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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers and storms end early morning. Partly to mostly cloudy, with isolated storms possible late afternoon.
Tonight: Isolated evening storms. Storms likely after midnight; some could produce large hail & damaging wind.
HIGH: 89 **LOW:** 68



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
(ABOVE LEFT) Five-year service awardees include: Alison Laitas, HHMS SPED Teacher; Jennifer Froman, HHMS Computer Science Teacher; Kelly Monnin, HHMS English Teacher; Maryn Morris, HHES Secretary/Registrar; Mary Chaplin, HHES Instructional Assistant; Tricia Walker, HHES Instructional Assistant; Caty Wiegman, HHMS Secretary/Registrar; Sarah Julian, HHES 3rd Grade, Teacher; Megan Kinney, HHSC Behavior Specialist; Gwendolyn Perkins, HHMS Science Teacher; Kristi Moe, HHMS Secretary; Natalie Watson Barnett, HHES Instructional Assistant; Sabrina Duncan, HHMS Counselor; Erin Allen, HHMS Science Teacher; Steve Cunningham, HHSC Facilities Crew; and Ashley Inman, Transportation Bus Driver. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Ten-year service awardees include: Emilie Carson, HHSC Agriculture Teacher; Tyler Stewart, HHSC Facilities Manager; Anna Adcock, HHES 2nd Grade Teacher; Andria Andis, HHMS 6th Grade Teacher; and Jason Dobbins, HHSC Facilities Crew.



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
(ABOVE FAR LEFT) Ann Lybrook, HHSC Technology Specialist, was awarded for 15 years of service. **(ABOVE CENTER LEFT)** Twenty-year service awardees include: Dave Slabe, HHSC IT Operations; Tricia Rudy, HHES Counselor; and Leigh Ann Moffatt, HHSC Athletic Secretary. **(ABOVE CENTER RIGHT)** Thirty-year service awardees include: Landi Lockwood, HHMS Science Teacher, Craig Wolfgang, HHSC Director of Technology, Jenny Roberts, HHES Title Teacher, and Mike Wilham, HHSC Facilities Crew. **(ABOVE FAR RIGHT)** Kim Lodge, HHES 4th Grade Teacher, was recognized for her 35 years of service to the district.

Hamilton Heights celebrates service, retirements & excellence

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights School Corporation gathered for its annual Year End Breakfast, a tradition that brings together staff from across the district to celebrate service milestones, honor retirees, and recognize this year's outstanding educators and support staff. The event reflects the heart of the Heights community: gratitude, connection, and a shared commitment

to students. A remarkable group of educators and staff whose dedication has shaped generations of Huskies were recognized for their extraordinary legacy of service, leadership, and love for students as they ready for a new chapter. High School retirees include Laura Towle, English/French Teacher (38 Years of Service); Rob Towle, Spanish/Math Teacher (38 Years of Service);

Wendi Russell, English Teacher (23 Years of Service); and Kevin Sheets, Construction Trades Teacher (4 Years of Service). Middle School retirees include Kelly Stroup, 5th Grade Teacher (38 Years of Service) and Kellie Combs, 6th Grade Teacher (7 Years of Service). Transportation & Support retirees include Charlotte Wilson, Bus Driver (13 Years of Service) and Cynthia Mead, Café Worker (8 Years of Service).

These individuals leave behind a legacy of care, excellence, and impact that will continue to shape Hamilton Heights for years to come. In addition, staff celebrating milestone years of service were honored. Their steady commitment strengthens every corner of the district and directly enriches the lives of the students. This list reflects the incredible

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Community First Banks expands services into wealth management

Submitted Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) is expanding how it serves its customers, introducing a new wealth management offering, Community First Wealth Management, designed to support each customer's full financial journey.

Thoughtfully selected by Community First Bank's leadership team, Aurora Financial Strategies was chosen as a partner due to its shared commitment to local relationships and exceptional service, the same standard customers have come to know and trust from CFB. The joint venture, officially established in June 2026, reflects a shared commitment to expanding services while maintaining that relationship-first focus.

The bank's wealth management offering is now powered by the experienced advisory team at Aurora Financial Strategies. Led by Billy Cardwell, the Community First Wealth Management team will also include Jackson Collins, Austin Crites, Chad Gifford, Reed Hubbert, Eleni Robinson, and Alex Watkins.

Through this partnership, clients benefit from direct access to dedicated advisors, supported by Community First Bank team members to ensure a seamless, connected experience.

This integrated approach allows Community First Bank to expand its wealth capabilities while staying rooted in what matters most: personal relationships, local individual, and service built around each individual. By combining Aurora's deep investment and planning expertise with CFB's strong client relationships, customers gain access to a more comprehensive and connected financial experience.

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Noblesville Schools seeks community's reapproval of operating referendum

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools will ask the community to vote this fall on an updated operating referendum. The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees approved placing the question on the ballot at the June 9 meeting.

The district has had referendums providing additional operational funding for the last 16 years. If a new referendum is not approved, approximately

\$25 million per year in funding, which is about 20 percent of the district's operating budget, will expire at the end of 2026.

Continued referendum funding would enable Noblesville Schools to advance key strategic priorities of academic excellence, student care and community strength.



Hile

Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. "Referendum funding is central to being able to deliver the types of services our

"Noblesville residents gave us input recently on our strategic plan and told us loudly and clearly that they want us to focus on academic excellence, student care, and strong community relations."

community expects for students. For example, things like offering top STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) programming, career and workforce development training, recruiting and retaining strong teachers, school safety, mental health services, extracurricular opportunities, and small class sizes. Without referendum funding, the district would face substantial

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Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees approves resolution for operating referendum

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of School Trustees voted unanimously at its regular board meeting on June 9 to adopt a resolution to place an operating referendum on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot.

If approved by voters, the referendum would provide local funding to support various initiatives, including safety, staffing, transportation, ac-

ademic programming, and student support services.

The Board's action comes as school districts across Indiana continue to navigate changes to state funding formulas, property tax legislation, tax caps, and inflationary pressures that have impacted local school revenues.

"Westfield Washington



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Schools has a long history of community partnership and support," Superintendent Dr. John Atha said. "Our responsibility is to provide our community with clear information about the financial chal-

lenges facing our district and how those challenges impact students, staff, and schools. This referendum gives our community the opportunity to decide how we move forward together." WWS currently serves more than 10,400 students and 8,400 families across 16 facilities while employing more than 1,600 staff members. The district manages approximately \$1.35 billion in facilities and property assets throughout Westfield Washington Township.

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BRICK

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I bet many of you are facing your own brick walls. How often do we strive for something, envisioning success and everything turning out exactly like we imagined? I think that's when God laughs and says, "Oh, no ... that's not what I'm planning."

Just when I was feeling low, I received a phone call out of the blue asking me to speak to a delightful group of ladies in Castleton last week. I eagerly said "yes" and went on to have a marvelous evening and discussion.

Both my husband and best friend reminded me to have fun with this book and future speaking engagements. This is my calling, and I need to embrace it with joy. Things will work out, as they obviously did with the Castleton presentation.

In my fundraising role, I had to remind myself we

had achieved some big grant wins with both clients in May. We'll get more in the future. I'm dusting myself off and staring at that brick wall with a new determination. I'm vowing to improve in my grant proposal writing and strategies.

Readers, we can go around the brick walls of life with some determination and a whole lotta prayer. Whatever you're facing, give yourself some time to step back, think, take a walk, and do anything else you need to see things in a different light. And finally, sleep on it. You'll soon conquer that wall and be ready to take on the world.

Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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"One of the things that makes Community First Bank unique is the strength of our relationships," CFB President and CEO Robb Blume said. "By partnering with Aurora Financial Strategies, we're able to provide our customers with expanded wealth expertise while continuing to serve them with the same level of care and commitment they've come to expect."

Community First Wealth Management services include financial planning, asset management, business and individual retirement plans, and life insurance. With in-house asset management, clients

benefit from lower fees and personalized portfolio solutions, delivered through an approach that keeps their goals, priorities, and future at the center of every conversation.

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range of people who shape students' daily experiences at Heights.

Hamilton Heights proudly recognized its 2026 Building Level Teachers of the Year: Sarah Julian, HHES (3rd Grade), Kellie Combs, HHMS (ELA 6/ELA 6 Honors); and Wendi Russell, HHHS (English Teacher). These educators were selected by their peers for the way they elevate learning, inspire students, and embody the mission and values of Hamilton Heights. Of these three outstanding finalists, Sarah Julian was named the 2026 District Teacher of the Year and will represent Hamilton Heights at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition in Indianapolis this fall.

The district also honored its Building Level Support Staff of the Year: Wendy Sauerteig, HHES Secretary; Charity Powell, HHMS Instructional Assistant; and Adam Hughes, HHHS Instructional Assistant. The District Support Staff Member of the Year is Austin Bragg, HHSC Transportation Mechanic, recognized for his exceptional service, reliability, and impact across the district.

Hamilton Heights is proud to share that Charlotte Horning has been nominated for the IDOE 2026 School Food Service Employee of the Year, a testament to her dedication and the care she brings to students each day.

The Year End Breakfast is a reflection of the people who make Hamilton Heights an extraordinary



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation (TOP LEFT) 2026 Building Level Teachers of the Year: Sarah Julian, HHES (3rd Grade), Kellie Combs, HHMS (ELA 6/ELA 6 Honors); and Wendi Russell, HHHS (English Teacher). (TOP RIGHT) Sarah Julian was named the 2026 District Teacher of the Year and will represent Hamilton Heights at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition in Indianapolis this fall. (ABOVE LEFT) Charlotte Horning was nominated for the IDOE 2026 School Food Service Employee of the Year. (ABOVE RIGHT) Building Level Support Staff of the Year: Charity Powell, HHMS Instructional Assistant, Wendy Sauerteig, HHES Secretary, and District Support Staff Member of the Year, Austin Bragg, HHSC Transportation Mechanic. Not pictured: Adam Hughes, HHHS Instructional Assistant.

place to learn and grow. From retirees who shaped decades of students' lives to

staff members reaching new milestones and educators recognized for excellence,

the event honored the collective strength of the Husky community.

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reductions in staff, services, and programs that directly impact the children and the community we serve."

The current referendum rate is 37 cents and the new proposed maximum rate is 57 cents. This proposed rate is higher than the 2018 rate because new SEA1 property tax legislation reduces funding for schools.

Noblesville Schools needs a higher maximum rate to bring in a comparable amount of money. The proposed maximum 57-cent rate will mean approximately \$2.30 more a month for the average Noblesville home valued at \$350,000, depending on your specific

property tax situation.

Even with a referendum, the new SEA1 property tax legislation offers homeowners a "discount coupon" on their property taxes, so that taxes are lower than they would be otherwise. Additionally, while the maximum allowable rate would be 57 cents, the district does not plan to take that full rate each year. "The cost of running our schools continues to increase at a time when state and local tax revenues are decreasing, and the funding gap continues to grow," Hile said.

Since 2015, Noblesville Schools has lost \$41

million in funding due to property tax caps, with millions more in additional losses projected over the next eight years due to the state's new SEA1 property tax legislation.

Also, Noblesville Schools is in the bottom 6 percent of Indiana's school funding formula, meaning that it receives fewer state dollars for student funding than 94 percent of other communities in Indiana.

"We've been able to maintain our academic excellence and care for students in this climate because of cost cutting, careful financial planning, and the operating referendum

dollars we receive," Hile said.

Residents can find more information about the referendum, including frequently asked questions, at noblesvilleschools.org/referendum.

Hile's school board presentation on the referendum can be found here.

Additionally, Hile will present more referendum details and answer questions at various meetings throughout the community this summer and fall. If you'd like to invite him to meet with your group, you can submit a request here or email dan_hile@nobl.k12.in.us.

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Financial context

District leaders say that WWS continues to receive below-average state tuition support compared to many Indiana school districts. According to information presented to the Board, WWS ranks among the lowest-funded districts in Indiana on a per-pupil basis when it comes to state tuition funding.

In addition, recent legislative changes have reduced the district's ability to collect revenue at a pace that matches Westfield's continued growth. District data presented to the Board

indicated that changes to referendum and operations funding formulas resulted in more than \$4.4 million in uncollected revenue between 2023 and 2025.

District projections presented during the meeting also estimate a funding gap of approximately \$14.8 million in 2026 due to below-average state funding, property tax caps, and the impact of Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1).

What the referendum would support

According to the resolution and ballot language, referendum funding would

support:

- Student safety initiatives, including the addition of highly trained School Resource Officers
- Maintaining small class sizes
- School counselors, social workers, and student support services
- Academic and essential educational programs
- Recruitment and retention of teachers and staff in a competitive market
- Day-to-day operational expenses necessary to support students and schools

District leaders noted that maintaining strong

staffing levels remains one of the most important factors in supporting student learning, school safety, and student well-being.

Ballot information

The referendum question will appear on the Nov. 3, 2026 ballot.

Under Indiana law, the ballot language includes a maximum tax rate of \$0.3941 per \$100 of assessed valuation and a maximum annual collection amount of \$38 million. District officials emphasized that the maximum annual tax rate would be established each year through the public budgeting process and approved by the Board of School Trustees. They also noted that the district does not anticipate needing to collect the maximum amount in most years.

Additional information, frequently asked questions, tax impact examples, and community engagement opportunities will be shared with families and community members in the coming months.

"We are committed to being accessible, transparent, and responsive throughout this process," Dr. Atha said. "Our goal is to ensure every community member has the information they need to make an informed decision."

For additional information about WWS finances, please visit the new Your Dollars at Work webpage (which will be continually updated going forward) or contact Westfield Washington Schools.

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BBQ & beer will help fund Ivy Tech scholarships thanks to Noblesville Rotary

The REPORTER

Noblesville Rotary Club's popular BrewBQ returns in August. The food and fun returns for the 10th year to Federal Hill Commons from 4 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8.

"We're excited to formally announce the 10th annual Noblesville BrewBQ to be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 at Federal Hill Commons!" Noblesville Rotary Club President Jeff Chinn said. "This is a fun charitable event that allows the community to come together to support a great cause, while also sharing their love of BBQ, live music, and beer."

This is not just a fun event for the community to enjoy the BBQ, brews, and music. Proceeds go to scholarship funds to support Ivy Tech Hamilton County students. Local Rotarians are passionate about providing opportunities in these technical fields of study, especially with Noblesville's focus on economic development.

"Ivy Tech Hamilton County cherishes our partnership with the Noblesville Rotary Club," Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Dr. Rachel Kartz said. "The annual BrewBQ is a great event that brings the community together around great food and great times while also supporting Rotary's efforts of providing scholarships to local students attending Ivy Tech Hamilton County. We are thankful for this long-standing relationship with the Noblesville Rotary Club and look forward to many more years to come."

Noblesville Rotary also allocates a portion of the proceeds to support the Noblesville High School Robotics Club, which has grown tremendously under the leadership of Andrew Wilkins, who has been nationally recognized with an Outstanding Teacher Award from Project Lead the Way (PLTW).

The BrewBQ holds a BBQ Grilling Competition with an opportunity for attendees to taste some of the best BBQ around. The con-

test will feature an immense array of unique recipes from BBQ'ers across Noblesville and Indiana alike.

Live music throughout the evening will be played by local bands including Rhino Down and That's What She Said. Beer will be on tap from several local vendors. The Bier Brewery will be back this year and has won multiple medals at prestigious brewing competitions, including The Indiana Brewers' Cup, the Great American Beer Festival, and the World Beer Cup.

Primeval Brewing in Noblesville will also return once again.

"We love being part of the community and are super excited to be able to serve beer this year at the Rotary Clubs's BrewBQ!" Primeval Owner Tim Palmer said.

Northbrook Brewing of Arcadia will return, as well. For those who enjoy wine, Spencer Farms Winery will be present with alternatives to beer. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Cook-off

For those interested in participating in the cook-off, register your Grill Team at NoblesvilleRotary-Club.org/brewbq-contestant-registration-form.

Sponsorships

Gold Sponsors include Noblesville ACE Hardware, Meyer-Najem Construction, Thieneman Construction, Bell Techlogix and many more.

"Supporting educational opportunities is one of the most impactful investments we can make in our community," Bell Techlogix, Inc. CEO Ron Frankenfield said. "Through our continued sponsorship of the Noblesville Rotary BrewBQ, we're proud to help fund scholarships for Ivy Tech students and support the growth of the Noblesville High School Robotics Club, empowering young people to develop the skills and confidence needed for future success."

Sponsorships are still being accepted; Noblesville Rotary Club is a 501(c)(3)



Photo provided

Your ticket includes unlimited BBQ, beer, and wine. The tastiest part? The money supports scholarship funds for local Ivy Tech students. What are you waiting for?

BrewBQ FAQs

Are there ID or minimum age requirements to enter the event?
Must be 21 with valid ID to attend. (Guests under 21 will not be permitted inside the gate)

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?
Email Carrie Dixon at carrie@cdi-cares.com.

What's the refund policy?
Since this is a fundraising event to benefit Ivy Tech Community College in Noblesville, tickets are non-refundable. Rain or shine. Any and all donations to the cause are much appreciated. Noblesville Rotary Charitable Fund is a 501(c)(3).

What should I bring to the event?
Bring a valid photo ID if you're planning on consuming alcoholic beverages. You may also bring lawn chairs to the event.

What can't I bring to the event?
Coolers, outside food, or beverages. No pets are allowed per the State Department of Health.

What kind of beer will be served at the event?
Beer will be provided by The Bier Brewery, Primeval Brewing, Northbrook Brewing. Wine will be provided by Spencer Farms Winery.

How will the BBQ contestants be judged?
Judging will be by a panel utilizing a blind judging method with a winner for ribs and a winner for chicken. There will also be an overall People's Choice winner.

charitable organization. Learn more at tinyurl.com/BrewBQ-2026sponsor.

Tickets

Advance tickets are available for \$65 each and designated driver tickets are available for \$50. Tickets will also be available for \$75 at the gate on the day of the event if not sold out. Tickets include unlimited BBQ, sides from Nameless Catering, beer, wine, and live music from



4 to 9 p.m. The designated driver ticket features water and soda instead of beer. Tickets can be purchased at this link.

For all other information, go to NoblesvilleRotaryClub.org/brewbq.

Michael Reinhardt named WWS Director of Transportation

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of School Trustees approved the appointment of Michael Reinhardt as the new Director of Transportation during its meeting on June 9.

Reinhardt brings more than 20 years of student transportation experience to the role, along with a commitment to student safety, operational excellence, and customer service. He will lead the district's transportation department while overseeing the continued development of transportation services that support students, families, and staff across WWS.

Reinhardt began his career in student transportation as a school bus driver while completing his master's degree. Over the course of his career, he has served in a variety of leadership and operational positions, including field trip coordinator, router and trainer, Assistant Director of Transportation, Associate Director of Transportation, and Director of Transportation.

These experiences have provided Reinhardt with extensive knowledge in transportation operations, routing, staff development, safety procedures, and or-

ganizational leadership.

"I'm excited and honored to be named Director of Transportation for Westfield Washington Schools,"

Reinhardt said. "I'm grateful for this opportunity and look forward to contributing to the ongoing success of the district while serving our students, families, and community."

Throughout his career, Reinhardt has viewed transportation as more than moving students from one location to another.

He believes transportation is an extension of the educational experience and plays a vital role in supporting student success. His leadership philosophy centers on providing safe, reliable, and efficient transportation services while fostering a positive experience for students each day.

"What stood out to us was Mike's deep knowledge of student transportation, his excitement for the future," said Dr. Greg Hunt, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations. "His leadership and high expectations will help further develop our transportation department while supporting the needs of our students, families, and staff."

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Reinhardt

Child struck by vehicle dies in the hospital

Submitted by Westfield Police Department

At approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, Westfield police officers and emergency personnel responded to a report of a child struck by a vehicle in the 19600 block of Tomlinson Road in Westfield.

Upon arrival, officers located a juvenile male suffering from apparent life-threatening injuries. A Lifeline request was initially made; however, based on an on-scene assessment, the decision was made to transport the child by ambulance. The juvenile was transported by the Westfield Fire Department to Peyton

Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent in critical condition.

The Westfield Police Department's Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the scene to process evidence and investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident. The driver remained on scene. At this time, there is no indication that impairment was a contributing factor in the crash.

The juvenile passed away shortly after 5 a.m. Wednesday morning.

The investigation remains ongoing. Any inquiries should be directed to the Marion County Coroner's Office.

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Six local students make Marquette dean's list

The REPORTER

The following Hamilton County students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.:

- Allison Bullock of Westfield, Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies
- Elena Harrie of Carmel, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Brooks Holtkamp of Noblesville, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy
- Sophia Saran of Westfield, Bachelor of Science in Biomechanics
- Tommy Van Woerkom of Carmel, Bachelor of Science in Bioelectronics
- Lily Varga of Fishers, Bachelor of Science in Phys-

iology

To make the dean's list, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2026 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The grade-point average threshold varies by college; for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the dean's list.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing.

All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Fishers' own Kristen Friesth makes UW-Eau Claire dean's list

The REPORTER

The University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire has announced its dean's list of the Spring 2026 semester.

Among those students is Kristen Friesth of Fishers, who is studying in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Undergraduate students are eligible if they meet the following criteria for the semester: earn a minimum of 12 credits; be in good academic standing; earn a minimum

semester grade-point average of 3.70; have no courses with the following grades: Incomplete, Withdrawal, Audit, or Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (except in courses that are offered only on the S/U grading system in which a grade of S has been earned); have no courses below the 100 level; have no repeats; not enrolled in a professional education semester course: ES 440, ES 441, ES 471; SEIP 470, SEIP 472, SEIP 475.

Westfield's own Sophia Saran graduates from Marquette University

The REPORTER

In May, Sophia Saran of Westfield graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering degree in Biomechanics.

Saran was one of 3,166 students to graduate from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 145th Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at Fiserv Forum and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus.

REINHARDT

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In addition to overseeing daily transportation operations, Reinhardt will play a key role in supporting the district's continued growth, including the opening and operation of WWS's new transportation facility this

summer.

WWS looks forward to the leadership, expertise, and vision Reinhardt will bring as the district continues its commitment to providing safe, efficient, and student-focused transportation services.

Allied Solutions Center to host 21-and-up Karaoke Night

Public has new opportunity to perform on Payne & Mencias Palladium stage

The REPORTER

Inspired by the success of its annual all-ages World Voice Day celebration, Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts is offering a new opportunity for local residents 21 and older to share their talents on its grandest stage.

Adults of all abilities are invited to join in the inaugural Karaoke Night, set for 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green. Tickets are pay-what-you-can with a \$10 minimum, on sale now at TheCenterPresents.org or (317) 843-3800. All proceeds benefit Allied Solutions Center's arts and educational programming.

The event is a chance

to walk literally in the footsteps of Tony Bennett, Dionne Warwick, Sting, Sheryl Crow, Wynton Marsalis, Glen Campbell, Steve Martin, Rita Moreno, and countless other legendary artists who have performed on the Payne & Mencias Palladium stage.

Registration to sing starts at 8 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis, with karaoke beginning at 8:30 p.m. Snacks and a full bar will be available onstage for purchase until 10 p.m. Locally based AMS Entertainment is providing the DJ services.

Creating performance opportunities for the public has been a tradition for over a decade at Allied Solutions Center, which hosts a free



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A local resident performs at the Payne & Mencias Palladium during April's World Voice Day celebration.

event each April in observance of World Voice Day, an international celebration of the human voice. The 2027 World Voice Day celebration is scheduled April 16.

Experience 'Art in Flight' when Jim Brune visits Indiana Artisan in Carmel

Submitted

Join Indiana Artisan for an unforgettable afternoon with the incredibly talented

Jim Brune at Art in Flight. The painter from Decatur, Ind., will demonstrate his unique creative process using watercolors to create hyper-realistic scenes on wood as part of Indiana Artisan's monthly 2nd Saturday events.



Brune

Brune's artistic adventure began in high school, blossomed through college with watercolor techniques, and has now evolved into a breathtaking expression of nature on hardwood he meticulously mills himself. His works, often featuring stunning birds and wildlife, push the boundaries of traditional watercolor art.

Art in Flight also gives you the opportunity to be among the first to enjoy a remarkable new painting crafted in honor of our nation's

semiquincentennial. This piece, rendered on a nearly 40-inch-wide black walnut slab, features a majestic bald eagle soaring gracefully over Montana's breathtaking Lake Como with the picturesque Bitterroot National Forest in the background.

"In my opinion," Brune said, "it doesn't get more Americana than this."

Join the artist anytime from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery, located 20 N. Range Line Road in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Come when it's convenient; stay as long as you like. Watch as he paints live, sharing his unique techniques and artistic insights that breathe life into his fervor for wildlife. At the same time, register to win an amazing collection of Americana-themed artworks, each handcrafted by talented Hoosier artisans.

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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's May Timesheet

Welcome to The Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in county government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, considering volunteering, and by asking questions.

Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, May work included: watching Board of Commissioners, Cicero Town Council, and Noblesville City Council public meetings, a Council Executive Session, a personnel committee meeting, a finance committee meeting, a Council and Commissioners work session regarding a potential new wheel tax, meeting with Cicero Town Council member Jacob Everett, meeting with Cicero resident Jordan Ballinger, attending the ribbon cutting for the State Road 37 and the 141st street intersection, and a Health insurance renewal meeting.

The May Personnel Committee meeting included requests from Judicial Administration, the Surveyor, and the Sheriff's Office. Topics included specialty pay via a grant from the State Supreme Court to administer the Hamilton County Courts JDAI (Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative) services, the reclassification of a Project Engineering position that has been open for over a year to reflect a competitive market salary, and lastly a detailed presentation by Lt. Goff and Sgt. Foote from



MARK HALL
The Timesheet

the Sheriff's Office advocating for hourly pay for instruction and training officers in addition to their certification pay.

After analysis, discussion, and revision, the requests were sent to the entire council with favorable recommendations for approval.

The Finance Committee met with four agenda items: the 2027 budget and its expected increases, Bakers Corner HCRUD Phase 3 at 7.8MM, Sheriff's Pension Update, and the impact of the State Legislature changing the distribution of the Innkeepers Tax.

Takeaways include an expected 5 to 6 percent budget increase, better financial control over one department, the breakeven analysis of the utility district, and understanding that the pension is well funded and the tax policy change will not impact the county's general fund.

The insurance committee met with our consulting firm, NFP, to discuss the county's renewal for 2027. Here are the primary take-away points:

Healthcare costs are increasing on average 9.3 percent nationally this year. The general price increase for private plans is the middle teens headed into 2027. Healthcare costs are not lowering anytime soon. The county is looking at a 4.8 percent increase, provided council increases individual employee contribution by \$5 and family contribution by \$10.

The total 2027 expense is projected at \$32.4M with costs to the County expected to be \$1,181.33 for an individual and \$3,130.22 for a family. We are evaluating TPA companies for additional cost savings opportunities.

During May, I received 10 constituent service requests and communications.

One neighbor contacted several elected representatives regarding the Creek Road Camping and Burn Out Events. That information was passed along to the county legal department who have pursued legal action.

I was contacted by the Westfield Clerk Treasurer regarding the status of

a MUST (Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce) group for officials to negotiate and recommend how local income tax revenue should be used within the county. We have not yet formed a MUST group and don't plan to at this point.

I had two neighbors ask about Cherry Tree Road, one regarding road repair and one regarding hanging wires from Comcast. Both were referred to the Highway Department for action.

I had a constituent ask about a county condemnation of a property along 136th Street. Upon review, the property in question was a total loss due to a fire, leaving the property unsafe and susceptible to animals and the elements.

I had a citizen reach out asking to meet to discuss Cicero and Hamilton County government interaction and projects. He wanted to understand how he could get involved. We met for coffee, had a good conversation, and I encouraged him to check out the volunteer portal on the County Website.

I received a call from a citizen in Atlanta concerned about the state of disrepair of 296th Street. After much research, the resolution for this issue is in process. The road tax revenue for that stretch of road is still being sent to Tipton County. As I write this, the Atlanta Town Council is working on a solution to share the responsibility for the road repair or take it over. Also, the same constituent expressed concerns over the rail intersection on Main Street in Atlanta. We contacted the Hoosier Port Authority, who has authority over the railroad at that intersection, as well as Mike Neal from GoRail to discuss grants for the repair. I have no further feedback from either potential solution.

Lastly, I was contacted by three Sheridan property owners asking that the county intervene and delay the opening of the new SKYLAKE waterpark. They cited incomplete storm water and drain issues. Many officials received these requests which were immediately sent to the Surveyor's Office and the Drainage Board. The concerns were addressed by the Plan Review and Surveyor's departments.

Of special note this month was attending the

Drug Court Graduation and the groundbreaking of the Judicial Center expansion. I've written about Drug Court before, but I just can't emphasize enough how this program turns around families and saves the taxpayers money in the long run. Those who make it through the program are shining moments in time as your elected official. Not everyone makes it back and becomes a productive citizen. Clean, sober, and employed translates to thousands of dollars in taxpayer savings each year. Yes, these are feel-good moments, but they also prove to me that these programs can work. I see dozens of dots on the programs "in-process people" board representing those struggling to get their lives back and am so encouraged with each graduate's story. The groundbreaking was noteworthy because it is the culmination of years' worth of hard work. The population-driven addition of seven court rooms is only a part of this expansion, designed to accommodate the residents of Hamilton County for decades in the future.

It was an honor to represent you at the Crossings alternative High School graduation ceremony, at the Hamilton County Drug treatment Court Graduation, at the State Road 37 Ribbon cutting for 141st street opening, and at the Crossroads Church Comedy event popcorn and punchlines.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during May 2026. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

Sharon gets seasonal in her eating habits

Summer series column three

"Seasonal eating isn't just a trend; it's rooted in science." – UNC Nutrition Research Institute / uncnri.org

Continuing on with my third column in my three-part "summer series" of relevant issues, I am taking on a delicious topic!

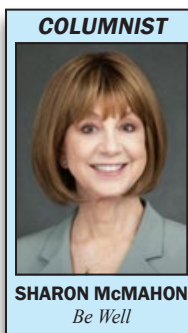
You know, "back in the day" – wow I can't believe I said that – the term "seasonal eating" was pretty much irrelevant as that was the order of the day. Although I am not yet ancient, I do recall that my childhood meal plans frequently included seasonal items on a regular basis. While there were, of course, imported food items to be had, my parents were somewhat old-fashioned in their food choices. In particular, what we consumed in the spring through fall seasons were, with the exception of protein, homegrown or from local farm stands.

Why is seasonal nutrition important? I thought you would never ask!

Studies have shown that the fresher the produce, the healthier it is to eat. Fruits and vegetables that are allowed to ripen naturally and are consumed shortly after harvesting contain higher levels of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, which protect against cancer and other serious diseases, compared to produce that has traveled long distances and has to sit on grocery store shelves for long periods of time. Fresh fruits and vegetables usually have a fuller flavor than food allowed to sit on shelves or in freezers at the supermarket.¹

Additionally, buying from local farmers and growers obviously helps the local economy. Our Noblesville Farmers Market offers a bounty of delicious, fresh produce for our dietary needs. Try to learn if your food store buys from local farmers, as many do. Those dollars remain in your area and contribute to the local economy in general.

Let's talk about some of these Indiana-grown sea-



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

sonal vegetables and fruits.

In spring, from April through May, you can find asparagus, radishes, spinach, lettuce, morel mushrooms, and rhubarb. Currently, the June through

August season is plentiful with sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, green beans, eggplant, peppers, strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, cherries, cantaloupe, peaches, and watermelon. Our Indiana fall season, from September through November, offers pumpkins, broccoli, sweet potatoes, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower, kale, cabbage, root vegetables such as carrots, beets and turnips, along with apples, pears, and grapes. The winter season, December through March, can offer produce from storage such as cabbage, potatoes, sweet potatoes, winter squash, carrots, beets, and turnips.

Is it a reasonable plan to include items considered tropical such as mango, bananas, papaya, pineapple, and avocado, of course! While these items are best not consumed as much as our local items, they still add nutrition to our diet. I am particularly fond of bananas as they are a good source of potassium.

Here is an easy recipe for summer seasonal items:

Creamy sweet corn and zucchini pasta – *Sauté diced zucchini and fresh corn kernels until tender. Toss with your favorite pasta, a splash of heavy cream and a generous amount of freshly grated Parmesan cheese. Add a fresh salad or diced tomatoes and cucumbers on the side and a protein source and enjoy!*

¹ University of Maryland Medical System (umms.org)

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Noblesville Common Council approves new micromobility regulations

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The Noblesville Common Council unanimously approved amendments to the city's Micromobility Device Ordinance to improve safety along the trail network, provide clearer regulations for users of micromobility devices, and create consistency with neighboring communities.

The amended ordinance, which takes effect after it is published in the next week, defines micromobility devices as small, lightweight personal vehicles. These devices include, but are not limited to, manual bicycles, electric bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades. The ordinance also makes it a violation to exceed 20 mph on the trail and provides protections for other trail users to ensure that operators of micromobility devices abide by rules and safety regulations (for example, not operating in a reckless manner, yielding to pedestrians, providing audible warnings when approaching, etc.).

Most micromobility devices, including Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 e-bikes, are permitted on city sidewalks and multi-use trails. However, e-motos (electric-powered bikes capable of speeds in excess of 28 mph), mopeds, golf carts, and segways are not classified as micromobility devices and are prohibited on multi-use trails and sidewalks.

"Noblesville's trail network is one of our best amenities, connecting neighborhoods, parks, schools, businesses, and people throughout the city," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "These ordinance updates provide clear expectations that reflect the growing use of e-bikes and micromobility devices while maintaining our commitment to public safety. By aligning with state law and neighboring communities, we are creating a consistent framework that supports recreation, connectivity, and public safety."

All micromobility device riders under the age of 18 shall wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet. Helmets are recommended for all ages. No one under the age of 15 may operate a Class 3 E-bike on public property. E-motos are only allowed on city streets, and an e-moto may not be oper-

ated by anyone under the age of 15.

"As micromobility devices continue to gain popularity, it's important that our ordinance evolves while prioritizing public safety," Police Chief Brad Arnold said. "With more than 125 miles of trails used by pedestrians, cyclists, pet owners, and riders of all ages, these updates provide clear expectations that help everyone safely share our trail system."

E-Bike Classes are defined as:

- **Class 1:** The motor on this e-bike kicks in only while you're actively pedaling, and the motor stops providing assistance when the e-bike reaches 20 mph.

- **Class 2:** These e-bikes have a pedal-assist mode up to 20 mph and offer a throttle-powered mode that doesn't require pedaling.

- **Class 3:** Like a class 1 e-bike, the motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches 28 mph.

The Noblesville Police Department will focus on education, engagement, and enforcement to promote safe trail use. Enforcement efforts will include:

- Proactive engagement by officers on the trail network, including additional bike patrols when staffing allows.

- Installation of speed limit signage and other safety reminders throughout the trail system.

- An education-first approach, with warnings issued when appropriate and citations issued when necessary.

- Contacting parents or guardians when juvenile offenders are involved.

- Towing or impounding vehicles when necessary.

- Ongoing monitoring of the ordinance's effectiveness, with adjustments considered as trail usage patterns and operational needs evolve.

The Noblesville Common Council heard the first introduction from Chief Arnold at the May 26 council meeting. The full ordinance can be viewed [here](#).

Noblesville Common Council meetings are live streamed and available to watch later on Hamilton County Television's Facebook page and the [city's YouTube channel](#).

Indiana State Police Enforcement Bureau releases May statistics

Submitted by Indiana State Police

The Enforcement Bureau of the Indiana State Police oversees the traffic enforcement efforts of the Troopers assigned to the 14 State Police Districts throughout Indiana. Among their primary missions is helping to provide safe environments on roadways for everyone.

As a result of strategic enforcement efforts, Troopers throughout Indiana documented the following statistics for May 2026.

Traffic stops – 34,986

- 16,022 traffic citations
- 28,107 traffic warnings
- 361 drunk driving arrests
- 1,685 criminal arrests (traffic related)
- 1,066 criminal arrests (non-traffic related)
- 1,569 seatbelt citations
- 306 distracted driving citations

Crashes investigated – 1,507

- Personal injury crashes – 220

- Fatal crashes - 8

Troopers often happen upon or are dispatched to assist with disabled vehicles. These calls include flat tires, mechanical issues, vehicles stuck or are out of fuel. During the month of May, Troopers assisted 2,489 motorists on Indiana roadways.

As part of Governor Braun's public safety platform, the Indiana State Police will continue utilizing various methods in enforcing Indiana's traffic laws with the primary goal of voluntary compliance with these laws. These may include aviation assets, dedicated patrols, wolf pack patrols, motorcycle patrols, unmarked patrol vehicles and marked Mustangs.

The overall goal is to drive down the number of crashes, injuries, and fatalities. It's not about writing tickets; it's about saving lives.

Community members are always encouraged to report suspicious and/or illegal activity on our roadways to law enforcement by calling 911.

United Way data show rising cost of basics outpaces inflation in Indiana

Research highlights households living paycheck to paycheck

Submitted

The cost of household necessities in Indiana has outpaced inflation every year for more than 15 years, leaving many households struggling to get by, according to new data from United For ALICE provided through a partnership between Indiana United Ways and United Way of Central Indiana.

The latest **State of ALICE** report for Indiana includes data from the ALICE Essentials Index, which tracks the rising costs of only six basics families need to live and work: housing, child care, food, transportation, health care and technology. Between 2007 and 2024, the ALICE Essentials Index for Indiana increased more than 61 percent, compared with 52 percent for the broader Consumer Price Index (CPI), which reports inflation across more than 200 categories of goods and services.

The report highlights the growing financial strains on households in poverty and ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. ALICE households earn less than the basic costs of housing, child care, food, transportation, health care and technology, plus taxes. Yet, because their income is above the Federal Poverty Level, they often don't qualify for assistance. From child care providers to cashiers to nursing assistants, ALICE workers hold essential jobs that keep our economy running and that we depend on every day.

In central Indiana, 35 percent of households are struggling to afford their basic needs, ALICE data shows. That's over one in three households – 257,530 households.

Statewide, 38 percent of households – over 1 million households – can't make ends meet.

Indiana United Ways, United Way of Central Indiana and their partners use ALICE data to understand the challenges facing our neighbors and create solutions that help families meet their needs today and build stability for tomorrow.

"Forty-two local United Ways across the state of Indiana actively listen for and strive to understand the causes of financial hardship for individuals and families in their regions of the state," said Michael Budd, president and CEO of Indiana United Ways. "ALICE data enables them to focus their strategies and work collaboratively to address the urgent needs of struggling households while identifying barriers preventing long-term success. For every household that qualifies for social supports, many more go unassisted because they are just above the income eligibility requirements. United Way organizations across Indiana work every day to help these struggling households find local resources and have access to the full range of supports they need to thrive."

Denise Luster, chief data and technology officer for United Way of Central Indiana, said, "Across Central Indiana, ALICE families are the backbone of our communities – the caregivers, delivery drivers and essential workers we rely on every day. Yet too many continue to face barriers to financial stability despite working hard. At United Way of Central Indiana, we are committed to lifting the voices of ALICE families and using this data to mobilize resources, expand opportunity and help distance 10,000 households away from poverty. Because when ALICE families thrive, our entire community is stronger."

While the Federal Poverty Level has long been



used as the basis for determining eligibility for public assistance, the ALICE report shows that this official measure is obsolete and underestimates the true extent of financial hardship.

ALICE data shows that the minimum cost to live and work in Indiana in 2024 was \$28,764 for a single adult and \$74,028 for a family of four with two adults, an infant and a preschooler – nearly double the Federal Poverty Level figure of \$15,060 for a single adult and more than double the figure of \$31,200 for a family of four.

Data from the report shows that in United Way of Central Indiana's seven-county service area of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Putnam counties:

24 percent of households fall below the ALICE threshold but above the Federal Poverty Level, and 11 percent of households fall below the Federal Poverty Level.

Marion County has the highest percentage of households below ALICE at 41 percent, followed by Putnam County at 38 percent.

Marion County has the highest number of households below ALICE with 168,381 households, followed by Hamilton County with 34,764 households.

Racial disparities persist across United Way of Central Indiana's region, with 50 percent of black households and 42 percent of Hispanic households living in poverty or below the ALICE Threshold.

Key statewide findings

from the report show that in 2024:

Family structure is a strong predictor of financial stability. 72 percent of households headed by single women and 49 percent of households headed by single men were below the ALICE Threshold in 2024.

Disparities are stark. 55 percent of black households in Indiana live below the ALICE Threshold, compared to 36 percent of white households. Hispanic and multiracial households face similar challenges at 43 percent. While the largest number of households in need are white, communities of color are disproportionately impacted.

Financial hardship is not limited to one type of community. ALICE households are present in every county across Indiana, and the rates of hardship are nearly identical in rural and urban areas – 38 percent of households fall below the ALICE Threshold in both.

To read the report and dive into statewide and county-specific data, go to [UnitedForALICE.org/Indiana](#).

For more information and interview requests about ALICE data in your community, please contact your local United Way.

In late June, Indiana United Ways plans to relaunch "Making Tough Choices," an interactive, online simulation tool that allows people to dive deeper into the challenges ALICE families face. Once available, the tool will be featured at [iuw.org](#).



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Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation hosts adults-only Monon Mixer Series at The Waterpark this summer

Submitted by CCPR

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites adults to make a splash this summer during **Monon Mixers**, a series of adults-only events at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Dr. W.

Held on select Friday nights throughout the summer, Monon Mixers offer guests ages 21 and older exclusive after-hours access to The Waterpark's attractions, along with planned activities and alcoholic beverages from local vendors.

Monon Mixers will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. on

June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, Aug. 7, and Aug. 14. Admission is \$25 per person and includes access to The Waterpark's amenities, including The Wall, plunge slides and the Flow-Rider® surf simulator.

Space is limited and advance registration is required, **so be sure to register early!**

Selected Monon Mixers will also feature special themes:

- **June 12:** Surf's Up
- **July 10:** Christmas in July
- **Aug. 7:** Back to School Night

Guests may reserve a

private cabana for an additional fee of \$55. Cabana rentals are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will receive an email one week prior to their scheduled event with cabana reservation details.

Local drink vendors will be on-site offering alcoholic beverages for purchase, and concessions will be available from a limited menu. Outside food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Glass containers and outside alcohol are prohibited.

In the event of inclement weather, guests will au-



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

tomatically be enrolled in the next available Monon

Mixer. If the final event of the season is canceled due

to weather, refunds will be issued.

HEPL invites you to "Sharing Our Story: Local History Fair"

The REPORTER

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) invites the community to celebrate local history and the upcoming 250th anniversary of the United States at the Sharing Our Story: Local History Fair from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at the Noblesville Library.

This free, open-house-style event will bring together local history organizations, preservation groups, and community partners from across Hamilton County to help residents discover the stories, people, and places that have shaped the region.

Visitors can explore booths and speak with representatives from a variety of local organizations dedicated to preserving and

sharing Hamilton County's rich history. Attendees will receive a history passport at check-in and can collect stamps from participating booths throughout the fair. Completed passports will earn a prize and entry into a raffle drawing.

"The Crossroads Discovery Center at HEPL is excited to welcome visitors to our Local History Fair," said Jessica Layman, Local History and Genealogy Librarian at HEPL. "This event was inspired by the America250 anniversary and the idea of sharing stories. Whether you've been a Hamilton County resident for generations or just moved here, sharing stories is how community gets built. Our local history organizations pride them-

selves on telling the stories and history of our Hamilton County community, and this event will be an amazing opportunity to learn more about what we have to offer."

In addition to visiting exhibits, attendees are encouraged to stop by the Crossroads Discovery Center, located on the second floor of the Noblesville Library, for demonstrations on how to research and share their own family stories and personal histories.

At 2 p.m., local author, realtor, and longtime community storyteller Kurt Meyer will present the keynote program, "Story Telling: From Novels to Blogging to Social Media," in Meeting Room B. Meyer, a lifelong Hoosier, has

published nearly 300 newspaper columns and feature stories and is the author of the novels *Noblesville* and *The Salvage Man*, both set in Noblesville. His presentation will explore how storytelling has evolved across different formats while remaining a powerful way to connect communities and preserve local history.

"Story telling is the best way I know of to learn about history and the world around us," Meyer said. "Even the retelling of our own personal stories helps us better see ourselves honestly. I've enjoyed doing that as a newspaper columnist, a blogger, and a social media content creator."

Participating organizations include:

- Clay Township Mili-

tary Museum and Library

- Conner Prairie
- Fishers Historical Society

- Hamilton County Historical Society
- Hamilton County Parks and Recreation
- Hamilton East Public Library Foundation
- Roberts Settlement
- Sheridan Historical Society
- Westfield Preservation Alliance
- Westfield Washington Historical Society



Sharing Our Story: LOCAL HISTORY FAIR

Saturday, June 20 | 1 - 4pm | Noblesville Library



Event Schedule

- 1 p.m. – Fair opens; displays open through 4 p.m.
- 2 p.m. –

Keynote presentation by Kurt Meyer (Meeting Room B)

- 3 p.m. – Fair continues
- 4 p.m. – Fair and raffle conclude

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required. For more information, visit the Hamilton East Public Library event calendar or contact the library at (317) 770-3236.



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Last Saturday, June 6, Cicero Friends of the Park held its annual Kids Go Fishing at Red Bridge Park. Helping make this event a success were the Cicero Parks Department, the Cicero Fire Department, the Cicero Police Department, and the Knights of Columbus. People enjoyed hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks while fishing. (Photos provided by Town of Cicero)



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Fishers District expansion to include JD Finish Line headquarters & Fishers Fieldhouse

By VAUGHN JACOBSON
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Fishers Mayor Scott Faddness on Wednesday announced a \$169 million sixth-phase expansion of Fishers District.

Project highlights include JD Finish Line's new North American headquarters and the Fishers Fieldhouse, a 180,000 square-foot facility designed to serve both professional and youth sports.

"With JD North America's headquarters anchoring today's announcement, not only are we bringing hundreds of jobs to Fishers, but we're building on Fishers' next chapter," Faddness said. "The Fishers Fieldhouse will not only serve as the new HQ for Indy Ignite, providing world-class practice facilities just steps from their home court, but also continue our investments in youth sports. We're continuing our investment in build-

ing a destination Fishers residents can be proud of."

The expansion also includes a new HQ and practice facility for the Indy Ignite and new apartments and townhomes.

JD North America Headquarters

JD North America, home to the JD and Finish Line brands, will establish its corporate headquarters at the 350,000 square-foot Link building at 11100 USA Pkwy. — the former headquarters of Navient.

The company will acquire and remodel the building, with renovations beginning in 2027. More than 400 existing corporate employees will relocate to the new headquarters, with plans to add 200 more jobs in the coming years.

Fishers Fieldhouse

Officials also unveiled plans for the \$65 million Fishers Fieldhouse, which will break ground in fall 2026 and is expected to

open in late 2027 or early 2028. The facility will serve as the official training and headquarters home for Major League Volleyball's Indy Ignite. The team will have a 29,000 square-foot home base for practice, training, and front office operations, located steps from its home court at the Fishers Event Center.

"After two incredible seasons, the construction of our beautiful new headquarters at Fishers Fieldhouse, within walking distance of our home court at Fishers Event Center, is a critical next step in the evolution of the Indy Ignite," said Mary Kay Huse, the team's president and general manager.

The fieldhouse will also feature flex space for 10 basketball or 20 volleyball courts to host large-scale youth tournaments. Pro Net Sports will expand its operations at the facility, launching the Indy Hoops Academy Girls basketball



Rendering provided

program and a new AAU boys basketball program.

Residential & mixed-use development

Plans also call for a 50-acre mixed-use development site adjacent to the Fishers Event Center. Buckingham Companies says the development, called Contrast | Fishers, will add 167 studio, one-, two-, and

three-bedroom apartments and 98 three- and four-bedroom townhomes. Buckingham plans to break ground in 2026 with an anticipated completion in late 2028.

Next steps

Mayor Faddness will present the proposed economic development agreements to the Fishers City Council at its June 15 meet-

ing. Incentives tied to the project are subject to the terms of the economic development agreement, and the city reserves the right to reclaim incentives if those terms are not met.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/business/fishers-fieldhouse-sports-development.

AG Rokita takes action to combat serious risks posed by abortion-inducing drug mifepristone

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to put tighter controls on the abortion-inducing drug mifepristone, which presents a growing threat to the U.S. population via chemically tainted medical waste being flushed into American waterways.

"Drug-induced abor-

tions occurring outside of the legal, direct and personal care of a properly licensed physician are causing pain and suffering to women," AG Rokita said. "Obviously, this starts with the individuals persuaded by Planned Parenthood and Big Pharma to use mifepristone to abort their pregnan-



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cies, but increasingly it extends to other women who might ingest the drug from their local water supplies."

When a woman ingests mifepristone, it blocks her natural progesterone — thereby chemically destroying her baby's uterine environment and preventing the baby from

receiving nutrition. The baby, in effect, is starved to death in the womb.

As part of a 14-state coalition, Attorney General Rokita is requesting that the EPA add mifepristone to other pharmaceuticals included on the Contaminant Candidate List — which may lead to stricter regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

"Over the last decade," states the Missouri-led letter to the EPA, "the FDA has eliminated many of the protections that minimized the health risks posed by mifepristone and its approved generics, including the in-person dispensing and check-up requirements that kept medical staff involved in the process. Not only were the FDA's changes to the REMS unlawful and unsafe, but the loosened regulations have also increased the number of chemical abortions occurring in the home, resulting in tons of chemically tainted medical waste being flushed into American waterways."

If mifepristone reaches sufficient concentration, pregnant women who unintentionally ingest the drug through the public water supply could be at greater risk of health complications than the general population. In addition, recent research suggests that mifepristone can affect reproductive organ development and fertility.

Chemical abortions accounted for 63 percent of all U.S. abortions in the formal health care system as of 2023, compared to 31 percent in 2014 and 14 percent in 2005. These numbers do not include self-managed chemical abortions that occur when abortion providers mail mifepristone in violation of state law, which is also increasing.

The letter can be read in its entirety [here](#).

Community News

Quilt Connection Guild invites you to 'Chain of Quilts' show

The Quilt Connection Guild will host "A Chain of Quilts" show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 24, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis.

There will be quilt demonstrations both days, along with quilts on display, handmade goods, quilt vendors appetizing refreshments, and fun.

Admission is \$8.

Michael Adrian Lanning

December 23, 1953 – June 8, 2026

Michael Adrian Lanning, 72, Noblesville, died June 8, 2026. Lanning lived a full life involving emergency medicine and Indianapolis motorsports, held an insatiable curiosity for history, and was an unfailingly loyal colleague and friend.

Lanning was born December 23, 1953, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Dr. R. Adrian Lanning, M.D. and V. Ruth Duane Lanning, who both preceded him in death.

A 1972 graduate of Noblesville High School, Lanning's lifelong career in emergency medical service began at DePauw University in 1973, even before there was a formal EMS structure in Indiana. That summer, Lanning participated in Indiana Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen's Statewide Conference on Emergency Medical Services. Before Bowen, a physician, became governor, ambulance drivers in the state were not medically trained and had no rescue equipment to use. A new EMS law advocated by Bowen required ambulance workers be trained to provide immediate medical treatment, and led to the creation of the Indiana EMS Commission.

That had an immediate effect on Lanning's life. Upon graduation from DePauw, Lanning served as the Director of Emergency Medical Services for Warrick Hospital in Boonville, Ind. Two years later, he served the Indiana EMS Commission as its planning director, where he wrote Indiana's first comprehensive plan for Emergency Medical Services. He also served with various ambulance services, including Marion County/Wishard, AID, AMR, and IU Health.

More than 35 years of Lanning's career was spent in the emergency department of Community Hospital East in Indianapolis.

Medicine held his primary interest, but Lanning also loved history of the American West. He traveled yearly to Tombstone, Ariz., for the Tombstone Territory Rendezvous Symposium. He immersed himself in the life of President Abraham Lincoln the history of the Civil War, and anything involving fascinating facts of Hoosier-dom. He was an avid reader and collector of historical publications and memorabilia.

Indianapolis Motorsports held a special place in Lanning's life. He spent 44 years on the medical staff of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, including being assigned to former Vice President Dan Quayle's personal detail. He moved in 2019 to Pagoda Command, the central operations and command center for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He was there for the 110th running this year.

A longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America, Lanning was an Eagle Scout, an assistant scoutmaster, and the founding advisor of a Medical Explorer post in Warrick County. His photography was selected as the cover art for two books and the 1985 Indiana Official State Highway Map.

Other highlights of Lanning's life he spoke of often included: twice "muling" down into the Grand Canyon; flying in the "Special Shapes" Rodeo at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta; racing for three days at Laguna Seca Raceway ("Home of the Corkscrew") in California, and traveling around the country with the late celebrated British singer Dame Cleo Laine and her husband Sir John Dankworth.

To those who knew "Mike," he was a grammatical pedant who edited and proofed several books for friends prior to publication, and was known to gently correct one's grammar in conversation. However, he would never turn away a well-placed pun.

Lanning often said he was "blessed" with many cousins and dear friends. They survive to remember him. "Special mention must be made to and thanks given to Dan McGuire, Greg Fisher and Celeste Williams, John Peleuses, Gary Barnett and especially to his Cousin Duane (Bob) Bishop who was more like a brother," he wrote. "I hope Bob and Debbie know I love them," he said.

Visitation begins at 10 a.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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“On the third day offer eleven bulls, two rams and fourteen male lambs a year old, all without defect. With the bulls, rams and lambs, offer their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number specified. Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

“On the fourth day offer ten bulls, two rams and fourteen male lambs a year old, all without defect. With the bulls, rams and lambs, offer their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number specified. Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

“On the fifth day offer nine bulls, two rams and fourteen male lambs a year old, all without defect. With the bulls, rams and lambs, offer their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number specified. Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

“On the sixth day offer eight bulls, two rams and fourteen male lambs a year old, all without defect. With the bulls, rams and lambs, offer their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number specified. Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

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Kimberly Ann Vess

January 14, 1971 – May 15, 2026



Kimberly Ann Vess, 55, died at her home in Fayetteville, N.C., on May 15, 2026, after a lengthy illness. She was a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, earned a psychology degree at Ball State University, earned her masters and doctorate degrees at University of Cincinnati, and most recently served as Senior Associate Dean for Student Experience at Methodist University Cape Fear Valley Health School of Medicine, where she

hoped to shape a new generation of community-engaged physician leaders in Southeastern North Carolina.

Her career spanned more than three decades and left an indelible mark on multiple institutions. Before joining Methodist University, Dr. Vess served as Associate Dean and Professor of Psychiatry and Health Behavior at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. There, she was a guiding force in enhancing student wellness and inclusion across five campuses and thousands of learners.

Throughout her leadership roles, Dr. Vess championed building better communities through academic excellence, resilience, mental health advocacy, and community-based education. She was instrumental in building learning communities, leading accreditation efforts, and diversifying the healthcare workforce through innovative pipeline programs. She co-authored influential books on cultural competence and counseling theory that continue to shape educational practice nationwide.

Her impact extended far beyond academia. As a community leader, she served on numerous non-profit boards including the Augusta Locally Grown, UGA Camp Kesem, Women's Giving Circle, The CARE Clinic, Augusta Locally Grown, and the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta. A nationally recognized speaker, author, and advocate, she was the recipient of many honors, including the Institutional Integrity Award at Augusta University, and the Exemplary Teaching Award at the Medical College of Georgia. Her work touched thousands of students, colleagues, patients, and families across the country. Kim will be remembered for her kindness, her unwavering commitment to lifting others, and her deep and abiding belief in the power of education, resilience, and love.

She is survived by her beloved children, Dominic Halbur and Carolyn Halbur; her parents Sharon Vess Land, and John & Ruth Vess; three brothers; Jason Vess, James Vess, and Travis Vess; her forever fiancé, Pete Race, wonderful friends, and colleagues who will carry forward her legacy.

At her request, a celebration of life will be held at Haymount United Methodist Church where guests can reminisce about her life. In lieu of flowers, you may consider a donation to the Methodist Cape Fear School of Medicine at donate.methodist.edu/som. In comments, mention in memory of Kim Vess.

Paul J. Polackin

May 27, 1949 – June 7, 2026



Paul J. Polackin, 77, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel. He was born on May 27, 1949, in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Paul proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He loved his music and creating the perfect sound system to be enjoyed by all. Paul had a passion for cars and keeping up to date on all market events. He had a passion for coaching his kids and grandkids in baseball and basketball. Paul loved being around his grandchildren. They kept him young at heart.

Paul is survived by his wife, Dale Ann Polackin; daughter, Justine (Lee) Payton; sons, Craig (Jenny) Polackin and Todd Polackin; other family, Ryan Hughes (Kate Larson) and Jon (Heather) Hughes; grandchildren, Addison, Gracyn, Harrison, Jacob, Alyssa, Tyler, Nick, Joshua, Anthony, Jack, Nolan, Ainsley, and Huxley; and his sister, Diane Kebabjian.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Emerson Alexandra Polackin.

A celebration of Paul's life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hoosier Burn Camp Inc., 109 North St., Battle Ground, IN 47920 (hoosierburncamp.org).

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Top tennis teams should not be playing so early

Dear readers, I hope you will indulge The Reporter one more story about Westfield softball.

I talked with the Shamrocks seniors after their regional championship win Tuesday, June 2 for a

feature, just in case Westfield won the trophy in its first-ever appearance at a softball semi-state. Unfortunately, the Rocks did not win, but why not write the story anyway? They're a team that deserves to be celebrated.

The state champion Carmel girls tennis team deserves to be celebrated, too. It's hard to imagine the Greyhounds, who entered the season as 13-time state champions, would've been considered an underdog for a state title. But Carmel was ranked No. 3 heading into the sectional and played No. 1 Guerin Catholic in the championship.

As it turned out, the Hounds beat the Golden Eagles in a tough match. While the atmosphere was exciting, it was a total shame that a 1 vs. 3 matchup had to be played so early.

Yes, I am aware this is the nature of the beast in central Indiana. So many teams in so many sports around here are not just good, they're excellent. It's not the first



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time two highly-ranked teams have met in a sectional and it probably won't be the last.

But I have to keep beating the drum for this. It just doesn't seem right that a team that earns recognition from coaches across the state—that's how the tennis rankings are compiled during the season—and then goes home empty-handed from the postseason because of geography.

So what to do? Carmel assistant coach Mark Branaman has an idea and he allowed me to put it on the record.

"Use the coaches' rankings for what they're intended for, to rank the best teams," he said. "Take the top eight from the coaches' rankings and distribute them out in the semi-state, so that those eight, while they could get beat along the way, wouldn't meet until the state quarterfinals. It seems inappropriate that the top four teams in the state were in the same regional this year."

These were the top eight teams, in order, listed in the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's May 17 rankings, released right before the postseason

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Richie Hall / File photo

University's Laurel Buttrick, one of the top tennis players in the state, faced a tough draw in the individual sectional this season.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's senior softball players had a "full-circle moment" on Tuesday, June 2 when the Shamrocks won a regional championship for the first time. Those Westfield seniors were part of the Rocks' first-ever sectional championship team as freshmen. Pictured: Shea Vohs, Annika Lawrence, Makayla Watson and Sofia Easterhaus.

Westfield seniors have 'full-circle moment'

Sectional champs as freshman, lead Rocks to regional title

By **RICHIE HALL**
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If any senior class knows how to make history, it would have to be Westfield softball's senior class of 2026.

The players in that group were part of history when they were freshmen, helping the Shamrocks to a first-ever sectional championship. Three years later, that class was an integral part of Westfield's first-ever regional championship.

Four Shamrocks seniors — Shea Vohs, Annika Lawrence, Makayla Watson and Sofia Easterhaus — spoke with The Reporter on Tuesday, June 2, just minutes after Westfield won the regional. They reflected

on their careers, and Easterhaus summed it up perfectly: it was "definitely a full-circle moment."

"It's really awesome to be on both ends of it," said Easterhaus. As freshmen, Easterhaus said her class got to celebrate that year's seniors. Now that they are the seniors, Easterhaus and her teammates were happy to get to play "with everyone else on the team for a little longer."

"It's so surreal to be on both ends of it," said Lawrence. "With all the community we've built within the team, it feels amazing to be a part of it."

"Starting off as freshmen with that energy and then coming back as seniors, continuing that lega-

cy, making history, as a lot of people have been saying, it's just been really special," said Vohs.

Easterhaus and Watson were Westfield's leading hitters this season, with Easterhaus batting .479 and Watson hitting at a .465 clip. Watson led the Rocks in base hits (53) and runs scored (35), while Easterhaus was second in base hits (45) and runs scored (27).

Lawrence contributed 15 runs scored, while Vohs threw 18 strikeouts in 31.1 innings, including the last two outs of Westfield's semi-state game with Fort Wayne Carroll on Monday. The Chargers won 8-5, but not before Westfield made a seventh-inning rally, scor-

ing three runs.

Vohs remembered two of the players that were seniors on Westfield's first-ever sectional championship team, Maggie Roh and Allie Dolenc. Vohs said both players "went on to play in college and did amazing at both high school and college."

Easterhaus is committed to play at Marian University, Vohs has signed with Case Western Reserve and Watson is committed to North Carolina State. Lawrence will attend Purdue University but will not be playing softball.

This senior class has indeed come full circle and made quite a bit of

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Girls Tennis

IHSTeCA announces all-district awards

The REPORTER

The girls high school tennis awards season is here.

The Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association has released its all-district awards for the eight districts across the state. Hamilton County's players compete in District 6.

Carmel, which won the team state championship on Saturday, June 6, is well-represented on the list. Olivia Widjaja and Alexia Widjaja were both named to the All-District singles team, while both

Greyhounds' doubles teams received All-District honors as well: Gabby Hall/Madison Littell and Brylie Price/Shravya Pillutla.

Hall and Littell advanced to the IHSAA doubles tournament and will play this weekend. They earned a place in the tournament due to their undefeated postseason record and are 21-0 overall.

Guerin Catholic spent several weeks ranked No. 1 in the state and that was

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Carmel's Olivia Widjaja was named First Team All-District and received Academic All-State honors.

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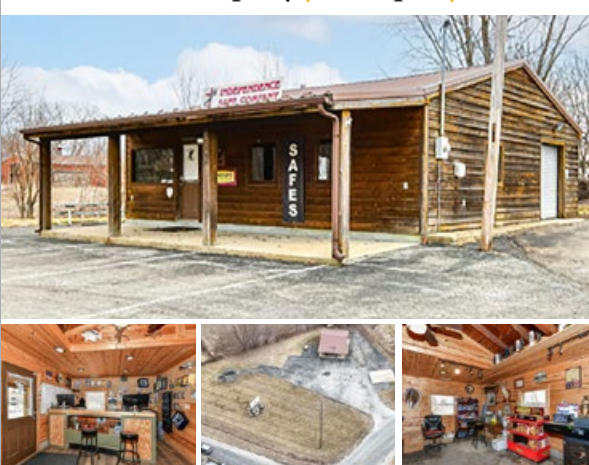
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Girls Golf

Two Shamrocks in top five at Girls State Junior Championship

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Summer golf tournaments are in full swing across Indiana.

Several local junior players are competing this week in the Girls State Junior Championship, which is taking place at the Country Club of Terre Haute. Two Westfield players are sitting in the top five after completing first-round play on Wednesday.

Farrah Camp, an incoming sophomore for the Shamrocks, is currently in second place with a one-un-

der par 71. Camp made two birdies in her opening round and is behind only Guilford's Rowan Pies, the leader at two-under 70.

Kelsey Haverluck, a recent Westfield graduate, is tied for fourth place with 74. Haverluck made four birdies during the first round.

Maya Fujisawa Keuling, an incoming Carmel sophomore, is tied for eighth at 76. Fujisawa Keuling's first round included two birdies.

Here is a list of first-

round results involving local players. The tournament continues with second-round play today and wraps up with the third round on Friday.

2. Farrah Camp, Westfield 71, T4. Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield 74, T8. Maya Fujisawa Keuling, Carmel 76, T13. Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 78; Ressie Lemmon, McCordsville 78, T15. Sophie Raines, Westfield 79, 18, Lauren Turpin, Noblesville 80, 19. Sophie Roberts, Fishers 81, T20. Ali

Scott, Carmel 82; Nellie Lemmon, McCordsville 82; Maya Cieply, Fishers 82, T28. Olivia Manning, Westfield 83; Taylor Ross, Noblesville 83, T34. Maddie Headlee, Carmel 84, T41. Kate Brown, Westfield 85; Allie Thompson, Carmel 85, T45. Isabella Stanley, Fishers 86, T47. Laila Abriani, Westfield 87; Malloory Jaske, Fishers 87, T57. Kendall Marion, Fishers 89, T59. Reese Roudebush, Carmel 90, 62. Qianyu Liu, Carmel 91, T68. Myra Sealey, Noblesville 97.

Boys Golf Regional Preview

HSE, Noblesville head to The Players Club

The REPORTER

Things move quickly in the spring, especially when it comes to the boys golf postseason.

Three days after contesting an extremely close sectional at Fox Prairie, Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern are headed to the Yorktown regional, which takes place today at The Players Club. A total of 18 teams will compete at the regional, with the top three advancing to next week's IHSAA state finals.

The Millers and the Royals finished tied Monday at Fox Prairie, with both teams scoring 296. Noblesville won in the closest way possible, by a one-stroke advantage on the fifth-man score. If that weren't enough, third place Pendleton Heights was just one stroke behind the top two at 297.

All three teams are listed on the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association's final set of state rankings. Southeastern is

No. 1, the Millers are No. 7 and the Arabians were one of three teams receiving Honorable Mention.

Another ranked team is competing at The Players Club. No. 11 Cathedral won its own sectional on Friday, June 5, carding 300 at Maple Creek Golf Club. Eastbrook, another Honorable Mention team, won the Norwell sectional at Timber Ridge Golf Club on Friday, June 5 with a score of 319.

As for individuals, the low man coming into regional is Parker Atkins from Eastern Hancock. He scored 68 to win the Greenfield-Central sectional at Hawk's Tail Golf Club on Monday and help his team advance with a second-place finish.

Southeastern's Mattingly Upchurch and Pendleton's Hayden Fox both scored 70 at Fox Prairie, with Upchurch winning the medalist honor in a playoff.

Fishers' Evan Back and

Kaiden Sullivan will represent the Tigers as individuals at the regional.

Hamilton County's regional qualifiers from the Westfield sectional will play in the Harrison regional Friday at Coyote Crossing. A preview for that event will appear in The Reporter's Friday edition.

Here is a list of all regional team qualifiers to The Players Club.

NORWELL
(Timber Ridge Golf Club)
Advancing teams: Eastbrook 319, Bluffton 326, Belmont 332.

Medalist: Landon Trof, Eastbrook 73.

CATHEDRAL
(Maple Creek Golf Club)
Advancing teams: Cathedral 300, North Central 320, Heritage Christian 321.

Medalist: Charlie Belch, Bishop Chatard 71.

NOBLESVILLE
(Fox Prairie Golf Club)
Advancing teams: Noblesville 296 (won in playoff), Hamilton Southeastern

296, Pendleton Heights 297.

Medalist: Mattingly Upchurch, Hamilton Southeastern, 70 (won in playoff).

MONROE CENTRAL
(Hickory Hills Golf Club)
Advancing teams: Monroe Central 317, Delta 324, Yorktown 329.

Medalist: Maddox Taylor, Monroe Central 71.

GREENFIELD-CENTRAL
(Hawk's Tail Golf Club)
Advancing teams: New Palestine 302, Eastern Hancock 309, Mt. Vernon 311.

Medalist: Parker Atkins, Eastern Hancock 68.

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began: Guerin Catholic, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Park Tudor, Center Grove, Evansville Memorial, North Central, Munster.

I'm aware that since six of these teams are from Central Indiana, there would have been some travel involved for a couple of them. The tournament was realigned a couple years ago and it does make sense if you look at it geographically.

But it doesn't feel right that the top four teams feed into the same regional. Park Tudor hosted Brebeuf in the sectional championship and won. With that, the top two teams were done before the regional round started.

A few days later, the Pan-

thers are playing regional host Carmel in the championship, with the Greyhounds winning. Carmel had to beat three ranked teams – it beat No. 13 Zionsville in the first round of the sectional – just to get to the semi-state.

The individual tournament was affected, too. Brebeuf lost in the team competition, but its No. 1 singles player Chloe Wendowski won her match, moving her into the individual event. Wendowski is a favorite to win state.

University's Laurel Buttrick, one of the best players in the state, wound up having to face Wendowski in the individual sectional and lost. Had she not had

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to face Wendowski so early, there's a good chance Buttrick could have gone far in the tournament.

There has to be a better way.

This is high school sports, and no one should be traveling far to play in athletic events, especially not on school nights. But Coach Branaman is right – it is inappropriate to have the top four teams in the same regional.

I have opinions about this, but I also have some ideas. Stay tuned.

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FULL-CIRCLE

history for Westfield. While winning in the post-season was great, Watson mentioned something that is just as satisfying: watching the young players continue the

Shamrocks' legacy.

"It's definitely rewarding watching them be so successful because, as juniors, we pour into them because they're new and they don't know what

they're doing at the beginning of the year," said Watson. "Being able to help them out and get them to this position and make them trust their abilities is really rewarding."

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reflected in the All-District standings. All three Golden Eagles singles players – Emily Pasman, CeCe Phillips and Anna Kolb – were named All-District singles, while both doubles teams – Abby Quigley/Katie Kolb and Grace Docktor/Maddie Hood – were also selected All-District.

Westfield singles players Isla Harvey and Sloane Seyferth were named All-District, along with the Shamrocks' doubles team of Jenna Berry/Bella Rivera.

Hamilton Southeastern singles player Julia Ander-

son received All-District honors, as did the Royals doubles team of Molly Slota/Lily Denton.

University's Laurel Buttrick was named All-District for singles.

The IHSTeCa will announce its All-State teams at a later date. Expect many of the above-listed players to be prominent on those lists.

Academic honors

The following county tennis players were named to the IHSTeCa's Academic All-State team:

Carmel: Gabby Hall, Alexia Widjaja, Olivia Wi-

djaja.

Guerin Catholic: Courtney Bassi.

Hamilton Southeastern: Molly Slota.

Westfield: Rayna Roy.

In addition, five schools received Team Academic All-State honors: Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville and University.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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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