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## Fill your heart with bread Finding delight

### Duffy's Dough & Kroger team up to fight food insecurity

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In 2024, The Reporter spoke with Patrick Duffy and Linda Purl about how they were selling a Duffy family sourdough starter as a business designed to make zero money. They give it all away to help feed the hungry. You can read that story at readthereporter.com/sourdough-starter-feeds-charity. Two years later, Duffy's Dough is on the rise thanks to a partnership with the Kroger family of companies.

Duffy's Dough is on the shelf in every Kroger-affiliated store in Indiana and beyond. This is a venture that nets Duffy and Purl not one thin dime of profit. Everything on their end goes directly to charity, and a large percentage of the money Kroger makes also goes to that company's Zero Hunger, Zero Waste campaign.

"We tried our best to saturate as many avenues to sell our product, and there was a ceiling to it," Duffy said. "It was only

two people out of a garage. Once we were adopted by Kroger, we slipped into that system of supplying over two thousand stores with a product. I stand – to this day – in awe that bread that's baked in Maryland, in a couple of days can end up on a shelf in Portland, Oregon, or Southern California. We could never duplicate that with our little business that we had in the garage."

Purl told The Reporter the Kroger partnership has removed the ceiling on what they are able to donate to food scarcity charities.

"When we were selling out of a garage, we were only selling the dehydrated starter," Purl said. "It was labor-intensive, for one thing, and also a terrible business model – as is witnessed by Patrick's family having been gifted the starter 75 years ago and never having to get another one. Once you spend all that time and effort to earn a customer, then they never have to come back again. The ceiling was very low on our possible growth."



Reporter photo Linda Purl and Patrick Duffy visited the Olivo Road Kroger in Fishers on May 21 to visit with many eager customers.

Duffy and Purl wanted to find a baker and a distributor, but they needed one with a heart for charity.

"We learned about Kroger and the fact that they distribute other people's food, but they also manufacture some of their own food," Purl said. "We

thought, 'In a perfect world we could be with them because then we wouldn't have to go through a second negotiation of getting on somebody else's shelves.'"

Kroger's charitable arm was key to this partnership.

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Pensive is defined as "dreamily" by Merriam-Webster.

Chuck said I looked pensive while writing this week's column. Dreamily is probably a good way to describe how I felt as my thoughts came together.

While I was tending to my flowers this week, I stopped, held the rake, looked around, and smiled. My flowers give me such delight. You know "delight" is my word for 2026.

Here are the things that are bringing delight to my soul and keeping me smiling this spring.

• Reading. My current fiction choice is *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett. It's been seventeen years since she wrote *The Help*. In 2011, *The Help* was made into a movie. I'm 68 pages into the 656-page book! I'm not sure how long it will take, but the reviews make me believe it will be worth the read.

• My non-fiction read is Jennifer Dukes Lee's *How to Love Your Morning*. I'm reading it slowly with a highlighter in one hand and the book in the other. I may need to invest in a new highlighter for quotes like "It's not when you wake up. It's about who you wake up to be." And then there's "But maybe gratitude in hard times isn't a feeling. Maybe it's an act of trust and a form of defiant praise." I'm enjoying my mornings even more. I no longer have a routine but a ritual. I go to bed looking forward to an early rise.

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COLUMNIST JANET HART LEONARD From the Hart

## You can laugh it up at The Cat

### Two Daves and a Willie share the mic on June 5 & 6

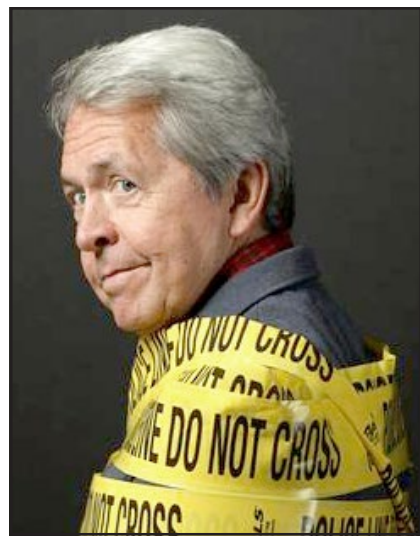
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June is busting out with belly laughs when comedians Dave Dugan, Dave "The King" Wilson, and Willie Bostic aim to amuse at The Cat in Carmel, 254 Veterans Way, on June 5 and 6. In order to amp audiences about the soon-to-stage stand-up stylings of these comedy kings, The Reporter spoke with Dave Dugan about how he ended up earning a living on laughter.

Dugan credits Carmel High School with planting the first seeds of his success.

"I was very shy as a kid and I credit the Carmel High School (CHS) student radio station for bringing me out of that shell," Dugan told The Reporter. "Then when I went to four different colleges – which I'm not bragging about because I don't have a degree from one – but I transferred a lot and I ended up at a school that didn't have my major, which was radio and TV or telecom depending on where I was."

Changing his major landed Dugan in a speech class, which he told The Reporter took him back to the most terrifying moments ever in junior high school.



He may not be the only Dave on stage June 5 & 6 at The Cat in Carmel, but Dugan is definitely the Dave this newspaper spoke to about the show.

"IUPUI is where I was going at the time, and I had the same nervousness and same introversion coming back," Dugan said. "Then one time – on accident or on purpose – I started throwing in a little humor. When people were laughing, I thought, 'Yeah. This is the way I can be in front of people and feel comfortable.' To this day if I had to do a speech with no humor that is just straightforward, I'd be just as nervous as I ever was."

Dugan called that first experience on the radio at CHS instrumental in his development.

"I would call the most pivotal point of my life the high school radio station because it was something I always wanted to do," Dugan said. "In fact, when I was maybe nine or 10 years old, we had this closet under our staircase and so I created my own radio station down there. Now that I think about it, it sounds like a bad afterschool special."

Dugan said that was how an introverted kid who wanted his voice to be heard and wanted to share music he loved found a way to do both.

"I did it, not just by myself,

but with a couple friends," Dugan said. "It was with rubberbands on walkie talkies with the switch always on, playing music. We wondered, 'How far did it carry? Probably the other end of the neighborhood?' Or so we thought. We let up on that talk button and heard a whole bunch of truck drivers cussing at us. I guess we were clogging up their frequency."

Dugan went from being a kid who listened to the morning shows where people would, in

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## It's a carload of polo fun & charity at Hickory Hall

Submitted

The Heroes Club and Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding Center are partnering for the Polo at Sunset fundraiser at Hickory Hall Polo Field, 7551 E. County Road 100 North, Whitestown.

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 19 for an evening of tailgating fun, community spirit, and exciting polo action.

Admission is \$40 per carload. Gates open at 5 p.m. and the polo match begins at 6 p.m. Guests can also enjoy family-friendly activities, including face painting, pony rides, horse photo opportunities, "Adopt-a-Horse," and more.

The Heroes Club provides an accidental death policy, mental health support, and equipment and training grants for police officers, fire fighters, and their families in Carmel and Zionsville. Morning Dove Therapeutic Riding Center enriches lives through equine-assisted therapy and therapeutic riding programs for individuals, with physical, emotional, and developmental challenges.

Bring your lawn chairs, pack your favorite foods and drinks for tailgating, and enjoy a memorable summer evening while supporting two incredible organizations that make a positive impact in the community.

See more information in the advertisement on Page A3.

## 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

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girl learns to find herself, bring joy to those around her, and reunite with her family through gardening.

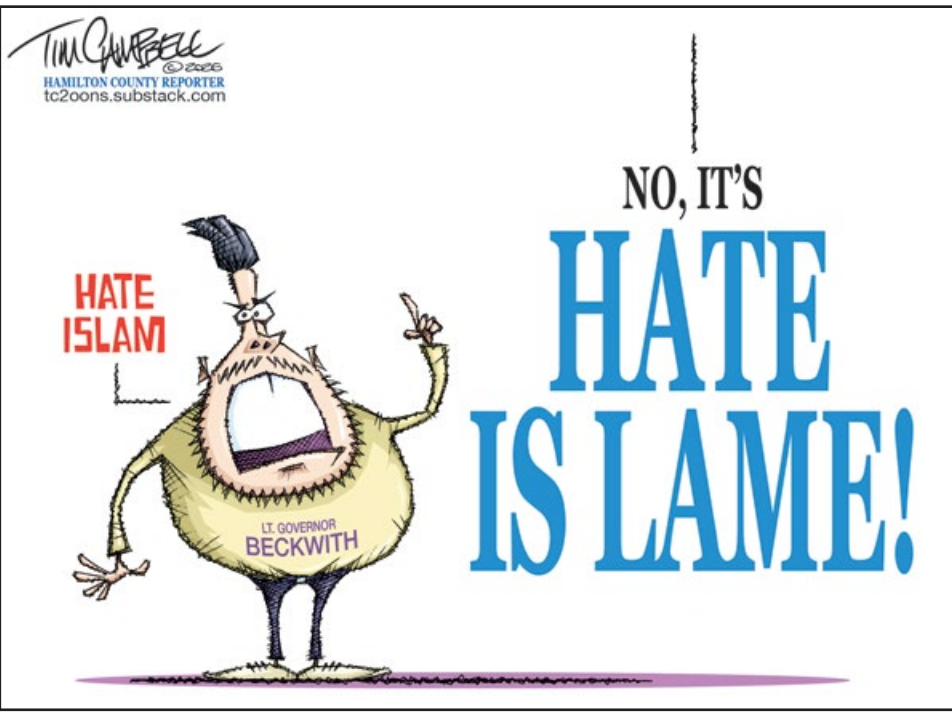
Kelso said she sees the show as incredibly magical.

"It's a show that challenges how you view the world," Kelso said.

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Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com From left) Darrin Gowan, Bryan Gallet, Elizabeth Belle, Ryley Trotter, Connor Phelan, Josh Vander Missen, Ellen Vander Missen, Polly Hamm, Jackson Stollings, Mary Garner, and Heather Hansen.



## Sheridan Community Schools awards Teacher of the Year

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Tuesday, May 19, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) named Ryan Kelleher as Teacher of the Year. He works as both a high school science teacher and corporation instructional coach serving K-12 teachers.

As one of the nominators stated, "Mr. Kelleher is not only a fantastic teacher but a wonderful human being. He always treats everyone around him with kindness and respect."

Kelleher is currently teaching Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, and Honors Biology, where he inspires curiosity in his classroom via hands-on learning through experiments and real-world experiences that put learning into practice. In his instructional coaching role, he also helps to support and empower young and veteran teachers alike in making their classrooms better every day.

"I am incredibly hon-



Graphic provided by Allison Waitt

ored to be recognized," Kelleher said. "There are so many deserving and talented educators who are making a difference in the lives of our students every day."

SCS is grateful for his dedication, leadership, and commitment to helping students and staff succeed. Sheridan is lucky to have him. His commitment and service are a true reflection

of what it means to support a school community, making him more than deserving of being named the 2026 Teacher of the Year.

## HSE Schools celebrates three Teachers of the Year

Submitted by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools is recognizing the educators selected as 2025-26 Teachers of the Year for their schools and programs.

Each year, HSE's 22 schools and three district programs select a Teacher of the Year to honor educators who make a lasting difference for students, colleagues, and school communities. These honorees represent more than 1,200 educators across the district and were selected for their dedication to students, commitment to learning and the positive impact they make each day.

"These teachers represent the very best of what happens in our classrooms every day," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "They build relationships, challenge students to think deeply and create learning environments where students feel supported, capable and ready to grow. Being selected by your school community is a tremendous honor, and I am proud to celebrate each of this year's recipients."

District and building administrators helped surprise the level finalists at their schools, and a special assembly was held last Thursday, May 21 at Riverside Junior High to announce the 2026 HSE District Teacher of the Year.

### Meet the Honorees

Get to know this year's finalists through short video spotlights that showcase



Photos provided by HSE Schools

This year's Teachers of the Year are (from top) Casey Ochieng, Brooks School Elementary; Jordan Teeple, Riverside Junior High School; and Lindsay Mahan, HSE High School.

their passion for teaching and the difference they make every day.

• **Elementary Finalist: Casey Ochieng**, ENL teacher, Brooks School Elementary

• **Intermediate/Junior High Finalist & HSE District Teacher of the Year: Jordan Teeple**, seventh-grade math teacher, Riverside Junior High School

• **High School Finalist: Lindsay Mahan**, Social Studies teacher, Hamilton Southeastern High School

Teeple will now represent HSE Schools in the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition. He also received a \$1,000 award from the Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation in recognition of his achievement.

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## SECRET

"Not only is the set absolutely 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, 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.

Kelso 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](http://BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org) to get your tickets.



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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 Trottier, Elizabeth Belle, and Mike Lipphardt.

### Meet the Cast of "The Secret Garden"

Mary Lennox – Polly Hamm  
Lily – Kata Ewigleben  
Archibald Craven – Mike Lipphardt  
Dr. Neville Craven – Braden Hundt  
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  
Major Shelley – Connor Phelan  
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# 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 syndrome, and the role of artificial intelligence in today's digital scholarship environment.



Photo provided by Ivy Tech Hamilton County

(Front row, from left) Ashley Mack, Christiale 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.

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 excep-

tional 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.

## HSE

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Congratulations to all 2025-26 building-level and program Teachers of the Year. Their dedication, passion, and care continue to make a difference across HSE Schools.

- **BSE:** Casey Ochieng, ENL Teacher
- **CRE:** Elizabeth James, 3rd Grade Teacher
- **DCE:** Kelly Hogan, 2nd Grade Teacher
- **FCE:** Chloe Diedam, FO-CUS Teacher
- **FES:** Lisa Harvey, 3rd Grade Teacher
- **GES:** Kelli Caughman, Kindergarten Teacher
- **HPE:** Brandy Wilkinson, 2nd Grade Teacher
- **HRE:** Karissa Mayol, P.E. Teacher
- **LRE:** Jennifer Skinner, 2nd Grade Teacher
- **NBE:** Audrey Gundersen, 4th Grade Teacher
- **SCE:** Chelsea Elmore,

- Kindergarten
- **SES:** Kelly Wolf, 3rd Grade Teacher
- **TCE:** Liza Borgert, Kindergarten
- **FCI:** Ashley McConnell, 5th Grade Teacher
- **RSI:** Becky Holman, FIATS Teacher
- **SCI:** Jodi Whalen, 5th Grade Teacher
- **HIJ:** Jill Mockler, 5th Grade Teacher; and Michelle Huston, Language Arts Teacher
- **FCJ:** Brittany Potts, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher
- **FJH:** Adam Brown, Science Teacher
- **RJH:** Jordan Teeple, Math Teacher
- **HHS:** Jenifer Young, ENL Teacher; and Lindsay Mahan, Social Studies Teacher
- **FHS:** Alisa Vaughn, Math Teacher; and Taylor Meador, ENL Teacher
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# DOUGH

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“They have remarkable programs like Zero Hunger, Zero Waste,” Purl said. “They really live by ‘Feed the human spirit.’ They have deep, long-standing relationships with food banks and food scarcity support systems. When we were by luck introduced to somebody at Kroger who then invited us to make our pitch, it was a fairytale moment for us.”

Duffy said he and Purl are fortunate because they make something everyone needs.

“Everybody goes and shops for milk, bread, eggs, etc.,” Duffy said. “Every single person, almost without exception, that comes in the door is looking for bread. All we have to do is, at least once, change their mind to try our version of bread, then let them know that not only are they buying bread at the same price point, but they’re making a contribution to help us fight food scarcity.”

The Kroger partnership lets Duffy and Purl start giving back on the level they always wanted to.

“When we were in our garage, we still had the mandate for a hundred percent of our profits going to charity, but we hadn’t seen a bit of profit yet,” Duffy said. “We were still just hemorrhaging money. At the end of five years, we were only able to give away \$250. But we gave it away, and we felt very good about it. We gave it to No Kid Hungry. In one sense, we were creating a vacuum that was going to be filled by doing more. Sure enough, Kroger adopted us. Now we’re on the road to being able to consistently write checks to institutions which Kroger already has vetted.”

A Kroger employee told Duffy and Purl that there are two things people go to the store for. They shop for a ‘what’ and a ‘why.’

“The ‘what’ is bread, milk, eggs, etc.,” Duffy

said. “They’re going to look for the ‘Why choose one over the other.’ The ‘why’ for bread is blazoned across every unit of ours, which is a hundred percent of the profits go to charity. Blazoned across every Newman product which is ‘Give It All Away.’ If you’re going to have to satisfy the ‘what,’ how wonderful to be able to have a ‘why’ and make that be your habit.”

Duffy said he and Purl exclusively buy Newman’s Own salad dressing for the ‘why.’

“There are other really good salad dressings out there – maybe better ones – but it’s the ‘why’ that makes you just automatically reach for it,” Duffy said. “You see it there and you just reach for it. We’re hoping that the ‘why’ of Duffy’s dough will just make it a habitual thing where people will say, ‘Oh, we need some French bread, or sourdough, or whatever, and there it is on the shelf,’ and they just reach for it because the ‘why’ is satisfying.”

Purl said she and Duffy want to earn their place at your table both through charity and flavor.

“This is a long-standing Duffy family tradition,” Purl said. “We hope to earn our way into other families’ and communities’ tables, but to do that, you have to try it. And it’s really yummy!”

Duffy told The Reporter, “People always ask, ‘Well, what is the bread like?’ And her culinary expertise just comes out by saying it’s yummy.”

Since this newspaper only reports facts, and since our publisher has tried Duffy’s Dough, we will set it in ink as part of the historical record: it is, in fact, yummy.

Now get to Kroger to buy some bread and help feed the hungry.

Learn more about Duffy’s Dough online at [DuffysDough.com](http://DuffysDough.com).

# Faith Written Forward’s premiere features Janet



Photos by Hannah Johnson / Portraits by Hannah

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, Valerie Juillerat asks an author questions about their writing, and the first interviewee 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.

# DUGAN

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his words, “make with the funny,” to a high schooler on the CHS station, to working at a college radio station.

“I loved comedy but I didn’t think at that point I was ever gonna be a stand-up comedian,” Dugan said. “But when the first club opened in town, I took a shot and realized that radio paid off more than I thought. Everything doesn’t transfer from radio to stage, but at least I had a head start on some of the material.”

Dugan is known both for being funny and keeping it

clean, but that was not always the case. In the 1980s and ‘90s, when he was working clubs in Los Angeles, he didn’t have any self-imposed rules about language. For him, it evolved naturally as he learned to master his craft. Now there is a greater appreciation for being funny without profanity.

“Definitely in the last 10 years I’ve seen a real appreciation that I don’t think was nearly that universal before,” Dugan said. “I hear that so often from doing shows. Whether it’s a fundraiser, a corporate event, or even

some of these shows at places like The Cat. People say they enjoyed it so much, and then they say, ‘You didn’t use any language. It was really clean.’ I think there was a burnout factor. Maybe people that had watched comedy were so exposed to a lot of language that, for some, really crossed the line, so they welcomed clean comedy into their lives.”

According to Dugan, if a bit is funny when it’s clean, then it really is funny.

“If you’re doing a bit and it’s got a lot of foul or inappropriate language you

might be getting laughs, but if you took that language out of it and it wasn’t funny anymore, then you’d realize it was never really funny to begin with,” Dugan said.

You can get some good, clean laughs from Dugan and two other stand-up comedians at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel, on June 5 and 6.

Get your tickets for the comedy show at [tinyurl.com/TheCatUpcomingShows](http://tinyurl.com/TheCatUpcomingShows).

See everything coming up at The Cat online at [the-cat.biz/whats-on-stage-1](http://the-cat.biz/whats-on-stage-1).

# DELIGHT

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• *Remarkably Bright Creatures* on Netflix has been added to my list of Top 10 (?) Movies I’ll recommend to everyone. When I told my daughter, Emily, that Sally Field talks to an octopus in the movie, she thought it sounded a bit bizarre. As I said to her, I will say to all of you: trust me on this one. I’ve loved Sally Field since her *Flying Nun* days. This movie is AMAZING. Your heart will be hugged.

• The Merlin Bird App on my phone. Seriously, it listens for birds when I’m outside on the porch or out for a walk and identifies them by their sounds. I had never heard of a Chimney Swift, but now I even know its sound. Oh, my goodness!

• An evening with Priscilla Shirer and Anthony Evans at Northview Church with my bestie, Patrice. When I was a kid, my mother would say, “Well, we sure had church today!” It was after a service in which the Holy Spirit was truly present. Hands were lifted and tears were wiped as we sang ‘Cause You’re Not Finished.’ When Priscilla said, “We are satisfied customers of the Grace of

God,” I realized that every so often I need a service like that to remind me of the power we have when we pray and the beauty of God’s Grace.

• Food. I am a foodie. If you’ve never had a Peanut Butter Açaí Bowl at Everbowl, you’re missing out. It’s the full-meal deal. I’ve also discovered the two HUGE squares of Jet’s Pizza. Best \$6 you can spend on a meal. I can only eat one square, and so can Chuck.

• Watching big machinery dig deep into the infrastructure of our downtown. I’ve always been fascinated by earthmovers, bulldozers, and all machines that dig. If you live close to Noblesville and have kids, bring them to Noblesville, grab some delicious ice cream at Alexander’s, and let the big machinery entertain them (and you).

I’m excited for the Indiana sweet corn and tomatoes to show up at the Farmer’s Markets. I’ll grab some onions for Chuck’s onion sandwiches (yuck) so he’ll be delighted.

I challenge you to find the simple delights of each day this summer. Perhaps you can sit and look a bit



Photo provided by Janet Heart Leonard

In an era of nonstop road construction, you may as well make the best of it and watch all the big machinery at work!

pensive as you make your list. Dreamily is a good look on anyone.

If you look for the little things that bring you delight, you will discover it’s the small things that make your heart smile.

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# Lt. Gov. Beckwith defends remarks on Islam as ‘demonic death cult’

By MELEA VanOSTRAND  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Indiana Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith is facing criticism over his comments on Islam in a recent online interview and in follow-up comments on social media.

The comments have drawn criticism from faith leaders, elected officials, and members of the Muslim community, with some questioning the impact that rhetoric like this can have across Indiana.

“I said what I mean, and I mean what I say,” Beckwith said. “I have no love for Islam. Now, I love Muslims, every single Muslim. I have a big heart for, and I certainly would give them the shirt off my back, but their ideology is incompatible with who we are as Americans.”

The Republican lieutenant governor talked Friday with News 8 to defend comments he made during a May 21 interview on a platform called FlashPoint, where he described Islam as a “demonic death cult” and said he hates Islam.

His comments quickly sparked criticism from faith leaders, community organizations, and elected officials, including U.S. Rep. André Carson, an Indiana Democrat who is Muslim.

Carson issued a statement:

“These remarks are outrageous, dangerous, and completely unacceptable from a public official,” Carson said. “This rhetoric is hateful and targets an entire faith community, including countless Muslim Hoosiers who contribute to our state every single day as teachers, doctors, first responders, and small business owners. Hoosier Muslims and the billions of Muslims around the world deserve the same dignity and respect as anyone else. Leaders of both parties should unequivocally condemn these comments and reject hate in all its forms.”

In response to the statement, Beckwith said Carson “needs Jesus.” Beckwith said, “André Carson, you need to really do some soul searching and say, ‘Is this really the path of goodness that I want to walk?’ I would say it’s not, and by the way André, Jesus has his arms wide open, and he will accept you the moment you surrender to him, and I think it will be the best thing you’ve ever done in your life.”

Muslim faith leaders say comments such as Beckwith’s can deepen divisions and fuel harmful stereotypes, especially after Muslims were targeted and killed May 18 at a mosque in San Diego.

Yaqoub Saadah, community engagement coordinator of the Indiana Muslim Advocacy Network, said, “To have our lieutenant governor in Indiana making

those comments following that tragedy, it does not make me as a Muslim Hoosier feel any safer, and I feel like it contributes to the growing anti-Muslim climate that leads to the dehumanization to Muslims, and it ultimately leads to tragedies that we saw in San Diego.”

CEO Azhar Azeez of the Islamic Society of North America, said, “This rhetoric is very hateful. This kind of rhetoric creates a lot of challenges for our communities, especially for women who are dressed in certain attire using hijab.”

The controversy continued Thursday after Beckwith posted on social media, marking the end of Eid – two major festivals celebrated by Muslims worldwide – by saying he wished Muslims in Indiana “the best” before adding, “and by best I mean I hope you all become Christian.”

Beckwith said in his News 8 interview, “God has something better for the Muslim community, and it’s going to be found in Christ, and Christ alone.”

Not all Christian leaders share Beckwith’s belief.

The Rev. Bradley Pace, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, says what Beckwith is saying isn’t Christian-like, as Christianity shares its origins with both Islam and Judaism.

“We are siblings in the truest sense, so his words, to me, they sound like a threat, and I fear are likely to encourage more violence,” Pace said. “We’re called to convert through love, not through threats, not through intimidations.”

Beckwith, who is also a campus pastor at Life Church in Noblesville, said in the interview that his comments stem from his Christian beliefs.

“For those who say we shouldn’t hate, that is the dumbest thing any culture could ever buy into,” Beckwith said. “We absolutely should hate. We should hate evil. I don’t want evil coming into my culture, I don’t want anything to do with something that could destroy Hoosier families across this state.”

People in the Muslim community say they hope the comments can open a positive and broader conversation about religious differences and acceptance across communities.

Saadah said, “Get to know your neighbors, connect with people that you don’t know who have differences, and don’t let the differences that you have divide you.”

The full interview with Beckwith is posted on WISH-TV YouTube page at [tinyurl.com/BeckwithIslamInterview](http://tinyurl.com/BeckwithIslamInterview).

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Beckwith



Photo provided by Kids World Record

# This Noblesville girl is hanging out in the record books

The REPORTER

One young Noblesville resident has earned recognition by Kids World Records for Longest Time Hanging Upside Down, achieving this milestone on May 16.

Emma now has the record for Longest Time Hanging Upside Down in the Girls’ 10-12 year old Division at seven minutes. She achieved this record on May 3.

Records such as this help showcase the achievements of children in Noblesville, offering a positive example of goal-setting and perseverance.

Emma loves gymnastics and playing outside. Her enthusiasm for these activities undoubtedly contributed to her record-breaking success, highlighting her dedication and love for physical challenges.

“Kids World Records now reaches young achievers in 63 countries, making it one of the fastest-growing global platforms celebrating children’s achievements,” Kids World Records CEO Emile Hoffman said. “We recently released our 2026 edition – the sixth book published by our company – and we’re thrilled to welcome Emma into the expanding KWR family. This attempt will be featured in our 2027 edition, and we hope it will inspire even more kids around the world to dream big and break records.”

For more details on Emma’s achievement, go to [tinyurl.com/EmmaKWR](http://tinyurl.com/EmmaKWR).

# Girl Scout leads foster youth initiative during Foster Care Awareness Month

Submitted by  
Cynthia Holladay  
For The Reporter

May is recognized nationally as Foster Care Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and young adults in foster care and recognizing the importance of community support.

Fishers High School junior and Girl Scout Sophie Holladay, 17, marked this month by celebrating the completion of her Girl Scout Gold Award project, completed in partnership with Foster Success, an organization focused on supporting older youth transitioning out of foster care.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn and recognizes leadership through sustainable community impact projects. Holladay has been volunteering in the foster care community through Girl Scouts since she was 13 years old and has focused most of her advocacy work on improving opportunities and support systems for youth aging out of foster care.

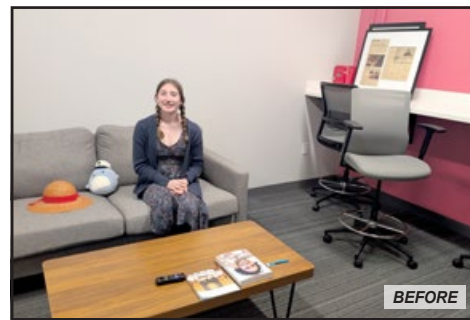
The project, titled “Youth Lounge and Basic Needs Pantry,” focused on creating a welcoming youth lounge and expanding Foster Success’s Basic Needs Pantry to better serve older foster youth. The completed lounge offers a safe, supportive environment where young people can study, socialize, access resources, and connect with services that help them transition successfully into adulthood.



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**Sophie Holladay’s Girl Scout project focused on reworking and expanding Foster Success’s Basic Needs Pantry (top) as well as creating a more welcoming environment in the organization’s youth lounge (above). What an improvement! Great work, Sophie!**

fully into adulthood. The pantry has been enhanced with increased storage capacity and dedicated space for volunteers to assemble care packages for foster youth across Indiana and nationwide.

The pantry expansion involved Holladay coordinating volunteers, securing donations and discounted materials for shelving systems, and partnering with professional organizers from The Simple Life to create a functional, sustainable system.

“We believe that organized, intentional spaces can remove barriers and make it easier for people to access what they need,” said Caitlyn Klatt of The Simple Life. “Being part of a project that supports

foster youth in such a practical, lasting way was incredibly meaningful to us.”

Furnishing the lounge with comfortable seating, games, study areas, and technology involved collaborating with interior designer Sheila Hawes to thoughtfully design the space and recruiting volunteers from New Hope Presbyterian Church to bring the vision to life.

“I wanted this project to be more than just a room or pantry. I wanted foster youth to feel seen, supported, and connected to opportunities that can change their future,” Holladay said. “During Foster Care Awareness Month, I hope it encourages others to better understand and support older foster youth.”

Foster Success celebrated Foster Care Awareness Month by hosting a community open house called “Breaking Down Barriers” on May 7 at its downtown Indianapolis office. The event invited community members to tour the space, learn about the challenges older foster youth face, and explore programs supporting education, housing stability, workforce readiness, and health and wellness.

The open house underscored the importance of creating spaces where foster youth feel supported, connected, and empowered. Leaders at Foster Success emphasized that strong community support and access to resources can have a lasting impact on young people navigating adulthood without traditional family support systems.

“Older foster youth are often the forgotten population, and too often we expect them to navigate adulthood on their own,” said Travis Tester, Chief Development and Communications Officer at Foster Success. “Spaces like this help them feel supported, connected, and part of a community that’s truly rallying behind them.”

Through her Gold Award project, Holladay demonstrated how youth-led service and advocacy can create meaningful, lasting change for youth in the community.

Learn more about Foster Success at [fostersuccess.org](http://fostersuccess.org).

# Joshua Morrow wins New Earth scholarship



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This year’s Atlanta New Earth Festival \$1,000 scholarship winner is Hamilton Heights senior Joshua Morrow. He has plans to attend Vincennes University and become a journeyman electrician through the Gaylor Electric apprentice program. Great work, Mr. Morrow!

# Veterans’ stories will take you beyond the headlines

Submitted by  
Tina Mangos

Local veteran organizations will hold an old-fashioned 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 Wash-

ington 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](http://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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## HSE Schools outlines referendum proposal, shares financial update

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools shared an early proposal last Wednesday, May 27 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



Kegley

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 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.

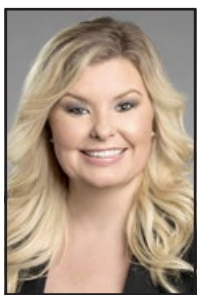
“These steps were important before asking the Board to consider an early referendum renewal,” Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. “Even with these cost-cutting measures, the projected loss in expected revenue due to Senate Enrolled Act 1 would make it difficult for HSE Schools to maintain the level 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 [hschools.org/finances](https://hschools.org/finances).



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## INternHC aims to connect interns with career options

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township, in partnership with Invest Hamilton County and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, is launching the Hamilton County Intern Collaborative, also known as INternHC, a new workforce initiative designed to attract, connect, and retain talent across Hamilton County.

INternHC was created to help recent high school graduates and current college interns build meaningful connections with peers, local employers, and the community. Through career-focused programming and place-based experiences, the initiative aims to encourage emerging talent to live, work, and thrive in Hamilton County long-term.

“Creating opportunities for students to connect with local businesses and the broader community is an investment in the future of our workforce,” Westfield Washington Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills said. “We are proud to launch this initiative here in Westfield.”

INternHC will hold a kickoff from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 at Shamrock Station, 333 W. Hoover St., Westfield, for recent Hamilton County high school graduates, ages 18 and older, who completed an internship during the school year, as well as current college interns who live and/or work in Hamilton County.

Attendees can expect networking opportunities with peers and young professionals, connections to future internship opportunities throughout Hamilton County, additional career readiness resources, activities, and more.

“Investing in workforce development means creating intentional opportunities for students and emerging professionals to connect, grow, and build their future right here in Hamilton County,” Westfield Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Courtney Albright said. “By helping interns gain real-world meaningful experience and relationships within our business community, we are strengthening the talent pipeline and positioning our region for long-term economic success.”

This year’s event lays the groundwork for the full-scale INternHC program, expected to launch next summer, which will include a full season of programming focused on career development, professional networking, community engagement, and showcasing the unique opportunities Hamilton County offers.

“Workforce development doesn’t happen in a silo but rather when employers, educators, and community partners align around a shared goal. INternHC is a perfect example of that alignment in action,” Invest Hamilton County President and CEO Mike Thibideau said. “By connecting interns and recent graduates with local opportunities and each other, we’re building the kind of community ties that turn a summer job into a career and a career into a lifetime in Hamilton County.”

Registration for the event will open later this summer. For more information, visit [internhc.com](https://internhc.com).

Employers interested in supporting the initiative and/or participating in the event are encouraged to complete this interest form at [tinyurl.com/internhc-biz26](https://tinyurl.com/internhc-biz26).

# 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 last Tuesday, May 26 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-



Willis

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](https://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.

## Nearly half of all property assessment appeals are successful for homeowners, I-Team 8 finds

By KARA KENNEY WISH-TV | [wistv.com](https://wistv.com)

Many homeowners throughout central Indiana are suffering from sticker shock after receiving their property tax bill in the mail.

Many homeowners saw an increase in their property’s assessed value.

If you do not agree with your assessed value, you can pay your bill or you can fight back.

I-Team 8 surveyed county assessors, including Boone, Delaware, Hancock, Hamilton, Hendricks, Johnson, and Marion counties.

I-Team 8’s Kara Kenney found that, on average 48 percent of appeals were successful for the homeowner, which means they received a reduction in assessed value.

“We want to fix that mistake or make that property assessed at what it’s truly worth,” said Joseph O’Connor, Marion County

Assessor.

O’Connor said only 2 to 3 percent of Marion County homeowners file appeals.

“We don’t look at them as a bad thing,” O’Connor said. “I mean, it’s vital to our industry because it gives us the information that we need to do the job accurately and uniformly and equitably.”

In 2024, 7,744 homeowners filed appeals in Marion County; 3,097 or 40 percent were successful for the homeowner.

O’Connor explained why so many homeowners are seeing an increase in assessed value.

“I think we’ve seen a national phenomenon of rising residential home prices, really starting in about 2017,” O’Connor said. “The median assessed value in Marion County over the last four years has increased over 25 percent.”

Homeowners can file an appeal online, which typically prompts an infor-

mal meeting (also called a preliminary conference) with the assessor’s office where a staffer goes over your property records with you.

“We are tasked from the legislature with valuing all properties at 100 percent market value,” O’Connor said. “I think there’s kind of a misconception that the assessor may have to come a little under market value. Not really.”

Many homeowners do not realize the bill they’re paying does not correspond with the current housing market.

“We use the 12 months of preceding sales, so really this bill in your hand is representing a 2024 real estate market,” O’Connor said.

Homeowners can also appeal through the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals.

“It’s a local board, and they’re going to hear your case and rule one way or the other,” O’Connor said.

**Do’s & don’ts for filing an appeal**

- Make sure it is filed timely by June 15.
- Stay engaged in the process. Ask questions about how they arrived at your value. Make sure the property record card is viewed and explained, if needed.
- Be prepared to submit evidence supporting your value.
- Don’t assume they know everything about your property or your neighbors.
- You don’t need an attorney or representation to go through a successful appeal.

**Ways to file an appeal**

You may submit your appeal online or in person at any assessor’s office location.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/i-team-8/nearly-half-of-property-assessment-appeals-are-successful-for-homeowners-i-team-8-finds](https://wistv.com/news/i-team-8/nearly-half-of-property-assessment-appeals-are-successful-for-homeowners-i-team-8-finds).*

## Prevail’s 2026 Spring Fashion Show raises \$80K to support survivors of crime & abuse

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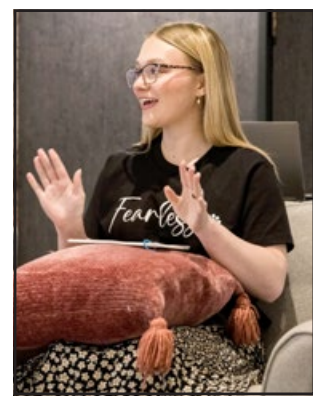
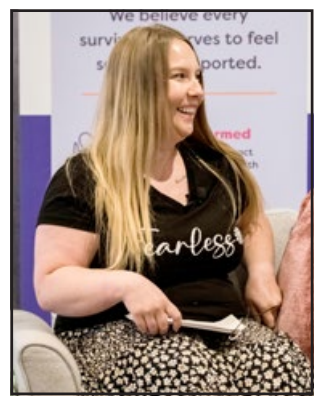
Prevail held its largest Spring Fashion Show to date on Friday, May 8 at the Ritz Charles in Carmel, welcoming more than 450 attendees for an inspiring afternoon of fashion, community, and impact. The event raised more than \$80,000 to support survivors of crime and abuse through Prevail’s essential services and programs.

The annual fundraiser brought together local businesses, community leaders, and supporters to celebrate resilience while raising critical funds for survivors across Hamilton County and surrounding communities.

“2026 marks a historic milestone for Prevail as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary,” Executive Director Tami Wanninger said. “For four decades, Prevail has been a place of hope, healing, and empowerment for survivors in our community. The progress we celebrate has only been possible because of our supporters, people who continue to stand alongside survivors and ensure help is always there when it’s needed most.”

This year’s event was proudly presented by Gaylor Electric, the event’s Premier Sponsor.

“Our company’s support is important to me because I believe the work done by Prevail truly is changing the world one person at a time,” CEO Chuck Goodrich said. “Prevail is community juggernaut for positive change.”



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(TOP LEFT & CENTER) Sabrina Simmons and her daughter Brooklyn Johnson were the featured speakers at Prevail’s Fashion Show. (TOP RIGHT) The Fashion Show serves not only as a celebration of style and beauty, but as an opportunity for the community to support the work Prevail does to help survivors of crime and abuse. (ABOVE) Thank you to the Event Committee for once again making an incredible fundraiser come to fruition.

Attendees enjoyed shopping from 10 local vendors, each donating a portion of their proceeds back to Prevail. Featured vendors included AH Collection, Bash Boutique, Fringe & Form, Jill Duzan Jewelry, Juler’s Row, Linden Tree, Love Links by Rae, Tangerine Cards & Gifts, The Field – Women’s Provisions, and Vintage Revival.

Held the Friday before Mother’s Day, the event carried special meaning as attendees heard from survivor speakers Brooklyn Johnson and her mother, Sabrina Simmons. At age 9, after attending a body safety class at school, Brooklyn courageously disclosed that she had been molested by her then-stepfather. From that moment forward, both

Brooklyn and Sabrina’s lives changed forever. Their conversation centered on how healing happens through honesty, fearlessness, and unwavering support.

“After experiencing sexual abuse, too many victims sit in silence. It is a very lonely place to be,” Simmons said. “Brooklyn and I choose

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# Town of Sheridan debuts renovated Council Chambers

**Submitted**

The Town of Sheridan has unveiled its newly renovated Council Chambers, marking a significant milestone in a project that has been thoughtfully planned and developed during the past nine months.

This beloved building holds deep roots in the community, rich with history and heritage.

“What was once a historic schoolhouse has been transformed into a renewed space that honors its past while embracing the future,” Sheridan Town Council President Si DeVaney III said. “From the beginning, the vision for the renovation was clear: preserve the character and soul of the structure while ensuring it remains functional and relevant for generations to come.”

The design reflects a commitment to “taking it back to the original,” carefully salvaging traditional millwork and maintaining the architectural integrity that



Photo provided by Town of Sheridan

defines the building.

New Council Chambers features include comfortable seating, improved technology, new carpet, and a drop ceiling designed to improve acoustics. A new Town of Sheridan logo is prominently displayed on the council desk to reinforce civic pride and identity.

In addition to the Council Chambers, the new conference room provides a

dedicated, versatile space to support the work of the council. It will serve as a professional setting for executive sessions, as well as meetings with investors, contractors, and other partners.

The renovation also celebrates Sheridan’s history through art and local collaboration. Local artists have contributed pieces that capture the spirit of the community, while photographs provided

by the Sheridan Historical Society bring the town’s story to life throughout the building.

“After many years without updates, this project represents a meaningful investment in the town’s future,” DeVaney said. “Every detail was carefully considered, and the Town of Sheridan looks forward to welcoming both council members and residents into this thoughtfully restored space.”

# Big ideas from small entrepreneurs Kids can set up shop at the Cicero Farmers Market

**The REPORTER**

Have a young maker, baker, builder, or budding entrepreneur at home? The Cicero Farmers Market wants them!

Every Saturday morning from May through September, Cicero Community Park comes alive with local produce, fresh flowers, baked goods, food trucks, music, and this season, a growing Kids Market for creators ages 5 to 17. It’s a fun, confidence building chance for kids to set up their own booth, sell something they’ve made, and learn what it’s like to run a small business in a supportive community

setting.

The market is looking for a few more youth vendors for the June 13 market, and there are two additional Kids Market days this season:

- Aug. 1: Farmers Market + Back to School Bash Kids can play bingo and win school supplies
- Sept. 12: Final Kids Market of the season

If your child loves crafting, cooking, growing, designing, or dreaming up ideas, this is their moment to shine.

The Cicero Farmers Market runs Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, now through Sept. 19. Fol-



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**Opening day of the 2026 Cicero Farmers Market season was amazing and a great day of learning and money-making for the kids who participated in the Kids Market.**

low weekly events, vendor spotlights, and special activities at [tinyurl.com/CiceroFarmersMarket](http://tinyurl.com/CiceroFarmersMarket).

# Hamilton Heights’ Mitch Street recognized as IASP District 5 Assistant Principal of the Year

**Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.**

Hamilton Heights School Corporation announces that Hamilton Heights High School Assistant Principal Mitch Street has been named the District 5 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). District 5 encompasses Boone, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, Miami, and Tipton counties.

This distinguished honor recognizes exemplary leadership, dedication to student success, and outstanding service within Indiana’s public schools.

Street brings nearly two decades of educational experience – and a deep, personal connection to Hamilton Heights – to his role. He began his career at Heights in 2008 as a Social Studies teacher and quickly became known for his ability to mentor and inspire students

both in the classroom and on the field.

After serving as Assistant Varsity Football Coach and later Head Coach, he transitioned to Dean of Students in 2014, spending the next decade strengthening relationships, supporting students, and contributing to a positive, student-centered school culture.

Now serving as Assistant Principal, Street remains deeply committed to the place where he built his career, raised his family, and found a community he is proud to serve.

“Mitch is an exceptional leader whose integrity, compassion, and commitment to students set him apart,” Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood said. “He has been highly successful at Hamilton Heights as a head coach,



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dean of students, and now assistant principal. He is absolutely the right person to be in this role at exactly the right time, and we are incredibly proud to see his work recognized at the state level.”

HHHS Principal Whitney Gray added, “Mitch is more than deserving of this honor, and I could not do what I do without his support. His attention to detail is so impressive, and everything he does is done in a first-class manner. He puts kids first in all that he does and makes it a priority to build a rapport with our students. I am so grateful for his leadership and couldn’t ask for a better assistant principal.”

Street holds a Bachelor of Social Science Education from Olivet Nazarene

University and a master’s in educational leadership from the American College of Education. Reflecting on the honor, Street shared his gratitude for the community that has shaped his career, noting that he is humbled by the recognition and thankful to work alongside such dedicated educators and remarkable students.

Street’s leadership is marked by steadiness, integrity, and a deep belief in empowering both students and staff. He is committed to fostering a school environment where students can explore their interests, discover their strengths, and prepare for life beyond high school.

From the District Assistant High School Principal winners, one is chosen as the State High School Assistant Principal of the Year. The state level winner will be announced at the award celebration at the IASP Fall Professionals Conference.



# “Meating” the Need with Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

**Submitted**

This partnership between the Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank and 4-H beef, dairy, and swine project members will help HCH purchase and process beef and dairy cattle and swine animals at the Hamilton County 4-H Livestock Auction, this year set for July 21.

Nineteen 4-H members have designated their animals towards “Meating” the Need.

“Meating” the Need started in 2016 as a pilot program to provide needed protein for local food pantries. 2025’s program provided 5,500 pounds of meat that supplied local food pantries all across Hamilton County.

“Meating” the Need has highlighted the need to provide protein year-round.

HCH Food Bank regularly now provides protein to the county’s pantries throughout the year. Your monetary donations are needed to make this happen.

**How to help “Meat” the Need in 2026**

Any donation amount is appreciated; if you donate \$250 or more by June 15, you will be recognized on the 4-H Fair Barn Banner, and in local press.

Donate by making a check payable to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank with “Meating the Need” in the memo line. Send it to:

*Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank  
P.O. Box 881  
Noblesville, IN 46061*

You can also donate online at [tinyurl.com/MTN26](http://tinyurl.com/MTN26) donate. Thank you!



Photo illustration provided by Westfield Washington Schools  
**Jessica Savage will lead the new orchestra program at Westfield Middle School beginning this fall.**

# New orchestra program coming to Westfield Middle School this fall

**Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools**

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) announces the addition of orchestra instruction beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Sixth-grade students at Westfield Middle School will have the opportunity to participate in strings class as the district continues to expand its already strong performing arts programming.

Leading the new program is Jessica Savage, an accomplished strings instructor and performer with extensive experience in music education and orchestral performance. Savage holds degrees in Music Education and Harp Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, along with a master’s degree in education.

Prior to joining WWS, she taught orchestra programs in Washington Township and Fairfax County, Va., where

her ensembles consistently earned Gold with Distinction and Superior ratings. She also served as an adjunct professor of music at Butler University, teaching string techniques for future music educators.

As a professional musician, Savage has performed with several respected ensembles, including the Kentucky Symphony, McLean Orchestra, Reston Symphony, and Fairfax Wind Ensemble.

“I am incredibly excited to build and grow the orchestra program in Westfield and I look forward to contributing to the district’s already vibrant performing arts community,” Savage said.

The orchestra program will create future opportunities for students to continue their strings education as they progress through WWS.

Families can look forward to additional information about enrollment, instrument selection, and program details in the months ahead.

# 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 [improveto-move32.com](http://improveto-move32.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 Westfield 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 at [tinyurl.com/SR32hearing061026](http://tinyurl.com/SR32hearing061026) 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 [SR32Hamilton-County@cmtengr.com](mailto:SR32Hamilton-County@cmtengr.com).

INDOT respectfully requests comments be submitted by June 26.

# PREVAIL

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to share our story in hopes of breaking the stigma around child sexual abuse, to aid the community in prevention and education, and to ensure that nobody feels alone in their healing journey.”

The event’s co-chairs, Christi Crosser and Laurie Dyer, also reflected on why supporting Prevail’s mission is so important to the community.

“We are proud to work with Prevail as community members in Noblesville,” Crosser and Dyer said. “We believe in their mission to support survivors of crime and abuse. We believe in empowering individuals to heal and become the best they can be. Many friends

and friends of friends have used the services of Prevail. Without the help of Prevail, we wouldn’t have so many success stories. This event celebrates that success while still raising much needed funds to continue the good work that Prevail provides daily.”

For those who were unable to attend but would still like to support Prevail’s mission, gifts can be made online at [prevailinc.org/donate](http://prevailinc.org/donate).

Community members can also support Prevail by shopping at EVEREVE Clay Terrace on May 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., where 15 percent of purchases will be donated back to Prevail.



Photos provided

## Clay Township Military Library & Museum well-represented at Westfield Memorial Day Ceremony

Submitted by  
**Jon Baldwin**

President, Clay Township  
Military Library & Museum

On Wednesday evening, May 20, volunteer Judy Miller proudly represented our museum at the City of Westfield's Memorial Day Ceremony at the Fallen Hoosier Heroes Memorial. The event was a moving tribute to those who made

the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Lisa Wilken, an Air Force veteran and board member of the Indiana Veteran Support Council, served as the main presenter and MC for the ceremony. The program featured keynote speaker Indiana State Representative and Gold Star Father David Abbott, along with presentations from the Marine Honor Guard, Westfield Commu-

nity Choir, and local Scout Troop 107.

Miller wore her museum name tag and distributed 20 calendar sheets with business cards to attendees. She was pleased to report that most people were unaware of our museum and enthusiastic to learn about our mission. She connected with a Korean War veteran and invited him to visit the museum, as well as several City

of Westfield contacts who expressed interest in partnering on future events.

**Exciting news:** Laura Engledow from the City of Westfield invited our museum veterans to participate in Westfield's first-ever 4th of July parade on Friday, July 3. This represents a wonderful opportunity to increase our visibility in the community and honor our local veterans.

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



**POOJA THAKKAR**  
Taste of Community

etly 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, cel-

ebrations, 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 countless 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

## Questioning using your tax money to help fund nonprofits

Are your taxes too high? Have you thought about ways to have your tax bill reduced?

I'm not talking about the Indiana Income Tax. I'm not talking about Hamilton County's County Income Tax. I'm not even talking about the 7 percent State Sales Tax or the 1 percent extra sales tax on food and beverage in Hamilton County, or the additional 1 percent city-level food and beverage tax in Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, and Westfield (FAB and CIT).

I'm not talking about the Use Tax on purchases from items out of state online. Of course, we can exclude the Vehicle Excise Tax, the Gasoline Tax, the Motor Fuel Tax, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax, the 5 percent Fireworks Tax, the Riverboat Admission Taxes, and the Supplemental Auto Rental Excise Tax.

I'm not talking about the Federal Income Tax.

I'm not talking about the Excise Tax that you pay on your motor vehicle license, nor am I talking about the Airport and Airway Trust Fund Tax on airline passengers and air cargo.



**RAY ADLER**  
Ray's Ramblings

I'm not talking about Federal Excise Taxes on firearms and ammunition, heavy trucks, or truck tires, and certainly we're not talking about the Indoor Tanning Tax. (By the way, I digress: let's make sure that you understand the 10 percent excise tax on indoor tanning services does not apply to outdoor tanning services).

I'm not talking about the Affordable Care Act Excise Taxes or the Cadillac Tax on expensive employer sponsored health insurance. I'm not talking about the annual excise taxes on importers and manufacturers of prescription drugs or the 2.32 percent tax on medical devices.

I'm not talking about the Heavy Equipment Rental Excise Tax. I don't want to discuss a Prepaid Wireless Fee.

We're not going to talk about the tobacco tax which was increased in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. While some states have a tax on cannabis, we escape that in Indiana. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act charges

were determined to be a tax on the condition of not having health insurance.

You have corporate taxes, payroll taxes, and certain tariffs that may or may not be considered a tax.

We can't forget the Refined Sugar Tax, the Rum and Whiskey Tax, and the Snuff Tax, the Capital Gains Tax, the value added tax, the Tangible Personal Property Tax, and the Estate and Inheritance Taxes. (Those are really low currently).

Telephones and communication devices are heavily taxed. When you pay your monthly phone bill, your service is subject to a complex combination of federal, state, and local excises taxes and fees.

What tax am I talking about?

The PROPERTY TAX IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

Our Commissioners and County Council want to collect this tax, in part, so they can give your money away to not-for-profits. They apparently enjoy picking winners and losers in the not-for-profits category in the County.

When this came up last year, I mentioned to one or two people on the county council that I am perfectly capable of giving my own

money away to not-for-profits. I can give all of the money that I want to give to them by myself. I don't need the County to charge me, to collect money from me, to give to the not-for-profits of their choice.

To be fair, we need to look at all angles.

Are the not-for-profits doing the job that the County otherwise would be "required" to do? Governments have no money except that which is given by the people via a tax. Your dollars are what "government-funded" means. Every government program is taxpayer (you) funded. "The government will pay for it" is a misnomer. A more accurate statement is that you, the citizen, will pay for it.

What are these jobs? How can the government give your money to a non-profit? What are the criteria for selection of the not-for-profit "winners"?

Hopefully, these questions will be answered transparently by our elected representatives.

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## Triggering scenarios

Recently, I was at a restaurant and went to use the restroom. I was in my wheelchair. Things were going smoothly, someone held the door for me, so I did not have to make my way in like a bull ramming a wall,

the accessible stall was big enough for my wheelchair, life was good.

After exiting the stall, I went to wash my hands. There were about eight teenage girls standing at the sinks talking. As soon as they saw me, they looked as if they saw someone with a horrible, contagious disease. The room became painfully silent as I half smiled and said, "excuse me." They did not smile back. They collectively moved as a big unit as far away from me as they could, continuing to stare at me. I truly could not understand what about me would justify such a dramatic reaction.

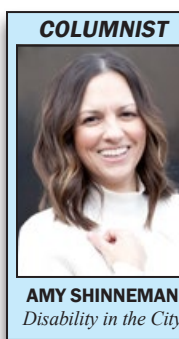
As many times as things like this have happened to me, it never becomes less awkward. I will never get used to being looked at that way. As if I have the plague. If you know you know.

As they continued to stare at me, still silent, I went to reach for the soap. The dispenser was not even close to being in reach from my wheelchair. Ugh! This did not help my frustration. I just wanted to wash my hands and get out of that room.

As I continued to struggle to reach the soap, they finally got tired of the show and stepped over my wheels on my chair so they could exit the bathroom. I heard a few giggles as they finally exited the tiny space.

To be clear, I do not hold any ill will towards these girls. My sadness comes from the exhaustion of these same types of instances throughout my lifetime, and the continued lack of accessibility. Even in newly renovated spaces.

Each time something like this happens, it triggers memories of these same types of scenarios. It feels heavy and defeating. My



**AMY SHINNEMAN**  
Disability in the City

dignity pulverized. I often wonder, *Why do I even leave my house?*

Life ebbs and flows. After that same defeating encounter, I ran into a lady as I was exiting the bathroom. She was as kind as she could be.

One act of kindness can ease the pain of a difficult experience. It does not wipe it away, but it helps to ease the sting. Like a salve smeared over a wound.

It was hard to put on a happy face as I tried to enjoy the rest of my evening. No one in my party knew what had taken place in that bathroom. Even if I tried to explain, I knew that would not ease my pain. Plus, who wants to bring everyone down with a sad story when we are supposed to be enjoying the evening?

The truth of it all is I just wanted to use the restroom and wash my hands. This should not be some sort of traumatic experience. This restroom was clearly newly renovated and while they got a lot of accessibility features right, they seemed to overlook that a person in a wheelchair would need to wash their hands. It is so important to include people with disabilities in discussion for these types of renovations. Just because something checks a box of "accessible" does not always mean it is functional.

I have reached out to the restaurant to make the simple suggestion that they have a bottle of soap within reach so that a person in a wheelchair can have the luxury of a good old-fashioned hand washing before enjoying their meal.

Until next time ...  
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## It's about forgiveness

"Forgiveness is giving up the hope that the past could have been any different."

— Oprah Winfrey

Last week, readers were introduced to my great-nephew Trevor's dog,

Mater, owned by both Trevor and his fiancée Mikayla. I've been chatting frequently with the two of them this year about their October wedding.

One conversation a couple months ago revolved around forgiveness. I explained to Trevor and Mikayla there would be times in their future marriage where they would have arguments. Moments where they wouldn't like each other. Typical hard situations married people always encounter.

"Guys, if there's one thing I want you to remember after all our talks, please hold on to this — offering forgiveness is the greatest step towards peace," I said, "And I mean the peace of the one doing the forgiving!"

Fast forward to last week. My husband John and I have been working with a friend on a project for the past eight months. We think the world of this person. Overall, they did a fabulous job and were mostly done after three months. However, they left a handful of important things unfinished.

Back in January, I wasn't worried. "It'll be fine ... they'll be done soon." I reassured John. He wasn't as certain. Our friend kept telling us things wouldn't be completed at the last minute.



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
Perfectly Imperfect

As the months continued, we noticed the tasks weren't getting done. I had confidence in this friend and defended them when John raised his doubts. The tension began to rise in our household, especially as the mid-May deadline approached. This tension contributed to my meltdown last month.

When this person was still working on things just two days before the deadline, I was a mess. I was hurt because I had defended them repeatedly, to the point where I cried. All the tasks did get completed — but boy, was it close.

I was angry. I had more anger than I'd felt in years towards someone. John, surprisingly, forgave them quickly. He even prayed with me and asked God to help us give our friend grace.

The procrastination was hard for me to understand, as I've always been a planner. I was seething. But a week ago, I woke up with an image in my head. It was a giant barbell sitting on my shoulders. I knew the barbell represented my anger and stubbornness about forgiving my friend.

I pictured myself forgiving them, and watched the barbell slowly rise from my shoulders. God was telling me something, loud and clear. How could I not forgive our friend when I had told Trevor and Mikayla to forgive one another after future arguments?

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# When we celebrate our graduates, we celebrate the strength of Indiana's public schools

In February, our nation celebrated Public Schools Week, a time dedicated to recognizing the essential role public schools play in shaping the lives of young people and strengthening the communities they call home.

Yet public schools deserve more recognition than a single week can provide. Strong public schools prepare students academically, socially, and emotionally. They nurture curiosity, build confidence, and help young people discover who



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

they are and what they can become. They serve as gathering places, support networks, and hubs of connection. And they are instrumental to our country's future.

Public education is one of Indiana's greatest assets. But great schools don't happen by accident. Their success is made possible thanks to the exceptional caliber of our teachers, administrators, and staff – the people who greet our students each morning, who guide their learning, who care for their

wellbeing, and who create the conditions for every child to grow.

Across our district, we see the results of that partnership every day through strong academic growth across all grade levels. At the high school, 95.2 percent of seniors graduated, 225 students earned dual credit, and more than 100 students participated in off campus CTE or work based learning, with juniors showing a 33 point PSAT to SAT gain. At the middle school, over 92 percent of eighth graders earn multiple high school credits, all grades scored above the state average on ILEARN,

and every student engages in immersive real world learning. At the elementary school, early literacy is accelerating across all grades – including third-grade fluency rising from 67 percent to 95 percent – supported by strong SEL practices and hands on learning experiences. Together, these achievements reflect the collective strength of Hamilton Heights and our shared commitment to ensuring every student thrives.

As this school year draws to a close, we are reminded of what this work is all about: preparing students who will thrive after graduation. Each graduate

represents years of effort from teachers, families, bus drivers, food service workers, custodians, counselors, and countless others who supported them along the way. Our graduates are Indiana's future workforce, future leaders, and future community members. When we celebrate our graduates, we celebrate the strength of Indiana's public schools and the promise they hold for our state.

For me, this work carries personal meaning. I am a proud graduate of Hamilton Heights, and the experiences I had in our public schools shaped the trajectory of my life. The

teachers, coaches, and mentors who invested in me helped spark a calling that led to a lifelong career in public education. I am one of countless examples of how a strong public school can change the direction of a young person's life, and I am grateful every day to serve the same community that invested in me and continues to inspire me.

When we invest in public education, we invest in Indiana's future, and that is a commitment worth celebrating every day.

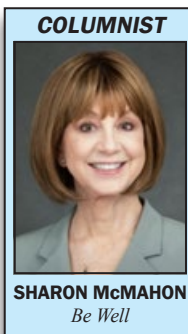
*Dr. Derek Arrowood serves as the superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation.*

## Sharon's summer series starts with handy hydration hints

"Have a drink of water, everlastin' livin' water ..." – "Have a Drink of Water" by Johnny Cash, recorded late 1970s, released 2006

The calendar informs us that summer is nearly here, but from my viewpoint one would never know it! However, given that we will probably be in the throes of summer heat before long, I embark on my three-part "summer series" of suggestions and ideas which may make for a healthier, happier season!

I believe this is also a good time to remind my readers that I am not a licensed health professional and therefore cannot specify information relating to prescriptions, medical tests, or health-related medical issues. In addition to my executive position in non-profit management (retired and rewired!), I have long been certified in personal training, yoga, balance and flexibility, as well as nutrition and wellness.



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

Today's column, part one of this series, relates to a very important matter: hydration.

I find both for myself and for most other people it is not a topic to which we give much thought or planning. It is, however, vital and necessary to our overall physical and mental health. Lack of proper hydration is often barely noticeable and usually gives us little warning while causing imperceptible changes and issues for our health.

Did you know that when you begin to feel thirsty that you are already dehydrated? Many of us wait until we actually feel thirsty to drink our water. That becomes almost "too little, too late" as the saying goes. If you are thirsty, you're already mildly dehydrated, and that can cause signs of dehydration like headache, fatigue, dizziness, and more.

Dehydration can contribute to life-threatening illnesses like heatstroke.<sup>1</sup> When

you aren't properly hydrated, your body's natural response is thirst. You should respond to thirst *right away* by drinking fluids, preferably water.

You can usually treat mild dehydration by drinking more fluids. But dehydration isn't always easy to spot. Oftentimes the elderly forget to drink water, and a baby will not be able to tell you they are thirsty.

If a loved one has a moderate to severe case of dehydration, you should seek medical help right away.<sup>2</sup>

It is helpful to remember that up to 78 percent of your body is made of water. Your brain is 73 percent water as well as your heart. Your lungs are 83 percent water and your bones are about 31 percent water.<sup>3</sup> *Water is life!*

Of course, it is possible any time of year to become dehydrated, although we tend to perspire more in the warm months and spend more time outdoors. Alcohol consumption can also affect hydration. Using the best quality of water is advised, with filtered water or water with electrolytes being the standard.<sup>3</sup>

(My personal opinion is to avoid if possible water in plastic containers if you have other options.) I like to use my Brita water filter and pitcher most of the time.

Given the information I have shared with you here, please take note that any water consumption for your needs may be directed by your physician as requiring either more or less depending on any medical conditions or medications. A standard recommendation for water consumption is 64 to 80 ounces daily, with various guidelines depending on your lifestyle, exercise, age, and any other conditions you may have.

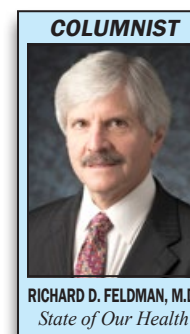
As always, I suggest you do your own research as well.

*Raise a glass!*  
<sup>1,2</sup> [clevelandclinic.org](http://clevelandclinic.org)  
<sup>3</sup> [mayoclinic.org](http://mayoclinic.org)

**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**  
*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

## ALA releases 2025 report on tobacco control

The 2025 American Lung Association's (ALA) "State of Tobacco Control" report was recently released. It finds that federal and state governments are not adequately protecting the public from



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State of Our Health

well as approval of additional Juul and other menthol-flavored e-cigarettes. These actions appear to have been made without regard to whether these products appeal to children. They coincide with the

tobacco industry's strategy of promoting "reduced harm" products designed to keep people addicted while enticing new, young users. E-cigarettes and pouches are the products most used by youth. This FDA approach also appears to be inconsistent with its "Public Health Standard," which requires manufacturers of new products to demonstrate a significant public health benefit for approval.

Concurrently with these developments, Medicaid cuts will threaten smoking cessation treatment for low-income individuals, and the congressionally-required implementation of graphic warning labels remains stalled in the courts. Lastly, action on the FDA's proposed rule to reduce nicotine levels in tobacco to non-addictive levels will now be delayed for years.

Meanwhile, the situation at the state level is mixed. Twelve states increased funding for their tobacco control programs by \$1 million or more, while 11 states eliminated or reduced funding by \$1 million. Indiana's funding did not change.

No state passed new smoke-free laws or prohibited the sale of flavored tobacco products. On a positive note, no state passed preemption laws preventing local governments from enacting more stringent tobacco control measures.

The report was not very complimentary of Indiana's situation, especially regarding the prohibition of flavored tobacco products, tobacco prevention funding, and smoke-free air policy. However, Indiana, along with Maine, passed significant increases in cigarette taxes. Indiana had the largest increase, at \$2 per pack. Impressive.

Unfortunately, the motivation for the increase was not to address Indiana's miserable health status or high smoking rates, but rather a massive budget shortfall.

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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.

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



MIKE HUBBS

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.*

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## FORGIVE — from Page A8

As of this writing, I haven't seen our friend. But I know when I do, I'm going to smile, wrap them in a hug, and say "Hey ... you did a great job. All is well. Thank you for everything. We appreciate you."

I look forward to the

weight rising from my shoulders and that incredible peace.  
*Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at [amys@greenavenue.info](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).*

# History comes alive in Noblesville

*“Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth”*



Photos by Ava Helvey

President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Danny Russel, honored our fallen veterans at the Hamilton County Courthouse grounds on Memorial Day, May 25. About 400 people, including many children, gathered to hear Mr. Lincoln recite the Gettysburg Address, which was the highlight of the ceremony. Mr. Lincoln was accompanied by Union soldiers Jason Shonkwiler and Tony English. The event was part of the 250th Anniversary of the U.S.A. and was sponsored by the Hamilton County Historical Society and VFW Post 6246 Ralph Lehr in Noblesville. “This is the largest crowd we have had,” stated James Martin, Quartermaster of the VFW Post 6246 Ralph Lehr. (ABOVE LEFT) Mr. Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address with Hamilton County veterans presenting the colors. (ABOVE RIGHT) VFW Quartermaster, James Martin, addresses the crowd gathered at the Hamilton County Veterans Memorial Roll. Civil War drummer, Tony English, and Union infantryman, Jason Shonkwiler accompanied President Abraham Lincoln.



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(ABOVE RIGHT) Kevin Yaney spoke about the first volunteers for the Civil War in Hamilton County. They assembled on the courthouse grounds to learn about the onset of war and boarded a train on 8th Street that took them to Indianapolis to volunteer.

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# Community News

## Carmel H.S. Class of '76 Reunion

Submitted by Sharon Kibbe

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

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

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

## Marilyn Sutton

June 5, 1931 – April 26, 2026



Marilyn Sutton, 94, Carmel, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 5, 1931, to Edward and Elizabeth (Allen) Hocker in Indianapolis.

Marilyn devoted her life to her family as a stay-at-home mother and deeply loved grandmother. Her home in Fishers was the heart of family life, especially during summers and holidays when all the kids and cousins would gather. She was known for her homemade chili, chicken and noodles, caramel corn, and her famous cheese ball that brought everyone to the table.

She and her husband Joe were a steady and loving presence at every major family event. Their unwavering support was felt by children and grandchildren alike.

Marilyn had a lifelong love of music and musical theater. She was rarely without a tune, often humming as she went about her day and occasionally breaking into full song. She shared her voice generously, singing at weddings and funerals over the years. Even as recently as a few years ago, she performed in a cabaret at her independent living community in Carmel. Whether attending performances like the Purdue Christmas Show or simply sitting in the audience, Marilyn could be heard joyfully singing along.

Above all, Marilyn embraced her role as "The Grandma of All Grandmas." She loved her family more than anything, and her warmth, presence, and traditions will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

She is survived by her daughter, Shelly Sutton; sons, Andrew (Carol) Sutton, John Sutton, and David Sutton; grandchildren, Kylie (Mitch) Graham, Lily Conrad, and Isaac, Helena, Noah, and Owen Sutton. She is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Joe E. Sutton; sister, Barbara Mowry; and brothers, Richard Hocker and Ronald Hocker.

Marilyn never wanted anyone to go hungry – memorial contributions may be made Carmel Friends Church Food Pantry, 651 W. Main St., Carmel, IN 46032. Online donations can be made at [tinyurl.com/CarmelFriendsChurchDonate](http://tinyurl.com/CarmelFriendsChurchDonate).

Please join the family in celebrating Marilyn's life from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2026, with a tribute at 3:30 p.m., at the American Legion Post 155, 852 W. Main St., Carmel.

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## Paul M. Young

November 18, 1935 – May 23, 2026

Paul M. Young, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at his home. He was born on November 18, 1935, to Este and Etta (McCormick) Young in Indianapolis.

Paul was a very talented commercial artist. He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cicero. Paul enjoyed woodworking and was an avid car enthusiast.

He is survived by his daughter, Nora Young; and nephew, Keith Young.

In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia L. Young; daughter, Anne Louise Young; and three brothers.

Visitation, the Rosary, and Mass were held Thursday, May 28, 2026, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 S. Pearl St., Cicero. Rev. Sean Pogue officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, 825 Forest Park Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060 ([nickelplateexpress.com](http://nickelplateexpress.com)); or Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([hamiltonhumane.com](http://hamiltonhumane.com)).

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# Altrusa Club details their busy spring

By CAROL RADER

Recording Secretary, Altrusa Club of Hamilton County

The Altrusa Club of Hamilton County has had a busy spring. Our members finished their scheduled readings to the students of Head Start, and, in honor of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, celebrated the Week of the Young Child by providing an ice cream party for those students.

In April, Altrusa International celebrated 109 years of community service. For our club meeting that month, Charity Balow gave a presentation about the realities of human trafficking. She participates with services helping survivors thrive. From a list she provided, our members donated items needed to help local victims.

Throughout the year, we partner with the Indianapolis Altrusa Club on one of our projects: to fulfill a need for sustainable menstrual



Photos provided



(TOP LEFT) Pam Wesley reading to Head Start students. (TOP RIGHT) Altrusa Club members (from left) Adair Vaught, Gloria DelGreco, and Pam Wesley get ready to serve Head Start students ice cream treats. (ABOVE LEFT) Altrusa members hear from speaker Charity Balow on human trafficking. (ABOVE RIGHT) Brenna Chia, Pam Wesley, and Carol Rader at Days for Girls workshop.

hygiene kits. The completed kits are distributed through a program known as Days for Girls International.

Altrusa International of

Hamilton County continues to welcome new members dedicated to local service projects, with a primary focus on literacy and lead-


ership. If you are interested in supporting our projects, or joining our club, contact [sharon@justnoteworthy-events.com](mailto:sharon@justnoteworthy-events.com).

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**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 Draillie 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, Draillie 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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Submit obituaries under 500 words online at [ReadTheReporter.com/obitform](http://ReadTheReporter.com/obitform).

**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

**Georgia JoAnn Taylor**  
 July 4, 1936 – May 24, 2026

Georgia JoAnn Taylor, 89, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026, at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital. She was born on July 4, 1936, to George and Juanita (Stum) Reveal in Noblesville.

JoAnn was a 1954 graduate of Noblesville High School. For 50 years, she worked for the Noblesville Moose Lodge. Along with working, JoAnn took pride in being a mother and care giver to her own mother and daughter throughout her life.

She is survived by her son, Rick (Sandy) Taylor; daughter, Terry Taylor; brothers, Jeff Reveal and Rodney (Anita) Reveal; three granddaughters, Amanda (Matt) Rozzoni, Brooke Taylor, and Tara Brashear; two great-grandsons, Angelo and Marco Rozzoni; niece, Cresta (Chris) Clawson; and her great-nephew, Cade Clawson.

In addition to her parents, JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Bud Taylor; and her sister-in-law, Wretha Reveal.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

JoAnn's memory will live on in the hearts who knew her and loved her.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mooseheart Child City & School, C/O Moose Charities Inc, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539 (moosecharities.org).

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**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).

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**Zelma Mae Hunt (Pickett)**  
 July 28, 1934 – May 24, 2026

Zelma Mae Hunt (Pickett), 91, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

Zelma was born on July 28, 1934, in Knoxville, Tenn. She was adopted in 1938 by Bernard and Mary Pickett of Noblesville, where she was lovingly raised and grew into a vibrant young woman. She graduated from Noblesville High School in 1952.

An enthusiastic cheerleader, Zelma cheered for three years alongside her twin sister Velma and the Lockridge twins, Phyllis and Betty. In April 1953, Zelma and Velma shared a beautiful double wedding at the First Methodist Church in Noblesville – the first double wedding ever held at the church.

Zelma worked at the Army Finance Center in Indianapolis, at Pickett's Cafeteria in Westfield (owned by her parents), and later at Aero Drapery in Westfield.

Everyone who met Zelma knew her as a kind and generous person. She was a devoted member of Calvary Baptist Church on 9th Street in Noblesville. Zelma loved music and cherished time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed participating in Card Club with close friends, and later in life, she and Bob retired to Venice, Fla., where they happily attended the many social events at the clubhouse where they lived. After returning to Noblesville, she looked forward to regular gatherings with dear friends at the Jim Dandy Restaurant, caring for her beloved pets, and enjoying her favorite television programs. She was dearly loved and will be deeply missed.

Zelma is survived by her sons, Robert K. "Keith" (Renee) Hunt Jr. of Indianapolis, Bernard R. "Bernie" (Jessica) Hunt of Bloomington, Ill., David A. (Sandralee) Hunt of Colorado Springs, Col., and her daughter, Mary M. Hunt. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Robert K. "Bob" Hunt, Sr.; her twin sister, Velma Fae Barker; her sisters, Eva Marie Davis and Dorothy Phyllis Cinnamon; and her brothers, Paris B. Pickett and Emmert Shipley.

A visitation for family and close friends will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2026, at Lincoln Memory Gardens Cemetery in Whitestown, with Reverend Richard Bell officiating.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. David Dwyer and also to Karissa, Cheyenne, and Hannah of Enlight Hospice for their attention and care for Zelma.

Memorial contributions may be made in Zelma's honor to Calvary Baptist Church, 197 S. 9th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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**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 (clarksvillechristian-church.org).

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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, May 28, 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 practic-

*“I had a feeling we were going to pull it through. It was a goal for me all season. I did it my freshman year. I wanted to finish out my senior year ... I fully believed that this team could do it.”*

**– Makayla Watson, Westfield senior**

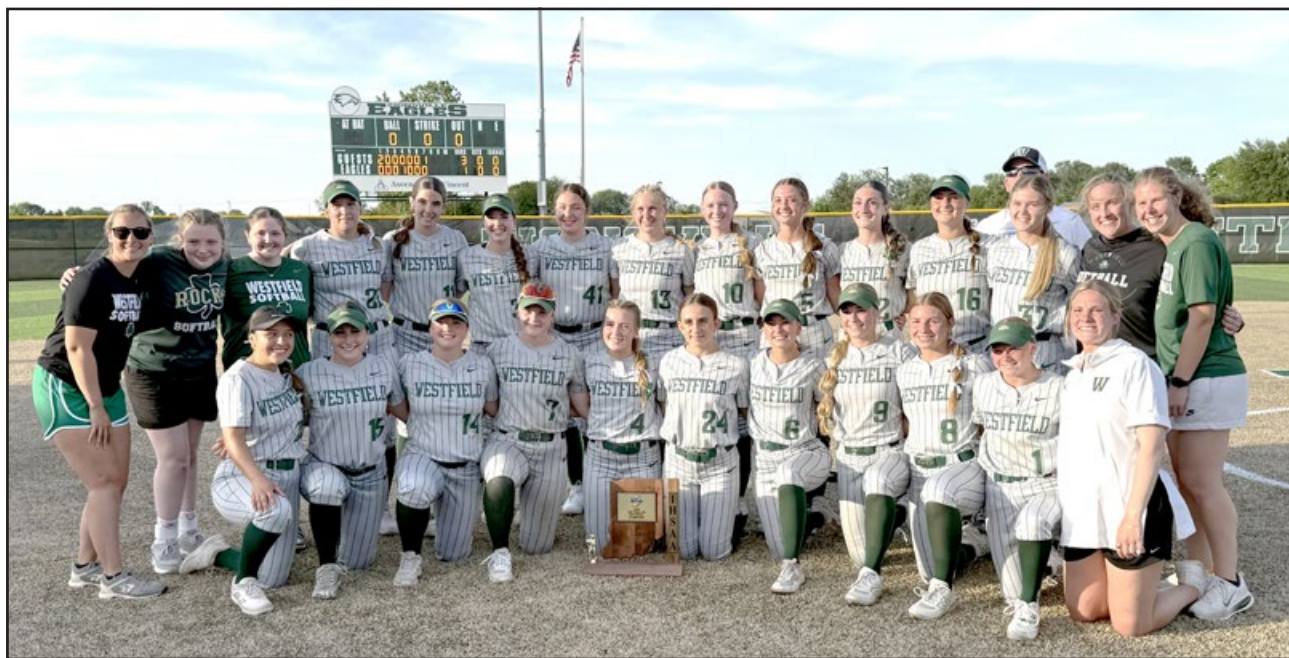


Photo by Richard Torres

**The Westfield softball team beat Noblesville 3-1 Thursday, May 28 to win the Sectional 8 championship. It’s the second all-time sectional title for the Shamrocks and first since 2023.**

es on top of a bench, and [assistant coach] Matt [Moore] built one yesterday morning. We just prac-

ticed 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.

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*Baseball*



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Sheridan’s Cesar Cuautle hit a three-run single for the Blackhawks during their Sectional 39 game with Tipton Friday, May 29.**

## Golden Eagles sail past Danville

**The REPORTER**

Guerin Catholic opened play in Sectional 26 at Crawfordsville Thursday, May 28 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 another 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 played Frankfort Monday in the semifinals. Results from that game will appear in The Reporter’s

Tuesday, June 2 edition.

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Sectional 39 host Sheridan fell to Tipton 8-6 in a semifinal game on Friday, May 29.

Playing as the away team, the Blackhawks started strong with four runs in the second inning. Cesar Cuautle hit a three-run single, bringing in Eli Bales, Brayden Whisman and Jake Hall. Cuautle later scored on a wild pitch.

The Blue Devils got on the board with two runs in the third inning. Sheridan got those runs back in the top of the fourth after Whisman singled in Levi Gellert and Braelan Bochner to give the Hawks a 6-2 lead.

But Tipton took over after that, scoring one run in the fourth before taking the lead with four runs in the fifth inning. The Blue Devils finished the game with another run in the sixth inning.

Whisman, Hall and Cuautle all had two hits while Austin Hinshaw hit a triple. Bochner, who Sheridan coach Adam Spencer called “an All-State 2A baseball player,” threw four innings and struck out two against a powerful hitting Blue Devils team.

“Our kids played well,” said Spencer. “Tipton’s a very good-hitting ball club.” Sheridan finished the season 12-12.

## Royals fall to Eagles in walk-off semifinal

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton Southeastern baseball team’s season came to an end on Friday, May 29 at Sectional 8 in Noblesville, as Zionsville hit a walk-off home run to win the first semifinal game 7-6.

The Eagles burst out to a 6-0 lead after the first inning. The Royals began a comeback in the third inning when Chase Bradle hit a two-run single, scoring Jackson Bixler and Clark Bucher.

Southeastern put up three more runs in the fourth inning. Nick Bach led off with a double and scored after Bucher drew a bases-loaded walk, Kian Kelly got home on a Parker O’Steen sacrifice fly and Bixler was brought in by a Cy Cole single.

The Royals were now within 6-5, and they tied the game in the top of the seventh inning when Bixler batted in Carter Reed. But Zionsville’s Reid Zittel hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the seventh to send the Eagles to victory.

Bixler was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Bradle had two hits. Bradle also pitched five innings, striking out two. Southeastern finished its season 20-10.

The second semifinal game between Fishers and Westfield finished too late for press time. A full report on that game and the Monday, June 1 championship game will appear in the Tuesday, June 2 edition of The Reporter.



Photo by Joshua Herd

**Fishers’ Carter Strole scored two early runs for the Tigers during their Sectional 8 game with Westfield on Friday, May 29. A full report on that game will appear in The Reporter’s Tuesday, June 2 edition.**

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Baseball

# Royals beat Carmel, Millers fall to Zionsville

### The REPORTER

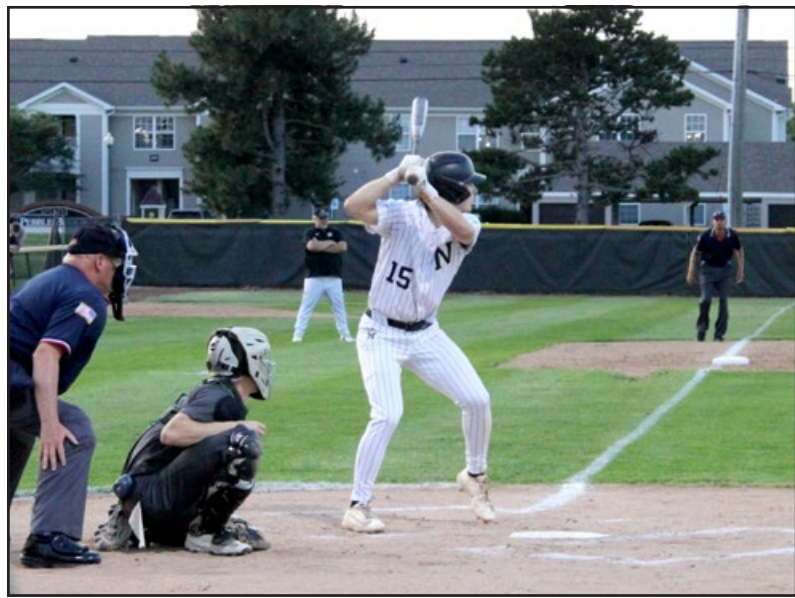
The first round of baseball games at Sectional 8 finally were played Thursday, May 28 at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field after a one-day weather delay.

Hamilton Southeastern got the first victory, beating Carmel 7-1. Zionsville 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



**(ABOVE LEFT)** Hamilton Southeastern's Jackson Bixler batted in two runs for the Royals during their Sectional 8 win over Carmel on Thursday, May 28. **(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.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Max Walkey.

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

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.

## UPSET

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 belted 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).

"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.

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 fa-

ther, 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).

The Shamrocks host Western on Tuesday, June 2 for the regional championship.

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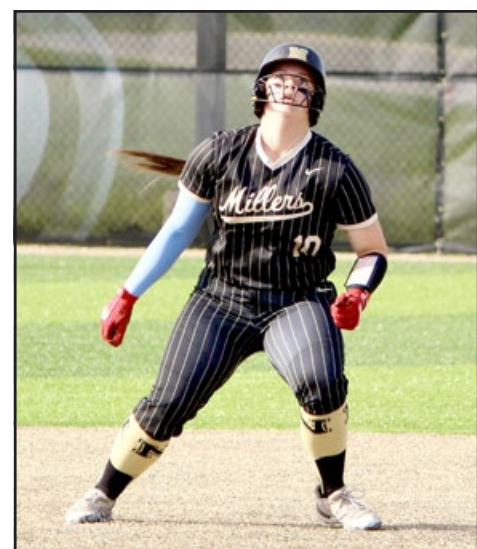


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**Noblesville's Haley Schatko hit a fourth-inning sacrifice fly to score the Millers' run.**

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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 the Thursday, May 29 event. Fishers used exceptional depth and four 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 and Vincent Rozzi in the 200 dash in a new-meet record time of 21.29 seconds. The Tigers 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 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, well over the state standard in both events.

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, 6. 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



Photo courtesy Fishers Athletics

The Fishers boys track & field team won a tight regional at Lafayette Jefferson on Thursday, May 28. The Tigers scored 74 points, edging out Westfield by five points to win their first team regional since 2019.

(W) 49.52.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Ayres (M) 38.56, 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, new regional record, 2. Luyindula (L) 21.71, 3. Ethan Landess (West Lafayette) 21.893, 4. Caleb Terri (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 Hudspith (Frankfort) 16-0, 2. Brady Lemieux (W) 14-0, 3. David Warner (H) 13-9.

Girls Track & Field

# Carmel defends regional championship

## Hamilton County qualifies many athletes to state meet

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel girls track & field team defended its championship Tuesday, May 26 at the Lafayette Jefferson regional.

The Greyhounds scored 116 points, winning four events and qualifying numerous athletes to the IH-SAA state finals, which take place Saturday, June 5 at North Central.

Carmel's individual victories all came from their distance runners. The Greyhounds began the meet with a win in the 4x800 relay. Sadie Foley won the 1600 run and finished second in the 800 run to her teammate Kaitlyn Oshimura, who won the event in a new-record time of 2 minutes, 11.09 seconds. Annabel Pollert won the 3200 run in 10:30.35, another meet record.

Hamilton Southeastern totaled 78 points to place second. The Royals won the most individual events with five, including the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Southeastern set a new meet record of 3:48.56 in the latter event.

Kaleah McCarter zoomed to victory in the 100 dash, while Anissa Lammie won the 400 dash in a new

meet record time of 54.73 seconds. Chloe Senefeld won a very fast 300 hurdles race in another new meet record time of 41.91 seconds. The top six finishers in that event all ran under the state standard, which automatically qualifies them for the state meet.

Other county winners included Noblesville's Ainsley Meinerding, who claimed the long jump. Her teammate Rylan Bell gave the Millers a 1-2 finish in that event. Meinerding qualified for state in three individual events, also taking second in both the 100 dash and 200 dash.

Fishers' Zinnia Pineda won the 200 dash, while Mia Tobias qualified for state in both the shot put (second place) and discus (third place).

Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith finished first in the pole vault, clearing a new record height of 13 feet, 1.5 inches.

Westfield's Katelyn Eblen advanced to state in both hurdles events, while Hamilton Heights' Waverly Woolever qualified in the 300 hurdles and the high jump.

Top 10 team scores and a list of regional qualifiers now follow. The top three in each event automatically qualify for state, along with anyone who betters the state standard that finished outside the top three. Those results are listed below.

**Top 10 team scores:** Carmel 116, Hamilton Southeastern 78, Westfield 56, Harrison 54, Noblesville 54, Fishers 49, Hamilton Heights 35, Western 30, Northwestern 28, Guerin Catholic 24.

**State qualifiers from the regional**

**4x800 relay:** 1. Carmel 9:16.40, 2. Hamilton Southeastern 9:19.37, 3. Westfield 9:22.25.

**100 hurdles:** 1. Zoie Scheiffer (NW) 14.82, 2. Jhazlyn McKay (Kokomo) 14.90, 3. Katelyn Eblen (W) 15.04.

**100 dash:** 1. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 12.18, 2. Ainsley Meinerding (N) 12.38, 3. Aftin Griffin (Lewis Cass) 12.55.

**1600 run:** 1. Sadie Foley (C) 4:58.69, 2. Larkin Taylor (C) 4:59.20, 3. Kaitlyn Manfra (H) 5:01.44.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Hamilton Southeastern 47.78, 2. Fishers 47.88, 3. Carmel 49.17.

**400 dash:** 1. Anissa Lammie (HSE) 54.73, new meet record, 2. Norah Reiger (HH) 55.47, 3. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 56.12.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 41.91, new meet record, 2. Giyanna Thornton (Kokomo) 44.19, 3. Eblen (W) 44.57, 4. Devyn Day (F) 44.64, 5. Jenna Rhodes (W) 45.00, 6. Waverly Woolever (HH)



Photo provided

The Carmel girls track team defended its Lafayette Jefferson regional championship on Tuesday, May 26, scoring 116 points.

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**800 run:** 1. Kaitlyn Oshimura (C) 2:11.09, new meet record, 2. Foley (C) 2:12.06, 3. Ashley Caplinger (Faith Christian) 2:12.48.

**200 dash:** 1. Zinnia Pineda (F) 24.86, 2. Meinerding (N) 24.98, 3. LeBraya Warren (W) 25.29.

**3200 run:** 1. Annabel Pollert (C) 10:30.35, new meet record, 2. Zoe Gebhart (HSE) 10:41.06, 3. Allie Bushey (HH) 10:42.97.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Hamilton Southeastern 3:48.56, new meet record, 2. Carmel 3:53.66, 3. Hamilton Heights 3:54.45.

**Discus:** 1. Ellyse Walden (Western) 145-9, 2. Eva Stokes (Harrison) 140-11, 3. Mia Tobias (F) 149-10, 4. Ellie Cooley (C) 139-9, 5. Sophia Zarate (Benton Central) 138-2, 6. Amelia Kring (N) 134-0.

**Shot put:** 1. Walden (Western) 48-8.5, 2. Tobias (F) 43-0, 3. Stokes

(H) 42-9, 4. Audrey Alexander (West Lafayette) 41-8.5.

**Long jump:** 1. Meinerding (N) 18-4, 2. Rylan Bell (N) 17-4.25, 3. Bryella Lefforge (NW) 17-1.5.

**High jump:** 1. Makayla Ketterer (H) 5-5, 2. Olivia Dahlenburg (North White) 5-5, 3. Woolever (HH) 5-4.

**Pole vault:** 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 13-1.5, new meet record, 2. Emma Baker (NW) 12-3, 3. Ella Jenkins (W) 12-0.

Unified Track & Field

# Tigers place second, advance to regional

**By RICHIE HALL**

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**NOBLESVILLE** – As it is every year, the Unified Track sectional at Noblesville was full of determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.

This year's sectional took place on Saturday, May 23 at Beaver Stadium and it also featured a first-time winner. Pendleton Heights won its first-ever sectional championship, scoring 143 points.

Fishers placed second with 114 points, followed by Zionsville in third place with 100 points. Those three teams qualified for the Kokomo regional, which took place Saturday, May 30. Results will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday,

June 2 edition.

"It's always an exciting day," said Fishers coach Patrick Schooley. "It's a very stressful days for everybody involved, because it's a very competitive meet. But it's just a great opportunity to see everybody get involved and have fun. And the big thing about Unified is that everybody is cheering on for everyone, regardless of what team you're on, just having a great time."

The Tigers were led by five section winners. Robert Barrett won Section 1 of the 400 dash, while Aaron Schooley was first in Sectional 6 of that event.

In the long jump, Mika Dundore won Flight 3, with Caleb Milner winning Flight 6. Nolan Kuhn won Flight 6 of the shot put.

"I think everything was fantastic," said Patrick Schooley. "All students performed very well, I'm very proud of our students and how they performed. It's just a great day overall."

Westfield finished fourth, scoring 96 points. The Shamrocks picked up a victory in Section 2 of the Girls 4x100 relay.

Hamilton Heights scored 94 points to place fifth. Wyndham Jung was a winner in Flight 5 of the long jump.

Noblesville and Carmel tied for sixth place, with each team scoring 92 points. The Millers won Section 2 of the Boys 4x100 relay, with Adam Fine placing first in Section 6 of the 100 dash. The Greyhounds had victories from Simran Virdi



Photo courtesy Fishers Athletics

The Fishers Unified track team placed second at the Noblesville sectional on Saturday, May 23. The Tigers qualified for the Kokomo regional, which took place Saturday, May 30.

in Section 2 of the 100 dash and Logan Spaulding in Flight 2 of the shot put.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 79 points to place

ninth. Gordon Ruddock was second in Section 3 of the 400 dash.

**Team scores:** Pendleton Heights 143, Fishers 114,

Zionsville 100, Westfield 96, Hamilton Heights 94, Noblesville 92, Carmel 92, Mt. Vernon 86, Hamilton Southeastern 79, Brownsburg 69, Pike 58.

### Girls Tennis Regionals

# Greyhounds hold off Park Tudor

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**CARMEL** – The Carmel girls tennis team is back in the regional winner’s circle.

After being separated from the crown last year, the No. 3-ranked Greyhounds reclaimed the regional championship at their own Todd Witsken Tennis Center on Wednesday. Carmel had to battle for it, winning a tough match 3-2 over No. 4-ranked Park Tudor.

The meet came down to No. 2 singles, where the Greyhounds’ Alexia Widjaja overcame the Panthers’ Marissa Bengie in three sets. Widjaja won the first set 7-5 and dropped the second set 6-4, but ran away with the third set 6-1.

“I knew it was going to be a battle,” said Widjaja. I’ve been playing her since middle school, so I knew it was going to be a fight. It’s been back and forth, so I knew I just had to bring my ‘A’ game today.”

After splitting the first two sets, Widjaja said she talked with her coaches and “they calmed me down, they talked to me, and I just regrouped. I just thought, we’re starting from zero, so nothing to lose.”

“She was able to go in there, completely shut it off, reset her gears and get ready for that third set,” said first-year Carmel coach Kiersten Carlson. “And she was ready to battle out there, and that’s exactly what she was coming in ready to do, and that’s exactly what she did.”

Carmel had already gotten easy wins from both

of its doubles teams. No. 1 Madison Littell and Gabby Hall won 6-2, 6-0, while No. 2 Brylie Price and Shravya Pillutla were 6-0, 6-2 winners. The Panthers won at Nos. 1 and 3 singles.

Throughout the entire match, there was loud cheering, especially from the Carmel side: “When I say ‘Grey,’ you say ‘Hounds!’” was a common chant. That was something Carlson, a 2018 Carmel graduate and tennis star, loved to hear.

“To me, it’s the most important thing,” said Carlson. “When I was playing, that is something my team had every year that I was playing, and I feel like that’s how we won state every year. We genuinely had best friends on the team. When you’re cheering for your best friend next to you, you’re giving it all you got.”

Carmel had been on an 18-year regional title streak until the Greyhounds were stopped by Brebeuf Jesuit last year in the Lebanon regional championship. By regaining the regional title this year, the Greyhounds claimed their 25th championship in program history.

“This team this year, it’s amazing,” said Widjaja. “And Kiersten brings so much good energy. I love my teammates so much for cheering on me, and that really helped me boost my confidence during tough points.”

Carmel has already beaten three ranked teams just to win the regional. The Hounds defeated No. 13 Zionsville and No. 1 Guerin Catholic to win the sectional. Park Tudor had beaten



**(TOP)** The Carmel girls tennis team got past Park Tudor 3-2 on Wednesday, May 27 to win the regional championship. **(ABOVE LEFT)** University's Laurel Buttrick competed in the individual sectional at Carmel. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Carmel's No. 1 doubles team of Madison Littell and Gabby Hall were all smiles after winning their match 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2 Brebeuf Jesuit to win its own sectional, so Carmel is now the highest-ranked team left in the post-season.

The Greyhounds traveled north on Saturday, May 30 to play No. 12

South Bend St. Joseph for the Culver Academies 1 semi-state championship. The winner advances to next weekend's state finals at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center.

#### Buttrick falls to Wendowski

While the team regional was going on, University senior Laurel Buttrick was competing in the individual sectional. Buttrick fell to

Brebeuf's Chloe Wendowski 6-0, 6-0.

Buttrick finished her senior season 19-5. She will attend Grinnell College in Iowa this fall and play tennis there.

# Tigers win sixth straight regional

### The REPORTER

The Fishers girls tennis team continued its regional championship streak on Wednesday, May 27, beating host Mt. Vernon 3-2.

The No. 14-ranked Tigers swept all three singles matches to claim their sixth consecutive regional title. No. 1 singles Allison Briggs won a tough match 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, No. 2 Ryan Bell was a 6-1, 6-3 winner and No. 3 Addie Sharpe scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout.

Fishers played at the Center Grove 2 semi-state championship on Saturday, May 30. Results will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday, June 2 edition.

#### Delta beats Westfield

No. 10-ranked Westfield lost in the Noblesville regional championship 4-1 to No. 15 Delta on Wednesday, May 27. The Shamrocks finished their



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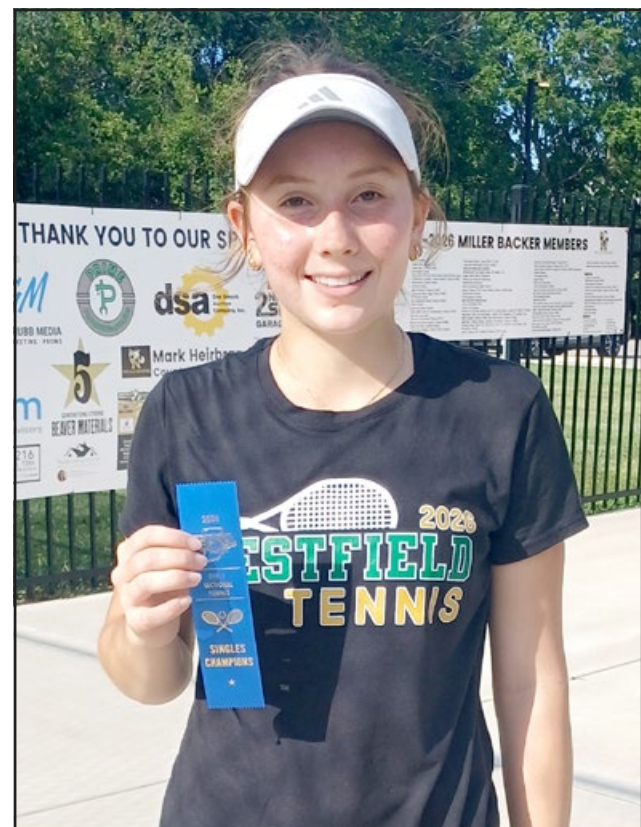
season 12-4.

Isla Harvey won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles for the Shamrocks and advanced to the individual tournament. Harvey beat

Tipton's Kendall Coe 6-0, 6-1 on Thursday, May 28 for the individual sectional championship at Noblesville.

With the victory, Har-

vey 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.



**Westfield's Isla Harvey won the individual sectional at Noblesville on Thursday, May 28.**

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Softball

Huskies zoom past Connersville

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights took care of Sectional 24 host Connersville in a semifinal game on Thursday, May 28, 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 Trospen hit a double and Crays reached on a dropped third strike. Dent hit a single, then Jackson batted in Trospen 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 Trospen 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 played Yorktown in the championship game on Saturday, May 30. Results from that game will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday, June 2 edition.

Sheridan falls to Frankton

Sheridan lost in the semifinals of Sectional 39 at Tipton on Thursday, May 28, falling 6-0 to Frankton.

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

Sheridan an overwhelming victory to open Sectional play on Tuesday, May 26, beating Taylor 17-2 in a five-inning first-round game.

The Blackhawks scored in every inning in which they batted, starting with three runs in the first. Hayleigh Kemp doubled in Ellie Eaton for the first run, the Doss hit a double to send Kemp home. Doss later scored on an error.

Sheridan put up three more runs in the second inning. Remi Smith got home on Doss' RBI fielder's choice, Eaton scored on a passed ball and Doss went

home after Makenzy Terry reached on an error.

The Hawks loaded the bases in the third inning, then Anna Rusk scored after Doss drew a walk. Adria Jump came up next and blasted a grand slam over the center field fence. Eaton, Kemp and Doss all scored and Sheridan led 11-1. (Taylor scored its runs in the second and fourth innings.)

The Blackhawks kept cruising in the fourth inning, putting up six more runs. Rusk scored after Doss drew a bases-loaded walk, Eaton got home on a passed ball, Jump tripled in Kemp and Doss, then Terry singled Jump home. Sheridan loaded the bases again, and Terry scored after Smith drew a walk.

Kemp had a flawless

night, hitting 3-for-3. Eaton hit a double. Jump and Adams both had two hits, with Jump totaling six RBIs. Jump pitched all five innings, striking out seven and allowing one hit.

Sheridan finished its season 6-15.

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Guerin Catholic lost in the semifinals of the Lebanon sectional on Tuesday, May 26, falling to Danville 5-1.

The Golden Eagles scored their run in the fourth inning, when Jillian Davis led off the inning with a home run. The Warriors held Guerin Catholic to two hits; Kate Brady hit a third-inning single.

Ava Augustinovic pitched a complete game for the Golden Eagles, who finished their season 6-10.

WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (LANTERN COMMONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA) 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, Indiana (the "City"), on April 20, 2026, adopted its Resolution No. 10-2026 (the "Declaratory Resolution") making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the "Plan") for the Lantern Commons Economic Development Area (the "Area"), each as previously amended (the "2026 Amendments"). The 2026 Amendments (i) remove certain parcels within the Area from the existing Front Street Allocation Area, (ii) designate all of the parcels so removed from the Front Street Allocation Area as an "allocation area" (the "Gateway Allocation Area"), and (iii) adopt a supplement to the Plan (the "2026 Plan Supplement"), all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution. A detailed description of the proposed 2026 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the Area and the Gateway Allocation Area, the 2026 Plan Supplement and copies of the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074. Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2026 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2026 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jenell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. After considering the evidence presented at the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2026 Amendments and whether the proposed 2026 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution. WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION R8050 6/1/26

CARMEL

NOTICE Cello Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build two (2) 44-foot pole communication structures at the approx. vicinity of 14599 Clay Terrace Boulevard, Carmel, Hamilton County, IN 46032; Lat: 39-59-59.64, Long: -86-7-46.452, and Hazel Dell Road, Noblesville, Hamilton County, IN 46062; Lat: 40-0-13.608, Long: -86-4-14.772. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp., Edward Reynolds, ereynolds@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111. R8040 6/1/26

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION Notice is hereby given that Cleveland Family Foundation, Inc., an Indiana non-profit corporation with its principal place of business at 12709 Plum Creek Blvd, Carmel, IN 46033 (the "Corporation"), has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to resolutions of its Board of Directors. Articles of Dissolution have been filed with the Indiana Secretary of State in accordance with the Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1991, as amended. In order to make a claim against the Corporation, you may mail a written statement of the amount of your claim and an explanation of your claim sufficient to apprise the Corporation of the basis thereof to: Cleveland Family Foundation, Inc., 12709 Plum Creek Blvd, Carmel, IN 46033. We suggest that you provide copies of any documents that support the amount you are claiming, and that the statement and supporting documents be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. All claims against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the date of publication of this notice. Cleveland Family Foundation, Inc. By: Jason P. Cleveland, Director R8051 6/1/26

COURT NOTICES

29D03-2605-EU-000222 Hamilton Superior Court 3 CHARLES R. GRAHN CLARK, QUINN, MOSES, SCOTT & GRAHN, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW 320 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET, SUITE 1100 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204-2011 NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAY JOHNSTON FITZPATRICK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 19, 2026, Dawn M. Johnston and Jennifer F. Perry were appointed Personal Representatives of the Estate of Kay Johnston Fitzpatrick, deceased, who died on the 1st day of July, 2024. Such estate will be administered without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated : May 19, 2026 at Noblesville, Indiana. Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court R8033 6/1/26, 6/8/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-005935 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: Ashley Lockwood Petitioner NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Ashley Lockwood, whose mailing address is: 13466 E 179th St, Noblesville, IN 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Ashley Lockwood has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Ashley Renee Onks. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: September 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Ashley Lockwood Petitioner Date: May 15, 2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton County R8042 6/1/26, 6/8/26, 6/15/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-6258 INRE: NAME CHANGE OF: ALLISON CHRISTINE KATE SCHOCKE NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, ALLISON CHRISTINE KATE SCHOCKE, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change her name from ALLISON CHRISTINE KATE SCHOCKE to ALLISON CHRISTINE KATE SMITH. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on October 23, 2026 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060. Date: May 27, 2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court R8043 6/1/26, 6/8/26, 6/15/26

STATE OF INDIANA ) COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-6259 INRE: NAME CHANGE OF: BRANDON CHARLES VARGAS NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, BRANDON CHARLES VARGAS, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name to change his name from BRANDON CHARLES VARGAS to BRANDON CHARLES SMITH. The petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on October 23, 2026 at 10:00 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date. The parties shall report to One Hamilton County Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN 46060. Date: May 26, 2026 Kathy Kreag Williams Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court R8044 6/1/26, 6/8/26, 6/15/26

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.westfieldin.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 R8027 5/29/26, 6/1/26, 6/5/26, 6/8/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

Legal Notice Hamilton County Plan Commission The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Council/Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Building at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 in order to hear the following petition: DOCKET NO. PC-0001-06-2026 A subdivision application concerning the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance Article 27 in order to subdivide 78.75 acres into a total of 4 parcels. Lots 1, 2, and 3 to be 10 acres each and lot 4 to be 48.75 acres. Project Address: 19307 Victory Chapel Road Noblesville, IN 46060 Parcel No: 12-07-26-00-00-003-000 Zone District: A-2(S) Legal Description: Acreage 78.75 Section 26, Township 19, Range 5 The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13, Noblesville, Indiana. Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter by to be heard by 12:00 p.m. the day of the Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Steven and Tracy Line Date: 05/21/2026 R8041 6/1/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE The Noblesville Eagles #450 1565 N. 10th Street Has filed for a Charity Gambling License. It will be held 3 days a week & was accepted by unanimous vote by members & The Indiana Gaming Commission 5/26/2026, upon this Posting in Noblesville Newspaper . Noblesville Aerie 450 Secretary : Carl Robinson R8045 6/1/26

FISHERS

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Monday, May 18, 2026, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana ("City"), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 042026C, annexing approximately 3.08 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the 10075 E 121st St Annexation (the "Annexed Territory"). This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers Municipal Center, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions please contact: City of Fishers Community and Economic Development Department planning@fishersin.gov (317) 595-3155 R8046 6/1/26

CITY OF FISHERS FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE SE-26-2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/ View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/BZA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # SE-26-2 - Consideration of a Special Exception to allow for a Short-Term Rental use on a property zoned R5 - Residential. LOCATION: 13962 WAKEFIELD PL., FISHERS, IN 46038 The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Community and Economic Development planning@fishersin.gov (317) 595-3155 www.FishersIN.gov/notice Petitioner: Lynda Pendleton R8047 6/1/26

CITY OF FISHERS FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE VA-26-5 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/ View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/BZA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-26-5 - Consideration of a Development Standards Variance from Section 3.2.10.B.2d of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow a rear setback of 15 feet, rather than the required 20 feet, for the construction of an attached three-seasons room. LOCATION: 8523 LEGACY CT, FISHERS, IN 46038 The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Community and Economic Development, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Community and Economic Development planning@fishersin.gov (317) 595-3155 www.FishersIN.gov/notice Petitioner: Mark Garringer R8048 6/1/26

CITY OF FISHERS FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE VA-26-4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/ View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/BZA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the FISHERS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-26-4 - Consideration of a Development Standards Variance from Section 5.6.2.B.3. of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow for four (4) portable classrooms for two (2) years for the use of additional classroom space at Mission Christian Academy. LOCATION: 13095 PUBLISHERS DR, FISHERS, IN 46038 The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Community and Economic Development, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact: City of Fishers Community and Economic Development planning@fishersin.gov (317) 595-3155 www.FishersIN.gov/notice Petitioner: Jerry Ackerman R8049 6/1/26

Rocks, Millers reach Sectional 8 title game

The REPORTER

The Westfield and Noblesville teams won semifinal games at Zionsville on Tuesday, May 26 to advance to the championship game of Sectional 8.

The Shamrocks went first and prevailed in a tense nine-inning game over Carmel, 10-9. Both teams got on the board with one run in the second inning: Chloe Junkersfeld led off the inning with a home run for the Greyhounds. In the bottom of the second, Westfield's Annika Lawrence scored after Dylan Todd hit a sacrifice fly.

Junkersfeld struck again in the third inning, blasting a right field double to score Jayden Kleiner and Emily Proctor. Kleiner then blasted a two-run homer in the fifth inning, also bringing in Riley Petrites and giving Carmel a 5-1 lead.

But the Rocks struck back in the bottom of the fifth. Reese Mahannah cracked a home run, also scoring Makayla Watson and Sofia Easterhaus. Westfield tied the game at 5-5 in the sixth inning when Easterhaus singled Watson home.

The contest stayed tied at the end of the regulation seventh inning after both teams scored twice. Carmel went first: Winni Owens singled in Petrites, then Ellie Goddard scored. The Shamrocks answered: Carlyne Schrock singled in Mahannah and Lawrence, and it was on to extra innings.

The Greyhounds scored twice in the top of the ninth. Petrites went home on Junkersfeld's sacrifice fly, then Kleiner scored on a wild pitch.

Todd hit a one-out double for Westfield in the bottom of the ninth, then scored on Sydney Jordan's double. Watson singled Jordan over to third base and advanced to second base.

Easterhaus hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Jordan and tie the game and move Watson to third. Mahannah came up next and laid down a bunt

that scored Watson and gave the Shamrocks the win.

Watson totaled four hits. Mariana Lopez smacked a triple and Alyssa Ayers counted a double among her two hits. Both of Todd's two hits were doubles, with Easterhaus and Mahannah each had two hits.

Starting pitcher Mac Delph threw 4.2 innings, tossing nine strikeouts. Olivia Sampia pitched the other 4.1 innings and struck out four. Westfield is now 15-10-1.

Junkersfeld was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate. Petrites hit a double. Chelsea Bennett pitched a complete game for Carmel, which finished its season 12-13.

Millers score early

Noblesville got on top of its semifinal game right away, scoring in the top of the first inning. Maggie Kern singled in Reese New-

som. Haley Schatko smacked a solo home run in the third inning to put the Millers up 2-0.

Noblesville added another run in the fifth inning: Newsom hit a one-out double, advanced to third base on a wild pitch, then scored when Schatko hit a sacrifice bunt. Kern got on base with a single and eventually scored on Lilly Brown's double.

Southeastern rallied in the seventh inning. Kaitlyn Burdick led off with a double, then Ella Sicilia came in to run for her. Tori Bricker doubled Sicilia home, then later scored on Addy Richmond's single. But the Millers got the third out to clinch the win.

Kern was flawless on offense, going 3-for-3. Newsom and Brown both had two hits. Addison Retzinger pitched a complete game, striking out nine. Noblesville is 19-6 for the season.

Southeastern's Lilly Palmer had two hits, including a double. Grace Swedarsky, a Virginia Tech commit, pitched five innings, striking out six. The Royals finished their season 18-5.

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SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
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STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON ) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2604-MF-004390
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, )
Plaintiff, )
vs. )
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JERRY L. ENGLE, DECEASED, )
OCCUPANT(S) OF 13325 WHITE GRANITE DR. UNIT 100, FISHERS, IN )
46038, LVNV FUNDING LLC, MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT INC., )
AND LIMESTONE SPRINGS CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, )
INC., )
Defendants. )

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned: You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is a Complaint on Note and for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described real estate:

Building 25, Unit #100 in Limestone Springs Condominiums, according to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Limestone Springs Condominiums recorded August 5, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-49840 and re-recorded August 10, 2005 as Instrument No. 2005-51449, as amended by First Amendment to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions for Limestone Springs Condominiums recorded March 21, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-15079; together with Limestone Springs Condominiums Grantor Dedication Exhibit recorded August 5, 2005, in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 684, as Instrument No. 2005-49841, as corrected by Surveyor Correction recorded March 21, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-15080, Supplemental Declaration of Limestone Springs Condominiums recorded May 16, 2007, as Instrument No. 2007-026978 and together with the Plat for Block 25 - Phase 10, recorded May 16, 2007, in Plat Cabinet 4, Slide 301, as Instrument No. 2007-026979, as amended or supplemented from time to time, in the Office of the Recorder Hamilton County, Indiana. Together with an undivided interest in and to the Common Area and Limited Area.

And Commonly known as: 13325 White Granite Dr, Unit 100, Fishers, IN 46038

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are known to me:

Occupant(s) of 13325 White Granite Dr, Unit 100, Fishers, IN 46038, LVNV Funding LLC, Midland Credit Management Inc. and Limestone Springs Condominium Owners Association, Inc.

This Summons by Publication is also specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose whereabouts are unknown to me:

The Unknown Heirs at Law of Jerry L. Engle, Deceased

In addition to the above named Defendants being served by this Summons, there may be other Defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, on or before the 18th day of July, 2026 (the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so, a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
By Alan W. McEwan

ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 1

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In Hamilton Superior Court No. 3
Probate Division

In the Matter of the Estate of
Shanker R. Moily, deceased.

Estate Docket 29D03-2605-
EU-000223

Notice is hereby given that Julia
Strouse was on May 19th, 2026,

appointed personal representative
of the estate of Shanker R. Moily,

deceased, who died on February 24,

2026.

All persons who have claims against
the estate, whether or not now due,

must file the claim in the office of
the clerk of this Court within three

(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within

nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the

claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this
May 20th, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
No 3, Probate Division
R8006 5/25/26, 6/1/25

29D03-2605-EU-000216
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF DAVID K. HANNA

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Circuit Court of Hamilton
County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that KELLY
R. HANNA was, on 5/13/26, appointed

Personal Representative of the Estate
of DAVID K. HANNA, deceased, who

died February 6, 2026.

All persons who have claims against
this Estate, whether or not now due,

must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three

(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this Notice, or within

nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the

claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on May
14, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R7980 5/25/26, 6/1/26

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN HAMILTON COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2604-EU-000164
IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF BARBARA A.
MILLIKAN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Brian
K. Millikan was, on April 6, 2026,

appointed personal representative
of the estate of Barbara A. Millikan,

deceased, who died on the 18th day of
February, 2026.

All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,

must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three

(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within

nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the

claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, April
6, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Kathy Kreag Williams,
Hamilton County Clerk
R8037 6/1/26, 6/8/26

STATE OF INDIANA )
COUNTY OF HAMILTON )
IN THE HAMILTON
CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2605-MI-5461
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF:
MELINDA MARIE SULLIVAN

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, MELINDA MARIE
SULLIVAN, pro se, filed a Verified
Petition for Change of Name to

change her name from MELINDA
MARIE SULLIVAN to MELINDA
MARIE KINKADE.

The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on

September 18, 2026 at 10:00 am,

which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.

Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written

objections on or before the hearing
date. The parties shall report to One
Hamilton County Square, Suite 337,

Noblesville, IN 46060.

Date: May 7, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R8035 6/1/26, 6/8/26, 6/15/26

NOBLESVILLE

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT
The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Greenfield District, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to proceed with an intersection improvement project on State Road (S.R.) 38 and Logan Street (Des 1901880, 2400113, and 2500934) in Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

This project will replace the existing signalized intersection with a dual-lane roundabout with two 12-foot wide entry and exit lanes in the northbound and southbound directions of travel and one 12-foot-wide entry and exit lane in the eastbound and westbound directions of travel. The lane width within the roundabout will be 16 feet wide, and a 12-foot wide right-turn lane will be included for westbound traffic turning from Logan Street onto S.R. 38. The two lanes traveling north to south in the roundabout will narrow into single lanes on S.R. 38. The travel lanes outside the roundabout limits will be 12 feet wide, bordered by curb and gutter on each side of the roadway. The center median of the roundabout will consist of vegetation surrounded by a truck apron that is 15 feet wide, bordered by curb and gutter. A concrete center curb will be installed on each leg of the roundabout leading up to the intersection and for the right turn lane from Logan Street to S.R. 38 going north. Curb ramps will be installed at each corner and on the eastern, western, and southern center curbs.

The existing drainage pipe (CLV-54743) beneath S.R. 38 will be incorporated into the new storm sewer system. A new storm sewer line will be installed along Logan Street from Lakeview Drive to John Street. A new 10-foot-wide asphalt shared use path will be constructed along the south side of Logan Street and the existing concrete sidewalks will be reconstructed. A new sidewalk will be added along the east side of S.R. 38, south of Logan Street, and new street lighting will be installed within the project vicinity. Four retaining walls with handrails will be installed: one in the southwest corner of the intersection and three along the east side of S.R. 38, south of Logan Street. The project extends 750 feet south and 1,250 feet north on S.R. 38, and 640 feet west, and 1,150 feet east on Logan Street from the center of the intersection.

The need for this project is due to traffic congestion experienced at the approach roadways of the S.R. 38 and Logan Street intersection. Prolonged delays along Logan Street are experienced during the AM and PM peak hours of travel, from the traffic volumes along S.R. 38. The level of service (LOS) reflects the congestion for a roadway or intersection based on 10 and 20-year traffic volume projections. The LOS values range from LOS A, the best operating condition, to LOS F, stop-and-go traffic leading to significant delays. The current LOS for the existing signalized intersection is C for AM and E for PM peak hours of travel. The 2047 LOS for the existing signalized intersection is an F for AM and PM peak hours. The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion on the approach roadways to the S.R. 38 and Logan Street intersection. The goal of the project is to improve the level of service to a LOS of D or better in both the AM and PM peak hours in the design year (2047).

The project requires approximately 0.639 acre of permanent right-of-way from five commercial properties, including approximately 0.307 acre of reacqured right-of-way. The project also requires approximately 0.183 acre of temporary right-of-way. This project will not require the displacement or relocation of any residents or businesses.

The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for this project will require phased construction and the use of vehicular and pedestrian detours. Vehicular traffic will be detoured utilizing River Road and S.R. 32 while the new pavement, storm sewer, shared-use path, sidewalk, and modular block walls are constructed. The detour will add approximately 0.5 miles for motorists and will be in place for approximately 120 days. Pedestrians will be detoured utilizing Logan Street from Lakeview Drive to John Street, John Street to S.R. 32, and S.R. 32 to River Road.

The FHWA and INDOT have agreed that this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion Level 2 (CE-2) environmental document with no significant adverse impacts to the human and natural environment found during the creation of this document.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE-2 document, are available for review at the following locations:

- 1. Hamilton East Public Library, Noblesville Branch, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, IN 46060
2. INDOT Greenfield District Office, 32 South Broadway Greenfield, IN 46140
3. Egis Office, 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250
4. Website: https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-greenfield-district/greenfield-district-current-projects/s.r.-38-and-logan-st.-intersection-improvement-project-in-noblesville/

All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Brian Shaw by email at brian.shaw@egis-group.com or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 on or before June 10, 2026. In addition, project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Brian Shaw by email at brian.shaw@egis-group.com by phone at 317-806-3028, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the INDOT Greenfield District for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Jennifer Beck at 765-745-8276 or JBeck@indot.IN.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact Brian Shaw at 317- 806-3028 or brian.shaw@egis-group.com.

This notice is published in compliance with: 1) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Section 771 (CFR 771.111(h)(1) stating, "Each State must have procedures approved by the FHWA to carry out a public involvement/public hearing program."; 2) 23 CFR 450.210(a)(1)(ix) stating, "Provide for the periodic review of the effectiveness of the public involvement process to ensure that the process provides full and open access to all interested parties and revise the process, as appropriate."; and 3) The INDOT Public Involvement Policies and Procedures approved by the Federal Highway Administration on July 7, 2021.

R8003 5/25/26, 6/1/25

DES. NO. 2003053

LEGAL NOTICE OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENT

The City of Noblesville with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and oversight by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is developing plans for a proposed intersection improvement project (Des. No. 2003053) in Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. The project will take place at the 166th Street and Boden Road intersection, approximately 0.3 mile south of State Road (SR) 38. Work along Boden Road would extend approximately 1,040 feet south of the intersection to 850 feet north of the intersection for a total project length of 1,890 feet (0.358 mile). Work along 166th St would extend approximately 500 feet east of the intersection to 500 feet west of the intersection for a total project length of 1,000 feet (0.189 mile).

The need for this project stems from a high frequency of collisions, including a substantial number of injury crashes, and increasing traffic volumes at the intersection of Boden Road and 166th Street, where according to the 2021 Road Safety Audit Report, 19 crashes occurred between 2016 and 2020, including 15 injury crashes. The intersection currently operates at a level of service (LOS) of B(B). The majority of crashes are right-angle collisions, indicating a safety concern for both vehicles and pedestrians. Implementation of a roundabout is expected to reduce the number and severity of right-angle crashes and improve intersection operations, providing a measurable enhancement in safety and traffic flow. Traffic volumes and pedestrian activity are increasing due to recent and ongoing development, including residential subdivisions along Boden Road and 166th Street, Finch Creek Park (opened 2020), and Deer Creek Elementary School (opened 2022), which contribute to congestion and the potential for crashes.

The primary purpose is to improve safety at the intersection by reducing vehicle speeds, and decreasing the frequency and severity of collisions, while maintaining a LOS of C/C or better while accommodating anticipated increases in traffic volume at the intersection of Boden Rd and 166th St.

The proposed work includes the replacement of the existing stop controlled intersection with a multi-lane roundabout intersection and widening the roadways approaching the roundabout. Boden Road will widen from one 10-foot travel lane to two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, and 166th Street from one 10-foot travel lane to one 18-foot travel lane in each direction. Specifically, Boden Rd will include two lanes in each direction (northbound and southbound) entering and exiting the roundabout, while 166th Street will have one lane in each direction (eastbound and westbound) entering and exiting the roundabout. The project also includes the installation of curb and gutter. In addition, the project includes the construction of 8-foot-wide sidewalks, medians ranging from 16 feet to 4 feet wide, and 2-foot-wide shoulders. Furthermore, the construction of a stormwater detention area, enclosed stormwater system with drainage structures, and riprap for outlet protection are anticipated as permanent stormwater quality best management practices.

The proposed construction of this project will acquire 3.13 acres of new permanent right-of-way and will not require any new temporary right-of-way. 3.09 acres of easements will be required. No relocations will occur as a part of this project.

The project is expected to take 12 months to complete. The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) for the project proposes a full road closure of Boden Road and 166th Street within the project limits for up to 12 months and detour routes for both Boden Road and 166th Street. The detour route for Boden Road will utilize 156th Street, Ohio Road, and State Road 38, and will result in approximately 3.2 miles (5 minutes) of additional travel. The detour route for 166th Street will utilize Summer Road, 156th Street and Ohio Road, and will result in approximately 4.0 miles (6 minutes) of additional travel. Other local roads may be used by local traffic. Access to all properties will be maintained throughout construction. School corporations and emergency services will be notified of closures prior to construction. As there are no existing sidewalks or non-vehicular facilities within the project area, no disruptions to pedestrian or other non-vehicular traffic are anticipated either. The proposed start of construction is Fall 2027.

The cost associated with this project is approximately \$4,652,000 which includes preliminary engineering, right-of-way, and construction with both federal and local funds anticipated to be used. The FHWA and INDOT have agreed this project falls within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document. Preliminary design plans along with the CE are available for review at the following locations:

- City of Noblesville Engineering Department (16 S 10th Street, City Hall, Noblesville, IN 46060)
• USI Consultants, Inc. Website (https://www.usiconsultants.com/2003053)
All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or express their concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Chase DeBruyn, 317-522-2463, 8415 East 56th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46216, cdebruy@usiconsultants.com on or before Tuesday June 9th, 2026. Project documents can be mailed upon request.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in alternative formats are encouraged to contact the City of Noblesville's Engineering Department for the arrangement and coordination of services. Please contact Jim Hellmann, 317-776-6330, jhellmann@noblesville.in.gov. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, persons and/or groups requiring project information be made available in another language are encouraged to contact the City of Noblesville's Engineering Department.

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R8004 5/25/26, 6/1/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The Hamilton County Regional Utility District Board of Trustees and the Hamilton County Council will meet in an Executive Session on Monday, June 08, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. with a joint work session immediately following the executive session in Meeting Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center.

R8030 6/1/26

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Noblesville Plan Commission Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on applications LEGP 000089-2026 and LEGP 000090-2026 on the 15th day of June, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application submitted by the City of Noblesville are for updates to the Noblesville Recreation Zone Improvement Plan and the Road Impact Fee Analysis for the City of Noblesville, a part of the Comprehensive Master Plan, all within the jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.noblesville.in.gov, agendas, Plan Commission – July 21, 2025 prior to the meeting date.

NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary
R8013 5/25/26

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Noblesville will receive sealed bids from those interested in purchasing the bundle of surplus boat equipment listed below from the City of Noblesville Fire Department pursuant to IC 5-22-22-5. Items will not be separated.

- Evinrude 30hp Outboard Motor
Evinrude 30hp Outboard Motor
Mercury 20hp Outboard Motor
Mercury 20hp Outboard Motor
Mercury 9.8hp Outboard Motor
INMAR Portable Inflatable Utility Boat

Bids will be received at the Clerk's Office, 16 South 10th Street (Noblesville City Hall), Noblesville, IN. Bids will be opened and read aloud by the Board of Public Works and Safety at 9:00 a.m. at their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 in the council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN. Questions about the boat equipment should be directed to Deputy Chief Murry Dixon at mdixon@noblesville.in.gov or by calling (317) 776-6336.

R8038 6/1/26, 6/8/26

WESTFIELD

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for Freedom Trail Park Improvements will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074 until 2:00 p.m., local time, on Friday, July 10, 2026. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time and date will be returned unopened. No conditional bids will be considered.

Project generally includes construction of a park restroom building, pickleball courts, court fencing, sidewalks, asphalt and aggregate trails, signage, electric service, planting, and other site improvements, amenities, and furnishings.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.

No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore, contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal for this project.

The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of Westfield, Indiana.

No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.

The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or at eplanroom.reprographix.com.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Westfield Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074 on Monday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Please direct all questions regarding this project to Chris McConnell, City of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, (317) 473-2917, cmcconnell@westfield.in.gov

By: Chris McConnell, City of Westfield
R7977 6/1/26, 6/8/26

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance

Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Indiana

Ordinance 26-24, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Real Estate to the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Westfield Common Council on May 26, 2026. The annexation area consists of approximately 143.24 acres +/-, generally located on the south side of State Road 32. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana Law upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 26-24 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Westfield Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2026.

R8028 6/1/26

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
R8001 5/25/26, 5/28/26, 5/29/26, 6/1/26

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday, June 08, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with an Executive Session starting at 10:00 a.m. for discussion

Boys Lacrosse

IHSLA announces All-State Awardees

The REPORTER

The Indiana High School Lacrosse Association announced its 2026 All State Awardees on Wednesday, May 27.

The following Hamilton County boys lacrosse players were honored:

**Attack** – First team: Ike Stittle, Carmel; Kyle Jenkins, Hamilton Southeastern. Honorable Mention: Vinny Elliott, Guerin Catholic

**Midfield** – First team: Henry Wans, Hamilton

Southeastern; E.B. Warren, Carmel. Honorable Mention: Gavin Soucie, Guerin Catholic.

**Defense** – First team: Dalton Fertig, Hamilton Southeastern; Nick Anderson, Carmel. Honorable Mention: Dylan Joshi, Hamilton Southeastern, and Barrett Hahn, Guerin Catholic.

**LSM** – First team: Henry Dvorak, Carmel.

**SSDM** – First team: Aaron Fedorcha, Carmel.

**Goalie** – First team: Will Bates, Carmel.



(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Will Bates was named First Team Goalie by the IHSLA, which announced its All-State Awardees on Wednesday, May 27. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Dylan Joshi (left) was named Honorable Mention Defense.

Carmel beats HSE for 2A state championship berth

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys lacrosse team beat county rival Hamilton Southeastern 15-11 on Wednesday, May 27 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, May 30 at Brownsburg for the 2A state championship. Results from that game will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday, June 2 edition.

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, May 26 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, May 30 for the 1A state title, also at Brownsburg. Results from that game will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday, June 2 edition.

Girls Lacrosse

GC holds off Carmel, returns to state

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team came back in the fourth quarter to beat Carmel 9-8 in the semifinals of the INGLA Class 2A playoffs Saturday, May 23 at Zionsville.

The Golden Eagles jumped out to a 4-1 lead after one quarter. Lucy Esposito scored the first goal, then the Greyhounds' Jackie Mabry tied the game. Natalie Laughon quickly scored, then Claire Flannagan put in two goals.

Caroline Ford scored in the second quarter to give GC a 5-1 lead. Ellie Espey and Mabry both added goals, but Flannagan's third goal of the game gave the Golden Eagles a 6-3 halftime lead.

Carmel rolled through the third quarter, shutting out Guerin Catholic while scoring four goals to take a 7-6 lead. Julianna Mancini and Jackie Mabry brought the Hounds within 6-5, then



(ABOVE LEFT) Guerin Catholic's Claire Flannagan scored five goals for the Golden Eagles during their 9-8 INGLA playoffs semifinal victory over Carmel Saturday, May 23 at Zionsville. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel's Jackie Mabry scored four goals for the Greyhounds.

Gia Ferrettie tied the game at the 9:03 mark. Ferrettie then scored with 1:37 left in the period to give Carmel the one-goal advantage.

Flannagan tied the game early in the fourth quarter, then Esposito put in the go-

ahead goal with 7:25 left. Flannagan added her fifth goal at the 4:13 mark. Mabry put in her fourth goal of the game with under two minutes to go, but Guerin Catholic held on for the win.

The Golden Eagles are

16-4 and played Bishop Chatard Saturday, May 30 at Zionsville for the 2A state championship. Results from that game will appear in The Reporter's Tuesday, June 2 edition. Carmel finished its season 10-9.



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PROUDLY SERVING INDIANA'S 5TH DISTRICT

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Help with Federal Agencies

I can help you when dealing with federal agencies, including:

- Social Security issues
- Medicare claims
- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



US Flag Requests

Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



Military Academy Nominations

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation's service academies.



US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.

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