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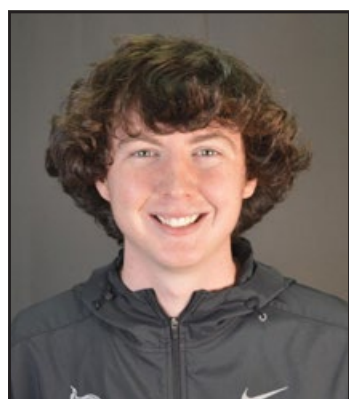
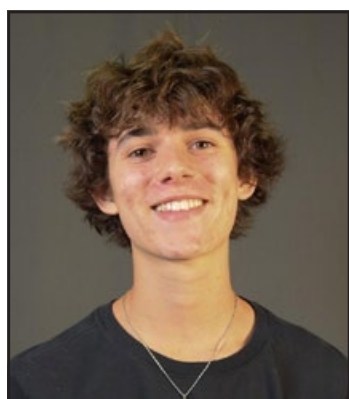


## TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning showers possible. Mostly to partly cloudy.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy.



HIGH: 67 LOW: 50



(From left) Max Arnold, Aiden Caddell, Rebecca Garber, and Jude Naville won national recognition for their story, "Perils of Parlays," published in the March 24, 2025, issue of *Mill Stream*.

Photos provided / MillerMediaNow.org

## A letter to my college graduate

Dear Luke,

In the blink of an eye, you are a college graduate. The boy who made me a mom.

As a mom often does, I marvel at you and am in awe of the man you have become.

From the very start, I knew that we had each other's backs.

I felt it. My fears calmed at the sight of your face for the very first time. My doubts about being a disabled mom vanished for a moment.

The doubts quickly returned as we left the safe space of the hospital where we stayed for several days after you were born. You, your dad, and I had created our own little haven. It was easy for me to feel confident there.

But I was smitten from your first cry. I knew that I was going to do whatever it took to be a mom who you would be proud to call "mom," doubts and all. During our first days together, you were like a little doll that I had the privilege to love and care for.

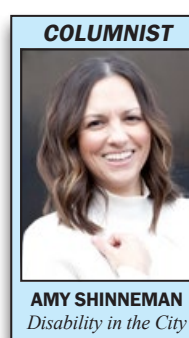
Over time, we developed our own language. You learned things other kids were not learning. It was a lot to ask of such a tiny human. But it made you stronger. More resilient. My unsolicited perseverance born into you.

You learned patience as it took me longer to do things other moms could do in an instant. We lagged, finding joy in the journey. Learning as we went.

We had to stay home when others did not. Sometimes, I had to choose to skip out on the fun to protect you. That was tough for both of us. We accepted help when it was available, but I was adamant that I was your primary caregiver as much as I could be.

Over time, we accepted that as our normal. We started to become more comfortable and the older you got, the more I could explain what I needed you to do to stay safe. This allowed us more freedom to do things. Each time, we gained more confidence.

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COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN  
Disability in the City

## Team of Noblesville student journalists wins national award

### Submitted

Four student journalists from Noblesville High School won top honors last Thursday, May 15 at the 2026 National Federation of Press Women's (NFPW) annual high school communications contest.

"Perils of Parlays" is the cover story for the March 24, 2025, issue of *Mill Stream*. The

story was written by Max Arnold, Aiden Caddell, Rebecca Garber, and Jude Naville. The story also won first place in the sports writing category of the national contest before being selected as the best entry in the national contest.

*Mill Stream* is the news-magazine produced by the student journalists of Noblesville

High School. The "Perils" story offered readers a look into the rapidly expanding world of online sports betting, and how sports books have recently found methods to target teen gamblers. This is an audience that is legally prohibited from the gambling world, but betting corporations have developed systems that allow younger

students to bypass the systems that are supposed to prevent them from wagering. The story looks at how online gambling addiction is rapidly becoming a national health crisis, and how teenagers are particularly vulnerable targets for unscrupulous wagering corporations.

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## When Phi Beta Psi & Lions team up in Sheridan, big things happen

By TINA VAWTER

Phi Beta Psi

The aroma of smoked pork loin drifted through the air outside the Sheridan Elementary School cafeteria at the annual Pork Loin Dinner. Inside, members of the Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Psi and the Sheridan Lions Club were preparing for their friends, family, and community members to arrive.

Volunteers smiled as they served plate after plate, and before the night was over, a record 300 meals had been enjoyed. Friends and families filled the cafeteria while homemade desserts disappeared almost as quickly as the pork loin itself.

Behind the scenes, 20 sorority members and 15 Lions Club members worked side by side. Some had spent the morning seasoning meat and arranging desserts, while others sold tickets, set up tables, or stayed late for clean-up. Everyone knew the dinner was about more than food.



Photos provided

(ABOVE LEFT) Bob Godby and Dan Christian. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Gail Godby family and friends. (BELOW, from left) Tammie Hall, Darryl Hall, Elaine Cannon, Sandy Moore, Jeanna Pearson, and Pam Pickard.

At the end of the evening, their hard work had raised \$3,000 for community benevolence, local cancer patients, and cancer research.

The organizations thank United Feeds for donating the pork loin, Sheridan Community Schools for use of the cafeteria and kitchen, and Helena Foods for donating the seasoning. Most of all, they are grateful for the support of Sheridan and the surrounding communities, which made the evening such a success.



Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County presents . . .

## Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair

By JIM W. MCGEE

Good Samaritan Network

The Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County announces the return of the Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair, set for noon to 4 p.m. June 5 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The public is encouraged to join us for this exciting free event to empower and engage the community and foster a stronger, more informed Hamilton County.

The Resource & Health Fair will bring together about 1,200 attendees. You can explore nearly 100 vendor booths that will offer food, clothing, baby

supplies, and social services. Many nonprofits, businesses, and local organizations will be present to share programs and services that support families in Hamilton County and improve their quality of life.

Bring the entire family for an afternoon filled with learning, fun, and connection. Whether you're looking for guidance, support, or just a fun way to spend your Saturday, this event has something for everyone.

- Explore resources for families, health, food, finances, education, and community services
- Enjoy face painting, balloon sculptures, caricature drawings, and a mobile petting farm
- Meet local organizations



Reporter file photo by Grace Green

Organized by the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, the annual Health & Resource Fair helps local citizens find any kind of support they need to improve their lives.

ready to help and engage. Various exhibitors will provide educational information, health resources, and free items

for visitors at different booths. Door prizes will be drawn by

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## More than just flags

Kiwanis Club of Westfield supports kids & families

### Submitted

As Memorial Day approaches, residents across Westfield will once again begin seeing American flags proudly displayed throughout neighborhoods as part of the Kiwanis Club of Westfield's Avenue of Flags program. For many families, the flags have become a meaningful tradition and visible reminder of gratitude, remembrance, and community pride.

This year feels especially meaningful as our nation begins recognizing the upcoming 250th anniversary of America. The Kiwanis Avenue of Flags program serves as a reminder that some of the best things happen when a community comes together.

What many people may not realize is that the Kiwanis is entirely volunteer driven. Early in the morning, late at night, and on lunch breaks, Kiwanis members and volunteers work together to place and retrieve thousands of flags throughout Westfield. It is a labor of love that helps support Kiwanis programs and projects benefiting children and families in Westfield.

Avenue of Flags represents what Kiwanis is all about. It is people coming together, serving others, and creating something bigger than themselves. Especially as we begin recognizing America's 250th anniversary, it feels like a good reminder that strong communities are built when people show up for one another.

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# FAIR

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those who complete an on-site survey. Discover invaluable resources, explore volunteer opportunities, and become part of a vibrant community dedicated to making a difference.

Are you a community organization, business, or service provider? This is your opportunity to connect directly with families and individuals seeking support and resources in Hamilton County. Sponsorship, non-profit, and for-profit vendor opportunities are now available. The deadline to participate is May 29.

To register as an exhibitor or vendor, please visit [gsnlive.org/resourcefair](http://gsnlive.org/resourcefair). Nonprofit organizations can participate for free, while for-profit exhibitors must pay a small registration fee. Sponsor sign-up is available on the website. Space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended.

"The Resource Fair is a remarkable FREE event for central Indiana!" GSN Founder and Executive Director Nancy Chance said. "Our vendors and exhibitors bring their extensive resources and expertise to one convenient location. By attending, families will have access to a wealth of information that can help them make informed decisions and discover opportunities they might not have heard about before!"

**Sponsorships available**  
GSN invites sponsors to partner with us to make this community gathering a success. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in Hamilton County.

Sponsorship categories include event sponsors, platform sponsors, silver sponsors, partner sponsors, and a lunch sponsor. Go to [gsnlive.org/resourcefair](http://gsnlive.org/resourcefair) for sponsorship details, an updated sponsor list, and sponsor sign-up.

Some past comments we

received, both from vendors and the public, include:

- "I had over 100 people stop at my booth. I was very pleased." – Vendor
- "Thank you so much ... it was a wonderful event." – Public
- "Great fair ... I got lots of information." – Public
- "I couldn't believe how many people were steadily coming in." – Vendor
- "What a wonderful event ... This was my first year having a booth, and I will definitely plan on attending next year." – Vendor
- "Thank you for doing this for us again this year." – Public

Visitors can network with numerous nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, government and social service organizations, and civic organizations, including volunteer sign-up opportunities.

**About the Good Samaritan Network**

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on assisting the at-risk population in Hamilton County. Client referrals are received from a variety of social service agencies, churches, township trustees, food pantries, local hospitals, and government emergency agencies. GSN also works with the Hamilton County Schools, Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and Fire Department. Direct services include serving at-risk and underserved individuals and families within Hamilton County. Typical service streams are emergency or crisis intervention, educational resources, and support. Indirect services include the GSN Network, established to ensure efficiency and communication among the different agencies and social services that support and assist at-risk and underserved residents of Hamilton County. Learn more at [gsnlive.org](http://gsnlive.org).

# LETTER

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Still, there were doubts if I was giving you everything you needed. I never wanted my limitations to hold you back, or in any way block you from living out your purpose. I feared your purpose would be tangled up with my challenges, even if that were the last thing I wanted.

The times you were forced to witness discrimination towards me; it broke my heart.

You and your brother have taught me so much about myself and encouraged me to see that I do have value and a place in this world. Your lives have illuminated the stubborn darkness that used to live in me.

I vividly remember, you were there on the day my custom wheelchair arrived. It was a day I had dreaded for most of my life. At first, I did not want you there to see me "give up." That is how I viewed having to use a wheelchair more. Going into that day, I felt like I had failed not just myself, but you, your brother, and dad, too.

Your calm and confident presence on delivery day made all the difference. That day turned out to be nothing like I had imagined all those

years. It was so much better because of you.

My disability does not stop me from making sure you know how deeply loved you are.

Over the last four years, I have taken a backseat to your life and watched from a distance. So many times, I wanted to intervene and rescue you from hard things, but I knew I did not need to. You were equipped to handle hard things because you already had.

As I sat and watched you walk across the stage in Elliott Hall at Purdue University, accepting your Biomedical Engineering degree, I took a journey. I could not help but run through a catalog of memories.

That little guy who learned so many valuable life lessons from having a mom with a disability proudly shined at that moment in time. Just like I always knew you would.

I hope you will always carry with you the lessons we have both learned along the way. I was not strong like other moms, but in time, you helped me discover and voice what my strength does look like.



Photo provided

I am, always and forever, so honored to be mom to you and Jack. My strength and my joy.

Love,  
Mom

"I'm so proud of us and I can't explain the feeling of reading how you were worried your disability would tangle up in my purpose, just to know that's exactly what happened but in the

best of ways." ~ Luke

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.com](http://humblycourageous.com) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

# AWARD

"Our student journalists tackled an important and urgent story that was incredibly challenging to report and write," Noblesville High School Journalism Adviser Joe Akers said. "They had to navigate issues like how to refer to the students they spoke to, who were technically breaking the law, and in some cases, showing signs of gambling addiction. They aggressively pursued the local and state lawmakers who ignored the issue, and who re-

fused to cooperate with the story. They worked to clearly explain the complex, confusing processes that teens use to slip through the cracks in the systems that are supposed to protect them from the online corporations looking to scam them out of their, and in many cases their parents', money."

Akers continued, "The story that resulted from their efforts shines a light on a secretive world that many readers had no idea existed. It's a story that's as smart and well-crafted as any piece done by any professional publication out there, and Max, Aiden, Jude, and Becca are deserving of every accolade they receive for their work."

Mill Stream's magazine and website, [MillerMediaNow.org](http://MillerMediaNow.org), are recipients of multiple state and national awards, including the prestigious Hoosier Star designation from the Indiana High School Press Association.

"Scholastic journalism is done right in Joe Akers' program in Noblesville," said Elizabeth Granger, director of Indiana's high school journalism competition. "His students are curious, courageous, tenacious, thorough and ethical in covering difficult topics—topics that readers need to know about but are too often not covered. Congratulations to Noblesville's young journalists and their adviser."

The entry competed against nearly 2,000 stu-

dent entries in this national contest sponsored by the NFPW Education Fund. Student entries first competed in a statewide communication contest. First-place winners were selected to advance to the national round of competition. In states where a contest was not offered, NFPW hosted an at-large contest with the first-place winners also advancing to the national competition. The first-place winning entries all 23 categories in the contest then are judged by new judges who selected the Noblesville High School entry as the "Best of the Best" entry.

National first-place winning entries receive a \$100 prize, and the Best of the Best award prize is \$500.

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# KIWANIS

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Kiwanis is a global organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, and the Kiwanis Club of Westfield works year-round to support local kids and families through service projects, partnerships, and community outreach.

As another Avenue of Flags season begins, res-

idents can not only enjoy seeing the flags throughout Westfield, but also recognize the volunteers behind them and the impact this Kiwanis program helps make possible.

If you are interested in volunteering, learning more about Kiwanis, or checking out a meeting,

please reach out or attend a meeting. The Kiwanis Club of Westfield meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

For more information, email [kiwaniswestfield@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniswestfield@gmail.com).



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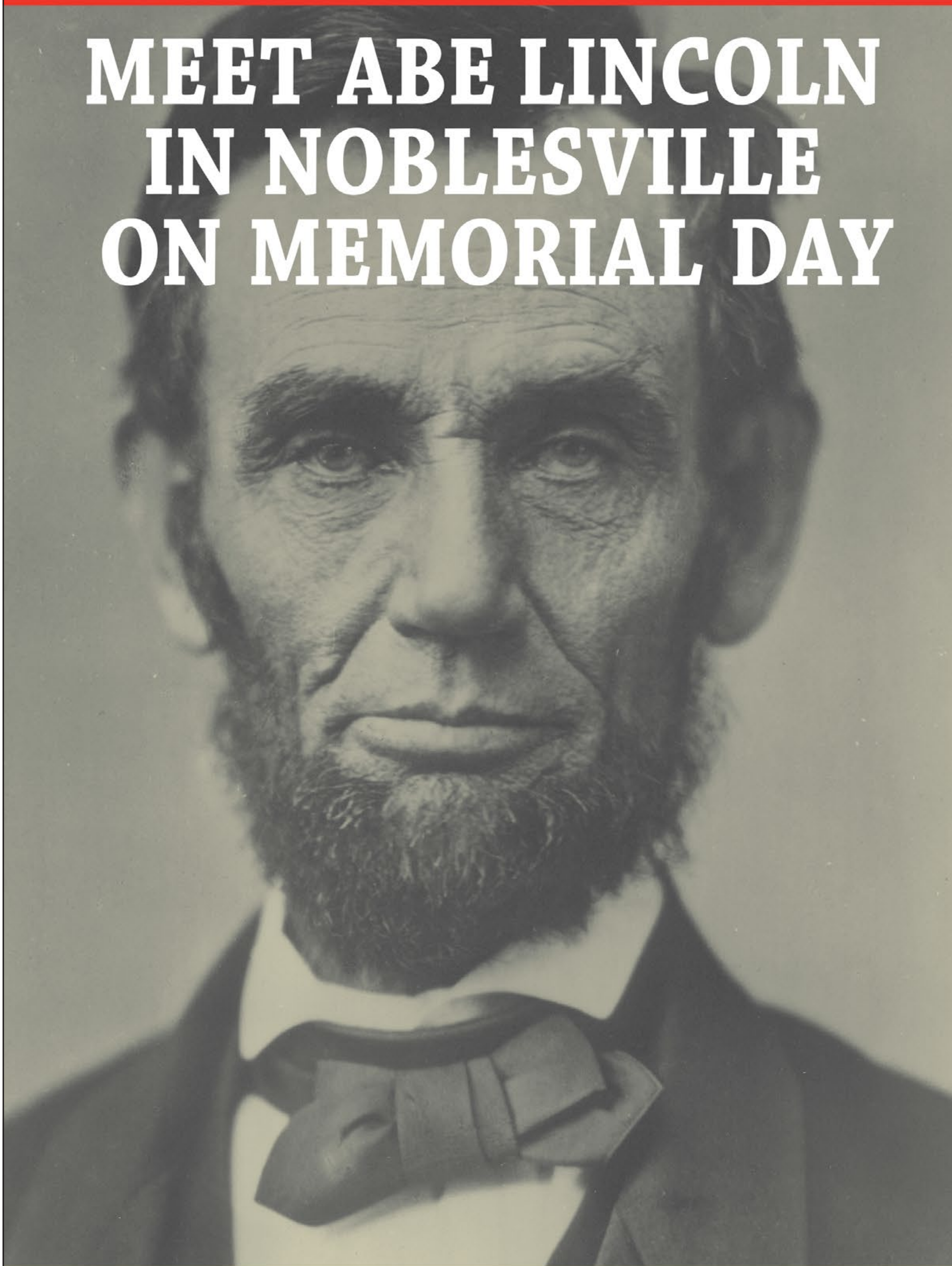
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# Carmel invites public to Memorial Day Ceremony

**The REPORTER**

Carmel's annual Memorial Day Ceremony will bring the community together to remember those who paid the ultimate price in service to our country.

This free event starts at 9 a.m. Friday, May 22 at the Carmel Clay Veterans Memorial Plaza across from Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

Mayor Sue Finkam and City officials will be joined by the following guests:

- Artist Development Studio – Emmaline Colvin and Lily Hirschfeld
- American Legion Post #155

- Carmel Fire Department Honor Guard Pipe and Drum Band

- Dave Choutka, Chaplain, Carmel Fire Department
- Leticia Poblano-Clark, U.S. Air Force Veteran

- Keynote speaker retired Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin, U.S. Air Force

- Tony Green, Carmel City Councilor, retired Colonel, U.S. Air Force

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10003
- Christopher Watson, U.S. Army Veteran

The city's annual Memorial Day Ceremony is a special event to honor the



Photo provided by City of Carmel

brave military personnel who have served and to show our gratitude for the sacrifices they have made.

All attendees are invited to Carmel VFW Post

#10003, 12863 Old Meridian St., immediately following the ceremony for food, music, and fellowship. Meals for Veterans are complimentary.

# Give your mailbox a spring makeover

United States Postal Service celebrates National Mailbox Improvement Week

**The REPORTER**

This Mailbox Improvement Week, May 18 to 24, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is reminding Americans everywhere to inspect, maintain, and make any needed upgrades to their mailboxes to help keep the mail flowing.

Through regular, simple mailbox maintenance akin to Spring Cleaning, customers can help their carriers ensure mail, packages, and special deliveries arrive on time, safely, and securely.

"Your mailbox is the gateway to connection, bringing everything from birthday wishes from loved ones to vital documents to your doorstep," Postmaster General David Steiner said. "A well-maintained mailbox isn't just about curb appeal; it's a partnership in efficiency and precision, helping our carriers continue to deliver for you – every day."

Each year, USPS designates the third week of May as Mailbox Improvement Week to encourage homeowners with box-on-post-delivery to examine and, where necessary, improve their mailbox appearance and functionality. Regular maintenance not only helps streamline postal operations but enhances the beauty and safety of entire neighborhoods.

**Fix up your mailbox in a snap**

The yearly initiative calls attention to the wear

and tear that occurs, often without customers' awareness. Some of the most common fixes homeowners may need to make include:

- **Tighten Up:** Check for and tighten any loose hinges on the door.

- **A Fresh Coat:** Brighten up a rusty or peeling mailbox with a fresh coat of paint.

- **Stand Securely:** Ensure your mailbox post is secure and upright.

- **Be Seen:** Make sure your house numbers are clear, visible, and easy to read.

**Security is a shared mission**

USPS partners with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to keep postal employees, the mail stream, and the American public safe through education, awareness, laws that protect the nation's mail network. Here's how you can help keep your mail safe:

- **Don't Wait:** Collect your mail promptly after delivery to prevent theft.

- **Say Something:** If you witness mailbox tampering, call the police immediately.

- To report mailbox vandalism, contact Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455.

If you know of someone who committed an act of mailbox vandalism, report it to Postal Inspectors at 1-877-876-2455.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

# Donors needed to help Cicero Parks purchase 50-foot flagpole

**By EMILY PEARSON**

Cicero Friends of the Park

The Cicero Parks Department is looking to purchase a 50-foot flagpole and install it near the water's edge in Red Bridge Park. Our intent would be to fly a 10-by-15-foot flag on a daily basis, and to fly an oversized flag on holidays.

On holidays, the American Legion currently puts out many flags throughout downtown and across the causeway. It is quite an impressive sight if you

have never seen it! We are hoping to make this flag visible from the causeway and across the lake. We will light the flagpole with high-quality ground lights for added visibility at night. It is our intent for this to become a statement piece in our community.

The list below is some of the costs for this project.

- \$14,760: flag
- \$2,000: lighting
- \$4,000: concrete and seating area yet to be determined (approximate cost)
- \$2,000: signage, advertising, promotions, over-

age costs

- Total: \$22,760

We have tentative commitments from the following.

- American Legion: \$5,000

- Cicero Friends of the Park: \$7,100

- Private Donor: \$3,000

- Total: \$15,100

As you can see, we are still substantially short of our goal, but we are working to raise additional funds for this project. If we can raise the funds in a timely

manner, we will try to get the pole and lights installed as soon as possible. We will then look for and plan for a dedication ceremony. Our intent is to have signage at the flagpole site naming donors and contributions.

Thank you for your consideration and any help you can give us. Cicero Friends of the Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and donations are tax deductible.

Keep in touch with Cicero Friends of the Park at [Facebook.com/cfotp](https://www.facebook.com/cfotp) and at [cfotp.org](http://cfotp.org).

**CrossRoads Church at Westfield presents a ...**

# Free Comedy Event

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**7 pm • Friday • May 29**

Event is held at  
**IMMI Conference Center**  
18880 East Street  
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Doors open 6 pm • Music 6:30 pm  
Comedy 7 pm

**Special Pre-Comedy**  
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Presented by the People of CrossRoads Church at Westfield  
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**ForOurNeighbor.Life**  
is an effort of CrossRoads Church at Westfield to meet, know, enjoy, and serve our local neighbors. This event is provided for you, our neighbors, because we love you!

# Westfield Clerk-Treasurer Debby Tolley earns international status

**The REPORTER**

Westfield Clerk-Treasurer Debby Tolley has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc.

IIMC grants the CMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education re-

quirements and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community, and state.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the



Tolley

United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the educational opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership.

**Wayne-Fall Lions Club**



# Fish Fry

**Saturday, May 30**  
**Serving 4 Thru 7 PM**

**We are Serving Cod Fish -**  
*lightly dipped in our "secret recipe" batter,*  
**Fries, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade... desserts**

**\$18.00 - Adults, under 12 - \$9.00**  
**under 3 FREE! Hot Dogs available**

**Our Club is located at 11940 East 191st Street at Deshane Ave and Victory Chapel Road .**

*We will have limited tables setup in our yard, bring your lawn chairs, or a blanket and have a picnic, or "tailgate" in your car/truck. We have a VERY large yard . The Club will be open with inside seating.*  
**We now can accept credit/debt cards!**

# When weather is unpredictable, you can trust Your Hometown Weatherman!





Photos provided

Members of the Fishers High School football team help at the Fishers Post Office.

# Stamp Out Hunger 2026 was another great success

Submitted by **Suzanna Hobson**  
Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

Saturday, May 19 was a perfect day for the 34th year of Stamp Out Hunger!

Volunteers across the county gathered at post offices and collected food picked up by the postal carriers which was left by mailboxes.

During this annual food drive, Hamilton County residents from Noblesville, Fishers, Westfield, and Carmel donated more 57,000 pounds of food. This equates to 47,500 meals!

All food donated has been sorted and distributed to food pantries here in Hamilton County. All of this generosity comes at a time of year where the need increases with summer approaching.

Thank you to all the volunteers who folded bags, stapled postcards, and helped collect the donated food. Thank you to the postal workers who loaded their postal trucks with bags filled with donated food.

We also want to thank Keller Williams Indy Metro North who supported Ham-



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(ABOVE) The Keller Williams Indy Metro North team sorted around seven tons of food for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. (BELOW) Volunteers at the Noblesville Post office unload the donated food.



ilton County Harvest Food Bank on their worldwide day of giving back. Their team sorted approximately 14,000 pounds of food that helped us distribute imme-

diately to the food pantries.

For additional information about how to find needed food pantries located in Hamilton County, visit [Community Compass](#)

or download the Community Compass app on your smartphone.

Learn more about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank at [hchfoodbank.org](#).

# Hollywood stars bake bread to support hunger relief

## The REPORTER

Two stars of some of TV's most famous shows visit central Indiana this week to promote their commitment to hunger relief. Actors Patrick Duffy and Linda Purl, founders of **Duffy's Dough**, are introducing their line of take-and-bake artisan breads at local Kroger stores.

Duffy, a star of *Dallas*, *Step by Step*, and *The Bold and the Beautiful*, traces the bread recipe back to a sourdough starter presented as a gift to his mother in the 1950s.

Purl, a star of *Happy Days*, *Matlock*, and more recently *The Office*, says she

and Patrick are grateful for the opportunity to help people in need with proceeds from the bread. One hundred percent of their profits will go to hunger relief.

Kroger offers two local opportunities this week to meet Duffy and Purl, and get autographs and pictures:

- **Fishers:** 11700 Olio Road from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 21

- **Brownsburg:** 975 N. Green St. from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, May 22

The first 100 customers in line at both stores will receive a reusable swag bag featuring a variety of delectable Kroger products.

At the Brownsburg



Photo provided by Kroger

Fill your belly with bread and your heart with the warm and fuzzy feeling of helping others.

Kroger on Friday, Duffy's Dough and Kroger will donate \$5,000 and 100 cases of bread to **Second Help-**

ings of Indianapolis.

Find out why they say Duffy's Dough is "what the world kneads now."

# AG Rokita calls on race fans to raise the red flag on human trafficking ahead of the 110th Indianapolis 500

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

As the 110th running of the Indianapolis 500 approaches, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on Hoosiers and visitors to stay alert for signs of human trafficking during race weekend.

"Big events like the Indy 500 create opportunities that human traffickers actively exploit," AG Rokita said. "We're asking everyone to keep their eyes and ears open and speak up immediately if something doesn't look right. It could save someone's life."

Large events drawing hundreds of thousands of spectators often increase demand for trafficked individuals forced into commercial sex acts or labor.

Common signs that someone may be a victim of human trafficking include:

- Living with their employer or in employer-provided housing

- Staying in overcrowded or substandard conditions

- Being prevented from speaking to others alone or freely

- Giving scripted, rehearsed, or inconsistent answers to questions

- Having their ID, passport, or other documents held by someone else

- Showing signs of physical abuse such as bruises or injuries

- Appearing fearful, submissive, anxious, or overly compliant

- Working extremely long hours with little or no pay

- Being under 18 and involved in commercial sex

If you suspect trafficking, act quickly:

Contact local law enforcement right away or call the National Human Traf-

ficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

"The Indianapolis 500 is one of Indiana's most treasured traditions," AG Rokita said. "We all have a role in keeping it safe and protecting everyone who comes to enjoy it."

AG Rokita's office con-

tinues its strong efforts to fight human trafficking through programs like the **Address Confidentiality Program**, which helps shield victims – including trafficking survivors – by keeping their home addresses hidden from the public and their abusers.



Rokita

## Community News

### Carmel High School Class of 1976 Reunion

Submitted by Sharon Kibbe

The planning committee for our 50th class reunion is busy searching far and wide for classmates we've lost touch with.

If you have not yet connected via our private Facebook page, or if you know of classmates not active on social media, please contact [carmelin1976.50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:carmelin1976.50threunion@gmail.com) so we can send details about the Sept. 18 and 19 reunion weekend.

We have loads of fun in store, including two gatherings, lots of time to reconnect, and a one-hour tour of our old CHS stomping grounds. We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone!

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

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

Please RSVP at [this link](#).

### Coffee Hour for Veterans

Attention Veterans in northern Hamilton County ... From 9 to 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, Veterans and the general public are welcome to get together at Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St. (266th Street), Arcadia.

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## Community Survey: 94% of residents say Fishers is good place to live

### Submitted by City of Fishers

According to Fishers city officials, results from the 2026 Community Survey show strong resident confidence in the city's direction and quality of life. Nearly 3,000 residents participated in the survey, with 94 percent rating Fishers positively as a place to live and 99 percent reporting a positive overall quality of life experience.

"These results reflect a community that is moving forward together," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "As a mayor, there's nothing more fulfilling than to see survey results with overwhelmingly high numbers in support of everything from city services to quality of life amenities."

Residents highlighted public safety, city services, and schools as key strengths, shaping their daily experience. More than nine in 10 residents report feeling safe in their neighborhoods at night. City services continue to earn strong marks, with 89 percent positive ratings for customer service, and Hamilton Southeastern Schools remain a cornerstone of the community, with 96 per-



Fadness



DeLucia

cent of residents rating the quality of K-12 education positively.

"As Fishers continues to be a national model for innovation and quality of life, these results show strong alignment between residents and city leadership which will allow us to continue to be on the leading edge of communities," City Council President John DeLucia said.

Beyond strong performance in core services, the survey results reflect a connected and en-

gaged community. More than nine in 10 residents report a strong sense of pride and belonging, with many participating in local events, volunteer opportunities, and civic activities. Residents also highlighted neighborhood quality and community design as important contributors to overall satisfaction.

"Our employees are passionate about serving residents, and these results reflect their hard work and commitment every day," Mayor Fadness said. "It's especially meaningful to hear directly from residents that their dedication is building trust and delivering results."

For more information about the survey results, visit [FishersIN.gov/2026Survey](https://fishersin.gov/2026Survey).

## Mayors Finkam & Willis to co-chair Danny Lopez reelection campaign

### Submitted

State Rep. Danny Lopez announced Monday, May 18 that Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis will serve as co-chairs of his reelection campaign for the Indiana House.

Lopez, a Republican, is seeking reelection in House District 39, a district entirely within Hamilton County that includes portions of Carmel and Westfield.

In 2024, Lopez was elected following the retirement of former Rep. Jerry Torr, who served more than two decades in the General Assembly.

After scoring an impressive victory in Carmel's 2023 mayoral election, Mayor Finkam has leveraged her experience in the private and public sectors to accelerate the city's economic growth, engage stakeholders to meet its evolving housing needs, promote public safety, and position Carmel as one of America's most attractive suburbs.

She served as Council President in 2017 and 2021, and has an impressive track record as an entrepreneur and business leader.

"Having strong, experienced partners in the General Assembly is critical to ensuring Carmel's priorities are represented," Finkam said. "I am excited to support Danny Lopez's campaign and the bold, results-oriented leadership he will bring to the Statehouse."

Mayor Willis also took office in 2023 following a resounding victory in West-

field's mayoral election that year. A retired Marine Colonel, Purdue-educated civil engineer, and successful business leader, he is strategically capitalizing on Westfield's rapid growth and has positioned it as a magnet for global talent and investment.

"During his first term in office, Danny Lopez was invaluable in protecting the interests of our community and I look forward to supporting him through another successful campaign," Willis said. "He has an established record as a leader who brings solutions to the table, and I'm excited to continue working with him on issues that impact Westfield."

Lopez said he is ready to keep working with Finkam and Willis to make sure Carmel and Westfield are heard in the Statehouse.

"Mayors Finkam and Willis have been exceptional partners as I work in the Statehouse to advance our priorities, like preserving local control and ensuring our communities can continue to invest in amenities our residents value," Lopez said. "Carmel and Westfield drive so much of the economic and cultural activity in our state, and I look forward to continuing to work with these two amazing leaders to ensure our voice is heard loud and clear in the General Assembly."

Danny and his wife, Sofia, live in Carmel with their two children, Daniel and Alexandra.

Learn more about Danny and join his campaign at [LopezForIndiana.com](https://LopezForIndiana.com).



Lopez



Finkam



Willis

## Indiana Comptroller Elise Nieshalla launches new dashboard tracking federal spending in state

### Submitted by Office of Comptroller Elise Nieshalla

On Monday, May 18, the Indiana State Comptroller's Office announced the launch of a new **Federal Funding Expenditures Dashboard** on the Indiana Transparency Portal (ITP) that shows Hoosiers exactly where federal dollars come from and how they were used – broken down by federal department, expenditure category, account, and state agency.

"Federal grants made up 42 percent of Indiana's general revenue for fiscal year 2025, a total of \$22.6 billion. This dashboard gives every Hoosier – from citizens to state legislators, media, and federal partners – the clearest view yet of how those dollars move through Indiana government," Comptroller Nieshalla said. "The historical data included further enables spotting trends and flagging where extra review is needed, and it's a meaningful assist to agency partners working to root out any fraud, waste or abuse that may be

lurking. This is an additional tool for building and preserving public trust."

The dashboard is Indiana's first public-facing, navigable tool dedicated to tracking federal expenditures and offers the ability to see trends by providing six years of historical data. Designed to complement [USASpending.gov](https://USASpending.gov), which reports federal award amounts, this dashboard shows what Indiana agencies have spent, pulling directly from the State's financial system. It is modeled after the existing Total State Expenditures Dashboard on the ITP and is available at [in.gov/itp/finances/Federal-Funding-Expenditures-Dashboard](https://in.gov/itp/finances/Federal-Funding-Expenditures-Dashboard).

"This new dashboard ensures Hoosiers have clear, accessible insight into how billions in federal dollars are spent across our state," Governor Mike Braun said. "Transparency builds trust, and I commend Comptroller



Nieshalla

Nieshalla and her team for their continued commitment to accountability and innovation. Tools like this empower citizens and strengthen confidence in how government manages public resources."

The Federal Funding Expenditures Dashboard allows users to:

- See from which federal departments and programs the funds originate, and to which agency they are dispersed.
- View federal funds in state spending categories, such as Social Service Payments, Contractual Services or Personal Services.
- Explore specific state agency accounts from which federal funds were spent, providing the most granular level of information.

The dashboard reflects actual federal funding expenditures and does not include federal dollars that have been awarded but not yet expended. An FAQ is available here. For questions or suggestions

about the new Federal Funding Expenditures Dashboard, contact [comments@comptroller.in.gov](mailto:comments@comptroller.in.gov).

### About the Indiana Transparency Portal

The Indiana Transparency Portal (ITP) is the State of Indiana's public-facing hub for financial transparency, managed by the Indiana State Comptroller's Office in partnership with the Management Performance Hub (MPH) and the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT). The portal was launched in 2010 to give Hoosiers a clear and accessible view of how public dollars are collected, spent, and managed.

ITP provides easy access to information on state finances including assets, contracts, employee salaries, vendor activity, and distributions to local units of government. The Federal Funding Expenditures Dashboard is the latest addition to ITP's suite of interactive financial tools, further expanding on the Comptroller's commitment to open and transparent financial reporting.



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# The Bridgewater Club opens renovated & restored championship golf course

*Members celebrate strategically-enhanced Pete Dye golf course during opening weekend*

**Submitted**

The Bridgewater Club has completed a major renovation of its Pete Dye-designed 18-hole championship golf course, enhancing course conditions, strategic play, and the overall member experience.

To open the renovated course, The Bridgewater Club hosted a celebratory opening weekend attended by several hundred members that kicked off with a shotgun start on Saturday, May 16. The longest-tenured member of The Bridgewater Club, Pat Perry, had the honor of being the first member to tee off.

The course has been strategically enhanced with intentionality and the member experience in mind and the renovation focuses on creating exceptional playability for golfers of all skill levels. Highlights include reconstruction of the greens and green complex, revitalized bunkers, seven new forward tees, advanced turfgrass varieties customized for regional conditions, cart path paving and expanded tee boxes and practice green.

"This renovation is an incredible example of our commitment to delivering exceptional experiences



Photo courtesy The Bridgewater Club

for our members on the golf course and throughout the entire club," said Mike Gardner, Chief Operating Officer of The Bridgewater Club. "Building on Pete Dye's original vision, we strategically enhanced and modernized the course with our members in mind, elevating playability, comfort and enjoyment for golfers of all skill levels. We paid attention to every detail including new turf to compete with Indiana's climate and evolving playing conditions while preserving the championship-caliber experience our club is known for. Celebrating the reopening alongside several hundred members made this milestone especially rewarding for our

entire club community." The project was led by renowned golf course architecture firm Tim Liddy + Associates and its founder, Tim Liddy, Fellow of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and a longtime Pete Dye collaborator, who helped modernize the course while preserving its original character and championship design. The updates also reinforce balanced playability across all skill levels as strategic bunker enhancements challenge lower-handicap golfers while maintaining an enjoyable experience for recreational players. Beyond the championship course, golfers can enjoy a 23-acre practice range,

heated hitting stalls for year-round practice, indoor golf simulators, indoor putting room and a six-acre short game area. Additionally, The Bridgewater Club continues to offer one of the region's premier recreational experiences including a 15,000 square-foot fitness center, on-site group fitness classes, personal training, indoor and outdoor pools, six tennis courts, six pickleball courts and six multi-use pickleball courts, a 3.5-mile walking trail, on-site childcare, youth programming, and more. For more information on The Bridgewater Club and its extensive amenities, visit [TheBridgewaterClub.com](http://TheBridgewaterClub.com).

## OneZone Chamber partners with Advantage 1 Health to expand affordable healthcare options for members

**The REPORTER**

OneZone Chamber announces a new partnership with Advantage 1 Health, providing chamber members access to high-quality, affordable healthcare coverage designed specifically for small businesses.

Backed by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the Advantage 1 Health plan combines the strength of a national healthcare leader with the personalized support and local connection businesses value through their chamber membership. The program was created to help employers better manage rising healthcare costs while still offering competitive benefits that support employee wellness and retention.

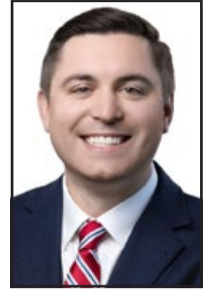
"Small businesses are the backbone of our communities, and access to affordable healthcare remains one of the biggest challenges many employers face," Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell said. "Through this partnership with Advantage 1 Health and Anthem, we're able to provide our members with

healthcare options that make financial sense while still delivering high-quality coverage for employees and their families."

The Advantage 1 Health plan offers affordable and predictable monthly costs through large-group purchasing power, built-in stop-loss protection against high-cost claims, and flexible medical, dental, and vision plan options through Anthem. Businesses also gain access to one of the nation's largest provider networks through BlueCard®, along with virtual care services, wellness resources, mental-health support, and simplified administration.

Participation in the program also helps support local chambers and strengthen economic growth throughout Indiana.

Businesses interested in learning more or receiving a quote are encouraged to visit [OneZoneChamber.com](http://OneZoneChamber.com) and click on the "Initiatives" tab to learn more about Advantage 1 Health and explore whether the program is the right fit for their organization.



Russell

## New e-bike rules in Fishers aim to curb dangerous riding

By CAT SANDOVAL  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The Fishers City Council on Monday night voted to expand an e-bike ordinance after police say they received complaints of dangerous bike riding.

Police say reckless bike riding includes excessive speeding, cutting off pedestrians, and weaving through traffic.

Police say it's all about safety presenting the ordinance to the council Monday evening. The council voted overwhelmingly to approve it in a 9-0 decision.

"I think it's a good step in the right direction to keep our trail safer," said Chief Ed Gebhart of Fishers Police Department.

Under the new ordinance, e-motobikes that don't require any pedaling are not allowed on the trails or sidewalks – only on roadways and in bike lanes. That's because officials say e-motobikes can reach speeds up to 60 mph.

E-bikes, which still require pedaling, are still allowed on the trails.

Children 15 and younger are banned from riding

class three e-bikes that can reach speeds up to 28 mph, along with e-motobikes.

Helmets are required for those under 18 years of age.

Ashley Elrod of the city government of Fishers said, "Out of all of this, all we want to do is have our residents and visitors be safe and get out there and enjoy all of our amenities we have."

Riders – including parents of minors – can be fined if they do not follow the new rules. Fines are \$150.

Gebhart said, "We're not in a rush to cite people who are misusing. We'll do an education period, we'll partner with the city and send out messages, and let everyone know. We're not going to start hard enforcing it immediately, but you can expect it in the next few weeks or so."

Now that the ordinance has passed, the mayor is expected to sign it. The new ordinance is expected to take effect this summer.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/new-e-bike-rules-in-fishers-aim-to-curb-dangerous-riding](http://wishtv.com/news/politics/new-e-bike-rules-in-fishers-aim-to-curb-dangerous-riding).*

## Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation awarded \$400,000 Indiana Trails Program grant

**The REPORTER**

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) was awarded a \$400,000 grant through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)'s Indiana Trails Program. The grant will fund a new section of the **White River Greenway**, supporting CCPR's long-term goal of expanding the trail along or near the river throughout Carmel.

The **Indiana Trails Program** (ITP) supports projects that expand public trail access and outdoor recreation opportunities while incorporating ADA-accessible design features. CCPR was one of five agencies selected for funding in the 2025 round of ITP, receiving the maximum grant amount of \$400,000.

Funding will support construction of a 12-foot-wide, half-mile paved section of the White River Greenway within Hazel Landing Park. The new trail will begin at The 106 Trail, an east-west multi-use trail

that connects Carmel, Fishers, and Zionsville, and crosses the White River over the Bur Oak Bridge, which opened in 2025. From there, the trail will continue south over Blue Woods Creek and through a forested, undeveloped portion of the park before following the White River and reconnecting with an existing perimeter trail along Hazel Dell Parkway.

This project marks another important step toward CCPR's long-term goal of developing approximately five miles of White River Greenway trail through Carmel. Subject to future funding, additional phases are planned to extend the southern section north through Hazel Landing Park and ultimately connect to the perimeter trail along 116th Street. The new trail will strengthen connections to regional trail corridors, including the Big-4 Rail Trail in Zionsville, the Monon Greenway in Carmel, and the Nickel Plate



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

Trail in Fishers and Noblesville.

Designed to enhance both recreation access and environmental stewardship, the trail extension will feature riverfront views and environmentally conscious design elements while prioritizing accessibility for users of all abilities through the incorporation of Universal Design principles.

"The White River Greenway continues to be one of the most significant long-term connectivity projects

for our community," said Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director of Parks and Recreation/CEO. "This southern trail extension will improve access to nature, strengthen regional trail connections and create more opportunities for the public to enjoy and interact with the White River."

Additional project details and construction timelines will be announced as planning progresses. For updates, visit [carmelclay-parks.com](http://carmelclay-parks.com).



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# Joined at the Head does not shout, it whispers, nudges, and lingers

By VICKIE CORNELIUS PHIPPS  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

The Belfry Theatre's third production of its 61<sup>st</sup> season, *Joined at the Head*, arrived at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel, with a gentle emotional force that builds scene by scene.

Under the sensitive direction of Larry Adams, this intimate drama becomes a meditation on ambition, illness, and the complicated ways people tether themselves to one another when life refuses to follow the script. Adams leans into the play's naturalism, its quiet conversations, its unspoken tensions, its small but seismic emotional shifts. The result is a production that feels lived-in and deeply human.

At the heart of the story is Maggie Mulrone, played with nuance and emotional clarity by Kat Krebs. Krebs gives Maggie a restless energy – part self-doubt, part creative hunger – that makes her both sympathetic and frustrating in the best possible way. Her performance captures the contradictions of a writer forced to confront the gap between the life she imagined and the one she's actually living. Maggie, who has returned to Boston to plug her latest best-seller, gets a call from

Jim Burroughs, her high school sweetheart of 20 years earlier. He invites her over to meet his wife Maggy (same name, different spelling) – who happens to be dying of cancer.

Dana Lesh brings warmth, wit, and a quiet resilience to Maggy Burroughs, a woman facing illness with a grace that never slips into sentimentality. Lesh's portrayal is grounded and luminous, making Maggy the emotional anchor of the production.

Kelly Keller, as Jim Burroughs, threads the needle between supportive husband and man quietly unraveling under the weight of fear and helplessness. Keller's performance is understated but potent; his scenes with both women crackle with subtext. Together, the trio forms a dynamic that feels authentic, layered, and emotionally charged.

The strong ensemble adds texture – Lexi Gray, Sammie Maier, Sydney Heller, Ben Lagow, Ethan Pierce, and Zack Buzan – providing the world around the central characters, shifting fluidly between roles that shape Maggie's professional and personal landscape. Their presence enriches the production, offering moments of levity, tension, and reflection that round out the play's emo-



Photo by Rob Slaven / [IndyGhostLight.com](http://IndyGhostLight.com)

**Kat Krebs as Maggie Mulrone with Kelly Keller as Jim Burroughs.**

tional palette.

Adams approaches *Joined at the Head* with a director's eye for subtlety. He resists the temptation to overdramatize, instead trusting the script's quiet truths and the cast's emotional intelligence. His staging keeps the focus on relationships, how people lean toward each other, pull away, and circle back again.

The Cat venue's intimacy works in the production's favor, although the emotion transition and dialogue get lost during the second act being staged too far upstage during a critical moment. The audience is close enough to catch every flicker of expression, every shift in tone, every moment when

silence says more than dialogue.

*Joined at the Head* is not a show that shouts. It whispers, nudges, and lingers. It asks its audience to sit with discomfort, with hope, with the messy intersections of art and life. The Belfry Theatre's production honors that spirit beautifully.

The show runs through May 24, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., at The Cat Theatre, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel. Tickets for the show can be purchased at the door or by calling (317) 773-1085. For more information, visit [thebelfrytheatre.com](http://thebelfrytheatre.com).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

## Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation grants \$27,500 to CSO

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) has been notified that it will receive a \$27,500 grant from the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation for operational costs for the symphony's 2026-2027 50th Anniversary Season.

These funds will help the symphony better fulfill its mission to provide family-friendly concerts and engage with youth through education and community initiatives to ignite an interest in orchestral music that lasts a lifetime. This grant will bolster CSO's ability to provide modern symphonic experiences that entertain and improve cultural experiences for the Carmel community and surrounding area.

"We are very excited to receive this funding as we

head into our 50th Anniversary season," said Nancy Sutton, Chair of the CSO Board of Directors. "As with most non-profit arts organizations, ticket sales only cover about a fourth of what we need to present our concerts. Grants such as this help us fill those funding gaps and encourage others to invest in the CSO as well."

The Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation was incorporated in 1990. Its mission is to support charitable organizations that promote or preserve the Arts and Humanities with priority given to those located in central Indiana. The Foundation also looks to those organizations that were supported by Mr. Clowes during his life or are similar to those supported by Mr. Clowes.

## Indiana Wind Symphony welcomes Tim Cox as new executive director

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Wind Symphony warmly welcomes Tim Cox as its new executive director.

Cox brings professional administrative experience in education, nonprofits, arts, and mission-driven organizations, most recently serving the Indiana Wind Symphony as 2025-26 board president and performing in the ensemble on percussion. He serves as director of educational outreach for Music for All, Inc., and as director of operations of the Indiana Arts Education Network, Inc.

"Tim has become an essential part of the Indiana Wind Symphony leadership team," said Board Secretary Kelleen Strutz, a piano soloist with the ensemble. "As board president, he oversaw the hiring of our organization's first executive director and the updating of the bylaws and brought in new board members to represent all aspects of the music industry. Tim will continue to advance the mission of the Indiana Wind Symphony with dedication as we honor and celebrate our upcoming 30th anniversary year."

A lifelong musician, Cox served as a high school band director in Indiana for more than 30 years. He was director of bands and chair of the fine arts department at Decatur Central High School and director of bands at Pendleton High School, being named "most influential teacher" by students at Decatur Central 28 times.

Cox is a member of the Indiana chapter of Phi Beta Mu, the international fraternity for band directors, and served three terms as a member of the executive board of the Indiana State School Music Association. He holds a master's degree in music from Ball State University.

"This is an exciting time to lead the Indiana Wind Symphony as we're beginning to see the fruits of our labor from this past year in our organizational structure," Cox said. "I am so thankful for Jay Gephart and his outstanding leadership of this premier group – he continues to bring such engaging guest artists to the stage – and I appreciate the continued support, enthusiasm and love for the Indiana Wind Symphony that our musicians and patrons show every day."

The Indiana Wind Symphony's previous executive director, Nicole Keller, will continue to support the organization as media specialist. The final concert of the Indiana Wind Symphony's 2025-26 season, "American Tapestry," is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23 in The Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Get tickets now at [IndianaWindSymphony.org](http://IndianaWindSymphony.org).

Season subscriptions for the Indiana Wind Symphony's 2026-27 season will be available starting May 23. See all upcoming events at [IndianaWindSymphony.org/events](http://IndianaWindSymphony.org/events).



Cox

## Tipton School Board Briefs: May 12, 2026

### Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.

Tipton Community School Corporation Board Briefs is designed to share highlights from the most recent School Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Official minutes of each Board meeting are posted on the district website and are available for public viewing.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Trustees is June 9. School board meetings are conducted from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the TCSC Board Room at the Administrative Offices and are open to the public.

### Blue Future Awards

The following students, staff, teams, and programs were recognized with this month's Blue Future Awards:

### Tipton Elementary School

Atlas Jackson and Meridan Smith for earning perfect scores on the IREAD Assessment. Dailey Campbell and Hazel Parr for being named National Math Stars for their achievement on the ILEARN Math assessment. Karina Morales (ML student in Mrs. Martin's 4th-grade class) who achieved proficiency on the WIDA and graduated from the ML program this year.

### Tipton Middle School

Wrestling Team for its record-breaking season: Obie Moats (12-0 in the 70-pound weight class), Layne Emberton (17-3 in the 105-pound weight class) and AJ Adkins, Riggan Marsh, Zane Ball, Obie Moats, Braxton Bryant, Gunner Moore, Ajay Cast, Maddox Morrisett, Gemma Clouser, Marshall Morrisett, Ivy Crist, Triston Moss, Griffen DeLong, Jordan Mount, Layne Emberton, Kolton Nelson, Ryker Flint, Mason Payne, Brayden Franki, Skyler Pena-Barnica, Wyatt Gates, Hunter Perry, Drake Geiger, Karley Paris, Landon Hafner, Grayce Reese, Gabe Hale, Trey Schakel, Braylen Henderson, Raylen Strong, Halas Hufhand, Elliott Ungersma, Oliver Hughes, Karson Webster, Ryder Jones and Coach Boyce Nichols.

Sam and Jace Edwards, Miles Pearce, Jayce Conaway, Merrill Smith,

Easton Glassburn, and Camden Leach (MIC Golf Champions). TMS Counselor Kara Conger for her recognition as a 4C Behavioral Health Champion.

### Tipton High School

Bass Anglers/Club sponsors for winning the state championship: Hink Hinkle, Doug White, Dave Case, Grayson Parker, and Micah White.

Finally, Dr. Ryan Glaze for his outstanding dedication and service as TCSC Superintendent since 2020.

### Director of Food Service Report

Adam Proulx reported that the Food Service Department has completed commodity allocations for next school year, with funds diverted to cover meat, grain, and other needs to help offset vendor costs. Staffing remains stable aside from a few medical-related absences, though the department continues to seek substitute workers. Equipment repairs are ongoing, including an oven and deli bar currently in early repair stages, while several other maintenance issues have already been resolved.

### Athletic Director Report

Colin Quin updated the board on Tipton Athletics as it wraps up a busy spring and school year draws to a close. The department is excited to host the softball sectional May 26 to 28. A new partnership with Door-Dash brought in a donation through a banner on the baseball fence, and the department continues working with vendors to keep finances strong and reduce the burden on the corporation amid upcoming legislative changes.

### Old Business

#### Updated Transportation Fees Approved

The Board approved an update to the transportation fee structure for curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities. After reviewing feedback from ECA treasurers, athletics, and activity leaders, the district determined that a \$5 per-event fee for off-campus activities is a more equitable way to offset participation costs than the previously planned fixed participation fee. This updated per-event fee will take effect July 1, 2026.

### New Business

#### Declaration of Surplus Equipment Approved

The Board approved the designation of several items as surplus, including Bus 31 (deemed a total loss after a March accident), equipment from the TCSC Pool, and outdated materials from the Technology Education classroom. When possible, these items will be recycled or sold for scrap.

#### Annual Approval of Scope & Sequence

The Board approved the updated Scope and Sequence documents for elementary, middle, and high school, fulfilling required oversight of all curricular materials under Policy E-100R. These documents, shared with the Board on April 21, outline the curriculum currently in use across TCSC. For the 2026-2027 school year, the district will review and update all Scope and Sequence documents to ensure they are standardized, aligned to the latest Indiana Academic Standards, and inclusive of all content areas.

#### Appointment of Interim Superintendent Approved

As Superintendent Glaze's retirement date approaches on May 29, 2026, the Board approved appointing Associate Super-

intendent Scott Jaworski as Interim Superintendent through July 1, 2026, when he officially transitions into the role. This ensures steady leadership and smooth district operations during the transition period.

#### Approval of Gift Card Resolution

The Board approved a resolution permitting the use of gift cards for student and staff recognition, consistent with State Board of Accounts guidance. The resolution establishes required financial controls, including designated oversight, detailed tracking, and adherence to standard procedures, and authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and designated staff to administer the program in compliance with state regulations.

#### First Reading: 2026 Legislative Policy Updates

The Board reviewed required policy and guideline updates from the 2026 legislative session. No action was taken, as this was the first reading; adoption will occur in June 2026.

Updates include revisions related to: Imitation firearms (A200), School wellness requirements

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING**

**THE SECOND CENSUS**

After the plague the Lord said to Moses and Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by families—all those twenty years old or more who are able to serve in the army of Israel." So on the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho, Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them and said, "Take a census of the men twenty years old or more, as the Lord commanded Moses."

These were the Israelites who came out of Egypt: The descendants of Reuben, the firstborn son of Israel, were: through Hanok, the Hanokite clan; through Pallu, the Palluite clan; through Hezron, the Hezronite clan; through Karmi, the Karmite clan.

These were the clans of Reuben; those numbered were 43,730.

The son of Pallu was Eliab, and the sons of Eliab were Nemuel, Dathan and Abiram. The same Dathan and Abiram were the community officials who rebelled against Moses and Aaron and were among Korah's followers when they rebelled against the Lord. The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them along with Korah, whose followers died when the fire devoured the 250 men. And they served as a warning sign. The line of Korah, however, did not die out.

Numbers 26:1-11 (NIV)

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**Karen Backs**  
d. May 18, 2026

Karen Backs, 62, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026, surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with aggressive cancer that took her from us far too soon.

Born in Marion, Ind., Karen was the daughter of Morris and Linda Underwood. She later graduated from Eastbrook High School, carrying with her the values of hard work, kindness, and devotion to family that would guide her throughout her life.

Karen's heart was rooted in caring for others, both through her many years as a nurse and in the love she gave so freely to her family. Nothing brought her more pride or joy than the lives and accomplishments of those she loved most.

In her younger years, Karen lived in the country, where she developed a deep love for animals, especially her many pets and her beloved horse, Surreal. In her teenage years, she began working at McDonald's, where she later met the love of her life, Rick. Together they built a life centered on love and family, welcoming their first son, Matthew.

Karen then worked in the billing and accounting department at Devoe's in Marion, where she and Rick welcomed their second son, Mitchell. She later returned to school in her late 20s to attend Indiana University Kokomo, where she earned her nursing degree. She began her nursing career at Marion General Hospital before continuing her work at The Heart Center at 106th and Meridian, where she loved being a nurse and took great pride in the comfort and compassion she gave to her patients. She dedicated almost 30 years to the profession, often making her hour-plus commute alongside her close friend, Gina Cox, reflecting both her dedication and the meaningful friendships she cherished throughout her life.

Karen will be dearly remembered by her devoted husband of 44 years, Rick Backs, her children Matthew (Melanie) and Mitchell (Tylee), and her precious grandchildren Mirabelle, Leo, Eila, and Aden. She is also survived by her siblings Cheryl, Pamela, and Stephen. She was preceded in death by her parents, Morris and Linda Underwood and her mother-in-law, Lois Backs.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield at noon on Thursday, May 21, preceded by a viewing starting at 10 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service and all will take place at the Church. In accordance with her wishes, Karen will be cremated, and burial will take place at a later date.

Charitable donations in her honor may be made to SmileTrain at [smiletrain.org](http://smiletrain.org).

Karen's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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

**BRIEFS**

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Technology use and filtering options (A300), Student wireless device restrictions (A301), Attendance and excused absences (C175), AED and medical guidance (C525), Evaluation and staffing language (D475-R), Budget adoption procedures (F101 & F101-R), Purchasing practices (F125), Free/reduced meal privacy protections (G325), Support organization responsibilities (H125), Public records and data-security provisions (H150), and Participation of non-public and homeschooled students (C126).

- In other board activity, members of the TESO presented a \$25,000 donation to TCSC for the new elementary playground, which will begin construction following the school year.
- Important Dates**
- May 20: High School Band Concert at 7p.m.
  - May 25: Memorial Day – No School
  - May 29: Students Last Day – End of fourth 9 Weeks – End of Second Semester
  - June 1: Staff Last Day
  - June 4: Senior Awards at 7p.m.
  - June 6: Graduation at 11 a.m.
  - June 9: TCSC Board Meeting

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**Meeting Notice**

The Noblesville Common Council PACE Committee meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2026, has been moved to Alexander's on the Square, 864 Logan St., Noblesville.

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

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# REPORTER SPORTS WEDNESDAY

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

## Softball

# Hawks win at HHC tournament, Carmel cruises

### The REPORTER

The Sheridan softball team lost its opening game at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament on Monday, but rebounded to win a consolation game on Tuesday.

The Blackhawks beat Clinton Central 6-5, avenging a 9-2 loss the Bulldogs dealt Sheridan on Friday, May 15. The Hawks used a late rally to stop a Clinton Central comeback; Sheridan scored three runs in the seventh inning.

The Hawks scored in the top of the first inning when Adria Jump tripled in Amiyah Doss. Machya Fosnight singled Norah Adams home in the fourth inning to give Sheridan a 2-0 lead.

The Bulldogs hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth for their first run. Fosnight batted in Makenzy Terry in the top of the sixth, but CC responded in the bottom of the sixth with four runs to take a 5-3 lead.

Sheridan fought back in the seventh inning. Doss led off with a triple and was sent home by a Jump single. Jump scored the tying run

on an error, then Terry hit a sacrifice fly to send Abby Dallas home for the go-ahead run.

Jump pitched five innings for the win and was one of five Sheridan players with two hits. Doss, Dallas, Adams and Fosnight were the others.

The Blackhawks fell to Delphi 15-6 on Monday in six innings. Sheridan scored two runs in the first inning: Doss hit a two-out double, then Jump smacked a home run.

The Oracles put up three runs in the bottom of the first. Jump singled in Ellie Eaton to tie the game in the third inning at 3-3. But Delphi scored four runs in the fourth inning and one more in the fifth for an 8-3 lead.

Sheridan kept things close by putting up three runs in the top of the sixth. Doss led off with a homer, Remi Smith singled in Dallas and Anna Rusk drove in Terry. The Blackhawks were within 8-6, but the Oracles surged ahead in the bottom of the sixth, scoring seven runs.

Doss was flawless at the



The Carmel softball team waited out a rain delay to beat Greenfield-Central Tuesday at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

plate, hitting 3-for-3. Jump also had two hits.

Sheridan is 4-13 for the season.

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Carmel waited out a rain delay to beat Greenfield-Central 17-7 in a five-inning game at Cherry Tree Softball Complex on Tuesday.

Both teams scored three

runs in the first inning, then Carmel put up five runs in the second for an 8-3 lead. The Cougars cut the lead to 8-7 going into the bottom of the fourth, but Carmel powered home, scoring six runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth to end the game.

Ellie Goddard was perfect at the plate and then some, hitting three dou-

bles in three at-bats. Goddard drove in four runs and scored two more.

Avery Klein had three hits; a home run, a double and a single to total four RBIs. Megan Pike hit a three-RBI triple, part of her perfect 3-for-3 game. Owens also totaled three hits and scored three runs. Chloe Junkersfeld scored

three runs.

Chelsea Bennett pitched all five innings, striking out three.

Carmel is 12-11. The Greyhounds added two games to their schedule: they will play at Pendleton Heights this evening, then will host Columbus East on Thursday to finish the regular season.

## Baseball

# Blazers beat Tech, Suh totals six RBIs

### The REPORTER

The University baseball team hosted Arsenal Tech 12-2 in five innings Tuesday at RoundTripper Academy.

Beckett Suh led the way for the Trailblazers, totaling six RBIs in two hits. Suh smacked a three-run triple in the second inning, then ended the game in the fifth inning by hitting a three-run home run.

Finn Steiner batted in the first two runs with a first-inning single; he finished the game with two hits.

Caleb Stocker got the pitching win, throwing six strikeouts in 3.1 innings.

University is 17-8 and hosts Center Grove on Thursday.

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Sheridan split its first two games at the Hoosier Heartland Conference tournament this week.

The Blackhawks fell to Delphi 11-9 in their first game but rebounded on



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

University's Caleb Stocker got the pitching win for the Trailblazers during their Tuesday game with Arsenal Tech.

Tuesday to beat Clinton Central 12-1 on Tuesday.

A full report on these games will appear in a future edition of The Reporter.

# Late rally sends Kokomo past Heights

### By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

Hamilton Heights traveled north on Tuesday to visit the Kokomo Wildkats at Municipal Stadium.

The Huskies had the lead for a majority of the game, but couldn't withstand a late rally from the Wildkats, dropping a 7-5 road game.

Heights scored four in the second, but Kokomo scored in the bottom and again in the third to cut it to 4-2.

Another run scored for

Heights in the fourth when Owen Hughes made it home for 5-2 on an error by the Kats' catcher.

For the third straight innings, Kokomo scored one run to make it 5-3.

Kokomo had a four-run sixth inning that was highlighted by a two-run double for the lead at 6-5. Just after those two runs, another scored for the 7-5 final.

Hamilton Heights (7-14) visits 3A No. 2 Guerin Catholic (20-3-1) tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in an all-county battle.

# Tennis & track sectionals postponed

### The REPORTER

The Carmel tennis sectional and the Hamilton Southeastern girls track & field sectionals were both postponed to this afternoon after Tuesday's thunderstorms.

Tennis begins at the

Todd Witsken Tennis Center at 5:15 p.m. No. 1-ranked Guerin Catholic plays University and No. 3 Carmel takes on No. 13 Zionsville.

The track & field action at Southeastern starts at 5:30 p.m.

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Basketball

# Noblesville hires new girls basketball coach

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville High School announced on Tuesday that the Millers have named Justin Bennett as their new head varsity girls basketball coach, replacing former coach Donna Buckley.

Coach Bennett joins NHS from his role as head

boys basketball coach for Herron-Riverside High School in Indianapolis, where he recently won a conference championship. He also brings girls basketball coaching experience from head coach roles with Tri-West and Greenwood high schools.

Bennett holds several basketball accolades, including Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year, Indianapolis Public Schools Coach of the Year, and a Top 100 Girls Basketball Coach designation in the Indiana/Kentucky All-Star Series.

"We were impressed by

Justin's ability to improve team records, as well as his high energy, positive attitude, and focus on fundamentals," said Noblesville High School athletic director Leah Wooldridge. "We're pleased to welcome him to NHS and excited to see where he takes our program next."

**Correction**

In the story "Shamrocks start winning streak" published in the Tuesday, May 19, edition, Hudson Kutchma's name was misspelled.

The Reporter regrets the error.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, May 20**

**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.

**GOLF**

Taylor at Sheridan, 4:30 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**

Logansport at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
Indiana Marlins at Guerin Catholic, 5:30 p.m.  
Carmel at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Fishers at Franklin Central, 6 p.m.  
Frankfort at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Westfield at Avon, 6 p.m.  
Zionsville at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

**TENNIS**

**Sectional 31 at Fishers**  
First round, 4:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Fishers  
Anderson vs. Pendleton Heights  
**Sectional 35 at Carmel**  
First round, 5:15 p.m.  
Carmel vs. Zionsville  
University vs. Guerin Catholic  
**Sectional 56 at Noblesville**  
First round, 4:30 p.m.  
Westfield vs. Hamilton Heights  
Noblesville vs. Lapel

**TRACK & FIELD**

Girls sectional at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.

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

## Participants set for IBCA/IHSAA Underclass Showcase events

**The REPORTER**

The 24th IBCA/IHSAA Top 100 Underclass Showcase basketball events have been set for June 12 and June 18.

The 2026 boys' IBCA/IHSAA Top 100 Underclass Showcase is set for Friday, June 12, while the 2026 girls' IBCA/IHSAA Top 100 Underclass Showcase is scheduled for Thursday, June 18. Both showcases will take place at Ben Davis High School.

Staged by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association with support from the Indiana High School Athletic Association and presented by Ballogy, the Underclass Showcase events are designed to give exposure

to 252 of the top basketball prospects from across the state (120 boys, 132 girls) to colleges across the state and nation.

Both showcases will be conducted in one session. They will begin at 11:30 a.m. and run until about 4:55 p.m.

Both Showcase events are being held during the NCAA's "scholastic viewing period," which allows coaches from NCAA Division I programs to attend in person. The Showcase events are open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person per day for spectators. IBCA-member coaches will be admitted at no charge by showing their IBCA membership card.

The planned agendas for each day, players who are expected to participate and coaches who are expected to work the events are listed below.

The people overseeing these events for the IBCA are Kristi Sigler of Jennings County and Lisa Finn of Cathedral for the 2026 Girls' Showcase as well as Michael Adams of Evansville Reitz and David Wood of West Lafayette for the 2026 Boys' Showcase.

Hamilton County boys players expected to participate are: Varschon Clark, Hamilton Southeastern 2028; Cash Daniels, Carmel 2027; Jake Grissom, Guerin Catholic 2027; Joshua Henderson, Carmel 2027;

Carter Murans, Guerin Catholic 2027; Trey Page, Sheridan 2027; Luke Vandegriff 2027; Levi Walker, Fishers 2027 and Cooper Zachary, Fishers 2027.

Hamilton Southeastern boys coach Bobby Allen will be on the coaching staff.

Hamilton County girls players expected to participate are: Catherine Bassi, Carmel 2028; Maia Blower, Noblesville 2028; Piper Brinley, Hamilton Southeastern 2028; Lillian Clark, Westfield 2029; Gianna Morelli, Noblesville 2027; Reagan Reiff, Fishers 2028 and Riley Suarez, Hamilton Heights 2029.

Carmel girls coach Jess Darmelio will be on the coaching staff.

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Football



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(ABOVE LEFT) Dominic Roberto scored three touchdowns for the Fishers Freight during their Saturday, May 16 game at the Fishers Events Center. (ABOVE RIGHT) Felix Harper threw for two touchdowns and rushed for one more.

# Fishers Freight falls to Sharks

**The REPORTER**

The Fishers Freight dropped a Saturday, May 16 game to the Jacksonville Sharks 68-50 in a Major League of Indoor Football game at the Fishers Event Center.

Dominic Roberto scored three touchdowns for the

Freight, totaling 89 yards in eight rushing attempts. Felix Harper threw two touchdowns, both to CJ Windham, and scored a rushing touchdown of his own.

Marcus Gray led the Freight defense with 13 tackles, followed by Jaiden Roe with nine and Brice

Bass with seven. Cornelius Montgomery and Vai Kaho each made one tackle for a loss.

The Freight are 5-4 for the season. After splitting their first two games of the season in March, Fishers was undefeated in April by winning all four of their

games. The Freight beat the Arizona Rattlers 63-42, the Iowa Barnstormers 63-33, the Tulsa Oilers 40-38 and the Iowa Barnstormers again 53-31.

Since then, the Freight have dropped their last three games, although they have scored over 50 points

in all three of them. Fishers has a chance to get its first win in the Month of May when the Freight travels to Jacksonville for a May 30 rematch with the Sharks.

Roberto and Harper are presently the two leading rushers in the IFL. Roberto has rushed for 402 yards,

while Harper has gained 396 yards. Roberto also has the most touchdowns in the league with 16. On defense, Marcus Gray has the most total tackles (74) and the most solo tackles (42). Calum Sutherland has the second-most kicking points with 77.

Motorsports

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**Submitted by IMS**

With the massive and historic grandstand sellout crowd announced for the 110th Running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday,

May 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, fans should plan ahead and arrive early.

To ensure a smooth entry into the facility, fans are encouraged to arrive earlier than usual, even as early as

6 a.m. ET, when gates open. This is the best way to ensure a smooth and quicker entry into the facility with time to visit activations and be in seats for the green flag.

Race fans are encour-

aged to "Plan Ahead" through [IMS.com/PlanAhead](https://www.ims.com/PlanAhead), an interactive web page that serves as a home base for fans headed to the track this weekend.

The "Plan Ahead" page features detailed information about the entire fan experience at IMS, including directions, parking, schedule, gate regulations, digital ticket guide, ADA accessibility and much more.

Race fans are encouraged to download the IMS App and use technology from NTT INDYCAR SERIES title sponsor NTT and its Smart Solutions platform, which will update the IMS App every 30 seconds with wait time information at each gate to allow race fans smoother entry into the facility.

IMS is offering a whole morning of thrills and entertainment for ticketholders looking to beat traffic and avoid longer lines by coming to the track early. Gates open at 6 a.m. following the traditional infield blast.

Many enjoyable opportunities are available to fans right as the gates open or shortly after, including:

**Sam's Club Fan Midway Experience Open at 6 a.m.**

This year's Sam's Club Fan Midway features several exciting, fan-friendly activities. The Midway will open at 6 a.m. and be available for enjoyment until the green

flag flies to start "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

**Shopping and Food**

Exclusive and commemorative 110th Running attire will go fast, so don't miss out! Grab breakfast at one of the many concession stands open throughout the facility, and then shop for family and friends while supplies last. Retail and food options are available at 6 a.m.

**Epic Pre-Race, Be in Your Seat for It!**

This year's pre-race festivities for the Indianapolis 500 are a carefully organized and choreographed show that will entertain race fans at any moment they are in their seats. It will feature moving military tributes, former Indy 500 winner and historic race car laps around the famed 2.5-mile oval, the heartfelt singing of "Back Home Again in Indiana" by Jim Cornelison, "America the Beautiful" performed by Indianapolis-native Ephraim Owens, the return of Jordin Sparks to sing the national anthem and so much more.

Additionally, all Speedway patrons should be aware of the following facility information and regulations to ensure a successful day at the track:

**Cashless Operations**

IMS is a cashless facility. Please be prepared to complete ticket, credential, parking, concession, and

merchandise purchases with ease via debit or credit card.

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

**Cooling/Water Stations**

IMS will have cooling buses located in the infield on the corner of Fifth Street and Hulman Boulevard, Seventh Street and Hulman Boulevard, B Stand near Gate 1 and Northwest Vista in Turn 4. Misting stations will be located in the Midway, Pagoda Plaza, concert area inside Turn 3, west of the IU Health Emergency Medical Center in the infield, outside Turn 1 and outside Turn 4 between the Northwest Vista and J Stand. There will also be six water bottle filling stations located throughout the facility on Race Day in each of the four turns, as well as behind Tower Terrace and in the Garage Area.

**Public Parking**

Parking for the Indianapolis 500 is sold out, including ADA and motorcycle parking. All IMS exterior parking lots open at 5 a.m. on Race Morning, while interior lots open at 6 a.m.

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