the Shamrocks.

Carmel advances to INGLA semifinals

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls lacrosse team advanced to the Indiana Girls Lacrosse (INGLA) playoffs semifinals after beating Westfield 9-5 in a quarterfinal game at the Greyhounds' Brian Murray Stadium.

Carmel led 2-0 after the first quarter, with Gia

Ferretie and Jackie Mabry both scoring goals. The Hounds increased their lead to 5-1 by halftime; Annabell Gripe, Sadie Benson and Lila Hammons all put in one goal. Sophia Merriman got the Shamrocks on the board at the 8:09 mark.

Both teams added one

goal in the third period, which meant Carmel led 6-2 by the quarter's end. Mabry scored early in the period, while Merriman got a goal with 25 seconds left.

The fourth quarter was the busiest, with both teams putting in three goals. Julianna Marcini, Mabry and

Benson all scored for the Hounds. Ella Schaefer made two goals for Westfield, while Hannah Cavalcanti scored one.

The Rocks finished their season 11-6. Carmel is 10-8 and plays Guerin Catholic Saturday in the INGLA semifinals at Zionsville.

Baseball

Westfield beats HSE, is tied for 2nd in HCC

The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team picked up a key Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory on Friday, May 15, beating Hamilton Southeastern 12-5 in a home game.

The Royals scored first with a run in the first inning. Clark Bucher hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Jackson Bixler. The Shamrocks responded with two runs in the bottom of the inning; Lincoln Hoffman singled in Andrew Noble, then Robbie Brandenburg batted in Aiden Grabowski.

Bixler singled in Nick Bach to tie the game in the

top of the second, but Westfield added two runs in the bottom of the inning. Beck Jordan cracked a double to bring in Gavin Russ and Noble.

The pattern continued in the third inning. Bach batted in Karson Seitz for a third-inning Southeastern run. But the Rocks took control in the bottom of the third, putting up five runs.

Hoffman led off with a triple, then scored when Brandenburg reached on an error. Gabe Garcia came in to run for Brandenburg and was brought home by a Russ double. Nick Fero singled in

Kasen Jessup and Russ, then Grabowski singled in Fero. With that, Westfield led 9-3.

The Shamrocks completed their scoring with three more runs in the fourth inning. Russ blasted a one-out double, then Maddox Novotney sent him home with a single. Noble batted in Novotney, then Fero scored on Grabowski's sacrifice fly.

The Royals got two more runs in the sixth inning. Carter Reed scored on a wild pitch, then Bixler singled in Johann Dierker.

Fero and Russ both collected three hits, with Russ getting two doubles. Evan

Govert and Jessup both hit one double. Grabowski pitched four innings for the win.

Bach and Bradle both totaled two hits. Bradle pitched three innings and struck out four.

Westfield is 8-4 in HCC play, tied with Fishers for second place. Southeastern is 7-5 and sits in fourth place.

Overall, the Rocks are 13-9-1. Westfield's Monday game was rained out, so its next contest is another HCC game Wednesday at Avon. The Royals are 17-9 overall and host Center Grove this evening.

Millers get walk-off win on Senior Day

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Saturday, May 16 was Senior Day at Dunker Field for nine baseball players at Noblesville.

It wouldn't be easy by any means, but the Millers and Tri-West Bruins were scoreless until Noblesville won in walk-off fashion in

the bottom of the seventh, 1-0.

Rhett Hostetler got his second start of the week. He struck out nine in the 14-0 blanking of Kokomo last Monday and followed it up with whiffing 12 Bruins over 4.2 innings to finish the week with 21 K's in 8.2 innings and gave up just five total hits.

It was a pitcher's duel between Hostetler and eventually Brooks Muse and Tri-West's Logan Haboush.

Haboush fanned five in six innings but trusted his defense when numerous hits by the Millers were fielded by Bruins.

The Millers had six hits to Tri-West's four, but the most important were the two

in the seventh.

Blake Riggs lined a triple to the fence in right center. Then, with a 1-2 count, Chris Martz drilled a base hit to center, scoring Riggs with ease for the walk-off win.

Muse struck out three for the pitching victory.

Noblesville went 4-0 on the week and now is at 17-9 on the year.

Millers win at Brownsburg, hold HCC lead

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Noblesville traveled to Brownsburg on Friday, May 15 for the second game of its Hoosier Crossroads Conference series with the Bulldogs.

After a back-and-forth game for the first few innings, the Millers would pull ahead for good later in the game to secure the sweep with an 8-4 victory.

Noblesville got going right away with two runs in the first. The bases were loaded when Slade Hodges grounded into a double play, scoring Ethan Clark. Brooks Riggs singled to left to send Aiden Reynolds home for 2-0.

Brownsburg tied it 2-2 on a two-run double in the second, but the Millers came right back.

Clark, Zac Glander and Hodges all got hits to make it 4-2.

The score became 5-2 in the fourth when Clark scooted home on an error by the catcher.

The Bulldogs cut it to 5-4, but Noblesville lengthened its lead for good with two in the fifth and another in the sixth to pick up the road win.

Reynolds went 3-for-4 and scored twice and Clark touched home three times.

The series sweep now has Noblesville (9-3) lead-

ing the HCC by one game over Westfield (8-4) with two league games left.

Roundup: Tigers hold off Flashes, keep pace in HCC

The REPORTER

A fast start helped Fishers to a Hoosier Crossroads Conference win at Franklin Central on Friday, May 15, by the score of 5-4.

Carter Strole provided that opening spark for the Tigers, smacking a three-run home run in the first inning that also scored Ethan Buelt and Owen Lukac. Fishers scored two more runs in the third inning; Vincent Pecoraro singled in Lukac and Asher Nelson batted in Strole.

The Flashes scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning, then added one run each in the sixth and seventh innings, but the Tigers turned a double play in the seventh to end the game.

Nelson, Lukac and Buelt

all hit one double. Nelson was 3-for-4 at the plate. Austin Conley struck out eight in 5.1 innings for the win.

On Saturday, May 16, Fishers sailed past Lawrence North 15-1 in a five-inning home game. Strole knocked a three-run homer in the second inning, with David Pina and Buelt both hitting doubles. Pina and Andrew Baldini both had two hits.

Strole, Henry Cherry and Baldini all scored three runs, with Pina driving in three runs. Lukac pitched all five innings, tossing nine strikeouts.

The Tigers are tied for second in the conference with Westfield; both schools are 8-4. Fishers is 14-12

overall and continues HCC play Wednesday by hosting Brownsburg.

Guerin Catholic won both of its games at the Silver Creek Invitational on Saturday, May 16.

The Golden Eagles first beat the host Dragons 9-3. Karson Smith got Guerin Catholic on the board in the first inning with a two-out double to score Ian Taylor and Nolan Ratcliff.

Carson Kail hit his own RBI double to bring in Taylor, giving the Golden Eagles a 3-0 lead. Guerin Catholic kept rolling in the fourth inning; Grant Beard led off with a double and scored on Luke

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Tennis sectional draw announced

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The IHSAA announced the pairings for its 64 sectional tournaments on Sunday, May 17.

Hamilton County teams will be scattered among three sectional sites. Carmel hosts Sectional 35, with play starting today with first-round matches at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center at 5:15 p.m.

The No. 3-ranked Greyhounds play No. 13 Zionsville in an opening-round match. No. 1-rated Guerin Catholic takes on University. The winners play for the championship at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The other two sites involving local teams begin play on Wednesday, with all matches starting at 4:30 p.m.

Fishers hosts Sectional 31; the No. 14 Tigers take on No. 30 Hamilton Southeastern in the first round. The other match will see Ander-

son play Pendleton Heights. Wednesday winners will play for the championship at 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Noblesville hosts Sectional 56. The Millers play Lapel in the first round, while No. 10 Westfield will face Hamilton Heights. The winners advance to the championship, also set for 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Golden Eagles get top-10 win

Guerin Catholic scored a victory over a top 10 team this past weekend, gaining a 4-1 victory over No. 8 Munster on Saturday, May 16 at the Carmel Racquet Club.

All matches were decided in straight sets. In singles, No. 2 Cece Phillips won 6-3, 6-4 and No. 3 singles Anna Kolb was victorious 6-4, 6-1. The doubles went fast, as No. 1 Abby Quigley and Katie Kolb won 6-1, 6-0 and No. 2 Grace Docktor and Maddy Hood scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout.

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But Czarniecki hit a kill to start a three-point run, then Kovac later made another block to put the Greyhounds ahead 21-19. Carmel won the last three points; Philistin-Lynch made the kill on championship point.

Philistin-Lynch made 19 kills and cleared the 500-kill mark for his career during the tournament. Kuehl put down 17 kills.

"Thomas and Eli were a duo that was incredible to watch all weekend," said Fuller. "We don't win this championship without Eli and Thomas."

Kaiser served three aces and Kovac finished with three blocks. Senior Shepard Spidel dished out 41 assists.

Carmel's defense was also solid, with 61 total digs. Senior Brice Hagaman led with 13 digs, while Spidel collected 10.

Kuzma led Westfield's offense with 15 kills, while senior Graham France put down 11 kills. Senior Stevie Alvarez scooped up 14 digs and Lyons made 10 digs to go with his 31 assists.

Westfield finished the

season 16-11 with a very young team. Shamrocks coach Patrick McAndrews said that France was "the only returning starter from this team from last year," calling him the glue to the team.

"We lost 11 seniors last year, so with only one returning starter, we basically played our whole JV team last year and a couple newcomers," said McAndrews. "I liked how our younger guys stepped up and learned how to compete and learned how to play some new positions, and I'm excited for the future."

Carmel is 26-6 and plays at the Peru regional this Saturday. The Greyhounds take on Fort Wayne Carroll in a noon semifinal match. Zionsville and Homestead play the first semifinal at 10 a.m.; the semifinal winners play for the championship at 7 p.m.

In semifinal matches, Westfield swept Noblesville 25-15, 25-15, 25-18, while Carmel overcame Fishers in four sets, 20-25, 25-13, 25-8, 25-19.

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Softball

Millers hold off Tigers

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The Noblesville softball team held off Fishers 9-7 to win a Hoosier Crossroads Conference and all-county game Friday, May 15 at the Tigers' field.

The Millers began with three runs in the first inning. Haley Schatko doubled in Reese Newsom, then Maggie Kern blasted a home run, also sending Schatko home.

Fishers got a run back in the bottom of the inning. Cate Summerfield led off with a triple, then scored after Kennedy Shockley hit a sacrifice fly.

Noblesville added a fourth-inning run when Newsom batted in Kinley Westbrook.

The Tigers tied the game by scoring three runs in the fifth inning. Adri-

anne Cook singled in Bella Balbo with the bases loaded. Frankie Jackson drew a walk to score Summerfield, then Shockley went home on Anna McGrath's sacrifice fly.

The Millers put up four runs in the sixth inning for an 8-4 lead. Zapp singled in Allie Thompson, Newsom scored Zapp with a two-run homer, and Kern doubled in Kate Ringholz.

Zapp batted in Grace Cummings in the seventh inning, putting Noblesville ahead 9-4. Fishers kept swinging in the bottom of the seventh, as Cook hit a solo homer, then McGrath knocked in a two-run home run, also scoring Jackson. But Addison Retzinger threw a strikeout to clinch the win.

Newsom was 4-for-5 at the plate, while Zapp had

three hits, including a double. Retzinger totaled nine strikeouts in a complete game.

Summerfield, Cook and McGrath all had two hits for the Tigers.

Saturday doubleheader

Noblesville traveled to Jay County for a doubleheader on Saturday, May 16 and won both games.

Noblesville beat Jay County 6-5 in its first game. The Millers led the Patriots 6-1 after four innings and held off a comeback after Jay County scored four runs in the fifth inning.

Zapp was 3-for-4, including a home run and a double. Newsom hit two doubles in a 3-for-4 performance, while Kern also joined the 3-for-4 club, hitting one double. Schatko hit a double as well.

Roslyn Ervin got the pitching win, striking out eight in five innings. Retzinger threw the other two innings, tossing five strikeouts.

The Millers won the second game 9-1. Newsom, Schatko and Kern all had three hits during the second game. All three hit one double, as did Retzinger. Kern batted in three runs, and Ketzinger threw seven strikeouts in a complete game.

Both teams play HCC games tonight: Noblesville hosts Zionsville and Fishers hosts Brownsburg. The Millers are tied for first in the conference with Franklin Central, both schools are 4-1. The Tigers are 1-4 in the league. Overall, Noblesville is 16-6 and Fishers is 14-8.



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"We're excited to unveil the College Graduation Bobblehead Series featuring Hoosier the Bison and Purdue Pete," National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum co-founder and CEO Phil Sklar said. "These will be perfect bobbleheads for graduates of Indiana University and Purdue University to show off their school pride!"

Each bobblehead costs \$40 plus an \$8 flat-rate shipping charge per order. You can **purchase your bobblehead now**; they are expected to ship in November.

Roundup: Hounds cruise to victory, Rocks beat Ben Davis

The REPORTER

Carmel cruised to a 10-0, five-inning win over Eastern Hancock Friday at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

Chloe Junkersfield had two hits, a single and a double, to drive in four runs and also scored twice. Jayden Kleiner hit a double and scored three runs. Avery Klein smacked a three-run double in the fourth inning. Taylor Vietch scored two runs.

Emily Smith pitched all five innings, tossing four strikeouts and allowing one hit.

Carmel is 11-11 and hosts Greenfield-Central this evening.

Westfield took care of Ben Davis 17-3 on Saturday.

Alyssa Ayers blasted two home runs, totaling three RBIs. Ayers had three hits in all. Cam Pulice and Mariana Lopez both had four hits, with Lopez a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate. Lopez hit a home run, and totaled three RBIs and three runs scored for the game.

Pulice hit a triple and a double during the game, with Bella Blakeley smacking a triple and Reese Gettinger hitting a double. Makayla Watson and Annika Lawrence both scored three runs and had two hits.

Mac Delph got the pitching win, striking out seven and allowing one hit.

Westfield is 12-9-1 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game tonight at Avon.

Hamilton Heights fell 6-5 at Benton Central Friday, May 15 in the Hoosier Conference playoff game.

The Bison scored a run in the first inning, but the Huskies answered in the top of the second. Melanee Forrester doubled in Ellie Engle. Heights took a 2-1 lead in the third inning: McKenzie Jackson hit a triple, then scored on Kamryn Rhoton's RBI groundout.

Benton Central tied the game in the bottom of the third. Hannah Dent broke the tie in the top of the fifth,

doubling in Heather Crays for a 3-2 Heights lead.

But the Bison came back, scoring twice in the bottom of the fifth to go up 4-3. Rhoton smacked a two-run home run in the top of the seventh, also scoring Crays and giving Heights a 5-4 lead. Benton Central answered that in the bottom of the seventh, hitting its own two-run homer for the win.

Dent was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Crays and Jackson both had two hits, including a double for Jackson. Crays pitched a complete game, striking out four.

The Huskies are 11-7 and host Alexandria this afternoon.

Guerin Catholic dropped two games over the weekend.

The Golden Eagles fell to Western Boone 8-1 on Friday, May 15. Jillian Davis doubled in Emily Powers during the third inning for the Golden Eagles' run.

Gia Crishon pitched a complete game, striking out six.

Guerin Catholic lost at Greenfield-Central 7-6 in a five-inning game on Saturday, May 16.

The Golden Eagles scored three runs in the first inning: Jillian Davis doubled Kate Brady Home, Ava Augustinovicz singled in Powers, then Davis scored after Aggie Waymouth drew a bases-loaded walk.

The Cougars scored a run in the bottom of the first inning. GC answered back in the top of the second, as Brady scored after Augustinovicz reached on an error.

Greenfield took the lead in the fourth inning by scoring six runs. Guerin Catholic scored twice in the fifth inning, as Waymouth singled in Crishon and Izzy Phillips got home on Riley Fredericks' RBI fielder's choice.

Augustinovicz pitched the entire game, striking out four and allowing only three hits.

Guerin Catholic is 6-8 and plays at Roncalli Wednesday in a Circle City Conference game.

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Gremelspacher's single. GC loaded the bases and Gremelspacher scored after Ben Canada drew a walk.

Taylor then drew a walk, bringing in Liam Zorger to

give the Golden Eagles a 6-0 lead. Kail smacked a single to send Ratcliff and Canada home and put Guerin Catholic up 8-0.

Silver Creek scored two

runs in the fourth inning and one in the fifth. Beard singled in Smith for a sixth-inning run.

Ratcliff was 3-for-4 at the plate. Tate Troxell pitched five innings for the win, striking out eight.

The Golden Eagles beat Evansville North 1-0 in its second game. Beard hit a home run in the seventh inning for the contest's only run.

Guerin Catholic was held to two hits; Smith hit a single. Harrison Haq went six innings and struck out seven, with Ben Aho throwing the seventh inning. The Golden Eagles held the Huskies to four hits.

Guerin Catholic is 20-3-1 and hosts Hamilton Heights on Thursday.

Hamilton Heights won its

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Hoosier Conference playoff game with Benton Central 4-1 on Friday, May 15.

The visiting Bison scored a run in the top of the third inning, but the Huskies came back by putting up three runs in the bottom of the inning. AJ Flanagan led off the inning with a double, then was batted in by PJ Wright. Dillon Pitts doubled Wright home for the go-ahead run. Tyson Upchurch came in to run for Pitts and he was singled home by Cy Mason.

Heights scored its fourth run in the fifth inning. The Huskies loaded the bases and Mason scored when Chase Hall was walked.

Mason was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Flanagan had two hits. Pitts pitched a complete game, striking out eight.

Heights is 7-13 and play this afternoon at Kokomo.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

<p>Tuesday, May 19</p> <p>BASEBALL Arsenal Tech at University, 5:30 p.m. Center Grove at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Hamilton Heights at Kokomo, 6 p.m.</p> <p>GOLF Hamilton Heights vs. Northwestern and Western, 4:30 p.m. at Chippendale GC Sheridan vs. Tri-Central, 4:30 p.m. at Cool Lake GC University vs. Park Tudor, 4:30 p.m. at Wood Wind</p> <p>SOFTBALL Alexandria at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m. Brownsburg at Fishers, 6 p.m. Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m. Greenfield-Central at Carmel, 6 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m. Zionsville at Noblesville, 6 p.m.</p> <p>TENNIS Sectional 35 at Carmel First round, 5:15 p.m. Carmel vs. Zionsville University vs. Guerin Catholic</p> <p>TRACK & FIELD Girls sectional at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 20</p> <p>BASEBALL Cathedral at Carmel, 6 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m. Brownsburg at Fishers, 6:30 p.m. Noblesville at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>GOLF Taylor at Sheridan, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>SOFTBALL Logansport at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m. Indiana Marlins at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m. Fishers at Franklin Central, 6 p.m. Frankfort at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.</p> <p>TENNIS Sectional 31 at Fishers First round, 4:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers Anderson vs. Pendleton Heights Sectional 35 at Carmel Championship, 5:15 p.m. Sectional 56 at Noblesville First round, 4:30 p.m. Westfield vs. Hamilton Heights Noblesville vs. Lapel</p> <p>Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.</p>
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