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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a few spotty showers. Thunder possible in the early morning.
Tonight: Partly cloudy evening. Showers and storms after midnight.
HIGH: 84 **LOW:** 71



SKYLAKE Adventures brings new wave of fun to Sheridan

The REPORTER

SKYLAKE Adventures, Indiana's first adventure park, held its grand opening last Thursday, June 4, providing a new kind of outdoor recreation destination to central Indiana and giving families, visitors, and adventure seekers a fresh place to splash, climb, slide, relax and reconnect this summer.

The privately developed destination opened its first wave of attractions with a six-acre lake, white-sand beaches, rentable aqua cabanas, lake-based recreation, floating obstacle courses and an X-Tower with multiple water slides.

The grand opening celebration featured remarks from SKYLAKE Founder Phil Sack, Co-founder Sean Howard, Sheridan Town Council President Si DeVaney. The ribbon-cutting was followed by a highly visual landing of parachuters onto the beach and a "First Wave" countdown that marked the official start of the park's first season. After the ceremony, guests entered the water and spent the day experiencing the park's beach areas, slides, water attractions, music, entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

"Today is more than the opening of a park – it's the be-



Photo provided by SKYLAKE Adventures. The park is designed to open in phases, with the first wave focused on water-based attractions and future additions planned to expand into a year-round outdoor destination.

ginning of a destination built to bring people together," Howard said. "We created SKYLAKE for families, friends, teams and visitors who want something different: a place where they can be active, relax by the water and make memories they'll want to come back for again and again. Seeing the first guests hit the water today was an unforgettable moment for everyone who helped bring this vision to life."



Howard



Sack

The opening marks the culmination of nearly five years of planning and development, supported by local investors,

civic organizations, government officials, community partners and regional leaders. The park is designed to open in phases, with the first wave focused on water-based experiences and future additions planned to expand SKYLAKE into a year-round outdoor destination.

SKYLAKE's location near U.S. 31 in Hamilton County positions the park to serve

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Photo provided by Tim Rathz

Our columnist's father and mother.

Roooooll again, Bud

A letter to my dad

It's funny, the memories that pop back into your head when you lose a loved one. My dad recently passed away after 86 years on Earth, 62 of which were spent married to my mom. That's a long time and a lot of stories.

Even though, at his age and health, I had some time to prepare myself for the inevitable, losing a parent still hits hard. I wasn't sure how I would feel. So, how do I feel? Sad, yes. But I've found that there have been so many long-forgotten great memories that have resurfaced in my head and heart, which has left me feeling more grateful than anything.

I know what you're saying right now... "Hey, Forty-something in Fishers! You're usually extremely funny! Like one of the funniest writers ever! But today you're kind of bumming me out!"

Bear with me. I mean, after all, my dad just died. Jeez! So, as I was saying...

As a dad, myself, I've learned quite a bit from this. So many memories come back to me that my dad might not have even remembered. He may not have known that some of these events had such a positive impact on me. I've learned that the kids are watching and listening. These are things they will take with them their whole lives whether you know it or not.

So, here is a letter to my dad to let him know some of those things...

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COLUMNIST



TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

Westfield Fire Department's first Mobile Blood Response patient reunites with first responders

Submitted by City of Westfield

A Westfield Fire Department blood drive on Wednesday, June 3, brought together the people, the program, and the purpose behind one of the department's most significant advances in out-of-hospital emergency care.

Drake Fuentes, the first patient to receive blood through Westfield Fire Department's Mobile Blood Response program, was reunited with Tipton Fire Department paramedic Allissa Flick and Westfield firefighter/paramedic Beau Leimbach, who were part of the response that helped bring blood to his side after a serious crash.

The three were photographed together in front of the bloodmobile and Westfield Fire Department's Field Resource Paramedic vehicle, which carries the department's

blood products and transfusion equipment. Several Westfield firefighters, paramedics and community members also rolled up their sleeves, helping replenish the blood supply that makes programs like Mobile Blood Response possible.

For Westfield EMS Division Chief Patrick Hutchison, the image captured more than a reunion.

"This is exactly why this program matters," Hutchison said. "It connects the donor, the paramedics and the patient in a very real way. Blood donated by the community can become blood administered by paramedics when someone's life depends on it."

Westfield Fire Department launched Hamilton County's first prehospital blood transfusion program in 2025. The program allows specially trained Westfield paramedics to administer plasma and red

blood cells before a patient reaches the hospital.

Plasma supports clotting and red blood cells help restore the body's ability to carry oxygen after major blood loss. Together, they can be critical for patients experiencing life-threatening hemorrhage from trauma, gastrointestinal bleeding, obstetrical or other medical emergencies.

Blood products are stored between one and six degrees Celsius in a mobile refrigeration unit inside WFD's quick



Photo provided by City of Westfield. Westfield Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic Beau Leimbach, Drake Fuentes, and Tipton Fire Department Paramedic Allissa Flick.

response vehicle. When requested, the blood is packed into a portable cooler that can be placed into any ambulance

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VAU Fallen Heroes Memorial Dog Tag Flag makes Flag Day return to Cyntheanne Christian Church

Submitted

The Veterans & Athletes United (VAU) Fallen Heroes Memorial Dog Tag Flag will return to Cyntheanne Christian Church on Sunday, June 14, providing the community with an opportunity to honor America's fallen heroes while supporting disabled veterans and their families.

The memorial will be on display from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend throughout the day.

Constructed from thousands of engraved dog tags representing service members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror, the traveling memorial serves as a moving tribute to the men and women who gave their lives

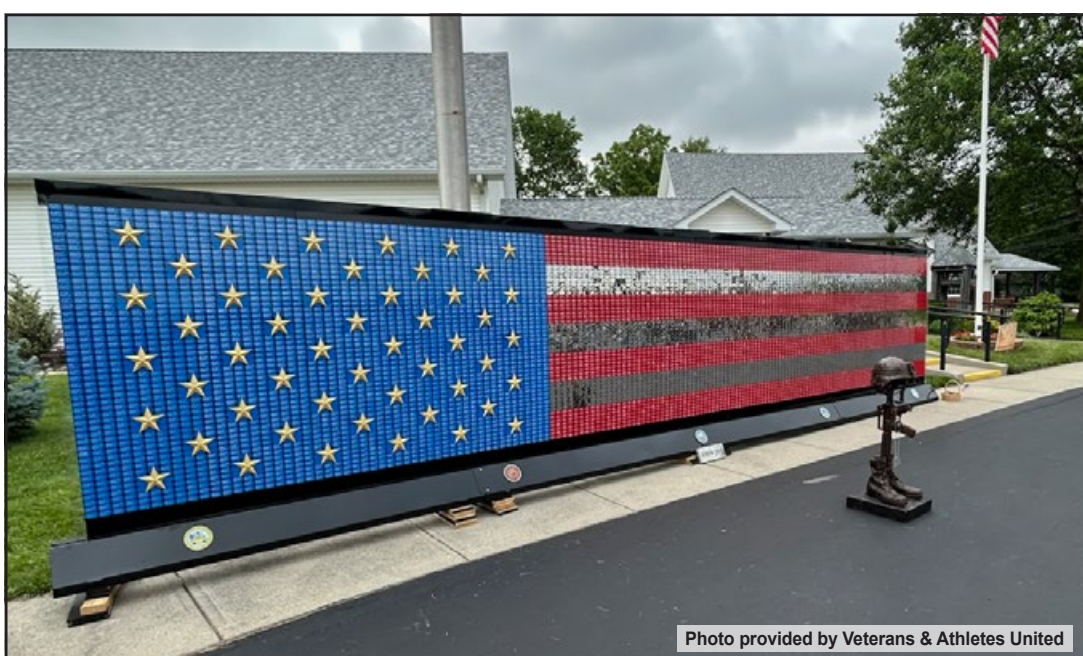


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in service to our country. Displayed on Flag Day, the memorial offers a powerful reminder of the freedoms Americans en-

joy because of their sacrifice. Beginning at noon, the event will feature speakers and live entertainment. Lunch will

be available, and visitors can browse a variety of crafts, baked

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Westfield Washington Schools announces 2026-2027 Shamrock Academy Class List

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) welcomes the members of the 2026-2027 Shamrock Academy Class. Bringing together parents, residents, business leaders, and community advocates from throughout Westfield, these individuals have committed to spending the next year learning, engaging, and exploring what it takes to serve more than 10,700 students across our growing school district.

Shamrock Academy provides community members with a unique behind-the-scenes look at WWS through monthly experiences, presented by district leaders, focused on school leadership, finance, safety, operations, student support services, hiring, technology, extracurricular activities, and the district's commitment that All Rocks Are Life Ready.

Members of the 2026-2027 Shamrock Academy Class include:

- David Abdelmaseih
- Devon Bloxom
- Melissa Campbell
- Alexis Cooks
- Jolene Dailey
- Alexis Fortier
- Klia Fuller
- Carolyn Haney

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Huston: Chicago Bears' move to Hammond is a 'done deal'

By **TIM SPEARS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston was quick to dismiss the suggestion that Illinois could still be in the running to retain the Chicago Bears.

"Done deal. This is going to happen in Hammond, Indiana," Huston told I-Team 8. "And we can't wait to start getting shovels in the dirt."

In a Friday statement, the **Bears said its board of directors voted** to "ad-

vance our stadium development project in Hammond."

Huston, a Republican, made it clear he doesn't see any ambiguity in the team's announcement. "I told the Bears, I said if I'm going to carry this, we're going to get it across the finish line."

"It's a big deal," Huston said. "It's not just about a stadium. It's about everything that will happen around the stadium."

There's no set timeline on when construction could start or when the Bears could kick off their inaugu-

ral season in the Hoosier state. The Bears said an "exact site" needs to be selected. The Wolf Lake area had been previously floated.

"The Chicago Bears chose Hammond, Indiana because they see what I have said for years: Hammond is a successful city of opportunity and possibility, an excellent choice for such a significant investment," Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott, a Democrat, said in a statement. "The city of Hammond and the entirety of Northwest Indiana will benefit from this transformative investment."

The announcement follows the **Illinois legislature failing to pass a "megaprojects" bill** that would have set up property tax rates to help to build a new Chicago Bears stadium



Huston

in Illinois.

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson, a Democrat, is still holding out hope. His office **released a statement** claiming the Board of Directors vote doesn't guarantee the team's move to Indiana. "Without a final site selection, until we see shovels in the ground in Hammond, the City of Chicago will continue to engage in discussions grounded in the interests of our residents."

When asked about the possibility of Illinois holding a special session to pass a megaprojects bill and bring the Bears back to the negotiating table, Huston wasn't worried. "I think the Bears have chosen Indiana," Huston said. "It's a great day for Indiana."

Under a **broad frame-**

work Indiana agreed to in February, the Chicago Bears will commit \$2 billion to develop a stadium in Hammond. Public funding could top \$1 billion.

A newly established Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority can finance and develop everything needed, with the ability to sign no-bid contracts, buy property, and set leasing terms without state government approval.

Lake and Porter counties will be asked to adopt a 1 percent food and beverage tax, along with an additional 5 percent innkeepers' tax in Lake County.

State Rep. Earl Harris Jr., D-East Chicago, believes the "transformational" benefits of luring the Bears will far outweigh the cost of public dollars going to the project. He's been waiting for this moment since his father tried to lure the Bears to Indiana in the 1990s. "What it will mean in terms of young peo-

ple, career options here in their backyards, they won't have to leave for."

Economic development expert John Boyd said the type of mixed-use development the Bears are looking for in their next stadium makes these kinds of deals mutually beneficial between teams and local communities.

"The traditional thought amongst economists is that these deals are losers for taxpayers. What changes the equation is the mixed-use component," Boyd said. "New houses, new office space, new retail, new hotels that otherwise would not be happening at this scale, at this density, and at the timeline if it were not for this stadium."

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FLAG

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goods, and other items for sale. The event will also include family-friendly activities, giving children an opportunity to participate in the day's festivities while learning about the importance of honoring our nation's heroes.

One hundred percent of all proceeds collected during the event will benefit VAU programs that assist disabled veterans.

Community members who would like to share a patriotic song, speak, perform, or participate in the program are encouraged to get involved. Anyone interested in participating or seeking additional information may contact Jo Neff at (317) 850-1477.

From my heart, each time this memorial comes

to our community I am reminded that behind every dog tag is a life, a family, and a sacrifice that should never be forgotten," Neff said. "It is both a privilege and honor to help bring this event to our church and community so we may pause together, give thanks, and remember those who gave so much for our freedom."

Organizers invite veterans, active-duty military personnel, families, friends, and community members of all ages to attend this special day of remembrance, gratitude, and support for those who have served our nation.

For more information about VAU, call VAU President James Howard at (540) 597-3186 or visit VetsAU.org.

WAVE

local families, youth sports travelers, regional visitors, corporate groups, and private events. The destination adds a new entertainment and recreation option to one of Indiana's fastest-growing areas while creating a place designed for multigenerational experiences.

"Hamilton County continues to be a place where families, sports, tourism and quality-of-life investments

come together," Sack said. "This more than \$50 million investment reflects our confidence in the region and our belief that SKYLAKE can become a destination for residents, youth sports families, regional visitors and groups looking for a one-of-a-kind outdoor experience."

To purchase tickets and learn more about the park and its operating hours, visit skylakeindiana.com.

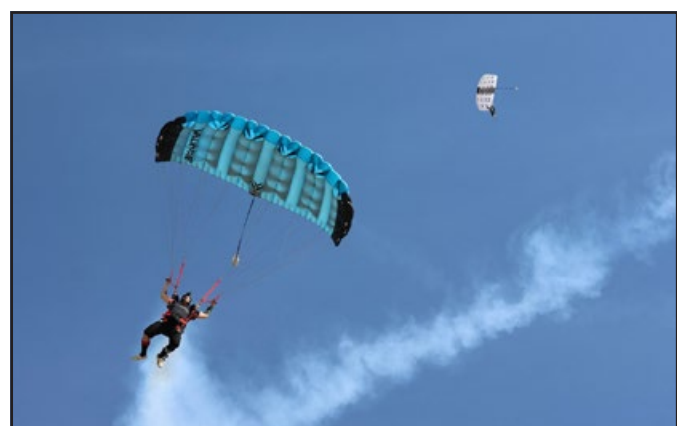
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DAD

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Hi Dad,
I hear Heaven is beautiful this time of year. They say there's no humidity, so that's good.

I was thinking of some things recently that made me smile. Like playing Trivial Pursuit with the family. I was by far the youngest, so when we played, I didn't know any answers. You wanted me to feel included, so you always let me roll the dice for you. Every time we landed on the "Roll Again" space you would sing in a booming deep voice, "Roooooolll again, bud." I'll always remember that. Especially since it's stuck in my head now. Thanks a lot!

Speaking of a tune stuck in my head, I also remember you would play '50s music in the car. My favorite was always "Chantilly Lace" by the Big Bopper. We would sing that together sometimes.

You gave me a love for sports. I remember when the Indianapolis Indians were in the championship in 1988. We were listening to the game on the radio, and it was apparent the Indians were going to win. You and I hopped in the car and headed to old Bush Stadium. You got us in for free in the ninth inning, and after the Indians won, you took me out on the field with the crowd. Mayor Hudnut was celebrating on the dugout roof. You yelled up to him and asked him to shake my hand, which he did.

You volunteered at our school, church, and the Little League. You came to every single game I ever played and even videotaped all my football games with the world's most giant camcorder. I remember one time, when Mom was busy, it was your duty to take me out and buy me some bas-

ketball shoes. Apparently, Payless Shoes must've been out of the Nike Airst that I wanted, so you got me a brand called "Top Gun." They were Velcro shoes with basically no traction. My friends still make fun of me to this day. But you knew I'd have way more fun if I was slipping and sliding all around the court instead of making those quick cuts. Right? It also didn't hurt that they were only like \$10.

Do you remember that time you accidentally hit me in the head with a wiffleball bat when we were playing? Yeah, I don't remember that either. I must've blacked out. Oh well.

You showed me a love for the Colts, Notre Dame, the Reds, IU, and the Pacers. And you always made sure to let me know which players and coaches should be fired when they screwed up.

You bought us all a Colts watch one Christmas, and you were so proud to give them. I even wore it to your funeral in honor of you, even though it doesn't work anymore.

Since we're talking about sports, one of the biggest things I got from you is an absolute love for the Indy 500. You were always a sucker for tradition and now I am too. Since I grew up listening to the radio play-by-play of the race with you, I still find myself listening to the broadcast to this day, even though I'm sitting in the second turn. Yes, I cry during the ceremonies, just like you did.

I remember learning how to cuss by watching you put up the Christmas

lights every year.

I remember you awkwardly trying to give the birds and the bees talk to me in high school. Let's never speak of that again!

We had great vacations. One time you took me deep-sea fishing and even bought me a cheeseburger on the boat. I repaid you by throwing up all over the place. I guess that was the start of my lifetime of motion sickness.

Most years we would go to Lake Shafer. We would water the garden the night before the trip so we could pull up worms to take with us to use as bait for fishing. You would also use chicken livers. Do you remember the one time you accidentally left the livers out all day in the scorching sun? It smelled to high heaven, but we still used them and caught more catfish than ever!

I also had the opportunity to work with you for a couple of years. I was grateful for the opportunity to see how well respected you were at the company. Not many people get to see that side of their dad. I'm glad I did, because my work ethic improved from that experience.

Well, I gotta go. We'll still talk often. Especially when I'm cussing up a storm while putting up my Christmas lights this year.

The moral of this story is ... Take it all in, especially if you're a parent. You never know when a seemingly ordinary moment turns into an everlasting memory. So, until we meet again ... Roooooolll again, bud!

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Throughout the application process, participants shared a desire to better understand curriculum and instruction, district growth, school finance, operational decision-making, and the many factors that shape the educational experience for students and families. Their curiosity and commitment to learning reflect the collaborative spirit that makes Westfield such a special community.

"The Shamrock Academy creates meaningful opportunities for community members to learn alongside us, ask questions, build relationships, and gain a deeper understanding of the work happening every day in our schools," said Ashley Knott, Director of Community Engagement for WWS. "We are thrilled to welcome this outstanding group of lead-



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

ers, parents, residents, and community partners. Their willingness to invest their time in learning about public education strengthens the connection between our schools and our community."

Over the course of 10 sessions, participants will meet district leaders, tour facilities, engage in hands-on experiences, and explore the many ways WWS prepares students for success both inside and outside the classroom.

"We believe strong schools are built through strong partnerships," WWS Superintendent Dr. John Atha said. "Shamrock Academy allows community members to see firsthand the dedication of our staff, the opportunities available to students, and the thoughtful planning required to serve a growing district. We are looking forward to sharing more about ourselves and getting questions and feed-



back from this group of community members. Shamrock Academy is a great example of how excellent schools and excellent communities go hand-in-hand."

Those interested in joining a future Shamrock Academy cohort should keep an eye out for the application, expected to open in Winter/Spring of 2027. An easy way to learn more about this opportunity and the school district is by [subscribing to the Shamrock Blast email newsletter](#). New editions of this community resource are published every other Thursday.

REUNITE

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receiving support from Westfield's Mobile Blood Response. The department also carries a blood and fluid warmer and a rapid infuser, allowing paramedics to deliver a unit of blood in about three minutes when a patient needs emergency resuscitation.

Hutchison said the program grew from a change in thinking.

"I used to look at this from a very practical standpoint," Hutchison said. "We are about 20 minutes from a trauma center and I questioned whether carrying blood was worth the cost, logistics and operational lift. Then I heard a trauma surgeon say a patient's ZIP code should never decide whether they have access to blood. That changed the way I looked at it."

Hutchison said Westfield began studying successful blood programs in Indiana and across the country, including South Bend Fire Department, paramedics embedded with the IMPD SWAT team and Vernon Township Fire Department in Fortville. The department also received advice and support from Dr. Lewis Jacobson, director of Ascension St. Vincent's Level I Trauma Center, as Westfield evaluated how to safely and responsibly bring blood products into the field.

"What we learned is that this is not just about rural EMS or long transport times," Hutchison said. "A patient can bleed to death close to a trauma center. The issue is not only distance. It is time, access and whether the system is prepared to bring the right care to the patient as early as possible."

Published research supports early blood product administration for selected patients with life-threatening bleeding. Studies have shown that starting blood products in the field can

improve survival for some trauma patients at risk for hemorrhagic shock.

For Westfield, the program is also about regional responsibility.

"We are proud to be the first in Hamilton County, but we do not want to be the only ones thinking this way," Hutchison said. "If a neighboring fire department or EMS agency has a patient who needs blood, we want them to call us. This program was built to help Westfield patients, but also to support our partners when minutes matter."

Wednesday's blood drive also carried a simple message for the community: blood on the ambulance begins with blood from a donor.

Fuentes hoped to donate during the blood drive, but because blood transfusion recipients must wait one year before donating, he was not yet eligible. Instead, he came to support the program, thank the paramedics involved in his care and encourage others to give.

"If it wasn't for them, I don't know what my life would be," Fuentes said.

"That is the spirit we hope catches on," Hutchison said. "Drake did more than say thank you. He showed up with the intention of paying it forward, and when he is eligible, he plans to donate. Every donor who gives blood is helping put lifesaving care within reach for someone they may never meet."

Westfield Fire Department encourages residents to donate at future blood drives and support the blood supply that hospitals, trauma centers, and WFD rely on every day.

The next emergency may happen in a home, on a farm, in a neighborhood or on a highway. The blood that helps save that patient may come from someone who simply took time to

All the Best Happy Hours

As some of life's complications cause a pause in our Happy Hour (HH) adventures, I thought this might be a great time to reflect on the many and varied different levels, styles, and locales we have encountered so far – and to award those that we noted for their different attributes.

COLUMNIST



KEN KLINGENMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

So – we here present the A Seat at the Table Happy Hour Awards. The ASTH-HAs! No, I don't think I'll call them that. How about the HaHo Awards? No, again. Umm, let's just do them and maybe come up with an award name later ...

Best variety

This category has to go to **Bar Louie** in the Olivia Building in Carmel. Their HH menu consists of three prices levels of selections (\$8, \$9, and \$10) for Bar Bites and Flatbreads. There is also a wide variety of Drinks. They offer a list of 26 foods as well as a long list of drinks ranging from

\$5.50 pints to \$9 Martinis and Cocktails – an unsurpassed number! And everything we tried was delicious!

Best ambiance

Our second visit to **Ocean Prime** was outstanding in this category. All the aspects of an inviting, well-appointed, well-attended spot with great food and great service came together on our Thursday night "all-night Happy Hour" (4 p.m. 'til 9 p.m.) visit.

Best food item

In terms of taste and appearance, Mrs. K and I are split (we have our own preferences after all) with **Ocean Prime's** Crab Cake Sliders being her favorite and for me – an absolute favorite is too hard to pick. I really enjoyed so much of what is offered. As a food-lover, it's all worth notice!

Most comfortable venue

I'd have to give this distinction to **Eddie Merlot's** on 96th Street. The bar area

where HH was held had comfy, low, and padded chairs on wheels. Pillows were part of the arrangement, if you preferred. And a small fireplace added a comfort accent.

Best prices

Lots to choose from in this category, but \$14 for the Flatbread and Sip at **Seasons 52** is awfully nice. That gives you a meal size flatbread (from four varieties) and a generously poured glass of wine (limited varieties). For a couple – \$28 plus tax and tip.

Alright, after pondering what I can call these awards, I came up with Best Of A Seat at the Table Awards – the BOAST Awards, if you will.

Congrats to all the winners – the decisions were not easy to make – there are just so many great Happy Hours out there!

Ken Klingenmeier offers his series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.

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Hamilton Southeastern High School celebrates the Class of 2026 graduates

Last Thursday evening, June 4, Hamilton Southeastern High School held its commencement exercises at the Fishers Event Center. As stated by Superintendent Matt Kegley, "This graduating class has demonstrated excellence both inside and outside the classroom. Whether their next step is college, military service, the workforce, or another pathway, these students leave HSE prepared to make meaningful contributions to their communities. We are proud of all they have accomplished and excited to see what comes next." See the full story online at ReadTheReporter.com. (Photos provided by HSE Schools)



Gathering for Grillin' & good times downtown



Reporter photos by Aida Karim

(ABOVE LEFT) A Noblesville Lion sits down for her meal alongside friends during "Grillin' on the Square" on June 5. The Lions host "Grillin' on the Square" annually to fund local initiatives that support youth. (ABOVE CENTER) Noblesville Lions Club member Cheryl Helton mans the ticket booth alongside friends during "Grillin' on the Square" on June 5. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton East Public Library librarian hosts the organization's booth, promoting the library's "Seed Library," offering free seeds from a variety of plants for all community members.



Reporter photos by Aida Karim

(ABOVE LEFT & CENTER) Community member Hannah Duong has her arm decorated with flowers by a local face painter on June 5. Duong said she had a lot of fun at the event, engaging with local businesses and friends. (ABOVE RIGHT) Business owners sell their classic still-life style painting of colorful flowers.



Reporter photos by Aida Karim



(LEFT) A local vendor sells her crochet plushies and trinkets. (FAR LEFT) Local honey vendors strike a pose next to their booth. "Grillin' on the Square" invites a number of local businesses to promote and sell their merchandise and services. (NEAR LEFT) Local business owners of Confused Humor sell tie-dye shirts at "Grillin' on the Square" on June 5.



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20-year-old arrested after I-465 shooting near Allisonville Road

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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A 20-year-old man was arrested Friday in connection with a Wednesday shooting on I-465 near Allisonville Road, the Indiana State Police said in a news release.

No injuries were reported during the shooting that happened around 7:30 p.m. in the westbound lanes.

Josiah J. Flowers faces preliminary charges includ-

ing criminal recklessness, pointing a firearm, and intimidation, the release said. The Marion County Prosecutor's Office will review the case to determine whether to file criminal charges.

The motive for the shooting was not given in the release.

Investigators found that the shooting involved the occupant of one vehicle firing shots toward another. A black SUV had what

appeared to be bullet holes, and authorities believe it was the targeted vehicle. Investigators used cameras that record license plates to locate Flowers after the shooting. A search warrant was granted for the Flowers' car, identified as a silver Dodge Charger, which police located, leading to his arrest and jailing.

The release contained no additional information on the vehicle that was shot or its occupants.

Multiple 911 callers alerted police to the shooting, the release said.

News 8 reached out for Flowers' jail booking photo, but did not receive an immediate response from the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

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Former County Sheriff Dan Stevens endorses Jack Russell for Hamilton Heights School Board

Submitted

Hamilton Heights School Board candidate Jack Russell has announced that he has received the endorsement of longtime Hamilton County public servant and former Hamilton County Sheriff Dan Stevens.

Stevens served Hamilton County for nearly five decades, beginning as a Sheriff's Deputy and Chief Deputy before being elected Sheriff in 1986 and serving two terms. He later served as Director of Administration for the Hamilton County Commissioners, helping oversee major county initiatives and facilities projects.

Stevens cited Russell's character, leadership, and commitment to community service as reasons for his endorsement.

"I have known the Russell family for most of my adult life," Stevens said. "Jack represents the best of his generation. He is dedicated to serving his community with compassion, common sense, the ability to listen and the experience to help Hamilton Heights Schools prepare paths to success for all our students."

Russell said the endorsement is especially meaningful because of



Russell

the longstanding relationship between Stevens and his family.

"Dan Stevens has spent his life serving Hamilton County and helping make our communities stronger," Russell said. "His endorsement is incredibly humbling. Dan was one of my grandfather's closest friends, and they worked together for many years. Growing up, I saw firsthand the respect they had for one another and their shared commitment to public service. To receive Dan's support today is truly an honor."

Russell currently serves as President and CEO of OneZone Chamber and as Vice President of the Hamilton Heights Education Foundation. His campaign is focused on supporting student achievement, strengthening community engagement, and ensuring responsible stewardship of district resources.

"Dan's leadership has impacted generations of Hamilton County residents," Russell said. "I am grateful for his confidence in me and for the example he has set through a lifetime of service."

The Hamilton Heights School Board election will be held on Nov. 3, 2026.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: time for Carmel to upgrade its stormwater system

Dear Editor:

In the last five years, Carmel elected and unelected officials have spent \$3.5 billion and ignored infrastructure decay – especially stormwater management.

In the quarter century Carmel social engineers have lavished borrowed money on:

- Unneeded roundabouts, and
- Subsidized projects that won't return a dollar in property taxes for 25 more years, one problem has been swept under the rug.

The priorities are upside down.

Carmel ended last year with \$310 million in cash, \$1.4 billion in assets.

Homeowners cough up \$83.40 a year in stormwater control fees.

A pittance compared to the ever-growing need.

Bad management resulted in general decay throughout the area between U.S. 31 and Keystone.

It's high time antique storm sewers are upgraded, and the needs of the people take precedence over the borrow-and-spend, fun-and-games priorities of the past.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Carmel's own Chase Golden graduates from Mount Mercy

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2026.

Chase Golden of Carmel graduated from Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in May

Golden achieved a Bachelor of Business Administration, Cum Laude. Congratulations!

Fishers' own Jack Goheen graduates from Bucknell University

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engineering, and the Freeman College of Management). These students hail from 41 U.S. states and 25 nations.

Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., celebrated nearly 1,000 graduates on Sunday, May 17. The class represents over 60 majors across Bucknell's three colleges (Arts & Sciences, En-

Among the graduates is Jack Goheen of Fishers, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.



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Invite a woman veteran you know for Women Veterans Day Tea

Submitted by
Jon Baldwin
Clay Township Military
Library & Museum

On Friday, June 12, we invite you to help us honor the women who have worn our nation's uniform by joining us – and by spreading the word to the women veterans in your life.

Women Veterans Day marks the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which granted women a permanent place in the U.S. Armed Forces. At Hamilton County's only public military library and museum, we are committed to making sure their stories are heard and their service is seen.

This year's observance will include a special Women Veterans Day Tea, hosted by our women veteran volunteers.

Key details

- Location: Clay Town-

ship Military Library & Museum, 10801 N. College Ave., Carmel

- Open House: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (drop in any time)
- Women Veterans Tea: 2 to 4 p.m.

- Cost: No cost to attend.
- Refreshments: Tea, coffee, cake, and cookies will be served.

- Dress: Comfortable, casual attire – this is meant to feel relaxed and welcoming.

- RSVP (women veterans only): Space is limited to 22 women veterans; please RSVP by calling (317) 565-9241.

How you can help this week

- Personally invite at least one woman veteran you know – family member, neighbor, coworker, or fellow congregant – and offer to come with her to the museum. Many women who have served still do not realize there is a national day set aside in their honor.



Photo provided

- Share our Facebook post about Women Veterans Day (June 12) and tag women veterans or veteran-friendly organizations.

- If you are a woman veteran, please come as you are, bring a friend if you'd like, and join us for an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship,

and shared stories across all branches of service.

Whether a woman veteran chooses to share her story, quietly enjoy a cup of tea, or simply look around the museum, her presence matters. Your help inviting and welcoming her makes a real difference.

Stephanie Braden announces run for HSE School Board

Submitted

My name is Stephanie Braden, and I'm excited to share that I'm running for the Hamilton Southeastern School Board in District 4.

I have been a Fishers resident for over a decade and I love our community. Career-wise, I have spent over 16 years working as a registered nurse, caring for patients and families, and promoting health, wellness, and education. As a Charge Nurse, I've led teams, coordinated care, mentored staff, and worked together with others to get the best results, even in busy and challenging situations.

I am actively a proud member of the United States Army Reserve and have been serving for over two and half decades now, holding numerous leadership positions throughout my military career. These experiences have strengthened my commitment to service, accountability, teamwork, and leading with integrity.

Service to others has always been an important part of who I am. Throughout the years, I have actively volunteered within our community and church, including educating women on healthy behaviors and health promotion for mothers and babies. I have volunteered as an elementary school math tutor, served as a room parent, and supported classrooms and school activities as a parent volunteer. These experiences have allowed me to work directly with students, teachers, and families while deepening my appreciation for the vital role our schools play in shaping future generations.

As a mother of five children who have attended Hamilton Southeastern Schools, I have experienced firsthand the value of a strong public education. Three of my children

have graduated from HSE schools and are excelling in their chosen paths, including one who recently earned

an engineering degree and another who is serving as a cadet at West Point. My two younger children continue to thrive within HSE schools. Our family's experience reflects why it is

so important to retain and recruit outstanding educators and welcome new families who want their children to attend HSE schools. Strong teacher support and community investment are essential to maintaining the academic excellence that attracts families to our district and strengthens our public school system.

I believe strong public schools are essential to preparing the future leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers of tomorrow. Strong leadership is not siloed. The best decisions are made by reviewing diverse perspectives and working together collaboratively toward a common goal. Our community is made up of families, students, educators, staff, taxpayers, and community leaders, all of whom bring valuable experiences to the table. My leadership is guided by traditional values of integrity, personal responsibility, respect, service, accountability, and a strong work ethic. Our community deserves transparent and honest leadership that values diverse perspectives, seeks common ground, and remains focused on what is best for students. I am committed to supporting academic excellence, investing in our public schools, fiscal responsibility, empowering our educators, and ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.

I would be honored to earn your support and serve our community as a member of the Hamilton Southeastern School Board.



Braden

Women's Learning Circle brings networking & education to Hamilton County ag producers

Submitted

Women landowners, farmers, and conservation-minded community members are invited to participate in a three-part Women's Learning Circle series designed to provide practical information, resources, and connections for managing farmland and working lands.

Hosted by The Nature Conservancy's Women4theLand program in partnership with the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and local conservation partners, the series will bring together women landowners and female conservation professionals in a welcoming, informal setting focused on learning, discussion, and peer networking.

The sessions will be held at the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District office in Noblesville and will explore key topics affecting agricultural

land stewardship and long-term conservation planning. The 2026 series includes:

- Soil Health and Water Quality – June 17

- Conservation Values and Challenges – July 15

- Steps for Creating a Plan + Visit to a Local Farm – Aug. 12

Each session will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes a light breakfast and complimentary lunch.

While each learning circle can be attended independently, the sessions are designed to build upon one another and provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of conservation opportunities, challenges, and planning strategies for their land. The information presented is relevant to all types of farming operations and landowner situations.

"Women own or co-own a significant portion of Indiana's agricultural land, yet many have had limited op-



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portunities to connect with conservation professionals and other women facing similar land management decisions," said Heather Bacher, Women4theLand coordinator. "These learning circles create a supportive environment where participants can ask questions, share experiences, and gain practical knowledge to help them achieve their conservation goals."

Participants must register separately for each session. Registration and additional information are available at women4theland.org/upcoming-events. Assistance with registration is available by contacting Heather at heather@women4theland.org or (317)

514-4634.

About Women4theLand

Women4theLand is a program of The Nature Conservancy that brings women landowners together to learn about conservation practices, connect with peers, and explore opportunities to steward their land for future generations.

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Soil and Water Conservation District

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Hamilton County's delegates dominated the Indiana Democratic Convention on Saturday, June 6.

Democrats nominate statewide candidates



Photos provided by Hamilton County Democrats
(ABOVE, from left) Coumba Kebe received the Treasurer nomination, Beau Bayh received the Secretary of State nomination, and Jessica Bailey received the Comptroller nomination.



Coumba Kebe accepts Democratic nomination for Indiana State Treasurer

Submitted

On Saturday, June 6, healthcare executive Coumba Kebe officially accepted the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer at the Indiana Democratic Convention, held at the Indiana Convention Center.

Addressing a packed room of delegates from all 92 counties, Kebe highlighted her extensive background in healthcare operations and compliance. She framed her vision for the Treasurer's Office as a vital mechanism for accountability, transparency, and building long-term financial security for Hoosier families.

Kebe pointed directly to the growing disconnect between state budget priorities and the daily financial realities facing working families across Indiana.

"As someone who has spent nearly a decade working in our healthcare system, I see firsthand how disconnected government has become from the everyday realities facing Hoosiers," Kebe said. "This office can be about much more than spreadsheets and investment reports. It can be about rebuilding public trust. It can be about helping Hoosiers understand where our taxpayer dollars are going, how public money is being invested, and how those decisions impact our daily lives."

The Noblesville resident highlighted her dedication to staying focused on real-world solutions rather than partisan gridlock. She drew attention to critical state issues, noting that more than 19,000 vulnerable adults and children sit on Medicaid waiver waitlists, rural communities continue to lose labor and delivery units, and local public education systems remain starved for resources.

Kebe emphasized that the Treasurer's Office must step up to serve as a transparent consumer safeguard and a partner in household financial literacy, particularly in expanding access to generational wealth-building tools like CollegeChoice 529 plans.

"At a time when so many Hoosiers are struggling to afford basic healthcare, childcare, housing, and the basic necessities of life, we cannot afford to lose sight of why we are here," she said. "I know this great state is capable of being a place where every child has an opportunity to succeed, where families can afford to stay in the communities they know and love, and where people feel like government is working with them, not around them."

With her nomination finalized by the delegation, Kebe advances to the November general election. She enters the race with a clear mandate to bring operational stewardship, strict budget management experience, and corporate auditing standards to Indiana public funds.

"Now, I am fully aware that this journey will be an uphill battle," she said. "But if the last six months have taught me anything, it is that change begins the moment we dare to imagine something bigger. So today, I am asking you just to dare to dream again. And to dare to believe that together, we can build the future that all Hoosiers deserve."

About Coumba Kebe

Coumba Kebe is a healthcare executive, entrepreneur, public health professional, and the 2026 Democratic Nominee for Indiana State Treasurer. Raised in Indianapolis, she is a first-generation American who holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from Indiana University. Her professional career includes serving as a Corporate Compliance and Training Officer and Director of Field Operations, where she managed complex logistics and multi-million-dollar budgets. As the founder of Scope Consulting, she brings extensive experience in financial tracking, regulatory compliance, and organizational accountability.

For more information, visit KebeForIndiana.com.

Beau Bayh wins Democratic nomination for Secretary of State

Submitted

Beau Bayh released the following statement after winning the Democratic nomination for Indiana Secretary of State at the party's convention last Saturday, June 6.

"Every Hoosier who

believes in honest government and leaders with integrity has a place in this campaign. We can all agree that corruption and insider dealing has no place in Indiana. Together, we can bring accountability back to the Secretary of State's office."

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A showcase of talent you won't want to miss

Submitted

In just six weeks, the stage of the Payne & Mencias Palladium will come alive with some of the nation's most talented young performers at the 2026 Songbook Showcase.

Set to take place on Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m., this special evening features solo performances from all 40 participants of this year's Songbook Academy®, along with special appearances by Great American Songbook Foundation founder and five-time GRAMMY nominee Michael Feinstein and acclaimed Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez.

Best of all, tickets are just \$5, making this unforgettable night one of the best entertainment values of the summer.

Tickets may be purchased online, by calling (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

Tickets are limited to eight per household. For larger groups, please email Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org or call (317) 843-3800 to reserve seats together.

Senior living communities, student groups, and organized community groups are welcome. Bus drop-off accommodations and group assistance can be arranged in advance through the Fifth Third Bank Box Office team.

For additional accessibility accommodations or assistance with group reservations, please call (317) 843-3800.

Guest mentors

Mandy Gonzalez & Michael Feinstein

Mandy Gonzalez is an accomplished film, TV, stage actor and author who possesses one of the most powerful and versatile contemporary voices of our time. She has starred on Broadway in the megahit *Hamilton* as Angelica Schuyler, originated Nina Rosario in the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *In The Heights* – for which she received a Drama Desk Award – and starred as Elphaba in the Broadway production of *Wicked*. She most recently guest-starred as Norma Desmond in the Tony-winning revival of *Sunset Blvd.*

Mandy also received an OBIE Award and overwhelming critical praise for her performance in the Off-Broadway production of *Eli's Comin'*. Television viewers have seen Mandy in recurring roles on *Madam Secretary*, *BULL*, *Quantico*, and alongside Steve Martin, Martin Short, and Selena Gomez in *Only Murders in the Building*. She has appeared in *Across the Universe*, *After*, and *Man on a Ledge*, and can be heard as the voice of Mei in Disney's *Mulan 2*, and Mother Rose on the Disney Plus and Disney Jr. series *Alice's Wonderland Bakery*.

Michael Feinstein is



Gonzalez



Feinstein

a multi-platinum-selling, two-time Emmy and five-time GRAMMY Award-nominated entertainer known for his dedication to preserving the Great American Songbook. He has performed at the White House, Carnegie Hall, Buckingham Palace, and the Sydney Opera House. His most recent album, *Gershwin Country*, features collaborations with Dolly Parton, Brad Paisley, and other country legends.

In addition to founding the Great American Songbook Foundation, Feinstein serves as Artistic Director of Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, and is a member of the Library of Congress' National Recording Preservation Board. He's also the author of the *Los Angeles Times* bestseller *The Gershwins and Me*.

Meet the young artists set to bring the Songbook to life

The Songbook Showcase features all 40 talented participants in solo performances at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

This year's class includes singers from across the country, both returning alumni and exciting new faces representing 29 cities and 13 states.

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- Lucy Chesley, Burbank, Calif.
- Jacob Cintron, Westfield
- Sadie Cohen*, Carmel
- Finn Davis, Mill Valley, Calif.
- Maddie Delbridge*, Pasadena, Calif.
- Cecilia Diamond, Agoura Hills, Calif.
- Cami Errami, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
- Aarthi Eswaran*, Carmel
- Charlotte Green, Wheaton, Ill.
- Grady Griffin*, Carmel
- Ella Harris, Lexington, Ky.
- Aubreyana Eileen Hoepfner, Kokomo
- Madeline Hogan*, Winter Garden, Fla.
- Sophia Jimenez Butcher, Indianapolis
- Ian Jones, Carmel
- Claire Kashman, Indianapolis
- Clara Keiper, Zionsville
- Annabelle Kim, Carmel
- Julianna Joy Lawson-Schlitz, North Aurora, Ill.
- Maya Mariano, Westlake Village, Calif.
- Ethan Mathias*, Ada, Mich.
- Maggie McBride, Ashburn, Va.
- Soren McLaughlin*, Noblesville
- Julia Mooney, Holmdel, N.J.
- Krisha Motycka*, Carmel
- Adrienne Nicasastro*, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
- Sophia O'Toole*, Medfield, Mass.
- Dilan Patton*, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Charlotte Raynor, Doylestown, Pa.
- Mia Rettig*, Indianapolis
- Connor Ruckman*, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Claire Noelle Scrogam, Greenwood
- Hannah Sevensing, Carmel
- Akshara Shrikant, Boston, Mass.
- Olivia Steele, Kokomo
- Lucy Thiel, New Hope, Pa.
- Kellyssa Rose Vincent*, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- Jacob Volker*, Nashville, Tenn.
- Caiden Woll, Perkasi, Penn.
- Maddox Wood*, Webb City, Mo.

* indicates alumni of the Songbook Academy

Ballard issues statement on Democratic Convention outcome

Submitted

Independent candidate for Indiana Secretary of State Greg Ballard issued the following statement in the wake of Beau Bayh's nomination at the State Democratic Convention last Saturday, June 6.

"I want to welcome Beau Bayh officially into the race. From his recent public statements, it's clear he agrees with me that Hoosiers need an independent leader in the Secretary of State's office overseeing our elections. Unfortunately for him, there's more to being an independent than just pretending not to be a Democrat. He's still beholden to the party insiders who just gave him the Democratic nomination.

"Now that he's officially the Democratic Party's nominee, we look forward to Beau bravely using the word 'Democrat' on his

website and in the bio of his social media accounts, where it has yet to appear."

About Greg Ballard



Ballard

Greg Ballard served two terms as Mayor of Indianapolis from 2008 to 2016 after winning a surprise upset victory as a political newcomer and retired Marine with no prior elected experience.

In office, he built a reputation for focusing on the nuts and bolts of government rather than partisan maneuvering. Ballard is running for Secretary of State to strengthen trust in Indiana's elections, provide voters with better information, and open the door for more Hoosiers to participate in public life. You can learn more by visiting the [campaign website](#) and following along on social media on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), [Threads](#), and [X](#).

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Meredith K. “Katie” Ihnat

February 27, 1984 – June 3, 2026



Meredith K. “Katie” Ihnat, 42, Broad Ripple, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis with her parents by her side.

Katie was born during a major snow storm in Kokomo on February 27, 1984, to her parents Dr. Terrence J. Ihnat and Dixie (McNew) Ihnat. From an early age, her personality, love of the arts and animals were present. She was an avid fan of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Charlotte’s Web*, often becoming Dorothy and quoting lines and music from each. She performed in ballet and theater with her younger brothers as a part of Stone Soup Theater Company in Noblesville. She also played softball as a child and loved to bowl with friends and family.

Katie received her education from Hamilton Heights School Corporation and Midwest Bartenders School. She devoted her life to the service industry where she was an exceptional server, trainer, and bartender in restaurants and lounges in Hamilton and Marion counties. Her faithful customers could always count on a lively conversation about politics, sports (big Cubs, Pacers, Notre Dame, and New Orleans Saints fan), or anything in general. Katie had the gift of gab and was a great conversationalist. Her outgoing personality made her a naturally good fit and was as comfortable working in fine dining as she was the neighborhood tavern.

Her love for animals was evident from her very early years. She didn’t meet an animal she didn’t love. She was a fur mom to countless dogs and cats over her lifetime. Even wild animals seemed to know they had a friend in Katie. Her advocacy for animals continued into her adult life as she protested the abuse and cruelty of animals, especially in circuses.

She also loved nature, reading, traveling, and music. *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* was a favorite read. She also enjoyed traveling across the country. The Dunes/Indiana shoreline of Lake Michigan, southern California, New Orleans, and Alaska were her destination spots of choice. She spent extended time in Alaska working at a lodge during the summer of 2022 and fell in love with the people, climate, and landscape. Katie enjoyed music that crosses generations, especially The Grateful Dead, Phish, Primus, Blind Melon, Hryyder, Sublime, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Katie leaves behind a large group of friends, many of whom she considered extended family. No matter the situation, Katie was counted on to provide comfort, laughs, a shoulder to cry on or support. She could be reached almost any time of the day or night for her friends and their struggles and problems often became hers. Katie would be humbled but appreciative of the many expressions of condolences and love from her many, many friends.

She is survived by her parents, Dr. Terrence J. and Dixie Ihnat of Cicero; brothers, Christopher McNew of Tipton, Joseph Ihnat of Cicero, and Michael (Kelly) Ihnat of Brooklyn, N.Y.; as well as aunts, uncles, and many cousins. Katie is also survived by her two favorite young adults, Chris’s children Caiden and Allan McNew.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ihnat of Miller, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McNew of Tipton; uncles and aunts Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKenzie of Scottsdale, Ariz., Kathleen Carico of Hobart, Ind., and Daniel Sprinkle of Tipton. She was also preceded in death by her soulmate, Tom Brown of Indianapolis.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 10 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home in Tipton, where the rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. A funeral mass for Katie will be held at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cicero with the Rev. Sean Pogue officiating. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. that afternoon at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton. Memorial donations may be made in her name to the humane society or animal shelter of your choice.

Katie’s passing leaves a hole in the hearts of everyone that knew her and can’t be filled. Although her time on Earth was shorter than many would have liked, she lived her life on her terms and by her rules. Her memory will live on and the people in her world were enriched by her presence. Online condolences may be left on her obituary page at young-nichols.com.

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Michaelene “Michey” Brock Mills

December 21, 1940 – June 5, 2026



Michaelene “Michey” Brock Mills, 85, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2026, after a courageous battle with dementia. Born on December 21, 1940, in Maysville, Ky., she was the eldest daughter of Oscar and Geneva (Sullivan) Brock.

Michey was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose greatest joy was supporting her family. Whether attending school events, athletic competitions, or community activities, she was always cheering on those she loved. A proud Noblesville Miller fan, she faithfully followed generations of her family and close student-athletes, as if they were her own, proudly celebrating their success.

Alongside her late husband, Bobby Mills, Michey helped support the vision that became Noblesville Youth Baseball and the Bobby Mills Field of Dreams. In NYB’s early years, she and her dear friend, Darlene Wood, managed the concession stand, working many hours and late nights, recruiting family and friends to help wherever needed. She was a woman who showed up for her family, her friends, her community, and the countless kids and families connected to Noblesville Youth Baseball.

Michey enjoyed an active and vibrant life. She was a five-time Ladies 9-Hole Champion at Harbor Trees Golf Club, volunteered with Hamilton County Meals on Wheels for more than 20 years, loved antiques, finding bargains at garage sales, gardening, and auctions, and treasured weekly bridge games with friends at Ginger’s Cafe. Her warm personality and gift for conversation made friends of everyone she met. Michey appeared to know someone everywhere she went, which paints a picture of a life well lived and well loved.

Michey is survived by her children, Zella (Eric) Hendrickson, Bryan (Cathie) Mills, and Kent (Teresa) Mills, all of Noblesville; and her sister, Zella (Vincent) Rosenthal of Winchester, Ky.

She was a proud grandmother to 11 grandchildren: Laney (Robert) Buergelin of Noblesville; Leif (Kara) Hendrickson of Cincinnati, Ohio; Melissa (Andrew) Kennedy of Carmel; Molly Elkins of Denver, Colo.; Brandon (Abby) Mills and Dusty (Halie) Mills, both of Noblesville; Jake Mills and Nick Mills of Indianapolis; Zach (Erika) Mills of Whitestown; Bobbi (Brian) Hakes of Fishers, and Kyle (Jamie) Monday of Kentucky.

She was also blessed with 16 great-grandchildren. In addition to her immediate family, Michey was cherished by a large extended family of cousins, nieces, nephews, and their families. She treasured the time spent with them and the many memories they created together over the years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bobby Allen Mills; her sisters, Sally (Bob) Stanley and Christy (Carl) Sanders; and her grandson, Lance Hendrickson.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the caring staff at Magnolia Springs of Bridgewater, especially the Memory Care team, who lovingly nicknamed Michey “Sleeping Beauty” and stood with the family, shedding tears when she passed. A special thanks also to the compassionate team of “Angels” from Enlight Hospice: Trish, Lori, Cassandra, Amy, and Christy, for their exceptional care, guidance, and support during Michey’s final days. She was surrounded by love until her very last breath.

Michey will be remembered for her kindness, unwavering support of family and community, quick wit, and the countless friendships she nurtured throughout her life. Her legacy lives on in the family she cherished and the community she loved.

May God grant Mom eternal rest, reunite her with Dad, and bring comfort and strength to her children and her entire family and friends in the days ahead. Amen.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville. Luncheon to follow at Ginger’s Café, 1111 S. 10th St., Noblesville. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the life of Michey Mills.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Youth Baseball (NYB), P.O. Box 721, Noblesville, IN 46062 (noblesvillebaseball.org); or the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, 1700 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (bgcni.org); or Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (mealsonwheelshc.org); or the First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060 (fccnoblesville.org).

Condolences for Michey may be made at randallroberts.com.

Barbara “Barb” Sue Murphy

July 20, 1957 – June 4, 2026



Barbara “Barb” Sue Murphy, 68, Indianapolis, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 4, 2026. Born on July 20, 1957, in Indianapolis, Barb spent her life in central Indiana, deeply rooted in the family, friendships, and community she loved so much.

After graduating from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Barb built a successful career in bookkeeping and payroll, dedicating 45 years to the teams at Clark Tire in Carmel and Fishers. For a time, she also worked part-time at Horton, Inc. Known for her reliability, kindness, sense of humor, and strong work ethic, Barb was someone people could always count on. It was through work that she met Brian, and what began as a friendship grew into a lasting love.

Family was the center of Barb’s world. She was a devoted mother who never missed an opportunity to be there for her children, whether sharing everyday moments, offering advice, or lending a helping hand. Her greatest joy, however, was being “Baba” to her grandchildren. She filled their lives with adventures, weekly visits, and unforgettable sleepovers at the beloved “Hotel Baba.” Her love extended throughout her large family, and she remained close with her siblings throughout her life, creating countless memories through holiday celebrations, shopping trips, family meals, and poolside gatherings. She was also a steadfast source of care and comfort to family members during times of illness, always putting others before herself.

Barb had a remarkable gift for making people feel welcome. Her home was a gathering place filled with laughter, good food, and love. Her lasagna, stroganoff, and chicken velvet soup became family favorites, bringing everyone together around the table. She and Brian enjoyed caring for their home and pool, where they hosted countless family get-togethers and the much-anticipated “Floatin’ Fridays.” She loved Jazzercise and treasured the friendships she found there. An avid reader and music lover, Barb always seemed to know the perfect song, quote, or words of encouragement for any occasion.

More than anything, Barb will be remembered for her generous heart, her unwavering loyalty to those she loved, and the joy she brought to everyday life. Her family and friends will forever cherish the warmth, laughter, and love she shared so freely. She leaves behind a family made stronger by her example and countless happy memories that will continue to bring smiles for years to come.

Barb is survived by her husband, Brian Shaner; her children, Jessica (Michael) Sands, Robert Anderson (Emily Mehlbrech), and Katie Anderson; her grandchildren, Olivia, Connor, Kingsley, Eleanor Rose, and a grandchild on the way; her siblings, Tim (Anitra) Murphy, Laurie Murphy (Bert Nickelsberg), Patricia Howard, Mary (Bob) Louzon, Greg (Amy) Murphy, Kevin Murphy (Kathy Keene), Therese (Steve) Sweitzer, Dennis (Lynn) Murphy, and John Murphy; 18 nieces and nephews; and 21 great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edmond H. Murphy and Vilma “Jay” Murphy; her brother, Terrance Murphy; her sister, Maureen Gross; her brother-in-law, Garry Howard; and her pets, Tracy, Dublin, and Susie.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 11 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

- The Carmel Fire Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. A regular meeting will follow at 6:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) on the second floor of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.
- Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Safety Committee will meet to discuss occupational safety topics at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the Hamilton County Highway Department offices, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.
- The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom / Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
- The Jackson Township Board will meet to discuss general township business at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the Trustee’s Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.
- The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. A live stream of the meeting will be available at youtube.com/CityofNoblesville.
- The Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) Purchase or Lease of Real Estate. A public session will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
- The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.
- The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
- The Noblesville Common Council will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B). For discussion of strategy with respect to Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. The regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. A live stream of the meeting will be available at youtube.com/CityofNoblesville and also streamed at [@HamiltonCountyTelevision](http://youtube.com/HamiltonCountyTelevision). A list of each appointed officer’s name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

“On the tenth day of this seventh month hold a sacred assembly. You must deny yourselves and do no work. Present as an aroma pleasing to the Lord a burnt offering of one young bull, one ram and seven male lambs a year old, all without defect. With the bull offer a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with oil; with the ram, two-tenths; and with each of the seven lambs, one-tenth. Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the sin offering for atonement and the regular burnt offering with its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

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Rebecca “Becky” Sue Upp (Kaelber)
December 12, 1948 – June 6, 2026



With heavy hearts and profound love, we announce the passing of Rebecca “Becky” Sue Upp (Kaelber), 77, Noblesville. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 6, 2026.

Born on December 12, 1948, in Marion, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Ralph and Opal Kaelber. Becky graduated from Harding High School in 1967. On September 27, 1969, Becky married the love of her life, Michael (Mike) Upp, and together they built a home filled with love, faith, and happiness. She was an active member in many Lutheran churches throughout her life, finding joy in volunteering for craft fairs and rummage sales. She dedicated 12 years of her working career to a local doctor’s office. After having children, maintaining a schedule that matched theirs was extremely important to her so she worked a variety of jobs at different schools throughout her childhood.

Through the years she enjoyed many types of crafting, from cross stitching to basket weaving.

She loved to shop, even when she needed nothing. The littlest things brought her joy: from sending cards to family and friends to watching a cute Hallmark movie to even a sappy commercial. She also had a love for all animals, especially the cats she raised throughout her life.

Becky found her greatest joy in her kids and then a second time around in her grandkids. Nothing made her happier than sharing their highlights with anyone who would listen. Her grandchildren knew her as “Gaga,” and she treasured every moment spent with them, from playing games, making crafts, attending school events, and cheering from the stands.

Becky is survived by her husband of 56 years, Mike; her son, Ryan (Brandi) Upp; her daughter, Sara (Jesse) Keljo; and her grandchildren, Evelyn and Owen Keljo, and Alex, Scarlett, and Tennessee Van Meter.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2026, with visitation preceding from noon to 2 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Kurt Keljo officiating. An intimate burial service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 11 at Waldo Cemetery in Waldo, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Riverview Health Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

William Arthur “Bill” Grimes
October 27, 1943 – June 4, 2026



William Arthur “Bill” Grimes went home to his Lord on Thursday night, June 4, 2026, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was welcomed into the world by his loving parents, Charles Franklin Sr. and Rosamary (Bates) Grimes, on October 27, 1943, in Tipton.

Bill graduated from Tipton High School as a member of the Class of 1962.

Upon graduation, Bill worked hard to pay for his tuition to Butler University where he graduated in 1969 with a degree in music. Bill would go on to teach music and serve as band director at Brownsburg High School for five years.

On November 20, 1976, he married Minerva “Minnie” Montemayor, with whom he would share nearly 50 years together.

Bill worked for Jim Dandy Restaurants for nearly 40 years. He was a member of West Street Christian Church, where he was honored to be named Elder Emeritus. He was also a member of Moose Lodge #1590 and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #109. He also carried on his love of music in the Tipton Community Band where he enjoyed playing his alto and soprano saxophones.

Bill will be remembered for his “in charge” but fair approach, his warm smile, caring nature, and unwavering commitment to his family and friends. Whether through his guidance, sense of humor, or quiet acts of kindness, he left a lasting impression on everyone, and was affectionately known by many as “Mr. Bill.”

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Raymond “Jack” Moody, Constance “Connie” Tolle, Mary Lou Grimes, Charles F. “Charlie” Grimes, Jr., and Hillard Donovan “Don” Grimes.

Left to carry on his legacy is his beloved wife Minnie; his children, Tony (Chrisi) Grimes of Fishers, Maria (Brendan) McGrath of Westfield, and Gina (John) Kelley of Nashville, Tenn. He is also survived by his siblings, brothers Harold (Linda) Grimes of Banning, Calif., and Willard Danovan “Dan” (Margaret) Grimes of Hiawasse, Ga.

Bill loved watching all his grandchildren grow up: Julia and Alex Grimes of Fishers, Molly and Saoirse McGrath of Westfield, Sidney (Corey) Kuropas of Austin, Texas, Devin (David) Wallach of Oxnard, Calif., and Cash Kelley of Nashville, Tenn. He is also survived and loved by many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Visitation for Bill will be held at West Street Christian Church on Saturday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the funeral following at 2 p.m. Rev. Ashley Sherard will preside. Burial will follow services at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bill’s honor to West Street Christian Church, 132 N. West St., Tipton, IN 46072.

The staff of Young-Nichols is honored to serve Bill’s family in their hour of need. Online condolences for Bill’s family may be made on his obituary page at young-nichols.com.

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Girls Tennis

Greyhounds take back the championship

Carmel claims first state title since 2023

By **RICHIE HALL**
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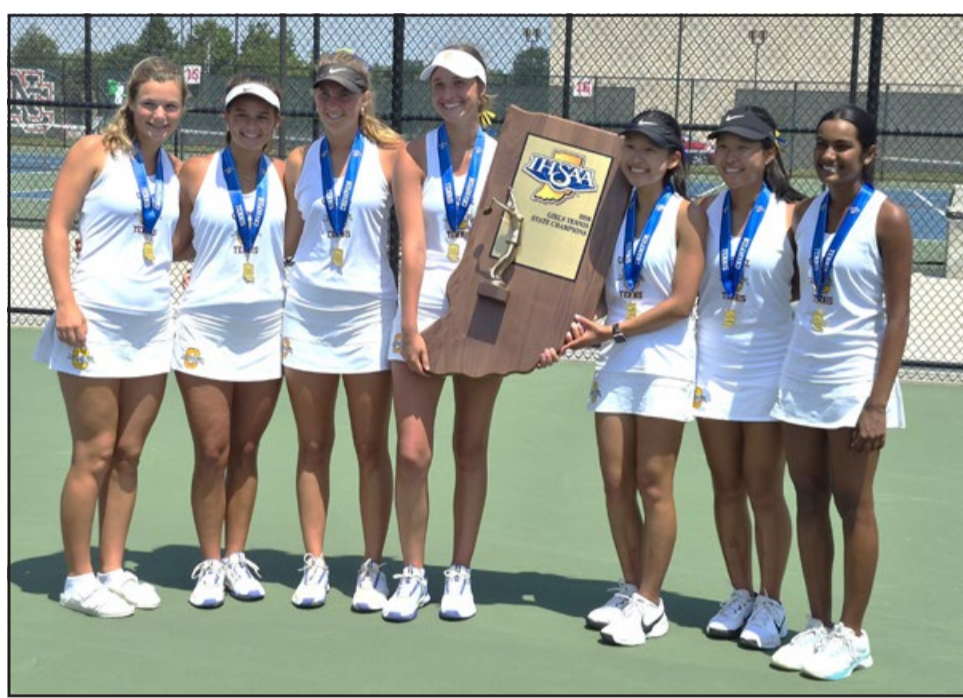
INDIANAPOLIS — Of all the state championship wins the Carmel girls tennis team has accumulated over the years, this one might be the most satisfying.

The No. 3-ranked Greyhounds reclaimed the big trophy Saturday, June 6 at North Central's Barbara Wynne Tennis Center with a 4-1 victory over No. 6 Evansville Memorial. Carmel won its record-extending 14th state championship and first since 2023.

The Greyhounds' title was the first as a coach for Kiersten Carlson. The 2018 Carmel graduate was part of three state championship teams as a player (2015, 2017 and 2018).

"These girls have put in so much work," said Carlson. "They've fully developed their games and who they are as people and I think that's a huge thing that helped us come out on top."

The Hounds won their first point at No. 2 doubles,



The Carmel girls tennis team beat Evansville Memorial 4-1 on Saturday, June 6 to win the IHSAA state championship. It's the record-extending 14th state title for the Greyhounds.

where sophomore Shravya Pillutla and junior Brylie Price won 6-4, 6-0. No. 2 singles, senior Alexia Widjaja followed that with a 6-4, 6-4, victory. Minutes later, No. 3 singles, sophomore Annie Mann com-

pleted a 6-3, 6-4 win that clinched the title.

"I did feel very confident going into today, but I also know that you need to respect every opponent that you play, because anything can happen, especially in this

tournament," said Carlson.

Carmel's No. 1 doubles team of seniors Gabby Hall and Madison Littell won a three-set match 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. The Greyhounds

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Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(TOP) Carmel's Annie Mann clinched the victory for the Hounds in the state championship and also came back in her match over Center Grove on Friday, June 5 to clinch a quarterfinal win. (ABOVE) Carmel's Shravya Pillutla (left) and Brylie Price (right) played No. 2 doubles for the Greyhounds.

Girls Track & Field

Carmel girls defend state championship

HSE finishes fifth with two event wins; GC's Smith is pole vault champ

By **RICHIE HALL**
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INDIANAPOLIS — How did the Carmel girls track & field team defend its state championship?

The same way the Greyhounds won last season. Score any way they can.

"We need to get points everywhere," said Carmel coach Aaron McRill as his team celebrated with the big trophy at the Friday, June 5 IHSAA state finals at North Central. "We don't have one individual to get 30 points or anything."

Instead, the Greyhounds used their familiar depth, anchored by their outstanding distance runners, and picked up some extra points here and there. At the end, Carmel had 49.5 points, enough to finish comfortably ahead of runner-up Bloomington South's 35 points.

The Hounds started the meet with a record-setting win in the 4x800 relay. Anabel Pollert, Sadie Foley, Kaitlyn Oshimura and Larkin Taylor set a new state mark in that race by finishing in a time of 8 minutes, 49.46 seconds.

Foley and Taylor finished 2-3 in the 1600 run (4:49.51 and 4:51.47 respectively), then Oshimura and Taylor placed third (2:10.69) and sixth (2:11.22) respectively in the 800 run.



The Carmel girls track & field team defended its state championship Friday, June 5 at North Central. The Greyhounds scored 49.5 team points.

Gabriela Grande Rosas, a senior, helped out with a fifth-place finish in the 400 dash (56.24). She also ran on the Greyhounds' sixth-place 4x400 relay team, joining Molly Foley, Elise Maurer and Kalinda Lee (3:54.97).

"It feels amazing," said Grande Rosas. "We've just been strong with all of our athletes. It's definitely a team effort. We had people in [discus, we had people in [pole] vault this year, and they really helped contribute points to our team score."

Kate Hammond tied for seventh in the pole vault

(11 feet, 3 inches) and Ellie Cooley took eighth in the discus (138 feet, 7 inches).

Fifth place, two wins for HSE

Hamilton Southeastern earned another top-five team finish, scoring 28

points to place fifth.

The Royals won two events. Anissa Lammie cruised to victory in the 400 dash with a time of 54.32 seconds. Lammie finished the meet by joining Cianna Cunningham, Kaleah Mc-

Carter and Chloe Senefeld to win the 4x400 relay, an event HSE was first in last year. The Royals won this year in 3:47.29.

"One of the girls on our team [Senefeld] is a senior, so it was just really special,

and we've all worked so hard for this and we really deserve it," said Lammie. "We just wanted to go out there and give it our best shot."

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Baseball

Blazers, Golden Eagles win baseball regionals

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The University and Guerin Catholic baseball teams won regional championships on Saturday, June 6 at Mooresville.

The Class 2A Trailblazers went first and took care of Greencastle 13-5. The Tiger Cubs scored a run in the top of the first inning, but University answered back immediately with six runs in the bottom of the first.

Beckett Suh batted in the first run, smashing a double to bring in Ryan Castetter. The Blazers loaded the bases, then Suh scored when Finn Steiner was hit by a pitch. Philip Jacobs doubled in Braxton Sparks and David Gasper, then Castetter singled Steiner and Jacobs home.

Greencastle scored three runs in the third inning to cut University's lead to 6-4.

But the Trailblazers pulled away again, scoring seven runs in the fifth inning.

Jacobs and Quinn Green both scored with one out. Suh hit a two-RBI single to bring in Ethan Cutsinger and Castetter, Cooper Cammack blasted a triple that sent Oliver Kingery and Suh home, and Gasper batted in Cammack.

The Tiger Cubs scored one more run in the sixth inning.

Castetter, Kingery and Suh all had two hits. Cooper Cammack pitched three innings, striking out three.

University is 21-10 and plays Evansville Mater Dei in the first game of the 2A south semi-state on Saturday, June 13 at Lawrence Central. Heritage Christian plays Sullivan in the second game, with the times to be announced.

Guerin rallies

Class 3A Guerin Catholic rallied late to beat Northview 4-1.

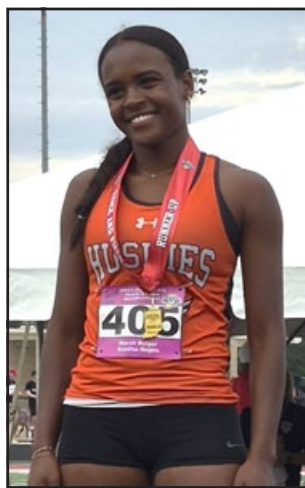
The Knights scored their run in the third inning. The Golden Eagles took the lead in the fifth inning when Ian Taylor singled in Brody Cain and Nolan Ratcliff. In the sixth inning, Ratcliff hit a two-RBI single, sending Karson Smith and Liam Zorger home.

Ben Canada hit a double. Luke Gremelspacher pitched 3.1 innings for the win, striking out eight.

Guerin Catholic is 25-3-1. The Golden Eagles play Providence in the first game of the 3A south semi-state on Saturday, June 13 at Jasper's Ruxer Field. Cathedral and Gibson Southern follow in the other semifinal, with the times to be announced.

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Heights' Norah Reiger placed second in the 400 dash.

Senefeld finished second in the 300 hurdles in a time of 42.19 seconds.

Hamilton Heights represented itself well, with two podium finishes. Junior Norah Reiger led the way with a second-place finish in the 400 dash. Her time in that race was 55.25 seconds.

Reiger picked up another medal as part of the Huskies' 4x400 relay team. She joined Gracie Bortone, Reagan Van Kirk and Waverly Woolever for a seventh-place finish (3:55.54).

"I thought it was pretty good," said Reiger. "Definitely more than what we expected coming in as one of the smallest schools here. And then our [relay] team being able to get on the podium, it was great, it was cool."

Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith gave her school its first-ever track & field win by soaring to victory in the pole vault. Smith cleared 13 feet.

"I've just been super consistent with my training leading up to this," said Smith. "I was confident in what I could do and I knew that coming in, 13 feet was probably the bar I'd have to clear."

Zoe Travelsted tied for seventh in the pole vault (11 feet, 3 inches).

Westfield's Ella Jenkins finished third in the pole vault, clearing 12 feet, 6 inches. She also won the Mental Attitude Award at the conclusion of the meet. Gracie Czubik placed seventh in the high jump (5 feet, 5 inches) and Jenna Rhodes finished eighth in the 300 hurdles (45.11 seconds).

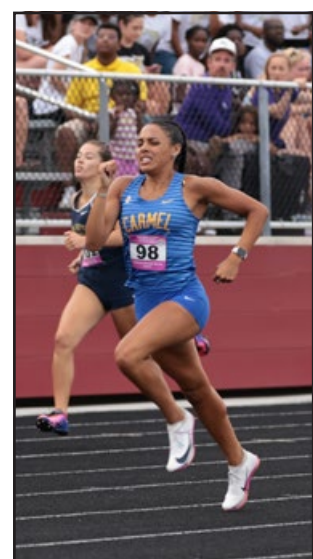
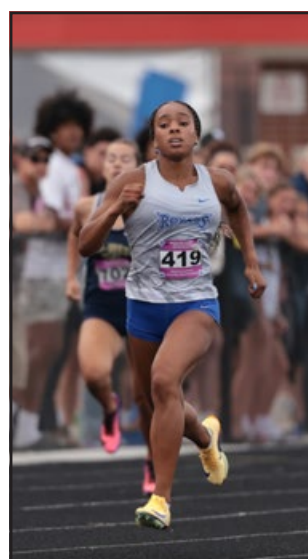
Noblesville's Ainsley Meinerding was a double



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Westfield's Ella Jenkins won the Mental Attitude Award. She is pictured with her parents Christopher and Summer Jenkins.



Photos by Mike Navarro
(ABOVE) Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith won the pole vault, clearing 13 feet. (BELOW LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Anissa Lammie won the 400 dash and was part of the Royals' victorious 4x400 relay team. (BELOW RIGHT) Carmel's Gabriela Grande Rosas finished fifth in the 400 dash.



medalist, taking seventh in the long jump (18 feet, 7.25 inches) and ninth in the 200 dash (25.31 seconds).

Fishers' Devyn Day placed ninth in the 300 hurdles (45.19 seconds) and

joined Kylee Black, Ava Underwood and Zinnia Pineda for an eighth-place finish in the 4x100 (48.18 seconds). Mia Tobias was ninth in the discus (136 feet, 2 inches).

Unified Track

Tigers place fourth at state

The REPORTER

The Fishers Unified track team placed fourth at the IHSAA state meet, which took place Saturday, June 6 at North Central.

The Tigers scored 99 points. Penn won the state championship with 129 points, with Elkhart the runner-up by scoring 121 points. Lafayette Jefferson took third with 102 points.

Aaron Schooley won Section 6 of the 100 dash and had the overall fastest time at 11.46 seconds. Stephen Krokos placed first in Heat 4 of the 400 dash (1:04.62). Caleb Milner

won Flight 6 of the long jump; his best jump of 20 feet, 3.75 inches was the overall best.

Here is a list of Fishers' state point-scorers.

Girls 4x100 meter relay - Section 2: 2. Fishers (Ava Smith, Mira Warnick, Addison Gorak, Emerson Gorak) 57.65.

Boys 4x100 meter relay - Section 2: 3. Fishers (Stephen Krokos, Nolan Kuhn, Jackson Keller, Caleb Milner) 50.14.

Mixed 100 dash - Heat 1: 6. Abigail Macgregor 23.70. **Heat 2:** 8. Jonah Canada 1:01.10. **Heat 3:** 5.

Mallory Long 15.40. **Heat 6:** 1. Aaron Schooley 11.46.

Mixed 400 dash - Heat 1: 2. Robert Barrett 1:21.96. **Heat 4:** 1. Krokos 1:04.62. **Heat 5:** 2. Gavin Murphy 59.68. **Heat 6:** 2. Schooley 53.94.

Mixed long jump - Flight 1: 4. Lou Strycker 7-8.25. **Flight 2:** 3. Barrett 9-6.75. **Flight 4:** 7. Mika Dundore 12-6.75. **Flight 6:** 1. Milner 20-3.75.

Mixed shot put - Flight 2: 7. Andreas Robinson 18-10.75. **Flight 3:** 6. Keller 28-11.25. **Flight 6:** 5. Kuhn 43-10, 8. Walid Oumammar 39-11.25.

Softball

Rocks fall to Chargers in semi-state

The REPORTER

The Westfield softball team's historic post-season run came to an end Monday in the Class 4A north semi-state.

The Shamrocks fell to Fort Wayne Carroll in a semifinal game 8-5 at Kokomo Municipal Stadium. The contest was to have taken place Saturday, June

6 at Harrison before thunderstorms forced a date and venue change.

The Chargers got on the board first with two runs in the second inning. Westfield scored its first run in the third inning when Cam Pulice singled in Makayla Watson. The Rocks tied the game in the fifth inning

when Reese Mahannah scored on a wild pitch.

A two-run double put Carroll ahead 4-2 in the top of the sixth before Westfield turned a double play to end the inning. The Chargers then erupted for four runs in the top of the seventh to lead 8-2.

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duo is undefeated for the season and will move on to the individual tournament, which takes place this weekend.

Memorial's win came at No. 1 singles, where Emma Dilger beat senior Olivia Widjaja 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 in a hard-fought match.

In the semifinals, which

took place Friday, June 5, Carmel defeated No. 15 Delta 4-1. The Eagles had upset No. 8 Munster in the Friday, June 5 quarterfinal round.

"Delta has a very, very respected coach and I know every year they have a very strong team, so we were definitely ready to battle out

here against Delta," said Carlson.

Olivia Widjaja won 7-6 (8-6), 6-1 at No. 1 singles, with Alexia Widjaja taking No. 2 singles 6-3, 6-4. Hall and Littell were 6-0, 6-3 winners at No. 1 doubles, while Pillutla and Price won a tough No. 2 doubles match 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

Quarterfinal comeback

The Greyhounds edged out No. 5 Center Grove 3-2 in their quarterfinal match. Mann was once again the clincher, coming back for 5-3 down in the third set to win. The full score was 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

"I really knew I needed to win this for my team," said Mann. "I knew I can't rely on anyone else, I have to rely on myself. It's singles, I'm going to have to rely on myself. I knew I had to keep going and I figured out what to do."

"I think all season long we've put a huge emphasis on just staying even the whole match and not losing it in her head," said Carlson. "And she stayed up the whole match with her head and she never lost it, and I think that's a huge reason why she was able to pull through, is because she never stopped battling out there."

Carmel swept the doubles against Center Grove. Hall and Littell won at No. 1 doubles 6-1, 6-3 and Pillutla and Price won the No. 2 match, also by a 6-1, 6-3

score. The Greyhounds finished their season with an 18-2 record.

Westfield's Harvey plays in regional

Westfield junior Isla Harvey played in the North 2 individual regional Saturday, June 6 at North Central.

Harvey beat Bremen senior Emma Lawmaster 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals, then fell to Brebeuf Jesuit junior Chloe Wendowski 6-2, 6-1 in the championship match.

Harvey finished her season with a 24-2 record.

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Boys Track & Field

Tigers' Hayden, Millers' Barnes get runner-up finishes

By RICHIE HALL
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INDIANAPOLIS — The weather caused a couple false starts at the IHSAA boys track & field state meet Saturday, June 6 at North Central.

The meet was twice delayed because of inclement weather. While the storms made it all the way to North Central, they came just close enough to put the events on hold.

One person who didn't mind was Konrad Hayden. The Fishers senior rose above the delays and became one of two Hamilton County athletes to earn a second-place finish in his event.

Hayden cleared 7 feet in the high jump to take the silver. He dueled with the defending champion, Warsaw's Jordan Randall, all the way to the end until Randall cleared 7 feet, 2 inches to win the event again.

"I like inclement weather," said Hayden. "Most of my [personal best] jumps have been when it was real hot and rainy and then cleared up again, so I don't mind it at all. I think it's fun."

Hayden made it over 7 feet on his third and final attempt, which clinched a top-two finish for the Marian University commit.

"It was definitely some pressure," said Hayden. "Knowing it's my senior season — go big or go home — I just had to clear my mind and just jump. And I did it."

Another Fishers athlete, Rocky Duplessis, put together a strong performance. Duplessis placed third in the 400 dash in a time of 48.07 seconds.

Two medals for Barnes
Noblesville's Banner Barnes also kept pace with



Reporter photo by Julie Brown
Fishers' Konrad Hayden soared to second in the high jump at the IHSAA boys state track & field meet Saturday, June 6 at North Central. Hayden cleared 7 feet.

defending champion during the meet.

The junior finished second in the 1600 run, clocking in at 4 minutes, 4.89 seconds. Barnes was staying a step behind Westview's Noah Bontrager, the Notre Dame commit that won the 1600 last year in a state record time of 4:02.60. Barnes kept up until the final 150 meters, when Bontrager pulled away to win the race in 4:01.83, lowering his own state record.

Barnes raced Bontrager at the Flashes Showcase and stayed with them for three laps, which gave the Noblesville runner some confidence for state.

"Today with more training under my belt, I knew I could have a shot to compete with him and go for the win, so I decided to go out and do that and just gave it my best."

Barnes also competed in the 800 run, where he admitted he was "pretty tired" from the previous race, "but the 800 is just two laps, so you just got to go and gut it out." He finished seventh in a time of 1:52.30, picking

up a second medal.

Noblesville's Isaiah Vohs also reached the podium in the 1600 run, placing ninth in 4:13.59.

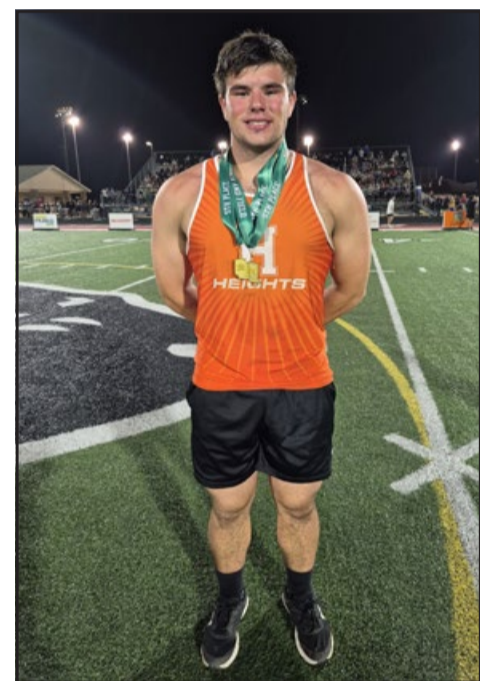
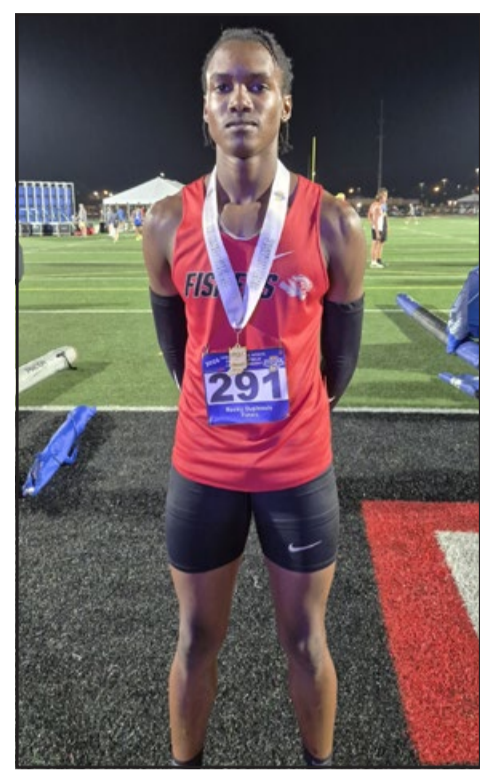
Carmel had three podium finishes. The Greyhounds' 4x800 relay team of Cooper Szotek, Lucas Bartlett, Mitchell Ford and Dean Semski placed third in a time of 7:43.14. Bartlett later picked up a second medal by taking seventh in the 3200 run (7:43.14).

Carmel sophomore Alim Broadnax earned a medal in the long jump. He placed seventh with a best jump of 23 feet, 1 inch.

"It was a crazy atmosphere," said Broadnax. "A lot more people than I expected. I gave it my all, did my best, but it didn't turn out how I wanted, but glad I got the opportunity."

Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan finished fifth in both throwing events. He reached the top five in the discus with a best throw of 177 feet, 8 inches, then did the same in the shot put with a best throw of 59 feet, 3.5 inches.

Westfield's 4x100 relay



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
(TOP LEFT) Noblesville's Banner Barnes (right) finished second in the 1600 run and seventh in the 800 run at the state meet. Pictured at left is the Millers' Isaiah Vohs, who placed ninth in the 1600. **(TOP RIGHT)** Fishers' Rocky Duplessis placed third in the 400 dash. **(ABOVE LEFT)** The Westfield 4x100 relay team finished fourth. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Hamilton Heights' Will Duncan placed fifth in both the discus and shot put.

team of Caleb Terril, Logan Tuck, Olumide Fapetu and Cayden Gearhart placed fourth, finishing in a time of 41.09 seconds.

Hamilton Southeastern's Liam Powers earned a medal in the 3200 run with a time of 9:04.81.

Bloomington North won

the team championship, scoring 39 points. The Cougars held off Franklin Central, the team runner-up with 33 points.

Boys Golf

Millers, Golden Eagles win sectional crowns

HSE's Upchurch claims medalist honors with playoff victory

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE — The difference between first and second place at the Noblesville boys golf sectional was literally close as it could get.

The Millers hosted the sectional Monday at Fox Prairie, where they finished the tournament tied with Hamilton Southeastern in the team score. It came down to the fifth-man score, and by one stroke (80-81), Noblesville had the edge.

As a result, the Millers defended its sectional title and claimed its 20th in program history. The Royals had to settle for second, but did have the individual champion. Mattingly Upchurch beat Pendleton Heights' Hayden Fox in a playoff to win medalist honors.

To continue to underscore how close the meet was, the Arabians finished third behind Noblesville and Southeastern with a score of 297. All three teams advance to Thursday's Yorktown regional at The Players Club.

"There's no question, everyone matters, every shot matters," said Millers coach Gary Deakne. "We preach it all the time and they understand it and it's a great thing."

Deakne said his golfers "played pretty well. The golf course conditions were very difficult today and they played well. They had ups, they had downs, but in the end, they made it through and we got a 'W,' which is what we were looking for."

Jackson Mahan was Noblesville's low man with

a 72, which tied him for third place individually. Tyler Marucci scored 73, tying for fifth individually, and Dustin Turpin carded 75. JT Kelley added 76, while Luke Decker scored 80.

Upchurch understood about ups and downs in his round, which he finished with a one under par 70.

"It was an up-and-down round," said Upchurch. "Started with a birdie and then made two bogeys, so I was one or two over through a couple holes, so it was a rough start." But he soon bounced back to finish the front nine, and "then the back nine was pretty steady," he said.

Dane Starnes and Zach Kinzer both scored 74s, Brody Colburn added 78 and Blake Babb scored 81.

Fishers placed fourth as a team with 303 but advanced two golfers to the regional as individuals: Evan Back led the Tigers with 73, tying for fifth individually, while Kaiden Sullivan scored 75.

Tommy Klinker scored 77 for the Tigers, followed by Porter Bell with 78 and Cam Young with 82.

Tipton was fifth as a team with 323, while Hamilton Heights scored 324 to place sixth. Kole Kirtley led the Huskies with 79. Justin Overton finished with 80 and Drew Woodruff scored 81. Bryce Hutcherson added 84 and Colton Zebrauskas scored 95.

Golden Eagles triumph at Ulen

Guerin Catholic won a tight sectional at Ulen County Club in Lebanon Monday.

The Golden Eagles scored 284, just ahead of

runner-up Carmel's 287 and sectional host Westfield's third-place total of 289. All three teams advance to the Harrison regional, which is set for Friday at Coyote Crossing.

Eli Wessel led Guerin Catholic with a two-under par score of 68, tying for second individually. Zionsville's Max Steiner was the medalist, scoring a three-under 67.

Freshman Myles Ray carded 71, followed by Andrew Williamson with 72 and Brady Wagner's 73. Cooper Howard scored 79. The Golden Eagles claimed their second sectional title in program history.

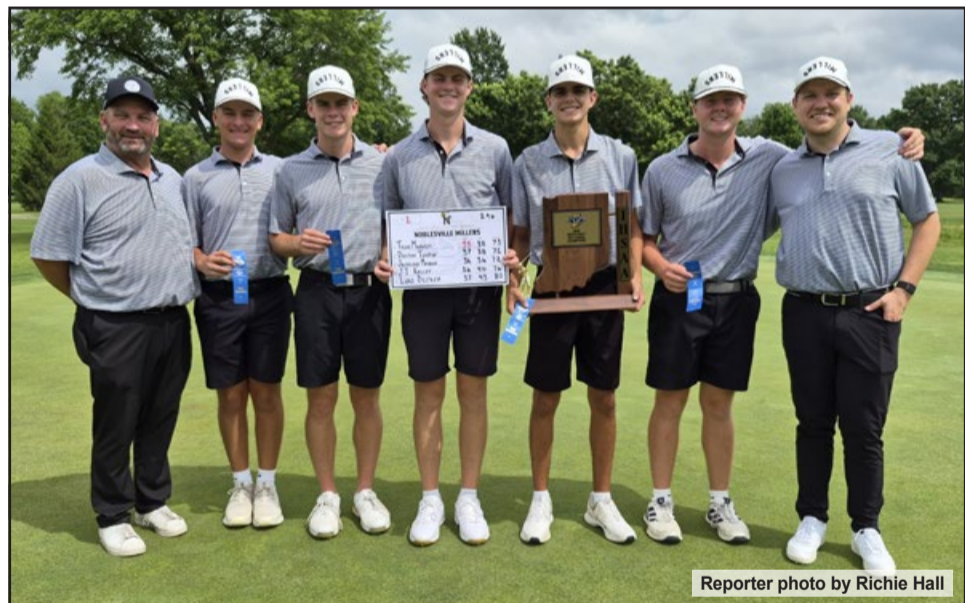
The Greyhounds' Noah Johnson scored 68, also tying for second place individually. Alex Gardner added 71, with Patrick Wolf and Ben Wilson scoring 74. Preston Roberts finished with 77.

The Shamrocks' low man was Hudson Kutchma, who scored 70 to take fourth individually. Keaton Knott scored 71; Knott, Ray and Gardner all tied for fifth place. Brayden Worthington scored 73, while Ryan Cesare and Mitchell Keene both totaled 75.

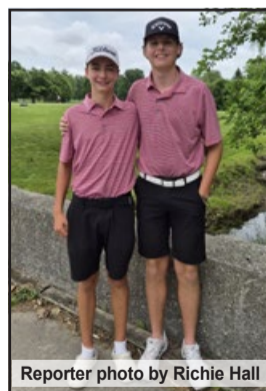
Zionsville was fourth with 298, followed by Lebanon in fifth place with 323.

University took sixth as a team by scoring 352. Trailblazers scores were Emmett White 81, Tyler Davis 84, Nicholas Quinto 90, Kedrick Labrosky 97 and Aaron Cahn 97.

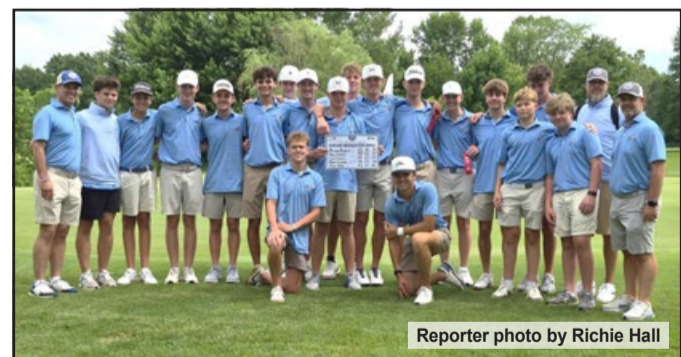
Sheridan scored 410. Blackhawks scores were Cooper Garner 96, Rylan Garner 97, Ethan Kissling 99, Desh Donathen 118 and Jacob Groce 122.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
(ABOVE) The Noblesville boys golf team defended its sectional championship Monday at Fox Prairie. The Millers edged out Hamilton Southeastern; both teams scored 296 with Noblesville getting the trophy on the fifth-man score. **(BELOW LEFT)** Fishers' Evan Back and Kaiden Sullivan qualified for the regional as individuals. **(BELOW RIGHT)** Hamilton Southeastern finished second and advances to the Yorktown regional on Thursday.



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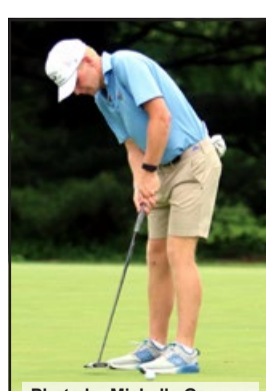


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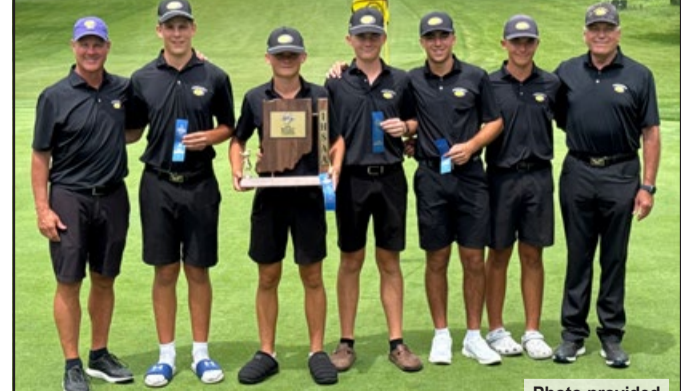


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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern's Mattingly Upchurch won medalist honors in a playoff. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** The Guerin Catholic boys golf team won the sectional title at Ulen Country Club on Monday.

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The Shamrocks made one last push in the bottom of the seventh. Adelyn Kurth led off with a double, then Westfield loaded the bases after absorbing a double play. Pulice blasted a double to score Sofia

Easterhaus and Mahannah, then Carlyne Schrock singled Pulice home before Carroll got the third out to end the game.

Pulice was 3-for-4 at the plate, while Watson and Schrock both had two

hits. Mac Delph pitched 6.1 innings, striking out seven.

Westfield finished its season 17-11-1, winning a first-ever regional title to go with the program's second sectional crown.

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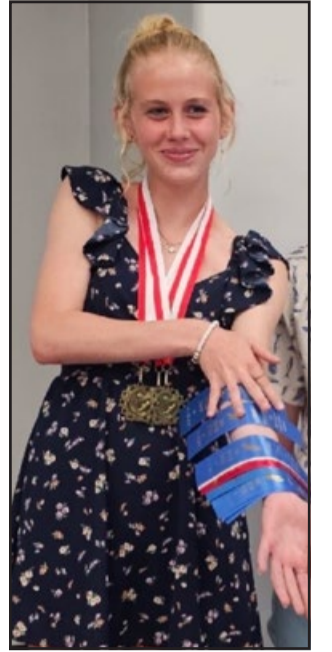
Thursday, June 11
GOLF
 Yorktown regional
 Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at The Players Club, 8 a.m.

Friday, June 12
GOLF
 Harrison regional
 Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Coyote Crossing, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 13
BASEBALL SEMI-STATES
 At Jasper
 Guerin Catholic vs. Providence, 11 a.m.
 Gibson Southern vs. Cathedral, 2 p.m.
 Championship, 8 p.m.
 At Lawrence Central
 University vs. Evansville Mater Dei, 11 a.m.
 Heritage Christian vs. Sullivan, 2 p.m.
 Championship, 8 p.m.

TENNIS
 Individual doubles state finals at Park Tudor
 Semifinals, 10 a.m.
 Championship, 2 p.m.

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Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools
 (TOP LEFT) The 4x100-meter relay team. (ABOVE LEFT) The 4x400-meter relay team. (ABOVE CENTER) Tommy Rusk won the 800-meter run, and Jaidyn Gidman (ABOVE RIGHT) won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

Sheridan Middle School track & field excels in post-season

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Saturday, May 9, the Sheridan Middle School track and field teams competed in the Hoosier Heartland Conference (HHC) meet. While there, they delivered an impressive performance with multiple podium finishes against tough competition.

The girls' team snagged two championships in relay events. The 4x100-meter relay team of Aubrey Sterling, Jade Edmonds, Kenzie Zuill, and Jaidyn Gidman claimed first place with an impressive time of 56.43 seconds. The 4x400-meter relay team of Brynn Wright, Aubrey Sterling, Briella Roberts, and Lacey Lenseigne also

earned a first-place finish with an impressive 4:48.73. On the individual level, Jaidyn Gidman added two individual first-place finishes to Sheridan's success. She won both the 100-meter dash with a 14.10 and the 200-meter dash with a 29.6. Through all of these successes, the girls' team was able to finish third overall.

For the boys' team, Tommy Rusk earned first place in the 800-meter run with a highly impressive finish of 2:24.78. The boys' team was able to secure a second-place finish overall. Congratulations to all of the Blackhawk athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication all season long!

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Harrell, Booker receive Wooden/MCL Awards for 2026

The REPORTER

Superior athletes. Strong students. Outstanding citizens.

In a phrase, those labels accurately describe Indiana All-Star basketball players and recent high school graduates Evan Harrell of Carmel and Komari Booker of Pike. Thus, each athlete has been named a winner of a Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for 2026 as presented by the IndyStar Indiana All-Stars.

Harrell, a 6-8 forward, averaged 15.6 points, 8.0 rebounds and 1.8 assists in keying Carmel to an 18-6 season that included a Class 4A sectional championship. For his career, he totaled 789 points, 411 rebounds and 95 assists in 67 games while helping the Greyhounds to a 55-38 record.

The Bellarmine University signee was selected 2026 IBCA Senior Supreme 15, 2026 AP high honorable mention All-State, 2025 IBCA Underclass Large School All-State and 2024

IBCA Underclass honorable mention All-State. He also received a Carmel "CLASS Award" in the fall of 2024 for outstanding achievement in the classroom, positive behavior, improvement and effort.

Over the years, Harrell has served the community by volunteering for Sam's Wish, a Carmel-based program that helps people with disabilities live happier lives, and volunteering for the Merciful HELP Center, a program of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Carmel that helps people in times of need. He also has served as a teen minister at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Harrell plans to major in finance at Bellarmine.

Booker, a 6-1 forward, tallied 8.3 points, 5.5 rebounds, 1.1 assists and 1.0 steals as a senior in helping Pike to a 24-2 ledger and a Class 4A sectional title. Over four seasons, she totaled 788 points, 662 re-



bounds, 108 assists and 144 steals in 88 games as the Red Devils went 61-42 and won three sectionals plus one regional. Her career rebounds total stands sixth on Pike's all-time list.

The Northern Illinois University recruit is a two-time IBCA Large School All-State selection, a two-time AP high honorable mention choice, a three-time first-team all-Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference pick and a three-time first-team all-Marion County selection.

For several years, Booker has volunteered for the Mozell Sanders Foundation and its Feed The Hungry program, which originated out of Mt. Vernon Community Missionary Baptist Church, Booker's home church.

Booker plans to major in sociology at NIU.

"Evan and Komari are great representatives for the Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for the 2025 Indiana All-Stars," Indiana All-Star games director Mike Broughton said. "Both Evan and Komari had strong high

school careers on and off the court. We wish them well as they take their talents to the college level."

The Wooden/MCL Citizenship Awards have been presented to one All-Star boy and one All-Star girl annually since 1992. The awards are named for the late John Wooden, an outstanding player at Martinsville High School and Purdue University and later a 10-time NCAA championship coach at UCLA.

"Since I am a strong believer in academic and citizenship awards, I am honored that MCL desires to use my name for this honor," Wooden said when the award established in 1992.

MCL Restaurant & Bakery, based in Indianapolis, has sponsored the Wooden Citizenship Award for all 35 years that it has been presented. MCL also has supported the Indiana All-Star program for about 35 years. The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, organizers of the Indiana All-Stars, thanks MCL for its continued support.

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