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Harsimran Kaur wins Beth Niedermeyer Scholarship

Submitted

Noblesville Diversity Coalition (NDC) announces Harsimran Kaur as the recipient of the Beth Niedermeyer Scholarship.

This year, NDC received 22 applications from graduating seniors who are helping build a more welcoming Noblesville. The annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of Noblesville High School who exemplifies the core values of NDC and the leadership qualities of Dr. Beth Niedermeyer: humility, courage, respect, and collaboration.

Kaur demonstrated these values through her leadership on the NDC Student Board, the Mayor's Youth Council, and her work helping organize and support local events that celebrate diversity, including the community Culture Fair.

In her application, Kaur wrote that "a community is only truly welcoming when

every voice is heard, and empathy is turned into action." She shared that her experiences taught her the importance of stepping outside her comfort zone to advocate for others and help ensure that everyone feels included.

After high school, Kaur plans to continue living these values as "an active change-maker rather than a silent observer." Whether through campus initiatives, community events, or future professional work, she hopes to help create spaces where people feel seen, valued, and safe.

Kaur will attend Purdue University's John Martinson Honors College, where she plans to study Biomedical Health Sciences on the pre-med track. Her dream is to become a physician who helps bridge cultural gaps in medicine and ensures patients from all backgrounds feel respected, understood, and safe.

"Harsimran reflects the kind of leadership this scholarship was created to honor," NDC Board President Dana Randall said. "She leads with humility, acts with courage, treats others with respect, and understands that building belonging requires collaboration. We are proud to celebrate her and excited to see the impact she will continue to make."

NDC's mission is to educate, celebrate, challenge, and inspire Noblesville to be a more welcoming community that embraces all cultures and identities. Through the Beth Niedermeyer Scholarship, NDC continues to invest in young leaders who are helping carry that mission forward.



Photo provided

Noblesville Diversity Coalition works to make Noblesville a more welcoming and inclusive community by educating, celebrating, challenging, and inspiring residents to embrace all cultures and identities. Learn more at NoblesvilleDiversity-Coalition.org.

A royal time at Beef & Boards

I don't care how old I get; I still love anything princess. My daughter is no exception. She loves anything girly that is fit for a princess, which is why our recent experience at Beef & Boards for their *Cinderella* show was no exception. We were fortunate enough to attend Media Night and had the most royal and magical time.

My daughter, Mary, told me she wanted her hair up in a bun just like Cinderella and found a blue headband and her high heels for the big night. It's not every night you get to stay up late and go to a dinner show, you know. She also made sure to bring her Cinderella doll with her to the show.

Every time we go to Beef & Boards, we are met with great service and wonderful food. The buffet offers a wonderful variety of foods with a little something for everyone, including the kids since this was a family show. My kids can be picky eaters and even they thought it was wonderful! We all especially loved the sundaes for dessert!

The cast was talented and charming! Cinderella herself was beautiful and had a lovely voice. The mix of humor and romance was sweet and reminiscent of my own childhood. It was so special to see such a familiar tale through the eyes of my little ones. Even my son was enamored with the cast and particularly a fan of the delicious cheese spread. I wasn't sure how much he would love a princess show, but there was something in it for everyone.

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MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

Hamilton County Leadership Academy announces Class of 2027

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) announces that 35 individuals who live and/or work in Hamilton County have been selected for the HCLA Class of 2027. Starting in August, they will take part in an immersive, 10-month program and learn about issues that are critically important to our communities.

"Each year, we welcome an incredible group of leaders into the HCLA legacy, and this year is no different," HCLA Executive Director Maria Kanger said. "The staff and leadership

of HCLA are looking forward to watching the Class of 2027 learn, connect, and lead during their class year experience and into the future."

Meet the Class of 2027

- Karl Ahlrichs, Expert-Speaks
- Jessica Barnett, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce
- Nolan Barr, Abbott Labo-



HCLA

- Keeton Bartol, Coverdale Consulting
- Katt Boaz, Church Church Hittle + Antrim
- Lisa Busse, CFRE, The Milk Bank
- Whitney Carriger, Camp-town
- Sharon J. Coleman, Coleman Strategy and Experience Group, LLC
- Bruce Cooley, Citizens En-

- Katherine Couch, Hamilton County Tourism
- Parker Criswell, Ginovus
- Rachel Firestone Mohamad, 9th Street Bistro
- Blake Fogelsong, Clancy's Hospitality
- Scott Grady, Indianapolis Airport Police Dept.
- Mary Gould, Gaylor Electric
- Scott Higginson, American Structurepoint
- Toni Holcombe, Independent Data & Process Analyst

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Beef & Boards presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's enchanting *Cinderella*

The REPORTER

The timeless enchantment of the magical fairy tale *Cinderella* is reborn at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre this summer, complete with Rodgers & Hammerstein's hallmarks of originality, charm, and elegance. Now on stage, *Cinderella* is the Family Show of Beef & Boards' 2026 Season.

Impossible things happen every day in the wonderfully imaginative world of fairy tales. Pumpkins become carriages, the most beautiful ball gown appears with the wave of a wand, and it takes just one dance to fall in love. Cinderella discovers all this and more in this enchanting tale, perfectly paired with the musical styling of Rodgers and Hammerstein. The incomparable duo originally wrote their version for television in 1957, with Julie Andrews as Cinderella-



Photo provided by Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

The Prince (Carmin Mastrokostas) and Cinderella (Grace Ellis Solomon), center, dance at their wedding in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*.

la. It was recreated in 1965 with Lesley Ann Warren, and again for a new generation in 1997, starring Brandy as Cinderella with Whitney Houston as her Fairy Godmother.

Now that magic comes to the stage starring two Beef & Boards newcomers: Grace Ellis Solomon as Cinderella and Carmin Mastrokostas as Prince Charming. Joining them are

Craig Underwood (*Heartbreak Hotel*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Fiddler on the Roof*) as the King, Karen Pappas (*Church*

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Do good manners still matter?

Say "please"! Say "thank you"!

How many of us have instructed a child or grandchild to answer with a polite response to a kind or generous gesture? Most of us, I would expect!

Important to note, however, is that politeness is not the same as civility. Politeness is defined as "marked by correct social conduct." To my understanding, civility is the courtesy and respect extended to another because of the recognition of that person's value as a human being.

Then there is the "practices and forms prescribed by social convention or by authority" – in other words, etiquette. I think of etiquette as more of the "how to do things" in order to be polite.

Etiquette became a consideration for us when my husband and I were invited to dine at a very exclusive club by a former CEO of a major U.S. manufacturer. My husband felt a bit intimidated at the prospect of having to know what fork or spoon to use at a more complicated place setting.

Does it matter to know how to set a table? To be familiar with the purpose of all the utensils? To discover different ways in different cultures? Should consideration be given to the seating arrangement if someone is left-handed? Perhaps these questions are worth considering in terms of "Why is it meaningful?" During the dinner experience my husband and I had at the exclusive club, I tried to have a relaxed and enjoyable time, and my husband did just fine and enjoyed being with our host very much.

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NANCY KELLY SMITH
Civility Counts

HCLA

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- Dr. Greg Hunt, Westfield Washington Schools
 - Dawn Lang, Life Centers
 - Tom MacDonald, City of Noblesville
 - Harrison Massonne, Meyer Najem Construction
 - Brandt McCoskey, ISC Sports Network
 - Jessica Metz, Ivy Tech Hamilton County
 - Nick Pease, Grace Church
 - Ryan M. Potter, REAP Development Group
 - Leslie Poynter, Indiana Department of Education
 - Emily Reynolds, Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad
 - Lauren Stafford, Noblesville Schools Education Fdn.
 - Stacey Summitt-Mann, University High School
 - Maranda Taylor, The Hagerman Group
 - Sarah Tosh, Planwell
 - Andrew Upchurch, Hamilton County Legal Dept.
 - Mark Walker, Citizens State Bank
 - Regina L. Warren, MBA, Northwestern Mutual
 - Nakeisha Washington, Nyla Nova STEMversity
- Each year, HCLA selects participants through a highly competitive application process. Class members are selected based on their com-

munity engagement, desire to learn and grow through the HCLA program, passion for making an impact through leading and serving in Hamilton County, and unique perspectives and knowledge they will bring to the learning environment.

Earlier this year, HCLA announced that Andrew Bradford would serve HCLA as the Class of 2027 Dean.

About HCLA

Established in 1991, Hamilton County Leadership Academy (HCLA) is the premier leadership program in Hamilton County. HCLA provides a 10-month, immersive experience in which participants take a deep dive into issues that are critically important to our communities.

HCLA graduates are knowledgeable, active leaders serving civic groups, not-for-profits, and government agencies, as well as holding elected office. The HCLA experience doesn't end after graduation, though – HCLA regularly holds events for alumni to connect with one another and continue their leadership journey.

Anyone who lives and/or works in Hamilton County is welcome to apply to HCLA. For more information, visit hcla.net.

MANNERS

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Going out to breakfast recently, my husband and I had a totally unexpected experience of encountering “civility.” The necessity of dropping off one of our cars at a dealership for repairs early in the morning in an area we were basically unfamiliar with meant we went for breakfast at a place nearby that we found online. (Later, the owner told us that most of her customers came from Carmel and Fishers.)

When handed a menu, I was astonished to read at the very top these words: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY KINDNESS AND RESPECT PRACTICED & EXPECTED HERE

What an appeal to civility! In response, the customer is to exercise good manners!

What was striking also was the atmosphere, the ambience of this little restaur-

ant. Quirky knickknacks lined the shelves, and a colorful painting done by the owner hung on one wall.

The environment invited light-hearted relaxation and conversation. We had a delightful conversation with the owner before we left.

Of course, over time, what is considered to be “polite” or “appropriate” has undergone changes. In my world now, jeans can be worn almost anywhere at any time, and it's been a long time since women were expected to wear hats in church!

But I believe some things shouldn't change. It's important to refrain from conversation when a person is speaking to a group and when at a concert or play. In a theater watching a movie, it's certainly acceptable to cheer when Superman pre-

vails or scream during a movie when the monster is about to devour Miami!

What shouldn't change is expressing, in a significant way, our gratitude for a gift, or dinner invitation, or a special expression of love. Writing thank-you notes is a rarity now, but writing one could be especially meaningful in this society of electronic communication.

Let's continue to teach our children and grandchildren to say “please” and “thank you” and become appreciative, considerate, and respectful of others. For me, these principles of civility

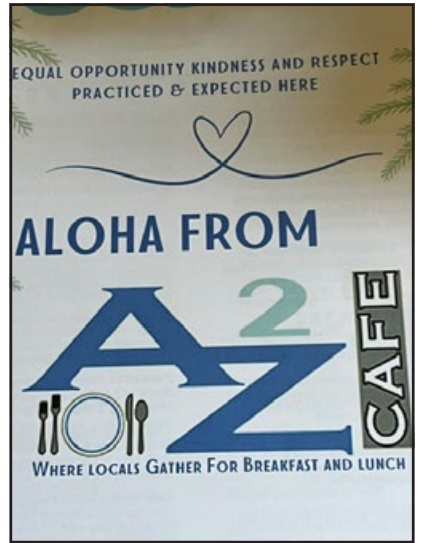


Photo by Nancy Kelly Smith

are what REALLY matter!
Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at civic-renaissance.com.

CINDERELLA

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Basement Ladies, Grumpy Old Men, It's A Wonderful Life) as the Queen, Amdanda Butterbaugh (*The Addams Family*; *Nonsense*) as Stepmother, and Chanel Edwards-Frederick (*Waitress*) as the Fairy Godmother.

Cinderella is directed

by Elizabeth Stark Payne and choreographed by Sally Scharbrough.

As Beef & Boards' 2026 Family Show, *Cinderella* tickets for children ages 3 to 15 receive a \$10 discount.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at BeefAndBoards.com or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.

Cinderella is on stage for 56 performances through July 12. Every performance includes the family-friendly dinner buffet,

including Beef & Boards' signature roast beef, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

Cinderella is rated G and sponsored in part by Indy's Child.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

ROYAL

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As advertised, this show delivers, “Hope, kindness, and the power of dreams.” *Cinderella* is on stage at Beef & Boards through July 9. I highly recommend anyone looking for something fun and special to do with their family, especially their children, to look into it! It would also be a fun idea for a date. There was a mix of all ages at the show. There was everything from little girls dressed as Cinderella to people on walkers.

Beef & Boards is an ideal place for people of all ages because it is so accessible for people and the daytime show offerings are wonderful for retired people who can take in an afternoon show.

We were especially appreciative to our server, who was wonderful and made our experience even more special. We surprised our daughter for her seventh birthday with the tickets to the show and it will forever be a cherished family memory.

Make sure to take in the

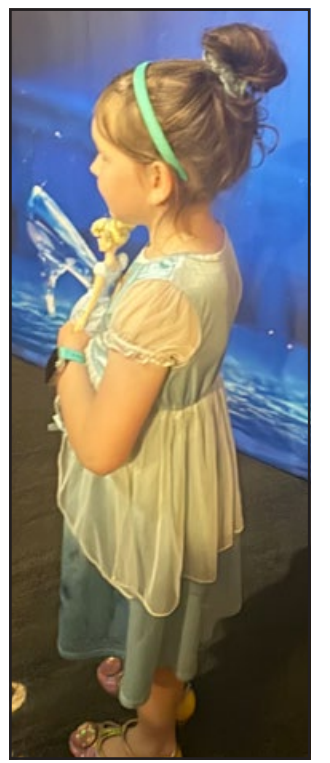


Photo provided by Megan Rathz

show before it is too late! You won't regret it! You can get your tickets at BeefAndBoards.com.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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Go beyond the stage at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel

The REPORTER

Enjoy these opportunities for a new educational experience at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are available to TheCenterPresents.org.

Free program makes physics fun

Another season just wrapped of **Science of Light & Sound**, a lively and interactive one-hour program in which the Center's clever Production Team uses the Payne & Mencias Palladium's lighting and audio systems to reinforce the concepts kids are learning in their elementary science classes. Offered free to student groups, this season's six sessions drew nearly 1,400 attendees from public, private, and home-based schools across central Indiana. **Watch a quick recap** and **read this story** about the closing presentation on May 5.

For educators scouting field trips for the 2026-2027 school year, Science of Light & Sound will be offered on eight dates from October through April, including two presentations open to homeschool groups. **Transportation grants** are available to help defray travel costs. To inquire, send a note to Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org.



Photo by Bill Crawford/Harbor Pictures

"Doctor" Brian Coon, a technical director at Allied Solutions Center, guides a student through a sound wave experiment during a Science of Light & Sound presentation. The free program is offered to local schools several times a year at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

There's still room for you & yours

The next round of the **Beginner Ukulele Class** runs Wednesday nights from July 8 through Aug. 5. Folks aged 14 and up can learn the essential chords and strums in a casual group setting for \$63 total. In other words, this might be the easiest imaginable way to learn a musical instrument.

Jungle Jams day camp for ages 5 to 7 still has a few spaces for your favorite youngsters to learn basic music concepts, make their own instruments, and build their sense of community and self-esteem through fun physical activities. The cost is only \$130 for all five morning sessions July 20 to 24.

Your path to humor stardom begins with the Center's **Intro to Standup Comedy class**, which returns Monday nights Sept. 14 to Oct. 5 and culminates

in a Graduation Performance Oct. 9 in the Studio Theater. For a modest \$200, you will survey the history of the art form, learn some fundamentals, write your own "tight five" routine and start your uproarious future now. The new instructor, **Sherra Lasley**, is a nationally touring comic sometimes heard on *The Bob & Tom Show*.

Prism Project serves twice as many

The Prism Project, the performing arts camp for young folks with disabilities, is underway for its fourth season. Thanks to generous donor, sponsor, and grant support, the Center has expanded to two sections this year, morning and afternoon, to accommodate 40 children and young adults living with physical, sensory and cognitive disabilities. These Performers – guided by experienced arts instructors and supported by 1-to-1

Buddies – are developing live stage shows based on their own unique talents and interests. **Public premieres** are set for 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. June 20 at the Studio Theater.

Book club: glamour & intrigue in the arts

The **Palladium Booksies** reading club will gather next at 6:30 p.m. June 8 to discuss *Dancer* by Colum McCann, a novelization of the epic life of ballet legend Rudolf Nureyev. On the menu for Aug. 10 is *Half-Blood Blues* by Esi Edugyan, a tale of jazz-related intrigue in pre- and postwar Berlin.

Participation in this exclusive group involves a rigorous three-step admissions process:

1. Read, listen to, or otherwise absorb the selected book.
2. RSVP to Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org.
3. Show up and chat! Or just listen!

Nicole Pence Becker to speak at next Carmel Small Business Network meeting

Submitted by City of Carmel

Following the successful relaunch of the Carmel Small Business Network (CSBN) in March, city officials are keeping the momentum going.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) will play host to the second meeting in a refreshed format, continuing the mission of connecting local entrepreneurs and providing a direct line to city leadership.

The June meeting will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at the Carmel Fire Department Headquarters on Veterans Way. Business owners are invited to

come network, connect directly with Mayor Sue Finkam and city staff, hear from speakers relevant to your business, and enjoy a free lunch provided by event sponsor, **State Bank**.

The cost is free, but **registration** via Eventbrite is required.

"Small businesses are the heartbeat of Carmel's economic engine," CRC Executive Director Henry Mestetsky said. "By hosting these meetings, we aim to provide a more robust networking and informational experience."

This month, Nicole



Pence Becker

Pence Becker, founder and CEO of **Pence Media Group** and co-founder of **Indy Nanny Concierge**, will speak at the meeting.

About the Carmel Small Business Network

The CSBN was created to foster a strong relationship between the City of Carmel and its small business community. Through regular meetings, the network ensures that local owners are the first to know about infrastructure projects, marketing initiatives and economic growth strategies. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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Governor ceremonially signs new law to expand property tax relief for Hoosier veterans

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

The governor recently ceremonially signed into law a legislative effort co-authored by State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) to expand property tax relief for Indiana's veterans, specifically those who have sustained total disabilities in service to the nation.

House Enrolled Act 1210 provides tax relief for veterans with total disabilities by increasing the property tax deduction to cover 100 percent of the assessed value of their real property, replacing the current \$14,000 deduction. Under the law, disabled veterans who qualify will not owe property tax on their primary residence. The new law also converts several existing veteran property tax deductions into property tax liability credits beginning with taxes imposed for the 2026 assessment year

to provide a more direct benefit.

"Indiana's veterans have earned more than our gratitude, they've earned meaningful support from the state they served," Lopez said. "This legislation helps ease the financial burden on disabled veterans and provides greater peace of mind for those who have already sacrificed so much for our country."

Lopez said the legislation also broadens tax relief opportunities for other veterans through new and expanded credits. Along with allowing veterans with a 100 percent disability rating to deduct 100 percent of their home's assessed value with no cap, the law establishes new stackable property tax credits to replace existing deductions, including



Lopez

a \$250 credit for partially disabled veterans with a disability rating of at least 10 percent who are age 62 or older, and a \$350 credit for veterans who served during wartime.

Under the new law, veterans who previously qualified for a property tax deduction will instead receive a credit applied directly to their local property tax liability. The changes will take effect beginning with the 2026 assessment date.

Lopez estimates the legislation will provide approximately \$46.2 million in additional tax relief for veterans statewide beginning with taxes payable in 2027.

To learn more about other new laws passed during the 2026 legislative session, visit iga.in.gov.

Sip, savor & step back in time when History on Tap returns to Conner Prairie

The REPORTER

An unforgettable summer evening awaits as Conner Prairie's History on Tap returns Saturday, June 6.

Presented by Bank of America and hosted with the Horizon Council, a group of young professionals dedicated to strategic planning, fundraising, and introducing new audiences to Conner Prairie, this signature 21-and-over event blends craft beverages, live entertainment, and community in a one-of-a-kind setting.

As Conner Prairie's largest single-day fundraiser, History on Tap brings together a vibrant mix of craft brewers, vintners, and distillers from across the region. Guests can sip, stroll, and discover new favorites while enjoying the unique atmosphere of Prairietown.

This year's event will

feature:

- Tastings from a diverse selection of craft breweries, wineries, and distilleries
- Live music throughout the evening
- Interactions with costumed historical interpreters
- A variety of local food trucks offering dinner options

Set against the scenic backdrop of Prairietown, guests will enjoy a beautiful summer evening surrounded by community, connection, and discovery.

Weather permitting, the 1859 Balloon Voyage will also be available for rides at an additional cost, offering breathtaking views to elevate the evening.

Important event information

History on Tap is a 21-and-over event. All attendees, including designated

drivers, must be 21 years of age or older and present a valid ID upon entry. Guests without appropriate identification will be denied admission.

Ticket information

- VIP: \$90
- Designated Driver VIP: \$45
- Early Entry: \$75
- General Admission Early Bird: \$55
- Designated Driver Early Entry & General Admission: \$15
- General Admission: \$60

Festival times

- VIP & Early Entry Admission: 4 to 9 p.m.
- General Admission: 5 to 9 p.m.

Do not miss this one-of-a-kind evening celebrating history, craft beverages, and community. Tickets are on sale now at Conner-Prairie.org.

Humane Society for Hamilton County launches annual \$300K matching campaign

The REPORTER

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) announced its annual June Matching Campaign to raise highly needed funds for the thousands of animals that come through the doors in need of care and shelter.

During the month of June, every online or in-person donation is doubled up to \$150,000.

Thanks to the shelter's Advisory Board, Board of Directors, and other individual donors, HSHC has the opportunity to raise

\$300,000 in just 30 days. From June 1 through June 30, community members will have the unique opportunity to double their impact and give every animal in the shelter the chance to live, love, and be loved.

"Every donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$150,000," Community Engagement Manager Emma Nobbe said. "For the month of June, your \$5 donation will become \$10, \$20 will become \$40, \$50 will become \$100 – with all

proceeds providing essential care, medical treatment, and shelter for the 4,000 animals who come through our doors each year."

To support the Humane Society during the month of June, community members and rescue supporters can make donations online at hamiltonhumane.com or visit the shelter in person at 10501 Hague Road, Fishers.

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It did not feature The Marcells, but this Parks festival was a great time for all

May 31 was, in fact, the only Blue Moon in 2026. A Blue Moon is the second full moon in a single calendar month. In celebration, Hamilton County Parks & Recreation held its "Once in a Blue Moon Market" last Saturday, May 29, at the Taylor Center of Natural History. The Blue Moon Market featured local artists with handmade items for purchase (some even Blue Moon-themed). Attendees also local food vendors and music. Local astronomer Dr. Doug Balogh offered educational information about the moon and viewing opportunities of the summer night sky. [Click here](#) to stay up to date with all events from Hamilton County Parks & Recreation. (Photos by Adrienne Rogers)



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Hundreds of oven door glass shattering incidents reported to safety regulators

By **JOSEPH VINEY**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Imagine waking up to a loud crash from the kitchen, only to find the floor covered in glass and a hole in your oven door where the window used to be.

Consumer Reports says hundreds of people have reported similar incidents to federal safety regulators, describing oven door glass that appeared to shatter suddenly – sometimes while the oven was not even on.

A Consumer Reports investigation reviewed complaints filed with the Consumer Product Safety

Commission over 15 months and found nearly 400 incidents and more than 40 injuries. Some consumers described the sound as a small explosion, while others said they discovered the glass only after hearing a crash from another room.

Consumer Reports' Gabe Knight says no one expects an appliance in their kitchen to pose that kind of risk. In some complaints, consumers said the oven was cold to the touch when they found shattered glass on the floor. CR also found similar reports in the CPSC's public database dating back more than a decade, and the issue was not

limited to one manufacturer.

Consumer Reports contacted the five manufacturers with the most complaints. LG said it was aware of the complaints but had not identified a basis for additional action at this time. The other four companies said their products meet third-party safety standards. CR says Samsung was the only company to say it offers free repairs regardless of warranty status.

Consumer Reports is calling on manufacturers to work with the CPSC, investigate the incidents, and offer free repairs to affected consumers. CR's experts say there may not be obvious

warning signs before the glass fails, though any chip, crack, or visible damage should be taken seriously and reported to the manufacturer right away.

If your oven door glass shatters, Consumer Reports recommends taking photos, keeping repair records, contacting the manufacturer, and filing a report with the CPSC at saferproducts.gov can help regulators determine whether additional action is needed.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/business/oven-safety-concerns-investigation.

Josh Perry running for HSE School Board District 2 as nonpartisan candidate

Submitted

On Monday, June 1, Josh Perry, a longtime Fishers resident, Hamilton Southeastern High School graduate, and father of two Harrison Parkway Elementary students, filed as a nonpartisan candidate for Hamilton Southeastern School Board District 2.

Perry's campaign is focused on steady, balanced leadership; practical problem solving; and purposeful and thoughtful spending.

"I'm running for school board because I want to bring a nonpartisan, collaborative approach to give back to the schools and community that shaped who I am today," Perry said. "As both a district graduate and parent, I've experienced our schools from both perspectives. I believe that our community is ready for steady, balanced leadership. Too often, political division distracts from the work that matters most. I will listen carefully to the needs of our community, focus on practical solutions, and make decisions based on what's best for students, families, and educators."

Perry grew up in Fish-

ers' Conner Knoll neighborhood where he attended New Britton Elementary and graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 2007. In 2011, he graduated from Purdue University where he met his wife, Stephanie, who also graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School. The couple are now raising their family in Stephanie's childhood home in West Fishers. Their children, Parker and Caroline, are students at Harrison Parkway Elementary where they are entering third and first grade this fall.

Perry serves as Commercial Underwriting Manager for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, where he leads a team of 15 underwriters and oversees commercial property and casualty underwriting for the state of Indiana.

Elections for the Hamilton Southeastern Schools Board of Trustees will be held on Nov. 3, 2026. Visit PerryforHSE.com to donate, volunteer, and learn more about Josh Perry's campaign for District 2.



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Stock Yards Bank & Trust celebrates opening of first Zionsville branch

The REPORTER

Stock Yards Bank & Trust celebrated the opening of its first Zionsville branch last Thursday, May 28 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside local officials, community leaders, and representatives from the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce.

Located at 11521 Sylo Crossing, the new branch expands access to Stock Yards Bank & Trust services in central Indiana and represents the bank's continued growth and investment in the Indianapolis region. The Zionsville branch is the bank's seventh location in central Indiana.

"We're excited to officially open our doors in Zionsville and become part of a community that aligns so well with the values of Stock Yards Bank & Trust," said Paula Moan, Market President for Stock Yards Bank & Trust. "This branch is an important part of our continued growth strategy in central Indiana and strengthens our ability to serve communities from downtown Indianapolis to Zionsville and Westfield. We also look forward to expanding our community involvement in this area while



Photo provided by Stock Yards Bank & Trust

creating new opportunities for both current and future employees."

The Zionsville branch features a team of four employees, including an Office Manager, a Management Associate, and two Service Associates. Lobby hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The branch also offers Interactive Teller Machine (ITM) access Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9

a.m. to 2 p.m.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in partnership with the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce.

"We're pleased to welcome Stock Yards Bank & Trust to Zionsville," said Mike Hanlon, Executive Director of the Zionsville Chamber of Commerce. "Their investment in our community and commitment to serving local residents and businesses make them a valuable addition to

our growing business community."

About Stock Yards Bank & Trust

Founded in 1904 in Louisville, Ky., Stock Yards Bank & Trust operates more than 70 branches across Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio, with local leadership in each of its markets and teams that represent and serve the communities where they operate. For more information, visit syb.com.

Senator Jim Banks files brief in Indiana Supreme Court supporting state's pro-life law

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

Last week, U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) filed a brief in the Indiana Supreme Court supporting Indiana's pro-life law. The brief was submitted in *Individual Members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana v. Anonymous*, which involves a challenge to Indiana's pro-life law brought under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Sen. Banks argues in his brief that: (1) There is no religious right to an abortion; (2) Laws protecting religious freedom do not protect killing and other forms of violence, including when the victims are unborn; and (3) The tradition of Indiana and the United States is to protect the unborn as persons entitled to the right to life.

"There is no religious right to an abortion; it's that simple," Sen. Banks said. "Every unborn child deserves the right to life, and the Indiana Supreme Court has a responsibility to ensure our state's pro-life law remains in full effect."

Indiana attorneys James Bopp, Jr. and John Westercamp served as local counsel on the brief.

"Indiana's compelling governmental interest in protecting unborn life is not a loophole to be argued around," Bopp said. "It holds under the federal constitution, the state constitution, and RFRA. Every unborn child in Indiana is entitled to that protection, and no legal theory changes that fact."

"Religious liberty may never be used as a pretext to justify violence against innocent life," Westercamp said. "I'm proud to work with Senator Banks as he petitions the Indiana Supreme Court to protect life."

[Click here](#) to read the full brief.

Background

A trial court judge in Marion County became the

first judge in the world to identify a religious right to abortion. *Individual Members of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana v. Anonymous* involves a challenge to Indiana's pro-life law by Hoosier Jews for Choice, which is seeking religious exemptions from Indiana's law under the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). Hoosier Jews for Choice alleges that its members have a religious belief that pregnant women should be able to receive abortions even where their lives or health are not at serious risk, and argues that the state's restrictions on abortion impermissibly burden this belief.

The Marion County Superior Court agreed and held that Indiana's pro-life law shall not apply to anyone whose religious beliefs support abortion.

The Indiana Supreme Court agreed to hear the case and will now decide whether the state's pro-life law infringes the religious freedom of residents who support abortion.

Summary of argument

"In 2022, Indiana became the first state in the country to pass a pro-life law, following the Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, 597 U.S.215 (2022), that states can act to protect unborn life at all stages. S.E.A. 1 continues a longstanding tradition of protecting the right to life of all persons within a jurisdiction, including those who are unborn.

"The trial court enjoined S.E.A. 1 as to a certified religious class under the Indiana Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Ind. Code §§ 34-13-9-1 et seq. (2022) ("RFRA").

"More than fifty years ago, the Indiana Supreme Court held Indiana's interest in protecting unborn life "valid and compelling" "from the moment



Banks

of conception." *Cheaney v. State*, 285 N.E.2d 265, 270 (Ind. 1972). *Cheaney* remains good law, and the General Assembly has codified treatment of the unborn as persons deserving of

the protection of the laws. Ind. Code § 16-34-2-1.1(a) (1)(E) (2022). Indiana's interest in doing so is deeply rooted in the "history and tradition" of the United States, and *Dobbs* restored to the states the ability to act upon it. *See New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1, 22 (2022).

"Just as Indiana has an interest in protecting unborn life, it has an interest in rejecting religious claims to end that life. There is no religious right to take a human life. Countless judicial decisions affirm the states' compelling interest in denying requests for an exemption from laws against private violence. Courts reject these requests even where practitioners' views are sincerely held and even though such laws contain other exemptions. The government has the same compelling interest in denying religious claims to abortion that it has in denying religious re-

quests for murder and other forms of violence.

"The promises of the American Founding and guarantees of the American legal tradition are for all persons. The Indiana Supreme Court should reverse the judgment of the trial court and give Indiana's pro-life law its full effect."

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Who let the dogs out?

Indiana in top 10 for dogs attacking Postal employees

Submitted by USPS

Last year, U.S. Postal Service employees suffered more than 5,200 dog attacks, 159 of which occurred in Indiana. To combat this, USPS is sharing vital safety guidance to help pet owners protect mail carriers and ensure uninterrupted mail delivery.

A monthlong Dog Bite Awareness campaign began June 1 with the theme of "Don't turn your back on dog bite prevention."

"Every single day, our postal employees serve their communities across dynamic, fast-changing environments," said Leeann Theriault, employee safety and health awareness manager. "Preventing dog-related incidents requires constant, shared vigilance. This campaign reinforces a vital truth: Animal behaviors can change in an instant, but

proactive awareness from both our carriers and the customers we serve can stop painful injuries before they ever happen."

Keep mail delivery safe: tips for dog owners

Even the most predictable pets can act unpredictably when defending territory or feeling startled. Because dogs rely on protective instincts, owners must manage their dogs during delivery times to prevent accidents. Keep your dog in a separate closed room before opening the front door. If you step outside, ensure the door is firmly latched. Always use a leash if your dog is outdoors during mail delivery. Finally, never accept mail directly from a carrier in the presence of your dog, and teach children to avoid doing so, as dogs can misinterpret the interaction as a threat.

Sign up for USPS Informed Delivery & see the mail on your electronic device before it arrives

By using the free Informed Delivery feature, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet, or mobile device. Over 70 million customers have enrolled since the service was launched in 2017. Sign up at informedelivery.usps.com. This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier might arrive.

The financial & emotional damage of a dog attack

Protecting your carrier protects your wallet. If your dog attacks a postal worker, you could owe thousands of dollars out of pocket to cover their medical care, lost shifts, replacement clothing, and emotional distress.

"I was walking my route

when a dog jumped the fence and lunged at me," San Antonio Letter Carrier Fiona Hudson said. "I used my dog repellent and mail bag to defend myself, but it was too late. I was rushed to the hospital bleeding, with a broken bone, a severe arm sprain, and was barely able to move. While my physical wounds have healed, the trauma of that vicious attack stays with me. Customers must take responsibility and secure their dogs during delivery hours."

Take action: unsecured dogs stop mail delivery

When a carrier feels unsafe because of a roaming dog, mail service can be temporarily suspended.

Until the carrier feels safe enough to restart delivery, the mail will have to be picked up at the dog owner's local Post Office.

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Carmel goes all-out on America 250

The REPORTER

2026 marks a monumental year as the City of Carmel honors both America's 250th anniversary and the 50th year as a city.

From neighborhood block parties to grand community events, this year-long celebration should reflect the incredible creativity, history, and shared identity of the Carmel community.

Are you planning a special event to celebrate these milestones? City officials want to help you show your civic pride! You can use the city's commemorative America 250 / Carmel 50 logo files and brand guidelines for local organizations, schools, neighborhoods, and businesses to use.

[Click here](#) to download the official logo kit.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces two leadership promotions

The REPORTER

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has announced the promotions of Michael Kummer to director of national sales distribution and David Brentlinger to executive director and chief life actuary.

Kummer joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance in 2020 as director of independent agencies. Now, as director of national sales distribution, he leads the expansion of the company's United Home Life brand of life insurance products across 48 states. He oversees sales and product development, while also directing marketing efforts including advertising and social media. Before joining Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, Kummer spent more than 25 years in field marketing with Farmers Insurance.

"I am most excited about the opportunity to grow our life insurance footprint on a national scale," Kummer said. "Our

simplified issue life products provide us the opportunity to increase market share outside of Indiana through various platforms, and I am thrilled to be a part of it."

Kummer earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Evansville and holds a Certified Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation. He lives in Zionsville with his wife, Shannan, and they have three adult children: Hannah, Madison, and Jackson.

Brentlinger joined Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance in 2024 as chief actuary of the Life Division. In the expanded role of executive director and chief actuary, he provides leadership in growth initiatives and across all lines of risk management while continuing efforts to build a best-in-class actuarial team.

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Kummer



Brentlinger

Gov. Braun appoints four local residents to various state boards

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun announced on Friday, May 29 new appointments to various state boards and commissions. The following individuals are from Hamilton County.

- **Dr. Rachel Schockley** of Community Health Network was appointed to the Graduate Medical Education Board; term expires Dec. 31, 2027.

- **Tomeika Anderson** of Community Health Net-

work was appointed to the Behavior Analyst Committee; term expires May 31, 2030.

- **Carolyn Anker** of Eli Lilly and Company was appointed to the White River State Park Development Commission; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.

- **Debra Schmucker** of Cornerstone PDS INC was appointed to the Board of Registration for Architects and Landscape Architects; term expires May 31, 2030.

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Maurice David Harrell

December 16, 1939 – May 16, 2026

Maurice David Harrell, 87, Belém, Brazil, South America, passed away on May, 16, 2026, his father's birthday. He was born in Indianapolis on December 16, 1939, to Maurice T. and Rosalind (Hammond) Harrell.

David attended Noblesville High School from 1954 to 1956, and graduated in 1958 from TMI near Knoxville, Tenn.

He is survived by his sister, Rosalind Harrell Mantei of Redlands, Calif.

Funeral services were held in Belém, Brazil.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

IG Prentice uncovers theft & official misconduct of former state employee

Submitted by Office of the Indiana Inspector General

An investigation conducted by the Indiana Office of Inspector General has resulted in two criminal charges against a former state employee.

The Marion County prosecutor filed charges against Steven L. Harris, a former employee with the Indiana Veterans' Home. The charges allege that Harris committed theft and official misconduct. Charging documents accuse Harris of using state time and a state-issued vehicle in ways inconsistent with his official duties.

A pre-trial conference is set for June 2, 2026.

"Our investigators' diligence and the Indiana Veterans' Home's full cooperation uncovered evidence that warranted certifying these charges to the prosecutor," Indiana Inspector General Jared Prentice said. "The prosecutor's decision to file those charges demonstrates that accountability in state government is not optional – for anyone."

Both charges are Level 6 felonies, carrying a potential sentence of two and a half years.

A charge is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.



Prentice

FARM

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"I look forward to continuing to build a high-performing team that creates meaningful value for the company and our policyholders," Brentlinger said. "I am also excited to be part of the leadership team that develops life insurance products that broaden access to protection and deliver long-term financial security for families in Indiana and across the country."

A Carmel native, Brentlinger graduated from Butler University with a bachelor's degree in actuarial science. He is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a Chartered Enterprise Risk Analyst. Brentlinger and his wife of 40 years, Cheryl, have two adult daughters and two granddaughters.

DOGS

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If a carrier feels a house or neighborhood is unsafe to deliver to and there is no way to inform residents their mail service has been suspended, the residents will have to contact the supervisor at their local Post Office for more information. The residents would also have to pick up their mail at the Post Office until it is safe to resume delivery.

If a dangerous dog issue is not resolved, owners can be required to rent a Post Office Box to receive mail.

Armed with awareness: how carriers prevent dog bites

Postal carriers undergo extensive safety training to spot potential canine hazards. Carriers are instructed to remain vigilant and exercise the precautions below:

- **Announce entry.** Rattle a fence gate or make a non-threatening sound before walking into a yard.

- **Maintain visual contact.** Never startle an animal and always keep eyes locked on the dog.

- **Assume dog poses risk.** Avoid petting or feeding any animal on the assumption that any dog has the potential to bite.

- **Block exits.** Secure outward-swinging doors with a foot to prevent a pet from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are trained to stand their ground, use their mail satchel as a protective shield and deploy dog repellent if necessary. To stay ahead of these risks, USPS also provides carriers with awareness tools, including handheld scanners that feature built-in dog warning alerts and physical warning cards that are placed into mail sorting cases to alert a carrier of a dog at a certain address.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville, has been canceled.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5, the Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the Clerk's Office in Suite 106 at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss post-Election Day matters concerning the May 5, 2026 Primary Election.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1-5.5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com.

The Noblesville Parks Board meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2026, has been canceled.

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Monday, June 8, 2026, has been canceled due to no business items for consideration.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

DAILY OFFERINGS

The Lord said to Moses, "Give this command to the Israelites and say to them: 'Make sure that you present to me at the appointed time my food offerings, as an aroma pleasing to me.' Say to them: 'This is the food offering you are to present to the Lord: two lambs a year old without defect, as a regular burnt offering each day. Offer one lamb in the morning and the other at twilight, together with a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with a quarter of a hin of oil from pressed olives. This is the regular burnt offering instituted at Mount Sinai as a pleasing aroma, a food offering presented to the Lord. The accompanying drink offering is to be a quarter of a hin of fermented drink with each lamb. Pour out the drink offering to the Lord at the sanctuary. Offer the second lamb at twilight, along with the same kind of grain offering and drink offering that you offer in the morning. This is a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

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Baseball

Golden Eagles defend sectional title

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team defended its sectional championship on Monday by winning Sectional 25 at Crawfordsville.

The Golden Eagles beat Brebeuf Jesuit 1-0 in the championship game. The Golden Eagles scored their run in the bottom of the fifth inning: Grant Beard got on base with a double and Luke Gremelspacher singled him home.

Tate Troxell pitched six dominant innings, striking out 10 and allowing only one hit. Gremelspacher pitched a perfect seventh inning to close the game. Carson Kail hit a double, one of four hits for Guerin Catholic.

In the afternoon semifinal game, the Golden Eagles beat Frankfort 9-3. The Hot Dogs scored in the first inning, but Guerin Catholic responded with four runs in the second inning.

Gremelspacher doubled in Karson Smith, then was sent home by Liam Zorger's double. Nolan Ratcliff hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Zorger and Brody Cain scored on a Ben Canada single.

The Golden Eagles put up two more runs in the third inning. Zorger batted in Smith, then Canada singled Zorger home.

Frankfort scored two runs in the fifth inning, but Guerin Catholic finished its scoring with three runs in the sixth. Smith tripled Canada and Jackson Baker home, then Beard drove in Smith.

Canada was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, including a double, while Smith went 3-for-4. Harrison Haq threw 11 strikeouts in 4.1 innings.

The Golden Eagles are 24-3-1 and play Northview Saturday in a Class 3A regional. The game site will be announced by the IHSAA on Wednesday.

Men's Basketball

Bryce Taylor named head coach of Noblesville Boom

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, announced Monday that Bryce Taylor has been named head coach, succeeding Tom Hankins.

Taylor was previously an assistant coach with the Boom for the past three seasons (2023-26), where he helped the team achieve an 84-67 overall record with two NBA G League playoff appearances, while producing six NBA call-ups. Taylor began his coaching career as a player development coach for the Pacers (2021-22) before being named an assistant coach for EWE Baskets Oldenburg (2022-23) in Germany.

"We could not be more excited about the qualities Bryce brings to our organization as our next head coach," Noblesville Boom General Manager Chris Taylor said. "He has made a significant impact over the past several seasons in his role as an assistant, and his playing experience has helped him develop a natural ability to connect with players at this level. He understands what the NBA G League is all about and has fully bought in to our 'embrace the grind' culture while remaining committed to developing not only our

players, but also our staff, both on and off the court."

"I'm incredibly honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead the Boom," Bryce Taylor said. "I want to thank the Pacers organization and our front office for their trust and belief in me. As I enter my fifth season, I've had the privilege of learning from outstanding people across the organization. I'm excited to build on the strong foundation already in place with the Boom, develop our players and staff, and create an environment centered on professionalism, accountability and growth. Our focus will be on competing at a high level every day while helping our players reach the next step in their careers."

Prior to his coaching career, Taylor played professionally overseas in Germany and Italy for 13 seasons following a standout career at Oregon. He also participated in the NBA Summer League in both 2008 and 2010, appearing in five games as a member of the Pacers in 2010.

Taylor succeeds former head coach Tom Hankins, who served as the team's head coach for the past six seasons (2021-26) and

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Taylor

Trailblazers roll to Sectional 42 championship

By RICHIE HALL

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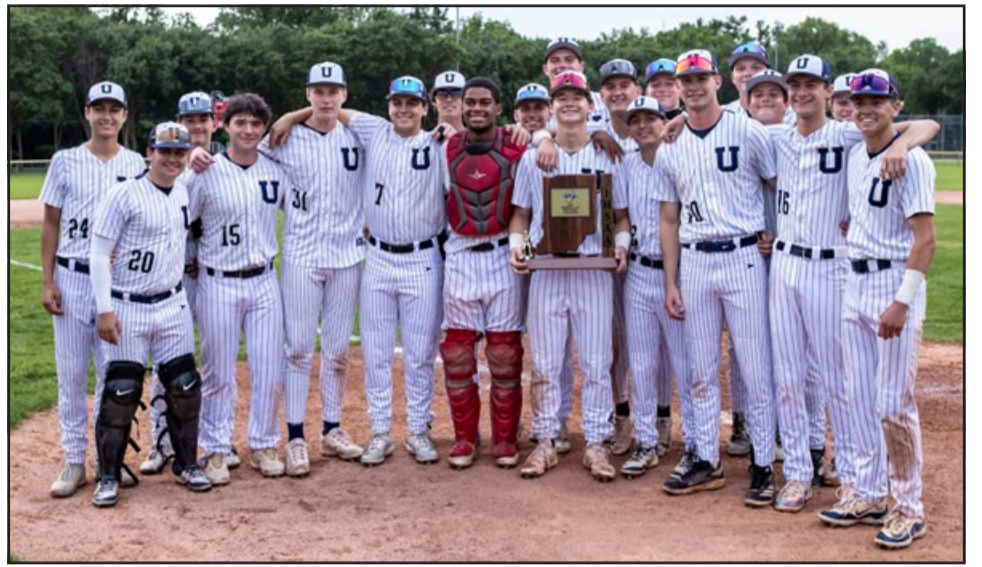
University easily defended its Sectional 42 championship on Monday, defeating Monrovia 13-1 in the title game at Park Tudor.

After edging out the host Panthers in the semifinals on Saturday, May 30, the Trailblazers wasted no time in getting ahead of the Bulldogs. University started with a run in the first inning; Oliver Kingery got home on Cooper Cammack's sacrifice fly.

The Blazers added three runs in the third inning. Quinn Green scored on an error, then Cammack drove in Ryan Castetter and Kingery. Cammack was up to three RBIs and he wasn't done yet.

University took complete control of the game in the fourth inning, scoring nine runs. Beckett Suh singled in Kingery, then Cammack drove in Suh. Philip Jacobs' left field hit brought home Cammack and Finn Steiner, then Castetter singled Jacobs home.

Green scored on a passed ball for the Trailblazers' 10th run. Later, University loaded the bases and Cammack blasted a double to send everyone home; Ethan Cutsinger, Castetter and Kingery all scored.



Photos by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE) The University baseball team beat Monrovia to win the Sectional 42 championship at Park Tudor. The Trailblazers were led by Cooper Cammack's seven RBIs. (BELOW) Finn Steiner scored one of University's nine runs during the fourth inning.

The hit brought Cammack's RBI total to seven for the game. He was a flawless 3-for-3 at the plate. Kingery was 2-for-2, hitting a triple and a single.

"That was really good for him," said Blazers coach Chris Estep. "He hasn't liked his performances at the plate. He's been really good on the mound, but he hasn't been taking it to the plate. Tonight was a concerted effort physically and mentally to really work on, 'Hey, I'm going to get back to the hitter that I am.'"

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"He started the year with an injury. He had a little forearm strain, so we weren't sure about him coming back on short rest, but he gave us everything he had. I think he went 60 [pitches] on Friday and then came back with 84 today. He left it all out there."

— Fishers coach Matthew Cherry on pitcher Austin Conley

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The third time wasn't the charm for the Fishers Tigers.

Back in the Class 4A Sectional 8 championship for a third consecutive year and seventh time in nine seasons, the Tigers (16-14) were primed to end their five-year title drought.

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The Eagles built a 3-0 lead after the first inning and added another run in the bottom of the second to break a 3-3 tie, while

left-handed pitchers Davis Moore and Ayden Keith stymied the Tigers en route to a 4-3 victory.

The win secured Zionsville's 16th sectional title all time and first since 2022.

For the Tigers, who vanquished defending sectional champion Westfield in a walk-off, 12-inning semifinal on Friday, 8-7, the loss spoiled their hopes of a fourth title overall.

"It's super frustrating. Finally got over Westfield in the sectional, and then I think we've lost twice to Zionsville and twice to Westfield since we last won it in 2021. Four of the last five we've lost in the sectional championship, so yeah, ready to not do

Eagles end Tigers' season in sectional finals

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Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Fishers' Vincent Pecoraro reacts after scoring to tie the game in the second inning of the Tigers' sectional championship game with Zionsville Monday.

that," Fishers coach Matthew Cherry said.

Fishers came up short against Westfield in the 2024 and 2025 sectional finals.

Against Zionsville, the Tigers' grit nearly pushed them over the hump with two runners in scoring position in the top of the seventh before a strikeout concluded the game.

"They didn't quit," Cherry said. "They fought to the end. They never quit, even to the last pitch."

Zionsville plated three runs in the top of the first beginning with an RBI sin-

gle by senior Reid Zittel (2-for-3).

The next two scored on an errant pick off throw to third base that trickled away, as lefty starter Owen Lukac attempted to snipe senior Tyler Hughes for the third out.

"I think he got caught in between not throwing it and throwing it, and it kind of just got away from him," Cherry said.

Zionsville's batters attacked early, logging four hits in the first and drawing one walk against Lukac,

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Baseball

Tigers beat Rocks in marathon semifinal

The REPORTER

Fishers had to play almost two full games to get past Westfield in the Friday, May 29 Sectional 8 baseball semifinals at Noblesville's Don Dunker Field.

The Tigers-Shamrocks contest lasted four hours and stretched into Saturday, May 28. Fishers finally got the winning run in the 12th inning, at 1:20 a.m., edging out Westfield 8-7 to reach the championship game.

Playing as the home team, the Tigers scored a run in the first inning. Carter Strole got home after David Pina reached on an error.

The Rocks tied the game in the third inning when Beck Jordan doubled Nick Fero home. Fishers responded by scoring five runs in the bottom of the third for a 6-1 lead.

Strole doubled Ethan Buelt home to push the Tigers ahead, then scored on a wild pitch. Vincent Pecoraro hit a bunt to send Carter Davis home, then Isaac Fernandez and Pecoraro scored on an error.

Westfield worked its way back, scoring two runs in the fourth on Fero's two-RBI single; Kasen Jessup and Gabe Garcia both scored. Russ smacked a

two-run hit in the fifth inning, sending Lincoln Hoffman and Aiden Grabowski home. The Rocks tied the game in the sixth when Maddox Novotney drew a bases-loaded walk to score Grabowski.

Westfield took care of Fishers 1-2-3 in the bottom of the seventh, so it was on to extra innings. Both teams stepped up their defense: the Shamrocks turned a double play to end the eighth inning, while the Tigers didn't allow a hit for the next four innings.

Westfield scored a run in the top of the 12th; Jessup went home on Novotney's sacrifice fly and the Rocks led 7-6. Pina and Fernandez started the bottom of the 12th by hitting singles, then Davis (running for Pina) got home after Pecoraro reached on an error. Fishers loaded the bases and Henry Cherry drew a walk to send Fernandez home for the winning run.

Strole, Pina and Pecoraro all had two hits for Fishers. Austin Conley pitched the final four innings and got the win. Starter Hayden Werner threw six strikeouts in four innings.

Grabowski had two hits for the Shamrocks, who finished their season 16-11-1.



Photos by Joshua Herd

(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' David Pina had two hits for the Tigers during their sectional win over Westfield on Friday, May 29. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Chase Bradle hit a two-run single for the Royals in their sectional game with Zionsville and also pitched five innings. (BELOW) Westfield's Kasen Jessup scored two runs for the Shamrocks during their sectional game with Fishers on Friday, May 29.

Corey Wilhelm pitched 2.1 innings, striking out seven.

Eagles walk off Royals

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.



Baseball

Huskies fall to Delta

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights baseball team fell to Delta 11-2 in the semifinals of Sectional 24 at Jay County on Monday.

The Eagles led from the start, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. PJ Wright got the Huskies on the board in the bottom of the first, hitting a solo home run.

Delta added two more runs in the top of the third. Wright scored again in the bottom of the third on an error. He finished the game with two hits.

Josh Newton hit two doubles, while Owen Hughes hit one double. Dillon Pitts pitched four innings, striking out three.

The Huskies finished their season 7-19.

BLAZERS

"I had my start against Park Tudor and I went for seven strikeouts," said Cammack. "I was really proud of that but I felt my offensive production was lacking and so the focus between these games was just producing for my team and being the guy that they need me to be, and I feel like I fit that role pretty well tonight."

Semifinal win

University beat host

Park Tudor 4-3 in the Saturday, May 30 semifinals.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning. The Trailblazers, playing as the home team, got their run when Kingery scored on Cammack's RBI ground-out.

The Panthers scored two runs in the top of the third inning. University got a run back in the bottom of the third when David Gasper singled in Castetter.

Steiner singled in Suh to tie the game in the fifth inning. Suh returned the favor in the sixth inning, batting in Kingery for the go-ahead run. Park Tudor loaded the bases in the top of the seventh, but Steiner threw a strikeout to end the game.

Suh had three hits, including a double. Cammack threw his seven strikeouts over four innings, while Steiner got the win after pitching the last two in-

nings.

University is 20-10 and plays Greencastle in a Class 2A regional this Saturday, June 6. Regional sites will be announced by the IH-SAA on Wednesday.

"Greencastle's got a great club," said Estep. "They got some good arms and good players. We've got to get ourselves prepared over the next four or five days to try to go out and get a 'W.'"

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Softball

Huskies fall to Yorktown in sectional final

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights softball team fell to Yorktown 10-0 in six innings in the championship game of the Connorsville sectional on Saturday, May 30.

The Huskies were held to one hit, a double from Lily Cash in the fourth inning. Cash pitched three innings, striking out five.

Heights finished its season 13-9.

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became the franchise's all-time winningest coach with a 141-112 record. During his tenure, Hankins led the team to three NBA G League playoff appearances (2023-25) and guided 12 players to NBA call-ups, while eight players earned All-NBA G League honors. That group included Oscar Tshibwe, who was named

NBA G League Rookie of the Year during the 2023-24 season.

"I would be remiss if I did not offer a sincere thank you to Coach Hankins for his dedication and contributions to our organization," Chris Taylor said. "I have learned a great deal from him and am grateful to call him a lifelong friend."

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TIGERS

who previously held the Eagles to eight hits and two earned runs while striking out seven during Fishers' regular-season, 6-5, win on April 9.

"That's the second time they'd seen him," Cherry said. "He had a couple of pitches that we thought were borderline and didn't get, and they just kept finding barrels. They've been hot early. If you read our scouting reports, they're going to score in the first two innings, and then they won't score again until the end. It's kind of what happened."

Lukac (1.0 IP, 2 ER, BB, 4 hits) was relieved by left-handed junior Austin Conley, who served as the stopper.

Through 5.0 innings,

Conley scattered four hits, struck out eight and walked one while retiring 13 of the final 16 batters faced after Zionsville pulled ahead 4-3 in the second.

Conley earned the win against Westfield on Friday. "It was kind of similar to Westfield. Not much different. For me, I just trust all my guys out there," Conley said. "And then, just trusting myself."

Conley struck out seven Eagles in the final four innings and stranded three baserunners.

The Tigers' bats came to life in the top of the second, tying the game 3-3 by opening the inning with a single from senior David Pina (1-for-3), a walk and consecutive hit by pitches to load the bases.

Fishers loaded the bases in four at-bats against Davis Moore (5.2 IP, 2 hits, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 strikeouts, 105 pitches).

A hit by pitch brought home a run before freshman Henry Cherry, who logged the walk-off walk in the semifinals, drove in two

with a one-out single.

"We answered right back, and (Conley) gave up the one run on a great piece of hitting by Camden Moore, but other than that, he kept us in the game," Cherry said.

Zionsville's wheel defense halted the rally.

Fishers attempted to draw the defense by showing bunt with the bases-loaded and two outs, but junior shortstop Brayden Ring cut towards third base and recorded a key unassisted third out on a grounder.

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Girls Lacrosse

Guerin Catholic girls edged out by Trojans

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team almost completed a comeback against Bishop Chatard Saturday, May 30 in the ING-LA Class 2A state championship game at Zionsville.

The Golden Eagles fought back from a huge deficit to take a late lead before the Trojans scored two goals and won the state title game 15-14.

Chatard led for most of the game, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. Claire Flannagan scored three goals in the first quarter to keep GC in the contest, then Caroline Ford scored to cut the Trojans' lead to 5-4 before a late goal gave Chatard a 6-4 advantage.

That score was the first of six consecutive goals for the Trojans, who ran their lead up to 11-4 midway through the second quarter. Flannagan went on a run during the last five minutes of the half, scoring three consecutive times to bring her team within 11-7 at

halftime.

Flannagan began the third period with another goal. Corinne Karlander scored, then Flannagan found the net again. Suddenly, Guerin Catholic was just one goal down, 11-10.

Chatard stopped GC's run with a goal midway through the third, but the Golden Eagles twice in the last few minutes of the quarter. Karlander and Camryn Carter put in goals, and the score was tied, 12-12 heading into the fourth.

The Trojans scored the final period's first goal to lead 13-12. Ford and Flannagan then scored two goals in rapid succession, and Guerin Catholic had its first lead, 14-13, with 5:39 left. But Chatard tied the game with just over three minutes to go, and scored the go-ahead goal with under two minutes left.

Flannagan finished the game with nine goals.

The Golden Eagles completed their season with a 16-5 record.

Boys Lacrosse



Photo by Mike Navarro

The Guerin Catholic boys lacrosse team won the IHSLA Class 1A state championship on Saturday, May 30, beating Evansville Memorial 19-9.

Golden Eagles power to 1A state title

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys lacrosse team cruised to the IHSLA Class 1A state championship on Saturday, May 30 at Brownsburg.

The Golden Eagles powered past Evansville Memorial 19-9. Guerin Catholic outscored the Ti-

gers in each quarter, jumping out to a 6-1 lead after one period.

The other three quarters were closer, but the Golden Eagles increased their lead after each one. Guerin Catholic led 9-3 at halftime, 15-7 after three periods and finished by outscoring Memo-

rial 4-2 in the fourth period.

Gavin Soucie dominated the game, scoring six goals and making two assists. Vinny Elliott scored four goals and dished out four assists. Mason Walosin contributed three goals and two assists, while J.B. Ford added three goals and one assist.

R.J. Flemming, Henry Kerr and Gabe Berglund all scored one goal, while Chris Giedd, Ethan Lehtinen and Timothy Galvin both handed out one assist. Goalkeeper Magnus Mertes made nine saves.

Guerin Catholic finished its season 13-7.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 2

GOLF

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at Adam Schenk Invitational, 8 a.m. at Cypress Hills Carmel at Harrison, 9 a.m.

Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers Invitational, 12:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees

University vs. Scecina, 4:30 p.m. at Pleasant Run GC

Guerin Catholic vs. Bloomington North, Speedway and Zionsville, 5 p.m. at Brickyard Crossing

SOFTBALL

Regional 4 championship
Western at Westfield, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

GOLF

Hamilton Heights vs. University, Speedway and Southport, 4:30 p.m. at Brickyard Crossing

Sheridan at Shenandoah Raider Invitational, 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 4

GOLF

Noblesville vs. Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m. at Fox Prairie

University vs. Avon, Monrovia and Speedway, 4:30 p.m. at Brickyard Crossing

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Photo by Cooper Ley

The Carmel boys lacrosse team won the Class 2A state championship Saturday, May 30 at Brownsburg. The Greyhounds beat Culver Academies 15-11.

Hounds pull away from Culver to win 2A state title

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys lacrosse team made a second-half surge to beat Cul-

ver Academies 15-11 in the championship game of the IHSLA Class 2A state tournament, which took place Saturday, May 30 at Brownsburg.

Carmel led 3-2 after the first quarter. Evan Coulter scored two goals for the Greyhounds, with E.B. Warren getting a goal in between.

Culver, which came into the game undefeated, jumped ahead 6-4 during the middle of the second quarter, but Carmel scored the period's last three goals to take a 7-6 halftime lead.

Ike Stitle scored two goals in the second quarter, including the tying goal, with Luke Shrift also getting a goal. Coulter put in the go-ahead goal with under 20 seconds left.

The Hounds quickly took control of the third quarter, with Henry Dvorak and Warren scoring goals during the first two minutes. Stitle later added back-to-back goals, then E.B. Warren put in his second goal of the game with just under two minutes left.

Culver scored with one minute left in the third quar-

ter, cutting Carmel's lead to 12-9 going into the fourth. Lincoln O'Leary took over, putting in two goals during the first half of the fourth and giving the Greyhounds their largest lead at 14-9.

Culver scored two goals with under two minutes left, but Stitle finished the game by scoring one more goal with 41 seconds on the clock.

The Greyhounds finished the season 17-2 and avenged one of their regular-season losses. Culver beat Carmel in its final regular-season game.

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Girls Tennis

Hounds return to state finals

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls tennis team is back in the state finals for the first time in three years.

The No. 3-ranked Greyhounds claimed the Culver Academies 1 semi-state championship on Saturday, May 30, beating No. 12-ranked South Bend St. Joseph 4-1. Carmel swept the doubles, with No. 1 Gabby Hall and Madison Littell winning 6-1, 6-3 and No. 2 Brylie Price and Shrayva Pillutla cruising to

a 6-0, 6-1 victory.

In singles, No. 2 Alexia Widjaja won a tough 7-5, 7-6 match while No. 3 Annie Mann was a 6-1, 6-1 winner. No. 1 singles Olivia Widjaja dropped another tough match, 7-6, 6-4 to Libby Yergler.

Carmel plays No. 5 Center Grove at 10 a.m. Friday in the state quarterfinals at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center. The host Trojans swept No. 14 Fishers 5-0 to win semi-

Unified Track

Tigers take second at Unified track, qualify for state

The REPORTER

The Fishers Unified track team will be returning to the state finals.

The Tigers earned their place by taking second at the Kokomo regional on Saturday, May 30. Pendleton Heights won the meet with 125 points, followed by Fishers and its 118 points. The host Wildkats

took third with 115 points and Lafayette Jefferson was fourth with 114 points.

The top four teams advance to the state finals, which take place this Saturday, June 6 at North Central.

The Tigers scored seven section wins. In the relays, the girls 4x100 team of Ava Smith, Mira Warnick,

Rosella Stucker and Sarah Maudlin won Section 2 in 1 minute, 0.43 seconds. The Fishers 4x100 boys relay team also won Section 2, with Stephen Krokos, Ryder Thomasson, Jackson Keller and Caleb Milner clocking in at 49.00 seconds.

Aaron Schooley won Section 5 of the 100 dash

with a time of 11.29 seconds, as well as Section 5 of the 400 dash in 54.69 seconds. Carter Schmidt won Section 4 of the 400 dash, finishing in 1:02.53.

Lou Strycker was first in Flight 2 of the long jump with a leap of 7 feet, 10.75 inches. Nolan Kuhn won Flight 5 of the shot put with a top throw of 47 feet.

Boys Volleyball

Greyhounds swept by Roncalli in state semifinals

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys volleyball team was swept by No. 1-ranked Roncalli in the IHSAA state semifinals, which took place Saturday, May 30 at Lawrence North.

The set scores were 25-13, 25-20, 25-20. The Royals never trailed during the first two sets. The No. 1-ranked Greyhounds made an early run in the third set, leading 11-6. Eli Philistin-Lynch hit three kills during that time.

Roncalli took its first lead of the set at 17-16 and

won eight of the next 11 points to secure the win. The Royals would go on to beat Cathedral in the state championship match.

Philistin-Lynch led Carmel's offense with eight kills, while Shepard Spidel dished out 21 assists. Thomas Kuehl collected nine digs, with Jett Burke scooping up eight digs. Jack Kovac had five block assists and Spidel made four block assists.

Carmel finished the season 28-6 and was making its first-ever appearance in the IHSAA-sanctioned state finals.



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