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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Fishers' own Caden Rose imbued with The Spirit of '76



Just days into summer break, Caden Rose, who will be Fishers High School junior this fall, is still hard at work studying for the final round of the Presidential 1776 Award competition, a highly selective national civics and history program. Rose finished in the top four of the Midwest Regional competition and is the only student from Indiana advancing to the national finals. On June 9, he'll travel to Washington, D.C., to compete against 19 students from across the country for scholarships worth up to \$150,000. The competition will also air on CBS on June 30 at 8 p.m. Best of luck to Caden Rose, and thank you for representing Fishers and HSE Schools so well!

Photos provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Defining my own limits

I often hear others discussing people with disabilities and the vision they have of us living beyond our limits. Implied that having limitations is a bad thing or makes us lesser than.

Everyone has limits. I accept and acknowledge that I have limits. That feels like an authentic way for me to live.

Some days my limits look quite different than other days, depending on my body that day. My body calls the shots each day, and I have learned to lean into that rather than fight against it. It is not always easy, but a much more peaceful way to live.

The problem with limits, from my perspective, is that limits are not something that others should impose through their assumptions. Often those of us with disabilities are categorized and our limits presented to us instead of the other way around.

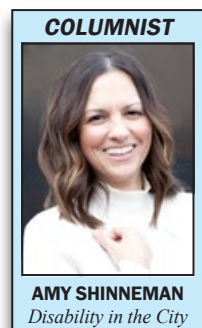
I cannot tell you how many times that has happened to me during my lifetime. Others defining my limits, but at the same time expecting me to consistently go above and beyond those limits? It is a strange thing.

Last week, I went on a vacation with my family to celebrate our oldest son's graduation and just spend some quality time together.

The airport is always a coin toss. Depending on who you get working with you, the experience can be a positive one, or a difficult one as a person with a disability.

Going through security is always interesting. I am usually asked if I want to get out of my chair and walk through the security scanner or opt to stay in my chair and get an extremely thorough pat-down. That day I felt I could walk through, so I told the TSA agent that I would get out and walk, if someone could help me into the scanner.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Furgal named Husky Hero for her transformative impact on students

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Katie Furgal, Resource Teacher at Hamilton Heights Middle School, has been named the April Husky Hero.

Furgal meets students where they are, lifting them up, and helping them discover what they are capable of. Her impact is felt not only in classrooms, but in families, futures, and the confidence of the students she serves.

In her role, Furgal supports students with diverse learning needs through individualized instruction, skill-building, and long-term relationship development. Her work often happens behind the scenes, yet its impact is profound and lasting. Over the years, families have repeatedly nominated her for the Husky Hero Award, each time

highlighting the extraordinary difference she makes in their children's lives.

Her nominations tell a powerful story:

• 2022: "She is amazing and very helpful with her students! I wish my daughter had her again this year." – Tammy Roberts

• 2024: "She goes above and beyond for my child's well-being and education." – Brittany Gills

• 2026: "There are no adequate words for the impact she has had on my son and daughter for the last five years ... She made them feel confident, loved, empowered, smart, and capable of anything ... My fears about middle school were put at rest because I knew they were in great hands. Hamilton Heights

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Photo provided Katie Furgal, a Resource Teacher at Hamilton Heights Middle School, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of April. (From left) Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), Katie Furgal, Amber Bowen, and Laken Bowen.

Noblesville's own Ella Satterfield selected for prestigious Hollywood internship

The REPORTER

Ella Satterfield of Noblesville has been selected for the prestigious Television Academy Foundation Internship program. She is one of 40 students chosen by Television Academy members from across the country for the 2026 Summer Internship program. The Foundation offers paid internships at top Hollywood studios and production companies annually to college students nationwide.



Satterfield

Satterfield is currently a senior at the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla., majoring in film with a minor in business art and design. She will intern this summer in the commercials production department at Radical Media in Santa Monica, Calif., through the Foundation's program.

"It means the world to know I have the support of the members of the Television Academy," Satterfield said. "Being recognized by the people who give out the highest honors in television sparks my determination to jump into my branded entertainment career. I have an incredible opportunity to thrive in this internship, and with the guidance of the Television Academy, I am ready to put my all into this summer!"

She continued, "I am so excited to learn from industry professionals about how the branded world works, and adapt what I've learned in school to these new environments. My ultimate goal is to be a director of branded entertainment for a creative production agency."

Satterfield was raised in Noblesville where she was home schooled.

"I grew up volunteering over 1,000 hours at a living history site where I taught guests about Indiana agriculture while helping raise heritage breed cows, sheep, goats, chickens and more," Satterfield said. "When not on the farm, I grew up on the lake surfing with my family, staying up all night playing games or drawing with friends."

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Retiring HSE teacher Chad Janney named 'Distinguished Hoosier'

Submitted by HSE Schools

Retiring Hamilton Southeastern High School social studies teacher Chad Janney received a surprise honor on the final day of school when he was presented with a Distinguished Hoosier proclamation from Governor Mike Braun.

Janney, who is retiring after 28 years of service with Hamilton Southeastern Schools, was surprised by Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Jason Urban during a year-end gathering of his social studies department colleagues.

The Distinguished Hoosier award is one of Indiana's highest honors, recognizing individuals whose service, leadership, and contributions have made a lasting impact on their communities and the state.

Janney was nominated for the recognition in honor of his decades of dedication to students, his passion for history



Photo provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Chad Janney (center) was surprised to be named a Distinguished Award.

and civic education, and his commitment to creating meaningful learning experiences.

His work recently gained additional attention during the U.S. Department of Education

History Rocks! tour at Hamilton Southeastern High School, where his efforts to bring history to life for students were highlighted.

As he concludes nearly

three decades in education, the award serves as a fitting tribute to a career devoted to inspiring students and fostering a deeper understanding of history, citizenship, and public service.

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Janus' Helping Lives Bloom event now only two weeks away

The REPORTER

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

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

have the opportunity learn more about Janus and the organization's plans for the future.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and two complimentary (drink wine/beer/soft drinks; cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction

with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild.

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

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The Television Academy Foundation shapes the art of creating television by engaging and educating the next generation of television professionals, provid-

ing essential resources that help them discover their voices, refine their skills and forge rewarding careers in every sector of the television industry.

The Internship program provides over 50 students from across the nation with hands-on work experience and networking opportunities for accelerated career

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development in more than 30 disciplines annually. For more information on the Foundation, please visit TelevisionAcademy.com/Foundation.

LIMITS

The next thing I knew, she was announcing to everyone within earshot, "she's a big girl today, she's going to get out and walk." It took me a second to process what she had said, but fear not, I did not have to wonder long because she loudly announced to anyone listening *again*, that I was indeed a big girl because I was getting out of my wheelchair to walk through the body scanner.

Just what I wanted. All eyes on me as I awkwardly made my way out of my chair

and through the scanner.

My shock was temporarily drowned out by the chaos of the security area. Once I made it through and got my chair back, I had time to really think about what happened. I did not understand it at all. I was trying to see something positive out of what she said in some way, but there was no way for me. I felt embarrassed and diminished. I felt sad that my trip began on that note.

I talked briefly with my husband about what had happened, and then I de-

ecided to let it go. This is something a few years ago that I would not have been able to release so quickly and would have shed a few tears over it. I have learned that as much as I can, I do not want to ruminate on the ignorance of others.

It is a waste of my time and energy. I do not want to stuff it down but process it quickly and see it for what it really was.

Traveling with a disability adds a layer of learning at every turn. Expect the unexpected.

Limits are human and always evolving. Be confident in your limits and your abilities.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys.

She is the recipient of the Reporter's Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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HERO

is so very lucky to have her. She loved my kids each and every day and was a world changer for both of them." — Amanda Engle

This most recent nomination, spanning five years of trust and transformation, deeply moved Furgal.

"Being nominated and receiving the Husky Hero award means the world to me," she

said. "In a role where success isn't always clearly visible through student testing data, being seen as a world changer for kids is both humbling and inspiring."

For Furgal, the heart of her work lies in the relationships she builds over time.

"My favorite part of being a special education teacher is the relation-

ships that are built over the years," she said. "What motivates me most is helping students grow throughout their four years of middle school watching them gain confidence, develop their strengths, and ultimately soar as they move on to high school."

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and

information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at bit.ly/hhschuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhed-foundation

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Sheridan celebrates 138th graduating class

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Saturday morning, May 30, Sheridan High School celebrated the Class of 2026 with its commencement ceremony. As the 138th graduating class, it was an exciting event for these young adults as well as their families, friends, educators, and administrators who watched them grow.

As seniors made their way into Larry Hobbs Memorial Gymnasium, attendees got to see an inside look at the banter and creativity of this year's graduation class. Each student partnered up and did a pose for the audience. Some chose a fun handshake, movie-inspired pose, or something else unique to their relationship.

The ceremony consisted of several individuals speaking and sharing the pride that they have for the Class of 2026.

Senior Class President Emily Will opened the morning by sharing pride and awe not only in her fellow graduates, but also in everyone who helped them along the way. Will notably said, "Be proud of how far you've come, but be more proud of who you've become."

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2026 was Brianna Duke. She shared a brief message with the class and audience through various memories together and apart: "Hold onto your roots, embrace your passions, let your light shine, and let's show the world what this class can really do."

The Salutatorian was Elisabeth Henderson, who advised the Class of 2026 to "slow down, and take it all in ... What matters most is that you become the type of



Photos provided by Allison Waitt

The Class of 2026 had a fantastic commencement on Saturday, May 30. See more photos on Page 5 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

person that you want to look up to."

The Sheridan High School Band shared a performance of "Espresso" by Sabrina Carpenter, with a special highlight from senior Jasmine Godbey on the drums. The High School Choir shared their musical talents with the song "Children Will Listen" from the musical *Into the Woods*. The choir then transitioned into the popular hit song "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield. Senior choir members Ryleigh Hampton, Ruby Mason, Anaija Mondesir, Bella Keeler, Cheese Chumphet, Jasmine Godbey, Scarlett Wittbrodd, Kailee Barnette, Ethan Kissling, Devyn Pewarksi,

Anna Knochel, Norah Stites all were highlighted within the songs.

The keynote speaker for the morning was Garland Cooper, 2026 Alumni of the Year, and a 2006 SHS graduate. Cooper currently works as a detective for the IMPD. Garland opened his speech with "your past does not get the final vote on your future" as he jokingly questioned why he had been selected due to his attitude in his younger years as a student of Sheridan. He noted that the staff at Sheridan never gave up on him. They always held him accountable, encouraged him, and he credits them for why he was standing on stage.

Cooper left the grad-

uating class with a piece of advice: "Your future is not determined by where you started. It's determined by the decisions you take moving forward." He also highlighted that in order to move forward you must remember: "Character matters. Work ethic matters. Integrity matters. Doing the right thing when nobody is watching matters. The people you choose to surround yourself with matter."

Principal Rick Davis continued on Cooper's notion by sharing how as graduates they are completing one of life's major milestones. The steps to graduation are not easy ones, but the steps are a celebration because there are now new opportunities.

He leaves the class with four challenges: Don't Settle, Discover and Share, Be Positive, and Follow Your Dreams. He shared with the graduates that the secret to success is to never stop dreaming about your potential. Davis shared how grateful he was for this class and said, "I truly believe they will build a future bigger and brighter than their present by using the lessons that they have learned and the experiences they have had in their time at Sheridan High School". He commended the graduates for their athletic prowess and academic success, as well as how their efforts made Sheridan High School a better place.

Following the speech-

es and music the graduates were able to take the final steps of high school as they walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Several exchange students were also able to participate in this tradition. Dave Mundy, SCS Superintendent, then certified the students and pronounced them as graduates.

As the Class of 2026 goes off into the world, whether that is to college, the work force, military, or something else, Sheridan Community Schools is proud of the hard work that they have done and the many accomplishments they have achieved. This is only the end of one chapter, but it is the beginning of the rest of their lives.

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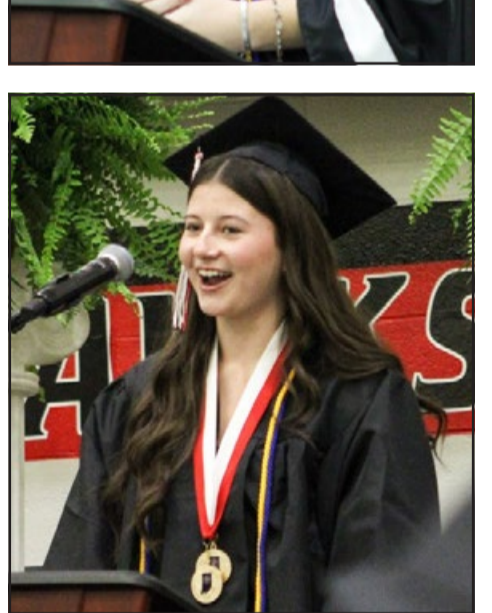
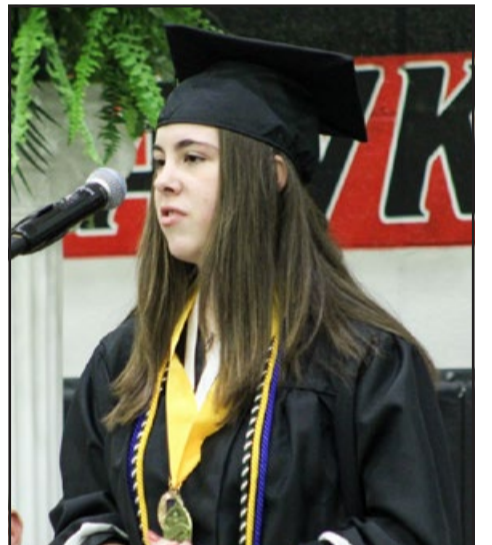
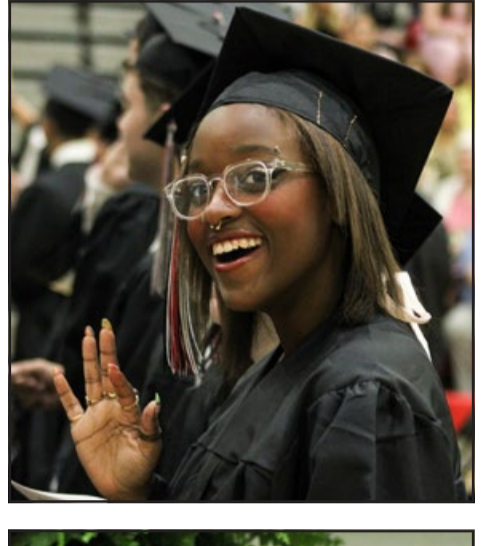
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Sheridan shows off its Blackhawk Pride



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Virtual students meet for in-person graduation



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Indiana Gateway Digital Academy (INGDA) and Indiana Gateway Alternative School (INGAS) held their commencement exercises for more than 500 students last Saturday, May 30. Jazlyn Deane is the Class of 2026 Valedictorian. A unique feature to the ceremony is this was the first time that many of these students met their peers and teachers in-person. That's because INGDA and INGAS are K12-powered, tuition-free, online public schools. Many of the students who attend face unique challenges such as full-time work, caregiving, or chronic illnesses and/or use online learning to pursue an elite sport, hobby, or another passion of theirs outside of school.



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Two local students make William & Mary dean's list

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County students were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2026 semester:

- Elena Geroulis, Fishers

• Martina Queijo, Carmel
In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality-point average during the semester.

Carmel police arrest man after carjacking at gas station

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A man was arrested in connection to a carjacking at a gas station in Carmel that left a male driver injured, Carmel Police Department said in a Friday afternoon social media post.

The Facebook post did not name the man who was arrested.

The post also did not name the people who say they were carjacked or indicate whether they were adults or juveniles. The post also did not say when or where the carjacking happened.

Carmel police say in the post that the man allegedly carjacked a vehicle at a gas station, seriously injuring the male owner and crashing the stolen car into an occupied home.

Police have asked the Hamilton County prosecutor to file 13 charges, including robbery and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, against the man.

The post said the incident began when the man reportedly entered an occupied vehicle while its owner was airing a tire at a gas station. The male owner and his adult daughter, who was in the passenger seat, attempted to prevent the theft, and the male owner sustained the injuries as the suspect drove away. The daughter safely exited the vehicle.

Police said the stolen vehicle was then driven recklessly through the area before violently crashing into the home.

Following the crash, the suspect fled on foot, but officers quickly located the suspect and took him into custody, the post said.

Investigators also recovered suspected drug paraphernalia, the post said.

In its post, the police department thanked witnesses who immediately called 911 and provided critical information.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/carmel-police-arrest-man-in-carjacking-incident-at-gas-station.

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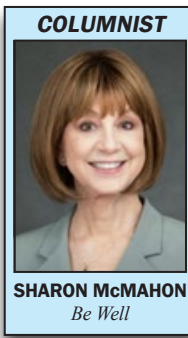
Even when you're walking on sunshine, sunscreen matters

"Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy." — John Denver, 1971

Two quote references here: 1. I turned 21 in 1971, but that is a very different column. 2. Recalling John Denver's soothing tenor.

Anyway, getting off topic here. The topic of sunshine is a happy one most of the time. After a particularly gray and chilly winter we turn our faces up to the sun and welcome those warm rays and some gentle breezes.

I may be nostalgic about 1971 (mostly) and listening to Denver on my 8-track (serious) but I am not nostalgic about the basking in the sun without benefit of sunscreen! "Back in the day" as children and teenagers we were oblivious to the term sun damage; a good tan was considered healthy and attractive. Personally, I have never been a very good tanner so I worked on it extra hard!



COLUMNIST

SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Good memories of swimming at Forest Park pool, boating with my parents, and lying about on the good old chaise in the backyard working on a "tan" while listening to the Beatles and top 40 hits on the transistor radio. I am sure I have a wrinkle or three as a legacy from what we called "sun bathing."

Not long ago my dermatologist informed me that most people who find they have skin cancers caused by sun damage are unaware that damage resulted from sun exposure as children. Melanoma is the deadliest skin cancer, with over 112,000 people diagnosed annually and with 90 percent directly linked to UV radiation sunlight or indoor tanning.¹ Thankfully most skin cancers can be resolved early if you are vigilant.

While we certainly cannot turn back the clock, we can diligently protect ourselves with the plethora of sunscreen products current-

ly on the market. Although I will not use this space to share products I specifically use, I will share that my usual is a broad-spectrum SPF of 30, and sometimes SPF 50 as well. A good product will protect against both UVA and UVB rays. Checking your skin on a regular basis is critical to note any changes. As always, I encourage my readers to do their own research and check with your medical professional for the best options for you and your family.

Tanning beds — don't get me started! Being a person of pale skin, I understand the draw of tanning beds particularly for the young and young at heart but there are some great products available which can give the illusion of a tan without the dangers. Using tanning beds before the age of 20 increases the chance of melanoma by 47 percent.²

Going forward into the warm (and sometimes quite warm!) summer months I suggest that you replenish your sunscreen products, be sure to see your derma-

tologist annually and if you have the opportunity to care for children please make sure that they are regularly wearing sunscreen and limiting time in the sun if necessary. Easier said than done but a great investment in their future. Your pets can also suffer from too much sun exposure, please protect them.

Yes, I enjoy that "sunshine on my shoulder" and feeling those warm rays and hope you enjoy our rather brief summertime here in Indiana, but also care for your largest organ, your skin. You will look better, feel better, and most importantly be healthier as a result.

¹ American Cancer Society

² American Academy of Dermatologists

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Braun proclaims June 2026 "Nuclear Family Month"

The REPORTER

Indiana Governor Mike Braun has proclaimed June 2026 as Nuclear Family Month across the state.

His proclamation, issued on Monday, June 1, appears in full below.

WHEREAS, the nuclear family, consisting of one husband, one wife, and any biological, adopted, or fostered children, is God's design for the family structure and has been the foundation of society since the creation

of the world; and

WHEREAS, research reports that children living with their married, biological parents have better physical and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, when families weaken, society must compensate with expensive, inferior approaches such as welfare systems, schools as surro-



Braun

gate parents, and police as surrogate discipline; and

WHEREAS, strong families are the most effective means to raise children into capable adults; and

WHEREAS, Hoosier values celebrate the commitment mothers and fathers have made to each other and to their children; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, we recognize that growing and strengthening families is critical to the next 250 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Braun, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2026, as

Nuclear Family Month in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

Community News

Learn about the psychology of retirement in modern times

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

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

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

Carmel High School Class of 1976 Reunion

Submitted by Sharon Kibbe

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

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

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

Sen. Young introduces bill to repeal federal excise tax on heavy trucks

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

On Tuesday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Angela Alsobrooks (D-Md.) introduced the Modern, Clean, and Safe Trucks Act to repeal the 12 percent federal excise tax on heavy trucks.

The 12 percent excise tax on heavy trucks is the highest excise in the country. By adding as much as \$15,000 to \$30,000 to the cost of a new heavy truck, trailer, semitrailer chassis, or tractor, the tax makes it more expensive for trucking companies and independent operators to modernize their fleets. Additionally, because the tax applies only to new vehi-

cle purchases and not used trucks, it creates an incentive to keep older vehicles on the road longer, slowing the adoption of newer trucks that are safer and more fuel-efficient.

"Repealing this tax is a simple step that can help the American trucking industry and consumers," Sen. Young said. "This tax hurts the small busi-

nesses and independent truckers that are the core of American trucking, and it promotes the usage of older, less efficient trucks. Cutting the federal excise tax on heavy-duty trucks and trailers will lead to newer, safer, and cleaner trucks on America's roads."



Young

Click [here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

INDOT announces opening of new I-465 lanes, numerous traffic restrictions in place

By KENDALL PIERSON
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

INDOT says five miles of new travel lanes on eastbound Interstate 465 from the White River to Fall Creek in northeast Indianapolis will open this weekend to complete a traffic switch.

The new eastbound I-465 lanes include the final two remaining bridges in the I-69/I-465 interchange.

The ramp from Allisonville Road to eastbound I-465 is also expected to open by Sunday, INDOT said in a release.

Drivers can expect the following restrictions starting 9 p.m. Thursday, lasting until 6 a.m. Friday:

- Ramp from southbound I-69 to southbound I-465 closed.
- Ramp from southbound I-465 to 56th Street/Shadeland Avenue closed.
- Ramp from 82nd Street to southbound I-465 closed.
- Southbound I-69 reduced to two lanes from just north of 86th Street to the I-69/I-465 interchange.

From 6 a.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Sunday, the ramp from southbound I-465 to 56th Street/Shadeland Avenue closed to traffic com-

ing from eastbound I-465, according to INDOT.

Drivers can expect the following restrictions starting 9 p.m. Sunday, lasting until 6 a.m. Sunday:

- Ramp from eastbound I-465 to northbound I-69 closed.
- Ramp from eastbound I-465 to southbound Binford Boulevard closed.
- Ramp from eastbound I-465 to Allisonville Road closed.
- Ramps from Keystone Avenue to eastbound I-465 closed.
- Eastbound I-465 reduced to two lanes from Keystone Avenue to Fall Creek.

After work is complete, INDOT says I-465 will be open to three lanes in each direction from the White River to Fall Creek, allowing crews to complete final project work that will include barrier wall removal, pavement restriping, and noise barrier installation.

By the end of the year, I-465 is expected to open to four lanes in each direction.

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Play has no answers, but poses excellent questions to ponder

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

Most of us will never have to worry about “who” gets to tell our story. Our daily toils and travails will never be blasted on the Internet or covered by television/cable news. And after we’re gone? Who cares? We won’t hear about it.

The latest production from American Lives Theater (ALT) addresses this (and many other) questions from an historical perspective. *Arlington, or Your Forgotten American Hero* is a world premier from playwright Andrew Kramer, ALT’s literary director.

The play, though not strictly a documentary, unfolds the story of Oliver (Billy) Sipple. Sipple was a Marine and Vietnam Vet, as well as a gay man. In 1975, he happened to be standing near Sarah Jane Moore in San Francisco as she attempted to shoot President Gerald Ford. Sipple’s almost reflexive act of pushing her arm when the gun appeared kept her from shooting Ford. American Hero? Sure, but only briefly.

At the time, Sipple was out to friends in San Francisco, but still closeted to his Michigan family. His instant fame was almost immediately followed by rejection and



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Clockwise from Michael Hosp, seated center: Rob Johansen, Evan Wolfgang, Suzanne Fleenor, Jay Hemphill, and Jonathan Studdard.

condemnation when friends, active in the politics of gay rights, saw an opportunity to make the point that gay men could be heroes, too. As Sipple tried to keep his personal life private, he lost control of the story and lost the support of his family back in Michigan. Those relationships never fully recovered.

Kramer tells the story through time jumps and media clips from the era. We are in Sipple’s mind, as he re-traces the story and its myriad twists and turns.

Director (and ALT Artistic Director) Chris Saunders has done an exceptional job of casting his show. As Sipple, Michael Hosp is exceptional, sympathetic, angry,

and entirely captivating. Jay Hemphill brings the magnetism that was Harvey Milk. His Milk is laser-focused on the opportunity that Sipple as a gay hero presents. He can’t see the damage happening right in front of his face. Jonathan Studdard, Rob Johansen, and Evan Wolfgang are all excellent, creating a number of other characters in Sipple’s life. It was especially nice to see Phoenix founding member Suzanne Fleenor in the cast. Her turns as Sipple’s horrified Mother and his sympathetic landlord are standouts.

A startling (and historically correct) moment comes when Sipple is reminded that a few short weeks earlier,

a Secret Service agent had stopped Squeaky Fromm in a similar attack. That Hero was a nice married Secret Service officer, and so his valor and value was never questioned. Sipple never received his expected invitation to the White House. A single thank-you note from Ford came too late to be consequential.

Bottom line: *Arlington, or Your Forgotten American Hero* closes this weekend. It is an excellent way to start your Pride Month. But, more than that, it is an excellent chance to expand your awareness of an era that should seem far more ancient than it really is.

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PONDER

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The America of 2026 still sees parents reject their children for being themselves, and sadly, politicians and preachers still use homosexuality to enrage their followers. Does History repeat, or merely (as Mark Twain suggested) Rhyme? *Arlington, or Your Forgotten American Hero* has no definite answers, but the

questions are well worth your time.

Arlington, or Your Forgotten American Hero runs through June 7 at The Phoenix Cultural Center in downtown Indianapolis. Tickets are available at phoenixtheatre.org.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.

If you want your tickets to the Cinderella ball, buy them fast!

By CARRIE NEAL
A Seat on the Aisle

If you loved fairy tales as a small child, *Cinderella* is likely to be the first one you remember. The story of a hardworking and kind-hearted young woman, lifted from obscurity to

become royalty, has always been a source of inspiration to those who long for more.

Little children and their families were out in full force to see this classic during opening weekend at Beef and Boards, and girls dressed in blue weren't the only ones in costume; many parents were decked out as well, with light-up wands from the gift shop waving throughout the theater.

The traditional set design by Michael Layton sets the stage nicely. A functional yet fanciful castle is in view for almost the entire show, and its pillars light up with projections most effectively. Occasionally, the set revolves to show the interior of Cinderella's home.

The talented cast has numerous standouts: first, Danny Kingston in the small yet pivotal role of the Herald. His interpretation is witty and precise, and he pops up all over the theater, much to the delight of the audience. As the bumbling King, Craig Underwood also makes the most of his limited time onstage, mining laughs from rather simplistic dialogue with great charm.

Cinderella's stepsisters are always a highlight in any production of this classic piece of musical theater, and Christine Zavakos and Maya Mays do not disappoint in these great comedic roles. There's not much cruelty here; they bicker with each other far more than they pick on Cinderella, roughhousing constantly. Ms. Zavakos in particular adds comedic bits to great effect. Additionally, Chanel



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
The Prince (Carmine Mastrokostas, right) places the glass slipper on the foot of Cinderella (Grace Ellis Solomon).

Edwards-Frederick is a warm and grounded presence as the Fairy Godmother, with gorgeous vocals to boot. The special effects of her magic tricks are a treat to watch.

But, of course, the show really belongs to the title character, and this production is truly blessed in its leading lady. Newcomer Grace Ellis Solomon is absolutely enchanting as Cinderella, with an angelic voice, graceful form, and perpetual expression of delight. When she unites with her prince, played by Carmine Mastrokostas, they both make us believe in magic. Kudos to director Elizabeth Stark for finding moments of female empowerment for Cinderella within this fairly dated script.

This charming show has one final star, and it isn't an actor – it's the masterful costume design of Kathy

Henry. A fairy tale such as Cinderella could easily have traditional costumes, but Henry delights in the unexpected: sequined pants under peekaboo ball gowns, shrunken bolero jackets, and sweeping capes attached to the back of men's jackets. Her whimsical, fanciful vision greatly elevates the tone of the piece.

Clocking in at a brisk two hours including a 30-minute intermission, *Cinderella* is the perfect length for family-friendly entertainment. Tickets are apparently already scarce, so don't delay if you want to be part of the magic! Tickets can be purchased online at beef-andboards.com, or by calling their box office at (317) 873-9664. *Cinderella* runs at Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre through July 12.

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Highlight your photography talents with the Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest

Submitted

During the month of June, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will accept submissions for the 19th annual **Indiana Agriculture Photo Contest**. The contest is open to all Indiana residents and was created to recognize the hard work and contributions of Hoosier farmers, as well as the beauty of the state's agricultural landscape.

"We encourage Hoosiers to showcase the richness of Indiana agriculture and the beauty found across our state," said Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "I'm excited to see the creativity and stories reflected in this year's submissions."

Participants are encouraged to submit photos reflecting the wide array of agriculture. The categories photos can be entered under are:

- **On the Farm:** Showcasing any building, piece of equipment or activity that is a part of life on an Indiana farm.

- **Faces of Agriculture:** Featuring those who grow and produce food, fuel, and fiber in Indiana.

- **Agritourism:** Spot-lighting Indiana's seasonal and agricultural destinations, such as orchards, win-

eries, and farmers markets.

- **Conservation:** Highlighting Indiana's natural beauty with landscapes, water, and wildlife.

In total, 10 winners will be selected: two from each category and two overall. Winners will be invited to attend a special ceremony at the Indiana State Fair, where they will be recognized and receive certificates from Lt. Gov. Beckwith and ISDA Director Don Lamb. Contest winners will also have their photographs featured in the offices of the Lt. Governor's Family of Business in Indianapolis throughout the year.

"Indiana's agricultural landscape showcases some of the most beautiful places in our state," Lamb said. "We're excited to see photo submissions that capture those moments and highlight the people and scenes that make Indiana agriculture so special."

Contestants can submit up to five photos in digital format accommodated by a submission form for each photo. Photos will be evaluated based on creativity, composition, and category representation. Entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. June 30.

Click [here](#) for entry forms, guidelines, and criteria or visit isda.in.gov.

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Nine more graduates are on the road to automotive careers



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Last Thursday, May 28, Chariot Automotive Group celebrated the latest graduating class of its Automotive Technician Education Pathway (ATEP) program with nine students. The ATEP program gives high school juniors and seniors hands-on experience working on today's most popular automotive brands at four Chariot Automotive Institute Service Centers while also earning college credits through Ivy Tech Community College Kokomo. Graduates are then connected with area dealerships to continue careers in the automotive industry. With ongoing workforce shortages in skilled trades and automotive service, Chariot leaders say the program is helping create a direct pipeline from high school to high-demand careers.

Braun signs FAIRNESS Act to tighten state cooperation with federal immigration enforcement

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, June 2, Indiana Governor Mike Braun ceremonially signing **Senate Enrolled Act 76**, the FAIRNESS Act, a new law that strengthens Indiana's cooperation with federal immigration authorities, holds employers accountable for hiring illegal aliens, and ensures no community in Indiana operates as a sanctuary for illegal immigration.



Braun



Rokita

"On day one as Governor, I made clear that Indiana would not be a safe haven for illegal immigration," Gov. Braun said. "With the FAIRNESS Act, we are taking the next step in partnering with federal authorities to enforce the most fundamental laws of our country and protect Hoosier communities."

This legislation aims to strengthen immigration enforcement and prioritize public safety across the state. Upon taking office, Gov. Braun partnered with federal authorities and empowered the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana State Police to bolster enforcement.

Additionally, Gov. Braun took action to revoke all CDLs from illegal aliens and penalize companies who employ them, as well as partnering with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement on Operation Midway Blitz to remove illegal aliens driving trucks from Indiana's roadways.

Governor Braun was joined at the ceremonial signing by the bill's author, State Sen. Liz Brown (R-Fort Wayne), State Rep J.D. Prescott (R-Union City), and Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita.

"Members of my office and I worked tirelessly for nearly two years with State Reps. J.D. Prescott, Chris Jeter, and others in the House to draft and secure passage of the FAIRNESS Act," AG

Rokita said. "I am pleased that despite efforts to derail its best-in-the-nation language, the content ceremonially signed today remains very much the same as originally written. FAIRNESS Act represents by far the most significant legislative action Indiana has ever taken to combat illegal immigration and sends a powerful message that our state is putting Hoosiers first. We are thankful to Governor Braun for signing it into law and for his support even before the last legislative session. My office

will now turn its attention to enforcing it."

SEA 76, the FAIRNESS Act, short for Fostering and Advancing Immigration Reforms Necessary to Ensure Safety and Security, requires every governmental body in Indiana to comply with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer requests and prohibits any state or local entity from adopting a sanctuary policy that restricts cooperation with federal immigration officials.

The law requires sheriffs and police departments to notify the judge authorized to make bail decisions when a person in their custody is the subject of an immigration detainer, ensuring federal immigration holds are honored before release.

SEA 76 also prohibits Indiana employers from knowingly recruiting, hiring, or employing individuals who are not authorized to work in the United States. Employers who use E-Verify or a comparable federal verification program in good faith are shielded from liability.

The law grants the Indiana Attorney General new authority to investigate and pursue violations, ensuring that no jurisdiction in Indiana – and no employer doing business in the state – becomes a safe haven for illegal immigration.

The power of second chances

Better Together opens doors to employment & hope

By **TRAVIS MCGILVARY**
 Guest Columnist

Everyone in life has made a mistake, big or small. It's what we learn from those mistakes that help shape us into who we are.

As the senior director of workforce relations at Better Together, when I see a candidate with a background talking with employers, being upfront about their record but eager to contribute, something in me clicks. That's a person who, yes, made a mistake, but they're owning it. They just need a second chance, and that's what Better Together is here to offer them.

For the eighth consecutive year, Better Together, in partnership with 18 churches, broke employment barriers by hosting a series of background-friendly job fairs as part of Nationwide Days of Second Chances. Churches, volunteers, businesses, and nonprofits across the country all came together to promote the power of second chances and eliminate barriers such as incarceration, homelessness, lack of transportation, gaps on a resume, or unreliable child care.

These events welcomed those who are struggling to break through impersonal online job applications and allowed them to meet employers face-to-face. Employers took the time to listen to stories and focus on potential rather than someone's past.

Eighteen job fairs took place across six different states, including Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Ohio, and Washington D.C., serving 3,786 job seekers. More than 200 hiring employers participated in these events, 2,851 interviews were scheduled or conducted, and 492 job seekers received conditional job offers on the spot.

Through these events, 3,786 people's lives were touched in some way – all



Photos provided by Better Together

At Better Together's hiring event at Genesis Church in Noblesville, more than 100 job seekers were served, and 88 interviews were set up.

thanks to the support of loving neighbors across the country.

This year, we also broke a personal record, with one event having the most job seekers attend a Better Together job fair. First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Fla., welcomed 552 job seekers, helping them find work and support.

These job fairs are more than just an event; they're transformative experiences. Job seekers are provided with the resources they need to look and feel their best, helping to boost their confidence. Attendees can also take advantage of free one-on-one job coaching sessions to review resumes and interviewing skills, along with complimentary haircuts and clothing at some locations.

Nearly all job seekers leave our job fairs with hope in their hearts. Upon receiving a job offer or interview, candidates get to ring the Opportunity Bell, a sound that is soon followed by a room filled with joy. Jamario is just one of many who had that opportunity this year.

Jamario came to one of the Tampa hiring events with holes in his clothes and shoes, thinking he wasn't dressed well enough to be there. But the father-to-be who got out of county jail in January went in anyway. There, he met Kydia Washington, a volunteer who would later help him get work clothes and supplies and invite him to attend church with her.

Job Fair at Genesis Church in Noblesville, by the numbers
 102 job seekers served
 88 interviews scheduled/conducted
 4 job offers made
 8 employers and 6 resource partners
 83 percent of job seekers left feeling more confident

Tiffany Johnson of Forged Paths, a hiring employer partner, also met Jamario at the job fair. When interviewing him, she looked beyond his tattered clothes, sensing his accountability and desire to provide for his family. She offered him a job on the spot.

Fast forward seven days and Jamario was up before dawn, putting on his new cargo pants and slip-resistant boots. He put on his safety hat and said "See you. I'm off to work."

Jamario's story is a powerful one, but it's only one of many.

So, take the leap of faith. Sign up for a local job fair. You never know what a second chance may lead to.

Every year, we see hundreds of people's renewed hope when they're given another opportunity. But we can't do it alone.

If you're a business looking to hire, partner with us for an upcoming job fair and help give someone a second chance. If you'd like to support families in your community as a job coach, mentor, or host family, we'd love to welcome you as a volunteer.

To learn more about op-

portunities to get involved or read more impact stories, visit BetterTogetherUS.org.

Travis McGilvary is the senior director of workforce relations at Better Together, a nonprofit organization that helps parents in crisis address the root causes of their struggle and keep their children out of foster care.

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MONTHLY OFFERINGS

“On the first of every month, present to the Lord a burnt offering of two young bulls, one ram and seven male lambs a year old, all without defect. With each bull there is to be a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with oil; with the ram, a grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with oil; and with each lamb, a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with oil. This is for a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma, a food offering presented to the Lord. With each bull there is to be a drink offering of half a hin of wine; with the ram, a third of a hin; and with each lamb, a quarter of a hin. This is the monthly burnt offering to be made at each new moon during the year. Besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering, one male goat is to be presented to the Lord as a sin offering.

Numbers 28:9-15 (NIV)

“All In Noblesville” aims to bring community together to envision & plan city’s future

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The City of Noblesville has announced the launch of All In Noblesville, a collaborative planning initiative to update the city’s Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to guide growth and development over the next two decades.

Get involved & share your input

All In Noblesville is getting started with several ways for residents to share their voices:

- Take the online survey and markup the interactive map on the project website: AllNoblesville.com.
- Visit pop-up tables throughout the city at the community events.

• Join the kick-off celebration at the end of summer 2026.

• Sign up for project updates on the project website.

Check AllNoblesville.com for dates, times, and locations as they’re announced.

Community input drives the process

The initiative seeks extensive community input on land use priorities, including residents’ ideas for future development, identification of the community’s best places and assets, and areas where improvements or missing elements could enhance quality of life.

“The voices of people who live, work, dine, shop, and invest in Noblesville are a crucial part of shaping our

city’s next chapter,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “Community input is essential as we plan for the future and I look forward to hearing the priorities and ideas that will help guide Noblesville’s continued growth and success.”

The initiative specifically seeks resident input on:

- **Future land use ideas:** How and where the community should grow
 - **Best places and community assets:** What makes Noblesville special
 - **Missing elements:** Services, amenities, or infrastructure gaps
 - **Improvement opportunities:** Areas that could benefit from enhancement
- Why the update is needed**
Over the past 30 years,

the Comprehensive Plan has become outdated, and the Unified Development Ordinance has expanded from roughly 200 to over 600 pages. Decades of amendments have resulted in a document that is complex, contains contradictory language, and lacks key elements, such as clear standards for building form and design. During this same period, entire industries have emerged, technology has advanced significantly, and preferences for how people live and work have evolved – making incremental amendments increasingly difficult and likely to introduce additional conflicts rather than resolve them.

About All In Noblesville

All In Noblesville represents a unified approach to updating Noblesville’s long-term vision and the rules that implement that vision. The process is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months, with community input shaping every phase from initial visioning through final adoption.

The updated Comprehensive Plan and UDO will guide decisions about where residents live, work, and play in Noblesville for the next two decades, ensuring the community grows thoughtfully while preserving what residents value most.

For more information about All In Noblesville and to get involved, visit AllNoblesville.com.

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Softball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Westfield softball team won its first-ever regional championship on Tuesday. The host Shamrocks used a fast start to beat Western 6-2.

Rocks keep surging, win first-ever regional

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

WESTFIELD — Mad-die Moore had one message for her softball players before Tuesday night's Regional 4 championship. "Enjoy this."

A sectional champion for just the second time in program history, the Class 4A 14th-ranked Westfield Shamrocks entered their first regional appearance since 2023 with home field on their side, and Moore wanted to emphasize that fact.

"We talked to our seniors, and we reminded them, whatever happens, this is your last time at home, so defend your territory," Moore said. "We talked about the atmosphere. We had 3,000 people here tonight, so enjoy the atmo-

sphere. Enjoy being around each other. Just enjoy the vibes."

Against visiting Western (20-9), the Shamrocks (17-10-1) showcased their aura in front of a record-attendance crowd, and they made history, winning 6-2 for the program's first-ever regional crown.

In 2023, the Shamrocks captured their first sectional, but their postseason ended at host Harrison, 4-3, in regional.

This time around, the Shamrocks didn't flinch or change their approach after successfully running through Sectional 8 last week.

Instead, clutch two-out hitting netted Westfield six runs led by senior Sofia Easterhaus' 3-for-3 performance (2 RBI, 2 runs, 3 stolen bases), and junior right-

hander Mac Delph tossed a complete-game, one-hitter with seven strikeouts to lock down the title.

"It's just crazy to see how far we've come from the beginning of the season," said Easterhaus, a Marian commit. "I'm really proud of this team for doing what we know we can do."

Westfield's top three hitters in the lineup combined to go 5-for-10 with 3 RBI and 2 runs scored. Senior Makayla Watson (1-for-4) opened the bottom of the first with a leadoff single, which set the table for two bases-loaded situations in the frame.

In the second inning, Easterhaus, the team's two-hole hitter, put Westfield ahead 4-0 with a two-out RBI single.

In the first inning, fresh-

man six-hole hitter Carlyne Schrock (1-for-3) drove in three runs with a two-out bases-clearing double to make it 3-0.

Against Western ace junior Lucy George (14-6), who carried a 1.23 ERA, 219 strikeouts and 12 walks in 108.0 innings pitched, a quick start was necessary.

"She's a good pitcher. We cut our strikeouts down. We put the ball in play. We made things happen," Moore said. "We had the machine going this week. We had the (Texas Tech drill) box out this week, and we just worked the top half of the ball. Same thing as what we kind of did last week. We were like, we can put the ball on the ground, and we have speed."

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Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Westfield center fielder Makayla Watson made several big catches for the Shamrocks during their regional championship victory.

Shamrocks outfielders are ready for action

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD — When softball players talk about making adjustments, usually that has something to do with how they hit the ball.

Sometimes players have to make adjustments in the field as well. That was the case for Westfield's outfield players on Tuesday when they joined the Shamrocks team in hosting a regional for the first time.

Westfield won the regional 6-2 over Western and the outfielders did their part. Left fielder Reese Mahannah, center fielder Makayla Watson and right fielder Dylan Todd all contributed to the Shamrocks' historic victory.

"I think they all did fantastic," said Dory Thompson, the Rocks assistant coach who focuses on fielding. "Dylan was pretty solid with a couple catches in right, Makayla with a diving catch in center. Reese almost had [a runner] out at home. Altogether, I thought they did awesome."

All three outfielders are seniors and remembered their freshman season when Westfield won its first-ever sectional championship. The Shamrocks went on the road to Harrison and lost a close game 4-3.

"I remember it was heart-breaking," said Watson. "So, to come out this and do this and not squeak by, but command the game is definitely a great feeling."

Turf to grass

Westfield won the sectional championship last week with three wins at

Zionsville's turf field. The Shamrocks played their regional game on their own field, with a grass and dirt field. Todd said switching between the two fields "is a big difference. I think we do a good job of having to adjust to that, where the ball is going to go."

"This grass is super thick, and the way it's mowed, it's kind of squiggly, so the ball was jumping in different ways," said Mahannah. "You have to stay behind it and use your body. The turf, you can get a clear bounce, but on the grass, it can hit the lip and go past you, so you have to be ready for anything."

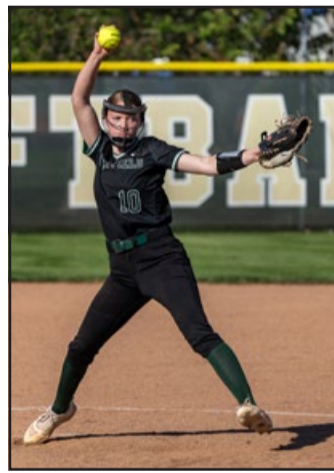
"You can't really predict grass as much as you can predict turf," said Watson. "Yesterday when we practiced, we told our coach we wanted balls on the ground, because that's what we needed to work on because we haven't really seen it in a while."

Whether the field is turf or grass, one thing the outfielders and their coach do in practice involves preparation, both physical and mental.

"We took a lot of reps before the game on the ground, in the air, catches that we didn't think we'd be able to make," said Mahannah. "We lay out, we practice diving before the game. Everything to get us ready for whatever may happen."

Watson talked about the mental part of the game, which involves being aggressive — "we want every ball hit to us," she said. "Just knowing that and attacking everything and just going all out really helps us out there."

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Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE LEFT) Senior Sofia Easterhaus was 3-for-3 at the plate and batted in two runs. (ABOVE CENTER) Sophomore Cam Pulice scored a run during the first inning. (ABOVE RIGHT) Junior pitcher Mac Delph allowed only one hit in a complete-game effort.

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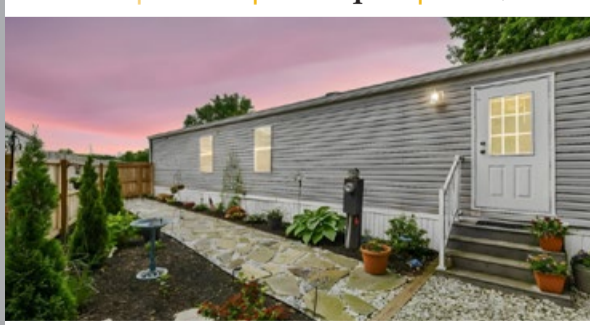
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Baseball regional lineups announced

The REPORTER

Hamilton County's baseball regional-qualifying teams will play at the same place on Saturday.

Guerin Catholic and University are both headed to Mooresville to compete in their regional games. There are 16 regional sites across the state, with each site hosting two championship contests. The winners advance to the Saturday, June 13 semi-state.

The Class 2A Trailblazers go first, taking on Greencastle at 11 a.m. The 3A Golden Eagles are next, playing Northview in a 3 p.m. game.

Both University and Guerin Catholic compete in the south semi-state. The winners of regionals in the south portion will play at one of four sites: Mitchell, Lawrence Central, Castle or Jasper.



The University baseball team celebrated a sectional championship on Monday, and will be spending this week preparing for the regional on Saturday. The Trailblazers take on Greencastle at the Mooresville regional.

Photo by Joshua Herd

Girls Tennis

Harvey to play in individual regional

The REPORTER

Westfield junior tennis player Isla Harvey will compete in the individual tennis regionals, which take place Saturday at North Central.

Harvey and three other players will compete in the North 2 regional. Harvey takes on Bremen senior Emma Lawmaster in a semifinal match. Both players have only lost one match this season; Harvey is 21-1

while Lawmaster is 18-1.

The other semifinal will see Brebeuf Jesuit junior Chloe Wendowski play Norwell senior Macie Saalfrank. Wendowski is 17-1 and won the Carmel individual sectional last week. Saalfrank's record is unavailable.

Both semifinal matches begin at 10 a.m. The winners advance to the regional championship match, which is set for 2 p.m.

Basketball



Photo provided

Westfield's Lillian Clark scored three points for the South team during the Indiana All-Stars Futures Games, which took place Monday at New Palestine.

Young county players shine at Futures Games

The REPORTER

Three of Hamilton County's young basketball players put their talents on display Monday at the Indiana All-Stars Futures Games, which took place at New Palestine.

Two girls sophomores-to-be took to the court to represent the South team.

Hamilton Heights' Riley Suarez scored five points, while Westfield's Lillian Clark scored three points.

In the boys game, Hamilton Southeastern's Varschon Clark represented the South team. Clark scored 15 points and collected seven rebounds.

Registration now open for Colts 5K Run/Walk and Blue's Fun Run at Lucas Oil Stadium

By KENDALL PIERSON
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Registration for the third annual Blue's Fun Run and for the 14th annual Indianapolis Colts 5K Run/Walk is now open.

The Colts 5K Run/Walk will give participants the opportunity to finish the race on the 50-yard line and enjoy a post-race celebration with awards, music, food, and drink specials.

Early registration begins at \$40, but the Colts say the registration price will increase on June 29.

Participants will receive a finisher T-shirt, medal, and the option of adding a specially-priced ticket for one of three regular season home games against AFC South rivals - Houston (Sept. 27), Tennessee (Oct. 18) or Jack-



WISH photo

Chase Briscoe with his son Brooks interacts with Blue, the Colts Official Mascot.

sonville (Week 18, exact date is to be determined) at checkout.

For Blue's Fun Run, kids ages four-12 can join the run for \$20 and will receive a finisher T-shirt, medal, and access to the

post-race celebration. Registration is free for current Blue's Club+ members.

Both events take place on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Lucas Oil Stadium.

More information can be found here.

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FIRST

Watson stole two bags. Senior Reese Mahannah's RBI bunt single in the bottom of the fourth along with an RBI hit by Easterhaus - both with two outs - canceled a two-run top half of the frame for Western.

"We stuck to what worked," Easterhaus said. "Win every inning was our mentality this game. They get a run. We score three more."

Their philosophy limited George to four strikeouts and charged her with nine hits allowed and six earned runs.

Delph faced minimal resistance except for the top of the third when Western cut the Shamrock's lead 4-2 by turning a one-out walk and previous fielding error into an RBI single and an RBI sac fly.

"I talked to Mac and told her, I just need you to go

out there and attack, throw strikes, hit your spots and your defense has your back," Moore said. "Mac went out there and dealt."

Delph retired the first five batters she faced and the last 11 with ample run support.

"The only time I felt any pressure was in that third inning, but it wasn't really a lot," Delph said. "Two-out rally. That's kind of our thing. We just keep getting

runners on. It's great."

Now, the Shamrocks head back to Harrison for semi-state where No. 4 Fort Wayne Carroll (27-1) awaits along with No. 1 Lake Central (28-2) and No. 3 Penn (28-3).

"I'm just enjoying the ride, honestly," Moore said. "We told them come out, play hard and see what happens. We're just getting hot at the right time."

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"My first year of coaching was their freshman year, so I've had four solid years to be able to work with them," said Thompson. "So, it's really just repetitions and working on the small things."

All three outfielders contributed on the offensive side as well. Todd was 2-for-2 and scored two runs, while Mahannah and Watson both had one hit, with Mahannah batting in a run.

"We knew we didn't want to let up," said Watson. "We wanted to still come

out strong. We wanted this win just as bad as we wanted the sectional win. And our coaches prepared us for it."

"We were really prepared," said Todd. "Throughout the entire season, we've been building up as a team and doing all the work we can to get here."

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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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