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TODAY'S WEATHER



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See *The Secret Garden* bloom at Basile Westfield Playhouse

By AIDA KARIM
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The enchanting children's classic brimming with magical design and haunting melodies is brought to life in Hamilton County when Main Street Productions (MSP) stages *The Secret Garden* at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., through June 7.

The Reporter spoke with MSP Producer Rachel Kelso about the fantastical production and what audiences should expect.

Kelso told The Reporter *The Secret Garden* encompasses the story of a young girl named Mary Lennox who has to move to England and live with her estranged uncle. Her entire world is suddenly extremely foreign to her. The girl learns to find herself, bring joy to those around her, and reunite with her family through gardening.

Kelso said she sees the show as incredibly magical.

"It's a show that challenges how you view the world," Kelso said. "Not only is the set abso-



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(From left) Polly Hamm, Amanda McCabe, Darrin Gowan, Brynn Lee, Ellen Vander Missen, Bryan Gallet, Jackson Stollings, Kata Ewigleben, Josh Vander Missen, Heather Hansen, Connor Phelan, Ryley Trotter, Elizabeth Belle, and Mike Lipphardt.

lutely phenomenally decorated, but the singing is just angelic, the music is transcendent."

MSP's cast spans generations. There are young children all the way up to adults in their middle age, with one particular actress,

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Get Your Tickets for "The Secret Garden"

When: May 28 through June 7. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield

Cost: \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15 for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID.

Where to buy: Go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

Start your summer the "K" way

Summer doesn't arrive loudly. It slips in through longer evenings, barefoot mornings, and the quiet permission to begin again. School years close, calendars soften, and suddenly life feels less rushed, yet full of possibility. Every summer asks a question: *What kind of season will this be?*

This year, I want to start summer the "K" way: the way of Kindness, Kingdom-minded living, and Keeping what truly matters at the center.

We live in a world that often rewards speed over sensitivity, opinions over understanding, and reaction over reflection. But summer invites a different trajectory. It invites us to slow down enough to notice people again . . . the neighbor walking alone, the tired cashier, the child searching for attention, the friend silently carrying a heavy story.

We rarely know who is hanging on by a thread.

A gentle word may be the turning point in someone's day. A smile may interrupt

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POJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

HSE Schools outlines referendum proposal, shares financial update

Submitted by HSE Schools
Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools shared an early proposal Wednesday night for a possible operating referendum renewal, citing continued financial pressure from rising costs and recent changes to Indiana property tax law.

The proposal, presented to the Board of School Trustees by Chief Financial Officer Tim Brown, included a maximum referendum rate of \$0.36 per \$100 of assessed value over an eight-year term. Brown emphasized that, under state referendum rules, HSE must ask voters for the highest rate it may need during the full eight-year term, but that does not mean the district would ever collect the full amount.

HSE would expect to use a lower rate in the early years and gradually increase the rate to meet future financial needs.

The Board is expected to vote on a proposed maximum referendum rate and levy at its June 10 meeting. If approved, in November, voters will decide whether to continue funding academic programming through teacher retention as well as essential school safety and behavioral health supports for students.

Over the last two years, HSE Schools has already taken several steps to reduce expenses, with the work shared to date representing more than \$7



Kegley



million in potential ongoing reductions. Those savings come from staffing changes tied to enrollment, department and operational efficiencies, salary hold decisions, contract reviews and expanded partnerships.

"These steps were important before asking the Board to consider an early referendum renewal," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "Even with these cost-cutting measures, the projected loss in expected revenue due to Senate En-

rolled Act 1 would make it difficult for HSE Schools to maintain the level of programming, staffing and student support our community expects."

The district also launched a new finance webpage to make school finance information easier to find and understand. The page, which is updated regularly, includes information about school funding, revenue sources, legislative updates, frequently asked questions, and monthly financial reports.

The webpage is available at hseschools.org/finances.

"Pack the Cruiser" Food Drive returns for its 10th year on Saturday

The REPORTER

Police agencies across central and southern Indiana will soon reunite to "Pack the Cruiser." The four-hour food drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 will ask Kroger customers to help address a variety of food needs, particularly for children during the summer months.

"The timing of this drive is especially important because, when school is out, many children won't have access to the nutrition provided through school lunches," Eric Halvorson, spokesman for Kroger Central Division, said. We also know demand is up at food banks and pantries while do-

nations are down. So, Pack the Cruiser helps ensure food is available when local families need help."

The following products are among the items especially appreciated by the local food banks and pantries receiving the donations:

- Peanut butter (plastic jar)
- Jelly (plastic jar)
- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Cereal
- Granola bars
- Applesauce & fruit cups
- Instant oatmeal
- Mac & cheese cups
- Canned tuna & chicken

Pack the Cruiser has grown from three Kroger stores in its first year to more than 30 at lo-

cal Kroger stores across Indiana and central Illinois.

The drive's founder, Fishers Detective Dean Mucha, said, "What started as a simple idea to help local families has grown into an incredible community tradition filled with generosity, teamwork, and heart."

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, a beneficiary of Pack the Cruiser, praises police for their support.

"Their continued involvement is a powerful example of what it means to truly serve," said Suzanna Hobson, executive director of the food bank. "By stepping up year after year

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Join us as we

PACK THE CRUISER

Please donate non-perishable foods to help our law enforcement agencies fill local pantries.

Saturday, May 30
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Graphic provided

Submitted by Tina Mangos

Local veteran organizations will hold an old-fashion storytelling event to celebrate America's birthday and learn about our military history from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, June 26 at the Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 W. Main St.

Hear personal stories (with PowerPoints and visuals) from five veterans who will share their experiences or those of family members, some going back to the Revolutionary War.

To name a few, stories include: women in the military since the '70s, changes in technology and communication, rescuing prisoners of war, various assignments in worldwide locations, using military training in civilian endeavors, and more.

Enjoy home-baked birthday cake, social engagement, and displays.

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, who is a retired Marine Colonel, will share his illustrious U.S. Marine experience that spanned the globe. Carmel City Councilman Tony Green served over a decade as an active-duty pilot for the U.S. Air Force.

Some of the families' stories include: World War II cartography, prisoner of war in Korea, Vietnam, fighting with George Washington and Daniel Boone, being awarded "Kentucky Colonel" during the Civil War, and more . . . stories you don't get in school.

Display tables will offer more visuals, such as letters written to a POW in Korea by then-Senator John F. Kennedy, Western Union telegrams a wife received as MIA notifications, a guitar that survived WW2 and was a connection to home, with which a meaningful song will be played by the storyteller.

The moderator, Kathryn Lerch, directs the Legacy Initiative Project at Park Tudor, is on the board of the WW2 Roundtable, has many publications on military history, and has received numerous awards for her historiography.

- Collaborating on this event are:
- Carmel Mayor's Commission on Veteran Affairs
 - Carmel VFW Post 10003
 - Carmel American Legion Post 155
 - Clay Township Military Museum and Library

It's a free event, but registration is required at tinamangosarts.com.

We have many heroes and sources of inspiration in our community, but one will never know unless you take the time and interest to hear their story.

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Lunch/Dinner
11:00AM to 7:00PM
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SATURDAY, June 6, 2026
Breakfast
7:00AM to 11:00AM
\$8 Adults \$6 Kids Free Under 2 Yr



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Thanks for reading!

CRUISER

— not just as officers, but as neighbors — they show a deep and lasting commitment to the well-being of the communities they protect. It's about showing up where the need is greatest and making sure no child in Hamilton County goes hungry.”

Officers and deputies will provide shopping lists to customers at the follow-

ing Hamilton County Kroger stores:

- 11700 Olio Road, Fishers
- 9799 E. 116th St., Fishers
- 7450 Fishers Station (116th & Allisonville), Fishers
- 172 W. Logan St., Noblesville
- 14800 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville

- 17447 Carey Road, Westfield
- 150 W. 161st St., Westfield
- 1217 S. Range Line Road, Carmel
- 10679 N. Michigan Road, Carmel

“Thank you to everyone who has donated, volunteered, and supported this event over the years,” Det. Mucha said. “Together,

we've helped countless kids and families while showing the true power of community. Here's to 10 amazing years, and many more to come!”

Kroger invites the community to help officers and deputies “Pack the Cruiser” and join our heroes against hunger, ensuring children don't go hungry this summer.

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Kata Ewigleben, playing the role of Lily who Kelso says is absolutely fantastic.

“Not only is she like a ray of sunshine, but she has a phenomenal voice,” Kelso said. “She sings all the very, very high notes in the show. It's incredible to watch.”

According to Kelso, not only is the play about magical things, but there is some potential magic in store for audiences.

Keslo told The Report this play “will absolutely transport you to another time and place where it feels like anything is possible.”

You can see *The Secret Garden* on stage at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., through June 7. Call (317) 402-3341 or go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org to get your tickets.



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

From left) Darrin Gowan, Bryan Gallet, Elizabeth Belle, Ryley Trottier, Connor Phelan, Josh Vander Missen, Ellen Vander Missen, Polly Hamm, Jackson Stollings, Mary Garner, and Heather Hansen.

Meet the Cast of "The Secret Garden"

- Mary Lennox – Polly Hamm
- Lily – Kata Ewigleben
- Archibald Craven – Mike Lipphardt
- Dr. Neville Craven – Braden Hunt
- Martha – Tessa Gibbons
- Dickon – Nate Moore
- Colin Craven – Harper Moore
- Ben Weatherstaff – Ron Freeman
- Mrs. Medlock – Mary Garner
- Mrs. Winthrop – Brynn Lee

- Rose Lennox – Heather Hansen
- Captain Albert Lennox – Josh Vander Missen
- Alice – Amanda McCabe
- Lieutenant Wright – Bryan Gallet
- Lieutenant Shaw – Jackson Stollings
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Music by Lucy Simon
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Directed by Andrea Odle

May 28th – June 7th, 2026

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30 pm,
Sunday Shows at 2:30 pm



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For reservations visit our website:
www.basilewestfieldplayhouse.org



“K” WAY

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someone's loneliness. A moment of patience may restore dignity where frustration once lived. These small acts rarely make headlines, yet they quietly change lives.

Kindness is not soft living; it is intentional living.

As May rushes by, many of us find ourselves saying, “Let me just get through May,” while juggling endings, deadlines, graduations, celebrations, and all the little responsibilities that pile up before summer fully arrives. But perhaps this busy season is also an invitation to pause and ask ourselves: *What trajectory are we creating as we move into summer?*

What are you wrapping up this month? More importantly, who might you invite for a walk, a shared meal, or a quiet moment to finally soak in the sunshine together? Sometimes the most meaningful way to begin summer the “K” way is not through grand plans, but through simple connection – making time for kindness, conversation, and community before another season slips by.

The “K” way reminds us that words can either wound or heal. In moments of disagreement – at home, online, or across cultures – we hold a powerful choice. We can speak to win, or we can speak to lift. One builds walls; the other builds bridges.

Summer gives us count-

less opportunities to practice this.

At parks filled with laughter. Around backyard tables sharing food. During festivals, road trips, or spontaneous ice cream stops. These moments become sacred when we allow our actions to reflect compassion rather than convenience.

Living the “K” way also means recognizing that love is not weakness. It is strength under control. It takes courage to forgive. Courage to listen. Courage to extend grace when impatience feels easier.

In Hindu philosophy, we are often reminded that “Seva” – selfless service – and “Karuna” – compassion – are not separate from daily life, but part of how we honor the divine within one another. Kindness becomes a form of prayer in action. It is spirituality expressed not only through rituals or festivals, but through ordinary moments handled with patience, respect, humility, and care.

Perhaps that is the real invitation of summer: not just to escape life, but to reconnect with it. To reconnect with people, with presence, and with the simple joy of gathering again.

Start your summer the “K” way — letting kindness lead, letting compassion guide, and letting love

become a daily practice. Because when we live this way, we don't just enjoy the season.

We change its direction. And sometimes, without even realizing it, we help change someone else's life along the way.

The feeling felt familiar.

This reflection reminds me of my own childhood summers. As soon as the school year ended, excitement would begin to build. Bags would be packed, and we would get ready to travel to our grandparents' home, leaving behind exam stress, schedules, and routines. Summer meant freedom, late-night conversations, shared meals, cousins filling the house with laughter, and neighbors dropping by without invitation. It was a season of simply being together.

Those summers taught me that the memories we treasure most are rarely the expensive or perfect ones. They are the ordinary moments shared with people we love – near or far – the evenings spent outside, the stories passed across generations, and the feeling of belonging within family and community.

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



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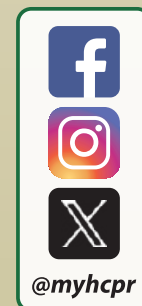
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Don't miss folk supergroup I'm With Her on June 25

The REPORTER
 With the 2014 formation of I'm With Her, singer-songwriters Sarah Jarosz, Aoife O'Donovan, and Sara Watkins introduced an essential new force into the world of folk music: a close-knit alliance of esteemed musicians sharing a deep understanding of folk tradition and a passion for expanding its possibilities. You can see them perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25 while the trio is on their Sing Me Alive Tour. [Click here](#) to get your tickets for the concert at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Following their critically lauded debut *See You Around* and standalone singles like "Call My Name" (winner of the 2020 Grammy Award for Best American Roots Song), the trio have routinely taken time out from their individual careers to dream up songs together, exploring themes of ancestry, lineage and the human experience. Their sophomore LP *Wild and Clear and Blue* claimed the 2026 Grammy for Best Folk Album as well as Best American Roots Song for opening track "Ancient Light." The group's first live album, *Sing Me Alive*, was released in April.

Indianapolis Colts linebacker Austin Ajiake to lead story time at Westfield Washington Public Library

The REPORTER
 The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) will welcome Indianapolis Colts linebacker Austin Ajiake as a special guest reader from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30.

Ajiake will read *Carson Chooses Forgiveness*, written by Tony and Lauren Dundy. The story encourages young readers about teamwork and the importance of offering second chances to learn the importance of forgiveness, kindness, and teamwork through relatable life lessons and sports themes.

"We're grateful Austin is willing to take the time to inspire our young readers," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. "Programs like this help children connect reading with positive role models and important life lessons like kindness, teamwork, and forgiveness."

After the reading, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive discussion about the book. Ajiake will also be available for photos and autographs. The free event is open to all children and families in the community.

Kids can have a magical afternoon at Princess Tea at Feinstein's in Carmel

Submitted
 You and your children are invited to the enchanting Princess Tea at Feinstein's inside Hotel Carmichael. This will be a magical afternoon filled with tea and treats fit for royalty.

Children can dress up as their favorite princess, wear their glamorous tiara, and enjoy a delightful tea party with special appearances from beloved princess characters. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience that will make your kiddos feel like true princes and princesses.

Guests will be served selections of scones, finger sandwiches, seasonal desserts, tea, and more as this magical afternoon creates unforgettable moments.

You can meet ...

- **Tinker Bell:** A spunky and creative tinker fairy who isn't afraid to get her hands dirty. She may be a bit sassy, but her huge heart and clever inventions always shine brighter when it matters most.
- **Rosetta:** A charming and elegant garden fairy who brings beauty to Pixie Hollow. She's a classic southern belle who loves a good makeover, hates mud, and truly believes that everything (and everyone) blossoms with a little TLC.
- **Fawn:** A tomboyish and energetic animal fairy who is always up for an adventure. She's the ultimate friend to all creatures, known for her mischievous streak and her belief that there's no such thing as a "scary" animal.

Note: characters are subject to change in case of emergency/illness.

Join the princesses at Feinstein's on Sunday, June 7. Check in begins at noon and the tea officially begins at 1 p.m. If your prince or princess are under the age of 2, they are welcome to enter this enchanted afternoon free of charge; please call the Box Office at (317) 688-1947. Also, if they have any food allergies please let the Box Office know.

Tickets are available at feinsteinshc.com.

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Westfield Washington Schools celebrates Class of 2026's "legacy of excellence"

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield High School's Class of 2026 leaves behind a legacy of excellence, leadership, service, and student achievement across academics, athletics, performing arts, and student organizations.

During commencement at Grand Park, Principal Alicia Denniston reflected on the class's impact and the many ways students embodied the district's mission of becoming Life Ready.

"This is a class that has embraced leadership and has modeled the values of the Westfield Way: kindness, respect, positivity, and gratitude," Denniston said during her address to graduates. "You have truly made WHS history."

The Class of 2026 celebrated significant accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom.

Academic Achievement

The graduating class included numerous students recognized for exceptional academic performance:

- 65 Distinguished Graduates (grade-point average of 4.3 or higher)
- 36 Honored Graduates (GPA between 4.2 and 4.29)
- 2,117 AP exams taken, including this year's testing cycle
- 89 percent AP passing rate thus far
- 166 AP Scholars thus far

Athletics

WHS athletics teams achieved multiple milestones during the school year, including:

- Football earning the state runner-up title
- Girls volleyball becoming regional champions
- Girls cross country winning sectional and regional championships
- Wrestling winning a sectional championship
- Gymnastics earning the program's first-ever sectional championship
- Boys tennis earning a first-ever sectional championship
- Girls tennis winning both the HCC Championship and sectional championship

Performing Arts

WHS performing arts students also delivered historic performances and recognitions:

- Illumination earned three grand championships, four best vocal awards, three best choreography awards, six people's choice awards, and one best crew award.

- Westfield Band and Guard Class of 2026 earned a collective 17 state finals appearances.

- The band program celebrated its 60th state finals appearance this spring.

- Students appeared in eight World Championship finals.

- Students earned a collective 372 gold medals at State Solo and Ensemble.

- WHS theater productions were recognized for outstanding set build and design.

Clubs, Leadership & Student Organizations

Student organizations continued to make a meaningful impact on both the school and broader community:

- Dance Marathon raised over \$117,000.
- WHS Best Buddies was named Outstanding High School Chapter for the state of Indiana.
- WHS yearbook earned statewide recognition through Quill and Scroll's Yearbook Excellence Contest.
- Sham-Rock-Botics qualified for the state championship.
- WHS eSports League of Legends won the Indiana State Championship.
- FCCLA earned first in the state in restaurant management.
- Speech and Debate finished fifth in overall sweepstakes.
- DECA had 117 students qualify for state competition and a record number qualify for nationals.

- In addition, a record number of students participated in internships throughout the community, gaining hands-on experiences connected to future careers and Life Ready learning.

As graduates prepare for their next steps, the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 reflect years of hard work, collaboration, perseverance, and growth.

"Once a Rock, Always a Rock," Denniston told graduates. "I look forward to seeing where life will take you and how you will change it."



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Fireworks Festival parking passes & VIP Tables Now on Sale

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The Noblesville Parks & Recreation Department is selling Fireworks Festival parking passes and VIP Tables. New this year, VIP guests will receive direct connected access to the Beer Garden.

Each year on July 4, Noblesville transforms into a vibrant celebration of patriotism and community spirit for one of the city's biggest events of the year. The festivities begin with the annual parade at 4 p.m. and continues with the Fireworks Festival at Forest Park from 6 to 10 p.m.

In-park parking passes are available to provide convenient access into Forest Park during the festival. This pass allows parking in the pool parking lot on July 4 during the festival. Parking passes must be picked up from the Park's Department office located in Forest Park at the Forest Park Inn, 701 Cicero Road, no

later than Wednesday, July 1, during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VIP Tables are also on sale, offering premium seating with incredible views of the live entertainment, including a performance from 16 Candles, plus a dedicated space for your group.

"The Fireworks Festival is a signature event that we strive to improve each year, and the Parks & Recreation Department is excited to elevate the VIP experience even more this year during America's 250th birthday," Recreation Manager Parker Irwin said. "We look forward to having the community join us on July 4th for an evening of live music, family fun, food vendors, and a spectacular fireworks finale."

Spots are limited. Secure yours today at noblesville.in.gov/parks by selecting the 4th of July Parade & Fireworks Festival under the Signature Events tab.

Faith Written Forward's premiere features Janet



On Monday, June 1, *Faith Written Forward* premieres at 4:30 p.m. on the Vision TV Network on Roku, Fire TV, Samsung, and YouTube. Each week, an author is asked questions about their writing. The first author interviewed is Janet Hart Leonard. She talks about her books, *From the Hart* and *When the Hart Speaks*. She has earned an International Christian Book Award for her most recent book, *From the Hart*. Beneath her humor is deep wisdom and unwavering faith. She shares her thoughts and her life each week in The Hamilton County Reporter. She has been a newspaper columnist for 20 years. She is currently writing her first fiction novel ... stay tuned.

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Less windshield time, more results

It is 3 a.m. The radio crackles with a partial license-plate number and a vague description of a sedan that just fled a violent robbery.



MIKE HUBBS

Ten years ago, that call would have launched a convoy of deputies, troopers, and city officers fanning out across Hamilton County, each one hoping to spot the suspect vehicle before daylight. We burned fuel, tied up manpower, and too often watched the trail go cold.

I remember those nights well. I served as a trooper with the Indiana State Police, commanded units at the Marion County Sheriff's Office, worked for the U.S. Secret Service, and ran Hamilton County's 911 center. Back then, success depended on luck and a lot of windshield time.

Today the playbook is different. Before a patrol unit even rolls, investigators check license-plate-reader (LPR) data. If the suspect car passes a fixed or mobile camera in our county, or slips under a reader in Lafayette, Indianapolis, or any partner agency, an alert arrives within seconds. Instead of scattering units in every direction, leaders

can send two officers to the last alert, confirm the plate, and work outward from real-time information. What once took hours now takes minutes, and the odds of an arrest rise fast.

This has occurred numerous times over the past few years across the state with incidents ranging from kidnappings and murders. Some of the state's most heinous crimes were committed by person(s) fleeing in a motor vehicle on a public roadway.

In August of 2024, an infant was kidnapped while inside a stolen motor vehicle in Indianapolis. LPR data readily available to responding law enforcement officials allowed them to quickly track and locate the vehicle which ultimately resulted in the infant being found unharmed. This would never have been possible prior to the evolution of technology and the LPR.

Central Indiana regularly hosts marquee sporting weekends and large conventions that fuel our regional economy. During those events, a network of license-plate readers feeds live plate data to law-enforcement teams. Suspi-

cious-vehicle tips can be checked in seconds, so patrol officers stay focused on crowd safety instead of gridlock. Tens of thousands of visitors arrive and depart without a single vehicle-related incident spoiling the festivities.

Closer to home, Hamilton County sits between major commuter routes. When a theft crew uses a stolen SUV to strike parking lots along the corridor, one alert can place that vehicle on U.S. 31 or I-465 and let us coordinate with neighboring departments instead of guessing which exit it took. In domestic-violence calls, pinpointing a suspect's car quickly often decides whether the next contact is an arrest or another assault.

Speed matters for three reasons. First, a plate alert arrives faster than any cruiser can drive. Second, two well-placed units can intercept a suspect vehicle while the rest of the shift stays on other calls. Third, time-stamped matches place a car near a crime scene and help prosecutors lock down timelines.

Troopers, deputies, and detectives across Indiana tell the same story: a stolen work truck recovered before sunrise, a burglary crew stopped one county over, a missing teenager lo-

cated on an interstate ramp. Each case ends the same way, with faster results, safer streets.

License-plate readers do not replace patrol work; they multiply the minutes that matter. Officers still investigate, make the stop, and write the report. What changes is the starting point. Instead of chasing possibilities, they begin with a location and a time stamp. License-plate readers are one of many useful investigative tools to conduct criminal investigations. Law enforcement in the United States is constantly evolving in unison with the societies they serve.

When a crime involves a vehicle, timely information gives law enforcement the best chance to act quickly, use resources wisely, and keep people safe. That is why license-plate-reader technology has moved from a nice-to-have to a must-have in modern policing.

Mike Hubbs is director of administration for Hamilton County government, former Hamilton County 911 director, former trooper with the Indiana State Police, former commander with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, and a former special agent with the U.S. Secret Service.

INDOT to host public hearing regarding State Road 32 corridor improvements in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, regarding a proposed corridor improvement project on State Road 32 in Hamilton County.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to interact with the project team, review the features of the proposed roundabout project, and provide official public comment. Project documents are available for review at improvetomove32.com.

The project area is between East Street in Westfield and River Road in

Noblesville. The proposed project includes adding lanes to accommodate two lanes in each direction, removing all traffic signals within the project limits, and constructing roundabouts at the following intersections with SR 32:

- Carey Road/Grassy Branch Road
- Gunther Boulevard
- Shady Nook Road
- Moontown Road/Gray Road
- Pebble Brook Boulevard
- Hazel Dell Road/Little Chicago Road
- Mill Creek Road

The hearing will take place at Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 West-

field Road, Westfield. Doors will open at 5 p.m. to allow the public to view displays and talk with the project team. A presentation will be given at 5:30 p.m., with a public comment session held directly after.

INDOT is offering livestreams of all public meetings and hearings. You must [register here](#) in order to participate in the livestream. Livestream audience comments will only be accepted in written electronic form, not verbally. A recording of the livestream presentation will be posted on the project webpage and INDOT YouTube page after the hearing and will

be available for at least 90 days.

All verbal statements recorded during the public hearing and all written comments submitted prior to, during and for a period of two weeks following the hearing date, will be evaluated, considered, and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation.

Written comments may be submitted within the comment period to Nick Batta, CMT, 8790 Purdue Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or sent via email to SR32HamiltonCounty@cmtengr.com.

INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by June 26.

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Westfield establishes Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs

Submitted by
City of Westfield

The City of Westfield is taking another step to support and honor local veterans and military families through the creation of a new Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs. The City Council voted on Tuesday evening to establish the seven-member advisory body.

The Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs will serve in an advisory capacity to the mayor, city council, and city departments on policies, programs, and initiatives impacting veterans, active-duty service members, and military families. The council will help strengthen coordination between the city and veteran-serving organizations,

improve awareness of available resources, and foster greater community engagement and recognition of military service.

The resolution outlines several goals for the council, including supporting veteran-focused events and ceremonies, including Memorial Day and Veterans Day, identifying gaps in services and resources, promoting public awareness of military service, and recommending initiatives that help make Westfield a more veteran-supportive community. The council will also work to improve communication and outreach efforts to veterans and mil-



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itary families living and working in Westfield. "Our veterans and military families have sacrificed greatly in service to our country, and this council is one more way we can ensure they feel supported, connected, and valued here in Westfield," Mayor Scott Willis said. "This group will help us better understand the needs of our veteran community while also creating opportunities to recognize their contributions and strengthen the partnerships that serve them."

The council will consist of seven voting members appointed by the Mayor

and Westfield City Council. Membership will aim to reflect diverse military service backgrounds and include individuals with experience in areas such as veteran services, healthcare, workforce development, and community engagement.

Community members interested in serving on the Advisory Council on Veterans Affairs are encouraged to submit their interest at westfieldin.gov/veterans. The city is seeking veterans, military family members, and individuals passionate about supporting the veteran community who are interested in helping shape programs, outreach efforts, and initiatives that positively impact Westfield's military-connected residents.

United Way of Central Indiana awards nearly \$11K literacy grant to Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana has awarded more than \$400,700 to 31 child care providers, schools, and community organizations to help them start or expand literacy initiatives.

Locally, the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation received \$10,959.64.

United Way's Literacy Fund provides grants up to \$25,000 to support literacy projects and efforts for children within the birth to age 8 range that improve language development, early literacy

skills, reading and writing.

About 6,000 children will be served through the grants, across Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam counties.

Earlier this year, United Way invited licensed non-profit child care centers, licensed family child care homes, registered ministries, licensed out-of-school time providers, Title I elementary schools, and nonprofits from across its seven-county service area to apply for grants.

Among this year's grant recipients are five nonprofits accredited with United

Way and 26 outside its accredited partner network. Seventeen organizations are receiving funds from United Way of Central Indiana for the first time. This is part of United Way's ongoing work to reach more people in more communities across the region.

"Strong literacy skills begin long before a child enters a classroom," said Cody Haupert, United Way's director of early care and learning. "Through the Literacy Fund, we are investing in organizations across Central Indiana that

are helping children build language, reading and communication skills during the most critical years of development. We are excited to support both longtime partners and many first-time grantees as they expand access to high-quality literacy opportunities for children and families throughout our region."

This is the second year of the Literacy Fund. The grants evolved from the Literacy Matters Fund, which supported literacy efforts following the coronavirus pandemic.

Community News

Learn about the psychology of retirement in modern times

Howard Bailey Financial will hold a screening at 6:30 p.m. June 4 of a recent documentary examining the challenges of planning for modern retirement at Flix Brewhouse, 2206 E. 116th St., Carmel.

The documentary, *The Psychology of Retirement*, challenges people to think about retirement in a new way, and how to navigate many Americans' biggest fear.

Registration is required to attend the event, which is free and open to the public. Those interested may [register here](#).

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 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!

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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More from Caledonia

"I love to sing, and I love to drink scotch. Most people would rather hear me drink scotch." —George Burns

Where were we? Oh yes! My favorite Scotch is ... I can't answer that! That's

like saying "my favorite bourbon is" or "my favorite movie is" or "my favorite child is." How can one possibly narrow it down with the (literally) hundreds of possibilities out there on the market today?

As dear ole Dad said "it's all made to sell," and Scotch is no exception. So, how to narrow things down?

Well, as I've said (ad nauseum) it all comes down to taste and subjectivity. For me, we can just go ahead and throw out anything from the Islay and Campbeltown regions. I'm just not into peaty, smokey, or medicinal whiskies. I have a good friend who loves Laphroaig and Lagavulin. To me they taste like cough syrup. I'm not talking about today's sugar filled, yummy, cough syrup. I'm talking about the kind we had growing up in the '60s and '70s that tasted like a mixture of kerosene and arsenic. At least that's what I thought at the time. Yet, millions of drinkers enjoy these highly peated drams.

Moving on. Speyside has the highest concentration of distilleries in Scotland. It's home to some of the most famous coteches around: The Macallan, Glenlivet, and Glenfiddich to name a few. Just so happens that these are the top three single-malt scotch distilleries in the world. I have had my run-ins with these brands through the years, and they are all quite good.

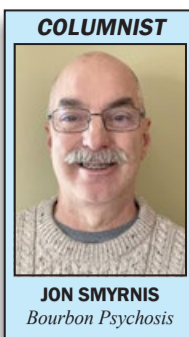
Here's the thing about scotch(es); they all have a hint of peatiness/smokiness. Oftentimes nearly imperceptible, yet still there. These are world famous, classic Scotches, yet they don't really do it for me.

Alright, I'll stop dilly-dallying and just get to it.

I might not have a favorite scotch, but I do have a favorite Scottish distillery. It is the Glenmorangie* Distillery from the North Highlands Region. Which just so happens to come in at number four worldwide behind the others mentioned above.

Thirty years ago, Glenmorangie introduced different "expressions" of their scotch. Each of these expressions featured a different taste profile. Some examples: The Lasanta, aged 15 years in bourbon and Oloroso Sherry casks, The Quinta Ruban, aged 14 years in bourbon and Portuguese Port casks, The Nectar (formerly Nectar D'Or), aged 14 years in bourbon casks, then another two years in sweet white wine casks.

Glenmorangie was the first to come up with this innovation across several different bottles during



COLUMNIST
JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

the late '80s and early '90s. Their Port Wood Finish (now called The Quinta Ruban) was a huge hit. Soon, other companies followed suit. I took a stroll down the scotch aisle at my local

liquor store the other day. Almost every other scotch producer has followed Glenmorangie's lead. Including The Macallan, Invergordon, Highland Park, and Glen Fohdry to name a few. Ahh, capitalism!

I haven't tried any of these others; probably should. Being more of a "bourbon guy" I just stick to what I know. Glenmorangie suits me just fine. In fact, if my feet were to be held to the fire, I suppose I would have to admit that there is one of Glenmorangie's limited expressions that could be classified as my favorite.

About a year ago, in my usual perusal of the whiskey aisle, I came across a bottle of Glenmorangie "A Tale of Ice Cream." How could I pass that up? I went home and cracked it open. Did it taste like ice cream? No. I didn't like it at all. Another \$100 wasted. But wait! I tried it again ... much better! Then it turned out that I kept going back to it, and pretty soon (in fact, quite rapidly) the bottle was empty.

One must understand that I have some bottles of scotch that have languished on my shelf for years. At this point, I'm on my third bottle of the Tale of Ice Cream, and that one is disappearing rapidly. Aged in bourbon and high-vanilla casks, it is truly delicious. Not sure what I'm going to do when this limited edition runs its course. That'll be depressing.

Glenmorangie describes the flavor profile as "rich and creamy ... followed by a burst of sweet and spicy flavors: brioche, almond marzipan, honeycomb, fudge, lemon sherbet and desiccated coconut." Don't know about all of that. Do know that it still tastes like scotch, but there's something more there that makes it extraordinary, and admittedly, a bit sweet and creamy – like ice cream.

So, there you have it: a bourbon guy's very limited, discussion of scotch whiskey. I'm certain that there are many scotches out there that are outstanding. Go out and give them a try. Life is short – too short to just drink one type of whiskey.

One more thing of note. Go back and look at the descriptions of the Glenmorangie scotches. Are you getting the pattern here? All are aged in bourbon barrels. Bourbon makes everything better! So, next time, I'll get back to America's whiskey. Until then, slàinte mhath!

*Pronounced glen-MOR-un-jee. The ending rhymes with "orangey."

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

Ivy Tech Hamilton County honors student achievement with Phi Theta Kappa induction

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County's Beta Omega Epsilon chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently celebrated student success through its third annual induction ceremony.

On Wednesday, April 22, the chapter inducted 53 students into the international honor society, which recognizes academic excellence among students at two-year colleges. To be eligible, students must complete at least 12 credit hours and maintain a minimum of 3.5 grade-point average. Since its founding at the Hamilton County campus three years ago, the Beta Omega Epsilon chapter has welcomed a total of 151 student members.

Members of the chapter represented Ivy Tech Hamilton County at the Spring 2026 Indiana Regional Phi Theta Kappa Conference and Awards held in Columbus, Ind. Students participated in educational sessions focused on time management, imposter syn-



Photo provided by Ivy Tech Hamilton County
(Front row, from left) Ashley Mack, Christie Feuatsap Kenne, Maria Zerpa, Charlie Satterfield, Abdu Eleida, and Lucy Bundy. (Back row, from left) Co-Advisor Amanda Bremmer Babic, Haley Phifer, Haele Edens, Stella Song, Landon Brown, Peter Damick, Eala Romano, MacKenzie Johnson, Naomi Townsend, and Co-Advisor Semere Sebhatu.

drome, and the role of artificial intelligence in today's digital scholarship environment.

Additional honors were announced at Indiana's 2026 Hallmark Awards event including:

- Beta Omega Epsilon Chapter Awards**
 - Three Star Level Chapter Recognition
 - Hoosier Service Award: For its food drive benefiting the Noblesville

Township Office

- Reach Reward: For outstanding achievement in membership acceptance and student engagement

- Individual Awards**
 - The Susan Jackson Award: Presented by chapter advisor Amanda Babic, to Haele Edens for exceptional contributions to the chapter
 - The New Advisor Award: Presented by Jill Stewart, to Amanda Babic

for her leadership, dedication, and impact on student development

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is the largest honor society in higher education, with more than 3 million members and over 1,200 chapters worldwide. The organization provides recognition, scholarship opportunities, and leadership development for high-achieving community college students.

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NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

May 19, 2026 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- The board recognized several groups for outstanding achievements including student art award winners, Miller of the Year support staff winners, music educators for their National Best Music Community award, and wrestling and winter guard students for their historic seasons.

- Promise Road Elementary presented on how they create a caring and welcoming culture for students and families.

- Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile presented on the district's **new Hall of Fame**. This was an update on the district's **strategic plan** element of Celebrated School Culture.

- Dr. Hile gave a financial update that included analysis and initial thoughts regarding a potential continuation of the district's operating referendum. The current referendum generates approximately 20 percent of the district's operating budget and is scheduled to expire at the end of 2026. The board will decide at the June 9 meeting whether to move forward with a community vote on the matter. Watch Dr. Hile's presentation [here](#), watch Common Referendum Questions [here](#), and visit **Dollars + Sense** for more information on how Noblesville Schools manages finances.

- Updated employee and student handbooks were approved.

- Student consumable material fees for the 2026-2027 school year were approved with many items decreasing in cost for families.

- The board approved bids for roofing replacements at Hinkle Creek Elementary and Noblesville East Middle School.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

State Senator Mike Gaskill endorses Max Engling for Secretary of State

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Mike Gaskill

On Thursday, May 28, State Senator Mike Gaskill (R-Pendleton) announced his endorsement of Max Engling for Indiana Secretary of State.

Gaskill is chairman of the Senate Elections Committee, a position in which he works closely with the office of the Secretary of State.

Gaskill released the following statement explaining his endorsement:

"In Indiana, the Secretary of State is the chief election official. Now more than ever, we must diligently work to maintain and further strengthen the

integrity of our elections. Once the legislature enacts good election policy to accomplish this goal, it is up to the Secretary of State to execute that policy. In my view, Max Engling is not only the best Republican candidate to administer election policy, but also to lead the office's other functions as well. Max's previous experience both inside and outside of government make him uniquely qualified to lead this department of state government. I encourage Republican



Engling

convention delegates to join me in voting to nominate Max as our candidate for Secretary of State at the state Republican convention next month." When asked why he chose not to endorse incumbent Republican Secretary of State Diego Morales, Gaskill said, "I have found Secretary Morales to be very supportive of the legislature's election policy over the past three years, and I am grateful to him for that. In the administration of his office, however, he has made numerous errors in judge-

ment that will hinder his ability to execute that policy in the future. Furthermore, these missteps will make it difficult for him to be re-elected if nominated. With this in mind, Republicans simply cannot take the risk of losing the office to the Democrats by renominating Secretary Morales. This would jeopardize many of the election safeguards and integrity measures that we have worked so hard to enact."

Gaskill publicly thanks Secretary Morales for his service to the state and the Indiana Republican party, and he wishes all the best to Morales and his family in their future endeavors.

Judge hands down four-year sentence to repeat drunk driver in Hamilton County

By KARA KENNEY

WISH-TV | wistv.com

A repeat drunk driver apologized Wednesday before a Hamilton County judge handed down a four-year prison sentence.

"I do take full responsibility for my actions," said Timothy Hughes at his sentencing. "I feel nothing but shame, guilt, and embarrassment that I put myself in this situation."

Judge Andrew Bloch cut off Hughes when the drunk driver vowed that it would never happen again.

"You can't assure me that it will never happen again," Bloch said. "The time to get help was long ago, and I hope you really believe the things you're telling me today. I have serious doubts about your sincerity."

Hughes was convicted in a drunk driving crash that injured Amanda Wheeler and killed her cousin Carla McCloud on Aug. 11, 2015, in Hancock County.

His blood-alcohol level in 2015 was more than three times the legal limit.

Hughes was sentenced to the maximum: 9.5 years in the Indiana Department of Correction.

But I-Team 8 found Hughes served only half of his prison sentence and was released in 2020.

In summer 2025, Hughes was arrested for driving drunk twice, once in Hamilton County and again in Henry County, both more than three times the legal limit.

On May 27, the Hamilton County judge sentenced him to four years in prison after Hughes pleaded guilty to OWI endangering a person.

"You probably should not drink again," Bloch said at the sentencing. "But you have been afforded time and again opportunities to help out, and you have done the bare minimum."

"Why did the justice system allow this to happen?" Wheeler asked. "Why am I back here 10 years later having to relive all of this?"

Hughes is already serving a four-year prison sen-

tence for his Henry County drunk driving case for a total of eight years, followed by probation and a six-year driver's license suspension.

"I think in some ways it's the justice system correcting itself," Wheeler said. "I guess it feels like the first time obviously didn't stick, it didn't work, the lesson that he learned from it, or took from it, was not enough, and now his sentence is enhanced because of that lesson he didn't learn."

Wheeler plans to work with lawmakers to stop drunk drivers from re-offending.

"I think we need to have some more commonsense laws about whether it's license suspension, or ignition interlocks," Wheeler said. "My next goal is to start contacting people. I have a list of papers with laws that I think come into play in this case."

Wheeler plans to meet with state lawmakers.

"My philosophy is fix it, don't just throw it out," Wheeler said.

Despite Hughes 2015 sentence including a 10-year license suspension, that's not what happened.

Instead, his license was suspended for five years, from February 2016 un-

til February 2021. Almost all of it was served while Hughes was locked up.

I-Team 8 spent weeks contacting state and local agencies, and we learned it's common for offenders to serve their driver's license suspensions while they're behind bars.

"It doesn't make sense to have a license suspension while you're in prison," Wheeler said. "You're not driving."

She's already met with the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council.

"I actually learned in my meeting yesterday that there was a law that specifically stated that license suspensions would be enacted after release from prison, and what I learned is that state of Indiana had no way to do that, so we just weren't doing it, and instead of fixing the problem, we just got rid of," Wheeler said.

As part of his Hamilton County sentence handed down on May 27, Hughes must also undergo a substance abuse evaluation and participate in community service.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wistv.com/news/i-team-8/judge-hands-down-4-year-sentence-to-repeat-drunk-driver-in-hamilton-county.

AG Rokita leads 13-state coalition supporting stronger wage protections for American workers

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is leading a coalition of 13 states in support of a U.S. Department of Labor proposed rule to raise prevailing wage requirements for foreign workers in the H-1B, H-1B1, E-3, and PERM programs. The change aims to better protect American jobs, wages, and working conditions from the displacement and wage arbitrage caused by the current H-1B system.

The coalition states argue that the existing H-1B program too often enables employers to import cheap foreign labor, displacing U.S. workers and suppressing wages. Most employers are not even required to attempt to recruit American workers first before hiring H-1B workers, and enforcement of existing safeguards has been weak.

"We're talking about changing a federal program that currently enables and, in many ways, almost encourages employers to replace American workers with low-cost foreign labor," AG Rokita said. "It's difficult to imagine a more

disastrous and harmful policy. I am proud to lead these states and stand with the Trump administration to fix it."

Key problems with the current system

• Worker

displacement: Companies have replaced American IT and tech employees with H-1B workers, sometimes requiring laid-off staff to train their replacements. Major firms have conducted large layoffs while simultaneously seeking thousands of H-1B approvals.

Impact on American graduates: Universities, exempt from the annual H-1B cap, have used the program to fill jobs that could very likely be filled by their own U.S. graduates, even as recent college graduates face elevated unemployment.

National security concerns: Heavy reliance on the program by major tech companies has facilitated the entry of large numbers of workers from foreign adversaries, particularly China, into sensitive industries.

Legal deficiencies: The current wage methodology

was implemented without proper notice-and-comment rulemaking and lacks a reasoned explanation tied to the requirements of the program's authorizing statute.

The proposed rule would significantly increase the prevailing wages that employers must pay H-1B workers, making the program more consistent with its original purpose of allowing employers to fill genuine specialty occupation shortages with highly skilled workers – not serving as a tool to cut labor costs at the expense of American workers.

The attorneys general emphasize that raising wages is the single most impactful reform achievable through administrative action. Broader changes – such as requiring employers to recruit Americans first or overhauling or scrapping the H-1B program entirely – would require congressional action.

The coalition's formal comment letter, led by Attorney General Rokita, is available [here](#).



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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 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 those who complete an onsite survey. Discover invaluable resources, explore volunteer opportunities, and become part of a vibrant community



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.

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, nonprofit, and for-profit vendor opportunities are now available. **The deadline to participate is May 29.**

To register as an exhibitor or vendor, please visit gslive.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 gslive.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 orga-

nizations, 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) nonprofit 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 gslive.org.

Bernice Roselyn Reel-Heiny

July 20, 1930 – May 27, 2026

Bernice Roselyn Reel-Heiny, 95, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at The Crossings at Noblesville. She was born on July 20, 1930, to Frank J. and Mildred E. (Barnette) Osborn in rural Noblesville.

Bernice was raised on a farm near Refuge Christian Church. She graduated from Noblesville High School and married Forest A. Reel two months later on July 18, 1948. They had planned on being married at Refuge Christian Church, but a tornado went through Noblesville two days before their wedding and severely damaged the church. They were, however, married as scheduled at the Noblesville Christian Church.

Bernice worked for the Indiana Gas Company as a secretary in 1957, and at the end of the year she started working for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. She worked there from 1957 to 1987 from which she retired. In 1987, she and Forest moved to Hemphill, Texas. She and Forest attended Hemphill Christian Church where she enjoyed Ladies Fellowship and volunteering for fundraisers. While in Texas, she also enjoyed crafting of all sorts, quilting, sightseeing, volunteering part time at the local craft shop, and fishing for crappie on Toledo Bend Reservoir.

She and Forest moved back to Noblesville in 2004 where she continued her quilting. She entered her favorite quilt in the Hamilton County Fair when she returned to Indiana. Her quilt won Grand Champion. She was extremely proud of that accomplishment.

Bernice lost Forest to leukemia in 2005. Bernice later married her first-grade sweetheart, Virgil Glen Heiny, on Valentine's Day 2009 at Clarksville Christian Church. She and Glen were married 17 years.

Bernice was a member of Refuge Christian Church until 2009. She joined Clarksville Christian Church in 2009 to the present.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Forest Arnold Reel, Sr.; son, Forest A. "Butch" Reel, II; and sister, Gertrude Eisman.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil Glen Heiny; children Glenn (Beth) Reel and Linda D. (Steve) Nicholson; stepchildren, Rex (Daphne) Heiny, Dana (Rick) Figg, and Jerry (Kay) Heiny; grandchildren, Steve Nicholson II, James Nicholson, Jennifer (Rick) Nicholson Hughes, Joshua (Candice) Nicholson, Forest "Butchie" (Angela) Reel III, Stephanie (Troy) Reel Holt, Jeffrey Reel, Jeremy Reel; Lisa (Josh) Reel Cornelius; several step grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and several other family members too numerous to count.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (clarksvillechristianchurch.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

— CICERO —

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF CICERO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Cicero Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., local time, in the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 North Byron Street in Cicero, Indiana, to consider proposed amendments to the resolutions previously adopted by the Commission and subsequently amended, that established the Cicero Economic Development Area (the "Economic Development Area") and related allocation areas and adopted an economic development plan for the Economic Development Area (the "Plan"). The proposed amendments, which have been preliminarily approved by resolution of the Commission, would amend the Plan for the Economic Development Area to (a) add certain property to the acquisition list in the Plan, and (b) add certain additional projects to the Plan (collectively, the "Amendments").

Written remonstrances against the proposed Amendments may be filed by no later than 4:00 p.m. (local time) on June 2, 2026, in the office of the Cicero Redevelopment Commission, located at 331 Jackson Street in Cicero, Indiana.

At the public hearing, the Commission will hear any person interested in the proceedings and will consider all written remonstrances and objections that have been filed and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed Amendments. Maps and plats for the Consolidated Economic Development Area have been prepared and can be inspected at the office of the Cicero Redevelopment Commission at the address listed above.

Emily K Pearson, President
Town of Cicero, Redevelopment Commission
5/25/26, 5/28/26, 5/29/26, 6/1/26

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— WESTFIELD —

ADVERTISEMENT WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, INDIANA

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, on April 21, 2025, adopted its Resolution No. 16-2025 (the "Resolution"). In accordance with this Resolution, Indiana Code Section 5-23 et seq (the "BOT Statute"), and the Request for Qualifications and Proposals to be issued by the Commission (the "RFQP"), Statements of Qualifications and Proposals by interested bidders (the "Proposers") to develop, build, operate, and maintain a Grand Park South Infrastructure in Westfield, Indiana (the "Project") will be received by the Westfield Redevelopment Commission, ("Owner") as noted below.

Statements of Qualifications and Proposals ("SOQP") submissions will be received until nine (9 AM) AM local time, on June 12, 2026. Any SOQP received after the designated time will be returned unopened. The submissions should be addressed to Jenell Fairman, Executive Chief of Economic and Community Development jfairman@westfield.in.gov with subject line, "Grand Park South Infrastructure – Statement of Qualifications and Proposals" and will not be publicly opened or announced. Provide an electronic copy (PDF) via email to jfairman@westfield.in.gov. If a proposer does not have the ability to submit a copy electronically, one may be submitted via hard copy to the Office.

The Project includes the development of new Grand Park South Infrastructure, including but not limited to roads, stormwater detention, right of way development, parks, utilities, and parking garage.

Copies of the solicitation documents can be obtained via the city website <https://www.westfield.in.gov/Bids.aspx> and can be inspected at the office of the Department of Redevelopment, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 (the "Office"). All submissions must comply with the RFQP requirements. Interviews may be conducted at the Commission's discretion based on the conditions set forth in the RFQP documents. Further supplementation of the SOQPs may be required by the Commission in its sole discretion, as set forth in the RFQP documents.

Proposals shall be reviewed on the basis of the best qualified submission's qualifications, experience, financial stability and capability, and ability to deliver best value over the life of the Project. At the Commission's discretion, it may also consider any concept plan or additional information required by the Commission, as set forth in the RFQP.

Upon review and selection, the Owner will either enter into an agreement with a selected Proposer or reject all SOQPs. The Owner reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all SOQPs, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Commission. The Owner also reserves the right to waive irregularities in any SOQP, and to accept any SOQP which is deemed most favorable to the Owner.

Submissions are not public documents and will not be made available to other Proposers or members of the public during the selection process but will be provided to the public upon selection as required by the BOT Statute. The identity of Proposers is public information and will be disclosed during the selection process.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
5/29/26, 6/1/26, 6/5/26, 6/8/26

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— JACKSON TOWNSHIP —

Legal Notice Plan Commission

The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on June 10th 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall, 70 North Byron Street, Cicero Indiana, 46034 in order to hear the following petition:

Docket No. PC-0426-06-R3PD

A Major Subdivision application has been submitted concerning Article 5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Subdivision Control Ordinance in order to: subdivide 78 acres of a 100.3-acre parcel on the west side of Deming Road and ¼ mile south of East 236th street, Cicero into 84 lots and to subdivide a 40-acre parcel on the east side of Deming Road and ¼ mile south of East 236th Street, Cicero IN, 46034 into 64 lots.

Project Address: 78 acres of a 100.3-acre parcel on the west side of Deming Road and ¼ mile south of East 236th street, Cicero IN, 46034
Parcel Number: 03-06-05-51-00-001.000

Legal Description: Acreage 100.30 Section 5, Township 19, Range 4
Project Address: 40-acre parcel on the east side of Deming Road and ¼ mile south of East 236th Street, Cicero IN, 46034
Parcel Number: 03-06-05-51-00-006.000

Legal Description: Acreage 40.00 Section 5, Township 19, Range 4
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.

Comments must be received by 10:00am on the Monday prior to a scheduled meeting day.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Estridge Date: May 18th, 2026

R8026

Sen. Jim Banks introduces bill to strengthen U.S. food security and agricultural biosecurity

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

Last Wednesday, May 20, U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced the DoD and USDA Research Act. This bill would codify and expand the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of War (DoW) and Department of Agriculture (USDA) to strengthen coordination on research to protect America's agriculture supply chain from domestic and foreign threats.

Representative Mark Messmer (R-Ind.-08) introduced the bill in the House.

"Protecting America's food supply is part of protecting our national security," Sen. Banks said. "This bill helps the Defense Department and USDA work together to keep our farms and supply chains safe from foreign and domestic threats."

Key Provisions of the DoD and USDA Inter-agency Research Act:

- Directs DoW and USDA research to strengthen America's food supply and critical supply chains against foreign adversaries, biological threats, and supply chain disruptions.
- Directs research on AI, biotechnology, drones, and precision agriculture to strengthen the defense industrial base, expand domestic production of critical agricultural materials, and improve preparedness against threats to America's food supply and military readiness without new spending.

Indiana Farm Bureau and American Conservation Coalition (ACC) Action



Banks

have endorsed this legislation.

Click here to read the full text of the bill.

Background

Secretaries Hegseth and Rollins signed a DoW-USDA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to elevate American agriculture as a key element of national security. This effort aligns with President Trump's "Food Security is National Security" Action Plan, which emphasizes safeguarding the U.S. food system as a core component of national defense and resilience.

A healthy and secure food supply is vital to economic stability and national security. Invasive pests, livestock disease, and biosecurity gaps can disrupt food production

and weaken supply chains. These vulnerabilities also affect the defense industrial base, which relies on foreign sources for key bio-based feedstocks and materials used in fuels and propellants.

At the same time, the People's Republic of China (PRC) is expanding its capabilities in biotechnology, agricultural genetics, and bio-industrial production, framing these sectors as instruments of geopolitical competition. China is positioning these capabilities to exploit vulnerabilities in the U.S. food system and disrupt critical supply chains. Food security is national security, and stronger coordination between America's defense and agriculture sectors will help ensure America controls the future of our critical industries, not China.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JOSHUA TO SUCCEED MOSES

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

Moses said to the Lord, "May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the Lord. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in."

Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the Lord instructed through Moses.

Numbers 27:12-23 (NIV)

William Louis Remington, Sr.

May 28, 1932 – May 25, 2026

William "Bill" Louis Remington, Sr., 93, Westfield, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on Monday, May 25, 2026. The second of four children, Bill was born on May 28, 1932, to Fred W. and Lillie May (Johnson) Remington in Fredericktown, Ohio.

Bill was a graduate of Loudonville High School, Loudonville, Ohio (1950) and attended Ohio University, Athens, Ohio (1951). Sensing his country's need, he enlisted in the Air Force January 29, 1952, serving as Staff Sergeant with 524th Strategic Fighter Squadron (SAC). He was stationed at Amarillo AFB in Austin, Texas, with an honorable release from active duty on January 21, 1956, from Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

It was through his best military buddy, Norbert Buchholz, that Bill met and married his sister, Dolores Arlene Buchholz, on September 2, 1956. She struggled with cancer and passed away on February 8, 1983. Bill and Dolores had three children, Bill Jr., Bob, and Lori.

In God's Providence, Bill met and married Myrtle (Mert) Baughey on January 7, 1984. It was a job change that brought Bill and Mert to Indianapolis in 1987. Bill became Dad to Mert's two children, Jerry II and Kristen.

Though music was high on the list of Bill's enjoyments, his greatest love was for Jesus Christ and serving Him to the best of his ability. He arose at 3:30 a.m. each day to have time with the Lord in prayer and in God's Word. His desire was to know Him in a deeper way and to share God's love with others. He had a way of encouraging people to trust in God and grow in their understanding of Him. Bill had a beautiful tenor voice. He sang in quartets, ensembles, solos, and choir.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Lillie Remington; his first wife, Dolores Buchholz; and his sisters, Opal Purcell and Margaret VanCamp.

He is survived by his wife Myrtle (Mert); his brother, Rev. Robert Remington (Carolyn); his children, William Remington Jr. (Jan), Robert Remington (Julie), Lori Williamson (Richard), Jerald Baughey (Lora), and Kristen Smith (Scott); 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren, with two new babies expected in June and July.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Colonial Hills Baptist Church, where the Funeral Service will begin at noon. Burial will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2026, at Ashland Cemetery, Ashland, Ohio, with military honors.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Colonial Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, IN, 46240, for a Teen Camp Fund. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Judith Kay Cleckner

April 8, 1943 – May 26, 2026

Judith Kay Cleckner, 83, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2026. She was born on April 8, 1943, to Dale and Madalynne (Mingus) Gary in Angola, Ind.

Judy was the school corporation treasurer for Fremont Community Schools for 30 years. During her school years she enjoyed sports and was a cheerleader, and then enjoyed watching her son and grandchildren play sports. Most of all, Judy loved spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Jeff (Carrie) Cleckner; and grandchildren, Meghan Cleckner and Jack Cleckner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon L. Cleckner; and brother, Fred Gary. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html). Condolences: randallroberts.com

Pauline McIntyre

January 25, 1942 – May 26, 2026

Pauline McIntyre, 84, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at her home. She was born on January 25, 1942, to William Drailie and Sally Mae (Bumgardner) Hart in Somerset, Ky.

Pauline was a homemaker and wonderful wife, mom, and grandma who took great pride in her home and family. She enjoyed traveling, only missing out on visiting one of the United States. Pauline and her husband also traveled to all the provinces of Canada except one. She kept a beautifully decorated home, she loved flowers and plants, she collected Precious Moments figurines, and she made the best spaghetti. To this day, no one can make it like her! Most of all, Pauline loved her family.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Gale McIntyre of Fishers; daughter, Paula (David) Barber of Fishers; granddaughter, Kayla (Matt) Ferguson of Terre Haute; great-grandsons, Rustin and Beckham Ferguson; and her sisters, Wilene McMullen of Roachdale and Durene Sowers of Crawfordsville.

In addition to her parents, Pauline was preceded in death by her brothers, Drailie Hart Jr., Edwin Hart, and Joe Hart.

A private family burial will be at the Roachdale Cemetery in Roachdale, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 2611 Waterfront Pkwy E Dr, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46214; or a breast cancer foundation as Pauline was a breast cancer survivor.

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Softball

Rocks upset Millers, win Sectional 8 title

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

ZIONSVILLE – The last time Westfield's hitters faced Noblesville's Addison Retzinger, the Millers' ace struck out 13 Shamrocks with two unearned runs allowed.

In the rematch, 27 days later, for the Sectional 8 championship in Zionsville on Thursday night, the Class 4A No. 14 Shamrocks (16-10-1) claimed the upper hand – with some help from a new hitting drill.

"We knew the pitcher, and what we did yesterday, Texas Tech drill. I'm not kidding you, we stood on top of a box, and we worked on getting on top of the ball,"

Westfield first-year coach Maddie Moore said. "We changed our approach from the last time we played her, and it worked."

The Shamrocks lost to the Millers and Retzinger, 9-2, during their regular-season Hoosier Crossroads Conference game on May 1.

This time, Westfield struck first with a pair of RBI sac flies in the top of the first and a third in the top of the seventh to win 3-1, marking their second sectional title all time and first since 2023.

"Texas Tech practices on top of a bench, and [assistant coach] Matt [Moore] built one yesterday morning. We just practiced rise ball, seeing the top of the ball, pounding it into the ground," Westfield senior Makayla Watson said. "If we can put it on the ground and make them have to make a play, then that works best for us."

The strategy played out from the first at-bat.

Watson (3-for-3, 2 stolen bases) opened the game with a leadoff single. Senior Sofia Easterhaus (1-for-3,

RBI, stolen base) followed with another single before senior Reese Mahannah (1-for-2, double, RBI) and sophomore Olivia Sampia belt-

ed back-to-back sac flies to put Westfield ahead 2-0.

"I was like, 'You can hit this kid. You are capable, and you have got to believe it,'" Maddie Moore said.

Retzinger struck out six, walked two and allowed seven hits, but she retired seven in a row after both runs scored for a quality start.

However, HCC champion 4A No. 8 Noblesville (19-7) struggled to respond against Sampia (3.0 IP, 3 hits, 1 strikeout, 2 walks) and junior reliever Mackenzie Delph (4.0 IP, 2 walks, 3 hits, earned run).

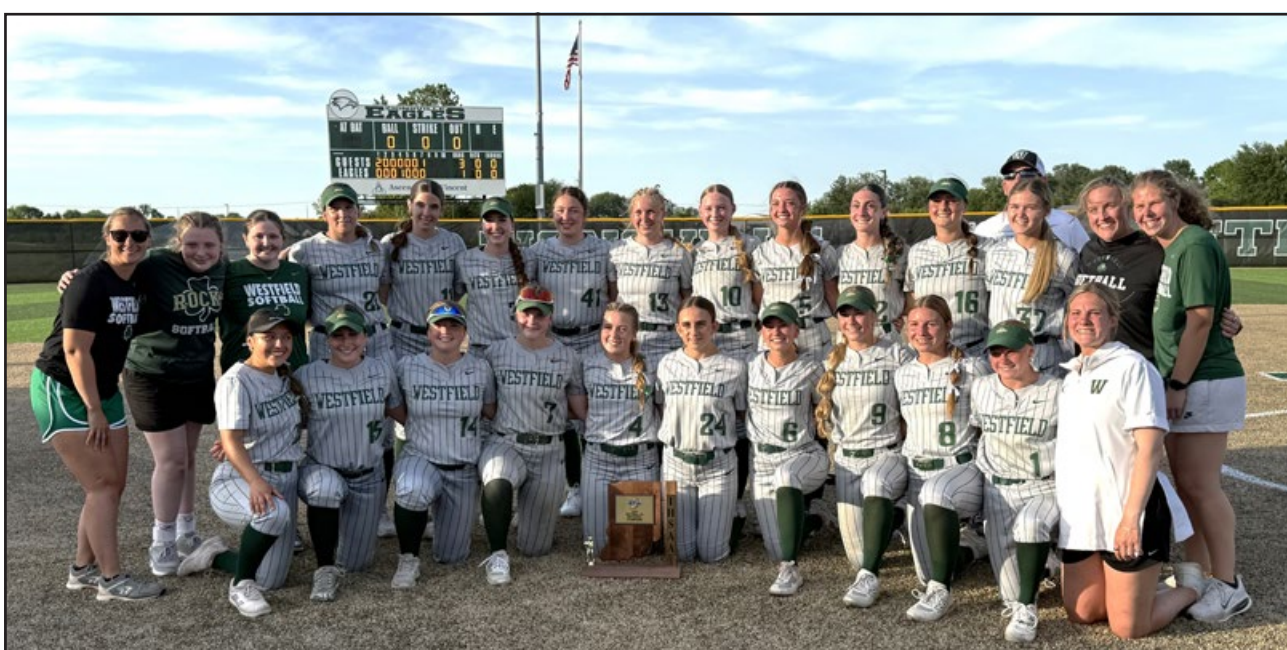


Photo by Richard Torres

The Westfield softball team beat Noblesville 3-1 Thursday to win the Sectional 8 championship. It's the second all-time sectional title for the Shamrocks and first since 2023.

"We were trying to get on top of the ball, and we just didn't do a good job of that," Millers coach Deke Bullard said. "When they're throwing up (in the zone) and you're under the ball, it's a backspin pop fly. With the wind blowing in, that certainly didn't help us either."

Noblesville stranded nine runners on base with six in scoring position, bringing home one in the bottom of the fourth with the bases loaded when senior Haley Schatko (1-for-2, double, RBI) flew out to right field.

Sampia cruised through three frames but exited in the top of the fourth after injuring her hand on a foul ball swing in her second at-bat.



Photo by Grant Alexander

Noblesville's Haley Schatko hit a fourth-inning sacrifice fly to score the Millers' run.

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Baseball

Royals beat Carmel, Millers fall to Zionsville

The REPORTER

The first round of baseball games at Sectional 8 finally were played Thursday at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field after a one-day weather delay.

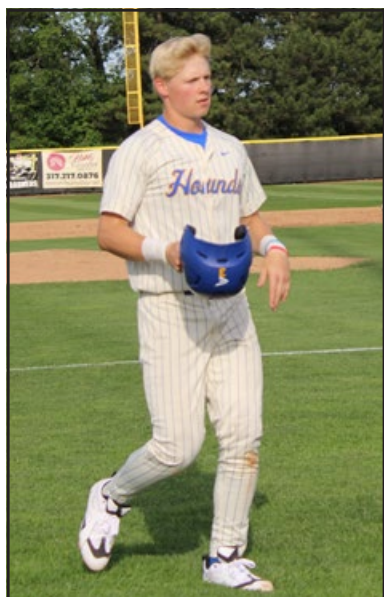
Hamilton Southeastern got the first victory, beating Carmel 7-1. The Royals advance to tonight's semifinals to take on Zionsville; the Eagles beat the host Millers 7-4 in Thursday's second game.

Playing as the away team, Southeastern scored three runs in the top of the first inning. Cy Cole batted in Jackson Bixler for HSE's first run, then Alex Shepherd doubled in Cole for the second run. Karson Seitz came in to run for Shepherd, and he was sent home by a Chase Bradle single.

The Royals took further control of the game in the third running, putting up four runs. Bradle batted in Cole, then was singled in by Kian Kelly. Bixler came up next and sent a base hit into left field, driving in Kelly and Nick Bach.

The Greyhounds scored their run in the fifth inning. Jackson Treadway batted in Max Walkey.

Cole was 3-for-4 at the plate, with Bradle and Kel-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Jackson Bixler batted in two runs for the Royals during their Sectional 8 win over Carmel on Thursday. (ABOVE CENTER) Carmel's Jackson Treadway went 2-for-2 at the plate for the Greyhounds. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Aiden Reynolds had two hits.

ly collecting two hits each. Spencer Mohr left to an ovation after 6.2 innings, striking out one and allowing six hits. Bradle pitched the final at-bat, inducing a groundout to end the game. The Royals improved to 20-9.

Treadway was 2-for-2 batting for Carmel, which finished its season 11-15.

Late scoring

The Millers were fired up early. Jalen Stidham hit a leadoff home run in the second inning to get Noblesville on the board, while starting

pitcher Beckett Doane got out of bases-loaded jams in the first and third innings.

The Eagles tied the

game in the fourth inning, then scored three runs in the fifth inning for a 4-1 lead.

The Millers came back with

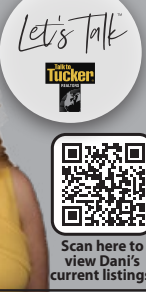
two runs in the bottom of the fifth: Christopher Martz scored on Zac Glander's sacrifice fly, then Ethan

Clark was brought home by a Slade Hodges single.

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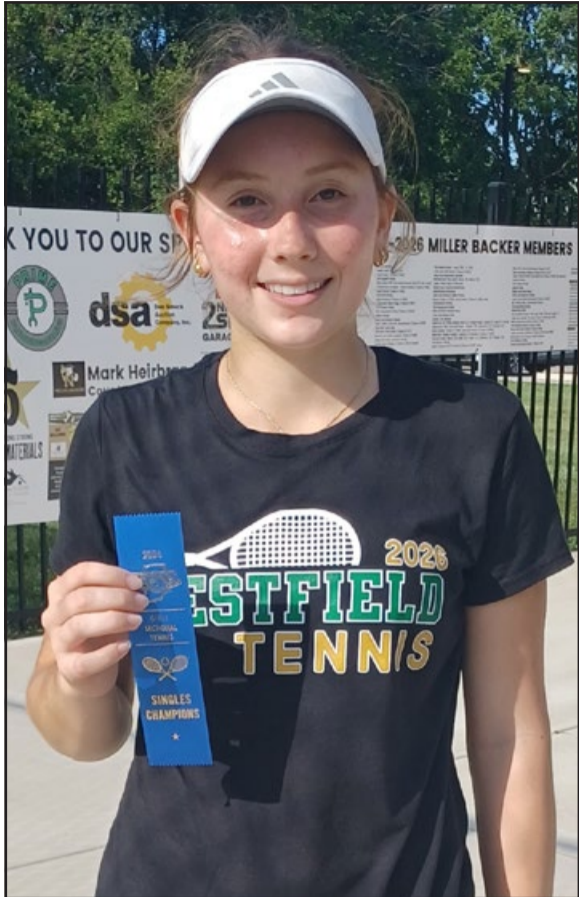
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Girls Tennis

Westfield's Harvey wins individual sectional



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's Isla Harvey won the individual tennis sectional at Noblesville on Thursday. Harvey defeated Tipton's Kendall Coe 6-0, 6-1. With the victory, Harvey advances to North Central on Saturday, June 6, where she will play the winner of the NorthWood sectional in the semifinals of the North 2 regional.

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Delph took over in the circle and battled through the bases-loaded situation in the bottom of the fourth. She only allowed two more hits in the final three innings.

"I just tried to stay collected and calm because I know I trust myself and all my pitches, and that's exactly what I did," Delph said. "The last game when we played them, I think that actually drove me more to want to win this."

Familiarity for the Moore family was another element.

Maddie Moore played for Bullard and the Millers until she graduated in 2017. Her father, Matt, was part of

the Millers program as well, and both teamed for their bittersweet upset over the defending sectional champions.

"I think it's just a really cool moment for him and I to be like, we did this together," Moore said. "It's just a really cool circle for all of us [on staff]. We used to play each other in high school, and now we're doing this together."

The 2026 Shamrocks, which placed sixth in the HCC, did precisely what was needed collectively to quiet the prolific Millers (51 home runs and 193 RBI as a team).

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With that, Noblesville was within 4-3. But Zionsville surged forward again, scoring three runs in the sixth inning for a 7-3 lead. The Millers got a run in the seventh inning: Aiden Reynolds led off with a single, moved to third base

on Glander's double, then scored on Hodges' RBI fielder's choice. But Zionsville got the next two outs to end the game.

Reynolds finished with two hits, while Doane threw five strikeouts. Noblesville finished its season 20-9.

Boys Track & Field

Tigers win regional championship

The REPORTER

The Lafayette Jefferson boys track & field regional is an event with high standards.

It takes an exceptional performance to win the team championship, and the Fishers Tigers answered the call at Thursday's event. Fishers used exceptional depth and three event wins to claim its second regional title in program history and first since 2019.

The Tigers scored 74 points, just ahead of runner-up Westfield's 69 points. Fishers got victories from Rocky Duplessis in the 400 dash, finished the meet with a victory in the 4x400 relay, and got an outstanding performance from its high jump crew.

Konrad Hayden towered over the competition, clearing 6 feet, 11 inches to win the event, over four inches ahead of second place. Austin Geesaman had a nice evening as well. He cleared 6 feet, 5 inches to place third. Both Tigers are headed to the state finals, as the top three in each event qualify automatically.

Any athlete that betters the state standard in an event also automatically punches a ticket to state. Eight of the 16 events had extra qualifiers beyond the top three, with seven advancing in the 110 hurdles.

The Shamrocks had one event victory, in the 4x100 relay. Westfield picked up three second-place results: the 4x800 relay, Olumide Fapetu in the 100 dash and Brady Lemieux in the pole vault.

Carmel finished third with 61 points. Alim Broadnax was the long jump champion, with a best leap of 23 feet and one-quarter inch. Lucas Bartlett was second in the 3200 run.

Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern tied for fourth place; both schools scored 57 points.

The Millers' Banner Barnes was a double winner



Photo courtesy Fishers Athletics

The Fishers boys track & field team won a tight regional at Lafayette Jefferson Thursday. The Tigers scored 74 points, edging out Westfield by five points to win their first team regional since 2019.

in the 1600 and 800 runs, with teammate Isaiah Vohs finishing second in both races. The Royals had third-place finishes from Omar Elsayed in the 800 and Liam Powers in the 3200 run.

Hamilton Heights scored 19 points for 10th place. Will Duncan won the shot put and was second in the discus.

Guerin Catholic scored seven points to tie for 17th place. Seffrin Smith finished seventh in the 110 hurdles, but his time of 14.54 seconds was under the state standard, so he qualified for state.

Complete results, including all state qualifiers, are listed below.

Team scores (top 10 and all county): 1. Fishers 74, 2. Westfield 69, 3. Carmel 61, T4. Noblesville 57; Hamilton Southeastern 57, 6. Harrison 55, 7. Kokomo 43, 8. McCutcheon 35, 9. Lebanon 31, 10. Hamilton Heights 19, T17. Guerin Catholic 7.

State qualifiers from the regional

4x800 relay: 1. Harrison 7:50.53, 2. Westfield 7:52.55, 3. Noblesville 7:53.31, 4. Carmel 7:53.93, 5. Fishers 7:54.64.

110 hurdles: 1. Omar Daniels (K) 14.04, 2. Zion Clopton (Har) 14.06, 3. Daniel Richards (L) 14.20, 4. Kamarion Ayres (M) 14.21, 5. Sam Long (HSE) 14.33, 6. Logan Tuck (W) 14.37, 7. Seffrin Smith (GC) 14.54.

100 dash: 1. Elijah Curry (M) 10.78, 2. Olumide Fapetu (W) 10.86, 3. Angel Wilson (N) 10.88, 4. Cayden Gearhart (W) 10.89, 5. Francisco Luyindula (L) 10.93.

1600 run: 1. Banner Barnes (N) 4:17.36, 2. Isaiah Vohs (N) 4:17.61, 3. Luke Moulder (W) 4:18.56.

4x100 relay: 1. Westfield 40.93, 2. Fishers 41.91, 3. Lebanon 42.00, 4. Carmel 42.25, 5. Harrison 42.38.

400 dash: 1. Rocky Duplessis (F) 48.26, 2. Landon Dispennett (Seeger) 49.09, 3. Ryd Wallerstedt (W) 49.52.

300 hurdles: 1. Ayres (M) 37.56, 2. Daniels (K) 37.80, 3. Richards (L) 37.92, 4. Long (HSE) 38.24, 5. Clopton (H) 38.71.

800 run: 1. Barnes (N) 1:52.32, 2. Vohs (N) 1:54.86, 3. Omar Elsayed (HSE) 1:55.12, 4. Cooper Szotek (C) 1:55.16.

200 dash: 1. Vincent

Rozzi (F) 21.29, 2. Luyindula (L) 21.71, 3. Ethan Landess (West Lafayette) 21.893, 4. Caleb Terril (W) 21.898.

3200 run: 1. Camden Raab (Western) 9:09.24, 2. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:10.39, 3. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:10.93.

4x400 relay: 1. Fishers 3:18.96, 2. West Lafayette 3:19.94, 3. Hamilton Southeastern 3:20.21, 4. Noblesville 3:20.99, 5. McCutcheon 3:21.39.

Discus: 1. RJ Clem (Logansport) 167-9, 2. Will Duncan (HH) 161-3, 3. Marcus Noy (K) 157-5.

Shot put: 1. Duncan (HH) 59-10, 2. Mason Cantwell (F) 54-8.25, 3. Jack Eberhart (W) 54-2.

Long jump: 1. Alim Broadnax (C) 23-0.25, 2. Jeremiah Young (K) 23-0, 3. Jacob Schwartz (H) 22-6, 4. Gabriel Davis (C) 22-5, 5. William Tschida (HSE) 22-3.75, 6. Austin Donahoe (N) 22-3.

High jump: 1. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-11, 2. Braxton Schieffer (Northwestern) 6-7, 3. Austin Geesaman (F) 6-5.

Pole vault: 1. Owen Hudspeth (Frankfort) 16-0, 2. Brady Lemieux (W) 14-0, 3. David Warner (H) 13-9.

Baseball

Golden Eagles sail past Danville

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic opened play in Sectional 26 at Crawfordsville Thursday with a 7-0 first-round victory over Danville.

The Golden Eagles

scored three runs in the first inning. Ben Canada doubled in Nolan Ratcliff for the first run, then was brought home by Ian Taylor's RBI groundout. Karson Smith later scored on an error.

Guerin Catholic put up two more runs in the third inning. Taylor scored on an error and Smith was sent home by a pitcher's balk.

Liam Zorger scored in the fourth inning after an-

other pitcher's balk, giving the Golden Eagles a 6-0 lead. Jackson Baker added a sixth-inning run, scoring on a wild pitch.

Ratcliff finished with two of Guerin Catholic's four hits. Grant Beard hit a single, along with Canada's early double.

Three GC pitchers combined to allow the Warriors only one hit. Tate Troxell pitched four innings and struck out 10. Harrison

Haq threw two innings, in relief, striking out three. Luke Gremelspacher was the seventh-inning closer, tossing three strikeouts.

Guerin Catholic is 22-3-1 and plays Frankfort Monday in the second semifinal. The first semifinal starts at 11 a.m., between Lebanon and Brebeuf Jesuit. The semifinal winners advance to the 6:30 p.m. championship game.

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Boys Lacrosse

Carmel beats HSE for 2A state championship berth

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys lacrosse team beat county rival Hamilton Southeastern 15-11 on Wednesday at Brownsburg to advance to the IHSLA Class 2A state championship game.

The Greyhounds had to make a comeback to win, as the Royals led 5-4 after one quarter. Ben Speckman and Henry Wans both scored two goals for Southeastern, with Sam Brandenburg adding another goal. E.B. Warren had two goals for Carmel, with Jack Stittle and Ike Stittle each scoring one.

The Hounds scored three goals in a row during the second quarter to lead

7-4. Warren put in his third goal, then Max McCord scored back-to-back goals. The Royals got two quick goals with under three minutes left, tying the score at 7-7 by halftime. Kyle Jenkins and Brandenburg scored HSE's goals.

Wans threw in a quick goal for the Royals to start the third quarter, but Carmel's Cohen Odle tied the game just as quickly. After a few defensive minutes, the Greyhounds poured in three more goals to lead 11-8 by the end of the period. Luke Shrift, Lincoln O'Leary and Warren all scored.

Carmel stayed comfortably ahead during the fourth

quarter. Ike Stittle scored twice, then Luke Shrift gave Carmel a 14-9 lead with 5:18 left. Brandenburg added two Southeastern goals and Speckman scored one. Warren finished the game with his fifth goal, completing the scoring with 3:18 to play.

The Greyhounds will play Culver Academies on Saturday at Brownsburg, for the 2A state championship.

Golden Eagles advance to 1A final

The Guerin Catholic boys lacrosse team reached the Class 1A state championship game by beating Heritage Christian 15-13 on Tuesday at Brownsburg.

The Golden Eagles led

5-4 after the first quarter, then blanked Heritage 4-0 in the second period for a 9-4 halftime lead. Guerin Catholic held a 14-8 lead after three periods, then held off Heritage in the fourth quarter.

Gavin Soucie led GC with six goals and two assists. Vinny Elliott added five goals. Mason Walosin scored two goals and dished out two assists. Chris Giedd had one goal and three assists, J.B. Ford totaled one goal and two assists and Stephen Abdalla handed out one assist.

Guerin Catholic plays Evansville Memorial on Saturday for the 1A state title, also at Brownsburg.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 29

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield vs. Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 39 at Sheridan
Elwood vs. Lapel, 5 p.m.
Sheridan vs. Tipton, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Sectional 24 at Connersville
Championship: Hamilton Heights vs. Yorktown, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

BASEBALL

Sectional 42 at Park Tudor
Park Tudor vs. University, 10 a.m.
Monrovia vs. Wednesday winner, 12:30 p.m.

GOLF

Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Classic, 2 p.m. at Battle Ground GC

TENNIS SEMI-STATES

At Center Grove
Fishers vs. Center Grove, noon
At Culver Academies
Carmel vs. South Bend St. Joseph, noon

UNIFIED TRACK

Fishers at Kokomo Regional, 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Boys state finals at Lawrence North
Carmel vs. Roncalli, 11 a.m.
Lake Central vs. Cathedral, 1 p.m.
Championship, 6 p.m.

Monday, June 1

BASEBALL

Sectional 8 at Noblesville
Championship, 6 p.m.
Sectional 24 at Jay County
Connersville vs. Yorktown
Delta vs. Hamilton Heights
Championship, TBD

Sectional 25 at Crawfordsville

Lebanon vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 11 a.m.
Frankfort vs. Guerin Catholic, 1:30 p.m.
Championship, 6:30 p.m.

Sectional 39 at Sheridan

Championship, 6 p.m.

Sectional 42 at Park Tudor

Championship, 6 p.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Yorktown Classic, 9 a.m. at Delaware Country Club
University vs. Lawrence Central, 4:30 p.m. at Indian Lake Country Club

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Softball

Huskies zoom past Connersville

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights took care of Sectional 24 host Connersville in a Thursday semifinal game, winning 13-3 in five innings to advance to tonight's championship game.

The Huskies scored in all five innings. Heights led 3-1 after the first inning: Hannah Dent singled in Heather Crays, Lily Cash batted in Dent and McKenzie Jackson scored after Olivia Turner reached on an error.

In the second inning, Dent hit a one-out double, then Kamryn Rhoton was intentionally walked. Cash

came up next and singled both runners in, giving the Huskies a 5-2 lead.

Heights put up five runs in the third inning. Taya Trosper hit a double and Crays reached on a dropped third strike. Dent hit a single, then Jackson batted in Trosper and Crays, moving Dent to third. Rhoton came up next and sent everyone home with a left field home run. The Huskies now led 10-2.

Connersville scored a run in the top of the fourth, but Heights answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Crays led off with a double and scored

on Jackson's sacrifice bunt, then Dent got home when Cash reached on an error.

The Huskies ended the game with no outs in the fifth. Ellie Engle drew a walk and moved to second base after Trosper drew a walk. Crays loaded the bases with a single, then Dent sent a base hit into right field, scoring Engle to finish the game.

Dent was perfect at the plate, going 5-for-5. Cash went 3-for-4. Jackson and Crays both had two hits. Crays pitched all five innings, striking out two.

Heights is 13-8 and plays Yorktown tonight in

the championship game. The Tigers beat Jay County 8-2 in the other semifinal.

Sheridan falls to Frankton

Sheridan lost in the semifinals of Sectional 39 at Thursday, falling 6-0 to Frankton.

Amiyah Doss had the Blackhawks' only two hits. Norah Adams pitched a complete game, with one strikeout.

Sheridan finished its season 6-15.

Men's Basketball

Former Carmel basketball star Peter Suder works out for Indiana Pacers

By CHARLES HUIRAS
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Former Carmel High School basketball star Peter Suder worked out for the Pacers on Thursday as part of the team's pre-draft workouts.

Suder, a two-time 4A state champion at Carmel in 2019 and 2021, described the surreal feeling it was to work out for a team he grew up watching his whole life.

"It's definitely surreal, being 30 minutes away from this facility is crazy," Suder said. "It's always been a dream growing up just being an Indiana fan, a Pacers fan. All my friends, family back at home, they're all rooting for me to go to the Pacers, so it's a surreal feeling to be here."

Suder began his college career at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, where he played his first two seasons. He then transferred to Miami

(Ohio) as a junior, earning First-Team All-MAC honors in both his junior and senior seasons.

During his senior year, Suder won MAC Player of the Year, helped lead the RedHawks to a perfect 31-0 regular-season record, and won the school's first NCAA Tournament game since 1999.

Suder described the bizarre experience of having all eyes on him as he worked out in front of the Pacers coaches and scouts.

"It's definitely a crazy feeling, every single workout, there's like 40 judges on the sideline watching your every move," Suder said. "How you talk, how you interact with others. The trainers, whatever the case is, they want to know everything about you, the way you think. It's also a surreal feeling being a kid that was a little under-recruited throughout his whole high school and college career, and then mak-

ing it to the big stage."

Suder also talked about his time at Carmel and how high school basketball in Indiana molded him into the player he is today.

"I would say Indiana basketball in general prepared me," Suder said. "It's a basketball state. Sometimes you play in the biggest gyms in the country in high school, and they're packed out for sectionals, regionals, semi-state. It just prepares you for those kinds of moments."

The 6-foot-5-inch wing averaged 14.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, and 4.0 assists per game his senior year and helped lead Miami (Ohio) to the school's best record in program history.

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