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State of the County scheduled for June 28

Commissioner Steve Dillinger to lay out Hamilton County's top priorities in coming year

The REPORTER
Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger will give his annual State of the County address on Wednesday, June 28 at the Hamilton County 4-H Exhibition Center, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The theme to this year's address will be "The Way We Were," as Dillinger pays homage to Hamilton County's Bicentennial Celebration. Among the topics expected

to be addressed are renovations to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds, construction on a domestic violence shelter, and growth in the county's Parks and Recreation Department. Infrastructure projects like the streamlining of 146th Street at Allisonville Road, updates on State Road 37, and a new bridge over

Pleasant Street in Noblesville will also be up for discussion.

"We've come so far in the past 200 years," Dillinger said. "I think those in attendance will be stunned at how much progress we've made in just the past four decades, especially those who are fairly new to the area. Hamilton County is



Dillinger



a desirable place to live because we have been and continue to be so future focused."

The State of the County is hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. The event is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Doors open at 11 a.m. Member pricing begins at \$35 for a single ticket and \$350 for a corporate table of eight. Premium sponsorships and non-member rates are also available.

Registration is required. You can register at noblesvillechamber.com.

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week and go out in smaller groups of six people to serve.

"We are extremely grateful to Westfield Washington Schools who is a great partner in this effort housing our participants as well as to the Central Indiana Community Foundation who gave us a

generous grant for building materials," Lohe said. "We give much thanks to the Rotary Club of Westfield who is providing food as participants arrive, to Culver's for ice cream for all participants and residents at the end of week celebration, and to numerous community individ-

uals who have generously provided resources. It is not just about us as a church trying to do something for our neighbors, it's also about helping people be the best neighbors we can be."

Lohe continued, "This effort is one of our four church initiatives called

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CRUTCH

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The crutch was never finished, but the experience taught the lesson that necessity awakens faculties' greater use. The ever-present scar on his hand was crescent-shaped like he wanted to make the top piece years prior. Grandpa said it'd been a constant reminder that many attractive, unnecessary things are too costly.

A crutch within itself is not an ornament of beauty, but it may reveal the hidden strength of the user. The little crippled boy was hobbling home from school in company with other children. Recent rain had caused a muddy place in the road. The boy in crutches was offered help, but he bravely said, "No, I can make it."

William Wilberforce, an imminent statesman, had a

serious physical handicap – so serious that when he was a boy, his parents thought of his future with many misgivings. His career was a striking illustration of the soul's triumph over terrible odds. He exercised great influence over his fellows, and the way in which he championed noble causes made him one of the great moral forces of his generation. Frail and misshapen, a dwarf in body, Wilberforce was a giant in mind and soul.

(William Wilberforce, born August 24, 1759, Hull, Yorkshire, England, died July 29, 1833, London, British politician and philanthropist who from 1787 was prominent in the struggle to abolish the slave trade and then to abolish slavery itself in British overseas possessions.)

PHOTOGRAPHY

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ecosystem or habitat, including plants, bacteria, animals, fungi, and humans. HCSWCD is looking for photos that exhibit and/or promote the rich level of biodiversity Hamilton County has and has had over the last 200 years.

Here are some guidelines for photographers to follow when submitted entries:

- Photos with two or more species present
- Local habitats that are protected
- Healthy rivers, lakes, streams, etc.

Positive environmental practices, such as planting of native or rain gardens or conservation efforts

Digital files and entry forms must be submitted by 10 a.m. on Monday, June 26. Remember to add a descriptive caption to each entry portraying how the photo relates to this year's theme.

A panel of judges will choose two winners in each category to be honored and receive a cash prize. Once again, this

year, People's Choice Award winners in each of the categories will receive a \$50 prize; voting will take place on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HCSWCD). Photo entries and winners will be showcased at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair from July 20 to 24 at the HCSWCD booth.

Additional information and entry forms are located at hamiltonswcd.org/photo-contest. Email soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call (317) 773-2181 with questions.

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The REPORTER

The annual **Spark!Fishers festival** returns with a weeklong celebration in Fishers' downtown Nickel Plate District happening Tuesday, June 20 through Saturday, June 24.

With exciting ways for the community to celebrate each day, the patriotic festival offers summer fun while celebrating our nation's freedom. This year's festival also concludes the city's Sesquicentennial Year celebration, marking Fishers' 150th birthday.

"I look forward to seeing residents come together to make memories and create traditions at this year's festival," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "This summer event embraces what makes us uniquely Fishers and showcases our thriving, dynamic city."

New this year, participants will enjoy a redesigned parade route, as well as an aerial drone show to cap off the festivities on Saturday night. The new drone show will feature over 200 drones in the sky and will replace the primary firework show this year, but residents can view Independence Day fireworks throughout the community on July 4 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive, Cyntheanne Park, 12383 Cyntheanne Road, and over Geist Reservoir. Learn more about the **4th of July fireworks shows**.

"This year's event is better than ever with a redesigned parade route through the heart of downtown Fishers, as well as an innovative aerial drone show that's the first of its kind in central Indiana," Fishers Parks Director Marissa Deckert said. "We can't wait to bring Fishers residents together to build traditions throughout the weeklong festival."

Festival Lineup

Free Tuesdays Concert
7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20

Kick off the Spark!Fishers celebration with a Free Tuesdays show featuring Jukebox Luke at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Food, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs, and blankets are welcome. Outside alcohol is not permitted, and food and drink will be available for purchase on site. Learn more at sparkfishers.com/Entertainment.

5K Run/Walk & Kids' Dash

6:30 & 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21

Lace up your running shoes for the family friendly 5K Walk/Run, presented by IU Health Fishers, featuring a 5K route along the Nickel Plate Trail. The 5K Walk/Run will depart from the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive, at 7 p.m. A Kids' Dash (30-yard sprint) will take place before the 5K at 6:30 p.m. New this year, stop by the 5K After Party to enjoy a DJ, food truck, and drinks, and redeem your bib for a free drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) from Mashcraft Brewing. To view a course map and register for



the race, visit sparkfishers.com/5K. Onsite registration is permitted until 6:30 p.m.

Car & Art Show

6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 22

Stroll the Central Green and check out the Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show powered by Jiffy Lube of Indiana, featuring vintage and modern cars alongside local artists and artisans curated by Fishers Arts Council. This event is free to attend, and no tickets are required. Car owners can register their vehicles at sparkfishers.com/CarAndArtShow.

Friday Night Concert featuring Burning Red: A Taylor Swift Tribute
8 p.m. on Friday, June 23

The weekend party kicks off with a Friday night concert at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater featuring Burning Red: A Taylor Swift Tribute. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Food, non-alcoholic beverages, chairs, and blankets are welcome. Outside alcohol is not permitted, and food and drink will be available for purchase on site. Learn more at sparkfishers.com/Entertainment.

Street Fair

3 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 24

Soak up the summer at the Spark!Fishers Street Fair around the Municipal Complex, with fun for all ages including:

- Local food and drink, retail vendors, artisans, and more, along with the Dining Tent sponsored by Four Day Ray Brewing and MacAllister Rentals.

- Live performances starting at 3 p.m. on the main NPD AMP Stage and the Solo Stage sponsored by WTHR, Ed Martin Nissan, Ed Martin Toyota, and DMC Insurance. See the full lineup at sparkfishers.com/Entertainment.

- The Kids Zone with bounce houses, games, face painters, balloon artists and additional kid-friendly fun sponsored by WTHR, Ed Martin Nissan, Ed Martin Toyota, and DMC Insurance.

- The Spark!Fishers Teen Zone, featuring interactive racing simulators, arcade games table tennis, billiards, pop-a-shot, a skatepark and more.

- Hero Hut, a 501(c)(3) will host a tent for active-duty military and veterans to learn about services and opportunities available to them, build friendships, and forge a connection to the Fishers community. Hero Hut is sponsored by The Learning Experience, Xfinity, Towne Post, and Northwest Bank.

Parade

6 p.m. on Saturday

Celebrate this fun-filled tradition with an exciting, redesigned parade route

through the heart of downtown Fishers featuring floats and walking groups from various local organizations and civic groups. Find more information, including a parade route, at sparkfishers.com/Parade.

Aerial Drone Show

10 p.m. on Saturday, June 24

Keep your eye to the sky for this year's new aerial drone show which will cap off the festivities on Saturday night. [Learn more.](#)

Activity wristbands

Wristbands are required to participate in Spark!Fishers' Saturday interactive activities, including inflatables and the skatepark. Wristbands can be purchased in advance for \$3 for residents (\$4.50 for nonresidents) or at the event for \$5 for residents (\$7.50 for nonresidents). Pre-ordered wristbands must be picked up at the Fishers Parks office, 8100 E. 106th St., Ste. 150, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday through June 23. Learn more and order wristbands [here](#).

Accessibility & respite

Accessible parking is available at all Spark!Fishers events (see below for details). Fishers Parks will also offer KultureCity sensory inclusive bags and weighted lap pads for those with sensory needs during all events. Items will be available for checkout at info tents at festival entrances. A respite room inclusive of mothers, prayer and sensory needs is available for use during the event. To locate, ask any Info Tent or to learn more, visit sparkfishers.com/SparkAccessibility.

Event parking & road closures

For events Tuesday through Friday evening, free parking is available around the Municipal Complex and downtown Fishers both in parking garages and street parking.

On Saturday, guests are encouraged to park at Navient Corporation, 11100 USA Drive, overflow parking on the southside of USA Drive and take the free shuttle. Shuttles will run regularly beginning Saturday from 1:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight. Shuttles will stop between 5:45 to 7 p.m. with the last pick up at 5:30 p.m. due to the parade route and will resume at 7 p.m.

Surface lots around Municipal Drive and street parking on Lantern Road will not be available to Spark!Fishers guests. Public parking is available in The Edge, Nickel Plate Station, The Switch, First Internet Bank and Spark Apartments garages.

Access to downtown parking will be limited from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. due to the parade route and travel from garages and parking lots may be delayed for parade

participants' safety.

Rideshare drop-off and pick-up will occur at The Edge Parking Garage, 8890 E. 116th St. Bicycle parking is available around the Municipal Complex.

Additional road closures will be in effect for Spark!Fishers festivities beginning on Wednesday evening, June 21 through Saturday, June 24.

Accessible parking is available at all Spark!Fishers events. Daily accessible parking options include:

- Tuesday:** South City Services Building parking lot (3 Municipal Drive) and the Fishers Police Department parking garage (4 Municipal Drive)

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- Thursday:** Small dog park parking lot at the northwest corner of Fishers Center Drive and Municipal Drive intersection (near the post office), immediately west and across from the City Hall construction site

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For parking details, visit sparkfishers.com/SparkParking.

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State Rep. Garcia Wilburn applauds Fishers Community Center plans

The REPORTER

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) applauded Tuesday's announcement that the city will build a new state-of-the-art community center. The community center, to be located on Hoosier Road near 121st Street, will include an indoor playground, aquatics facility, gymnasium, community gathering spaces, fitness center, dog park, accessibility features and more.

"I applaud the City of Fishers' commitment to establishing a culture of health and wellness within the community," State Rep. Garcia Wilburn said. "Spaces like the new community center are vital to pursuing good physical, mental and emotional health. No matter your interests, this community center will have some-



Garcia Wilburn

thing for every House District 32 and Fishers resident.

"Congratulations to Mayor Scott Fadness, the Fishers City Council and the rest of Fishers local government

on this visionary plan and for their leadership in continuing to make the case for why Fishers is a great place to call home."

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Fathers can also experience postpartum depression – here are signs to look for

In our society, the stigma around male mental health has had many consequences. Reluctance to discuss mental health has resulted in men bottling up their feelings and failing to seek care for fear of seeming “weak” or “unmanly.” Although conversations on men’s mental health are beginning, there’s one condition that is still unrecognized and undertreated – postpartum depression (PPD) in fathers.

Postpartum depression is described as unpleasant emotions, sadness, and/or anxiety at any time between the first few weeks to a full year after the birth of a new child. Although more common in women because of the significant physical changes associated with pregnancy, nearly one in 10 men experience postpartum depression. Whether it’s the first child or the fifth, it’s important to check on the wellbeing of new fathers during the newborn phase.

What does PPD look like in men?

The symptoms of postpartum depression are very similar for men and women and may vary in severity. Fatigue, feelings of hopelessness, and lack of interest in activities they usually enjoy are all very common. Men with postpartum depression more commonly experience irritability and difficulty bonding with the child. The timing of the symptoms may differ with men demonstrating these concerns at a later time, around three to six months after delivery, as opposed to within days after delivery in women.

The root causes for the symptoms may be different between mothers and fathers as well. While women often experience physical changes that can trigger symptoms, men often experience the pressure of new responsibilities and the need to “stay strong” for the mother, who had to go through the journey of pregnancy and childbirth, and the new child. These feelings of being overwhelmed, unprepared, or unequipped may lead to feelings of failure. This can continue to grow into severe depression if they don’t have an outlet to be vulnerable and share their feelings.

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Creating a supportive environment

Men should know that they are not alone if they experience these feelings. While reports indicate that one in 10 men experience postpartum depression, there is limited testing and reporting in men, so the true number is likely to be much higher. One reason this condition escalates is that men often avoid discussing their feeling or don’t have a supportive environment in which to do so. A spouse, family member or medical provider can provide an outlet for men to express these feelings and feel more comfortable about seeking care.

If you are a family member, spouse, or a friend of a new father, there are other ways you can help to relieve some stress for fathers. First, pay attention to their behavior, mood and activity levels and keep an eye out for any drastic changes in their mood that could be signs of postpartum depression. Offering practical support, such as helping with household chores, making the family dinner, or even watching the baby for an afternoon might seem small, but offering a break from these tasks can reduce stress. It’s also important to encourage fathers to maintain any social connections, hobbies, or other interests outside of parenting as an outlet to relax.

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While fathers might be resistant to help at first, professional support and treatment may be necessary to treat postpartum depression. Sometimes the process of just getting started can be overwhelming, so offering to do some research on providers or even scheduling an appointment for fathers can be a helpful push in the right direction. Encourage fathers to talk with their healthcare provider or mental health specialist about their symptoms. A little support may be all they need to begin to feel better and enjoy their new addition! Finally, let new fathers know that their feelings are valid and that you will be there to support them through the ups and downs of parenthood.

CareSource offers resources and programs to support both fathers and mothers of new infants. Providers can screen both parents for postpartum depression and, if positive, can be referred to a behavioral health provider in the CareSource provider network by contacting CareSource Member Services.

Dr. Cameul Wright serves as the chief market officer at CareSource Indiana.

How to avoid scams when booking a hotel online

The REPORTER

If you are **planning an upcoming trip**, keep an eye out for hotel booking scams. **BBB Scam Tracker** has received multiple reports of travelers falling victim to lookalike websites. Always confirm you are on the right website before making hotel reservations.

How the scam works

You search for hotels in the city you plan to visit. Among the top search results is what appears to be

an official hotel website or a legitimate travel booking agency. When you click the link, you find a website with professional photos from the hotel and reasonable pricing.

Everything looks normal, so you decide to book a room. You enter your credit card information and check out. However, when you review your credit card statement, you notice you’ve been charged a much higher rate than you agreed. It turns

out that you weren’t on the official hotel website after all. You accidentally clicked on a third-party site without affiliation with the hotel.

One consumer **reported this experience**: “I was redirected without knowing it to a 3rd party website ... which looked like the hotel website. I made what I thought was a reservation for two nights. But when I got the email confirmation, I saw that I was charged almost \$1,000. I was immediately concerned and located the ACTUAL hotel, and they said that there is no reservation under my name/email and booking number which doesn’t even line up with the format that they use.”

When you contact the company to cancel your reservation, you may not be able to get through to anyone. And even if you do, they’ll likely tell you you’ve made a non-refundable reservation. The best they can do is cancel your reservation and charge you for it anyway.

How to avoid hotel booking scams

• **Only book hotels through official websites.** The best way to avoid this kind of scam is to check and double-check you are on an official hotel website before you enter your credit card information. Scammers are pros at building **fake lookalike websites** to fool you into giving up your information. Look closely at the URL to ensure you are

on the hotel’s official website or a booking agency you know and trust.

• **Only make reservations through secure websites.** You’ll also want to ensure websites and their payment pages are **secure**, meaning they start with https:// and display a padlock symbol. If a web page isn’t secure, don’t enter your personal information and close the tab.


• **Watch out for misleading ads.** Look at search results carefully. Just because a website is the first result on the page doesn’t mean it’s legitimate. Watch out for high-ranking ads that scammers could sponsor.

• **Research businesses you aren’t familiar with.** If you find a booking site that looks professional but you haven’t heard of it before, proceed with caution. Search for reviews on third-party websites and keep a close eye out for reports of scams. Never share your personal information with a person or business until you know they are trustworthy.

For more information


To plan your next vacation, visit the **BBB Travel HQ** for more tips and advice. You’ll learn more about best booking practices, staying safe during travel, and avoiding scams.

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Location: Greek’s Pizzeria

Party on the Patio

5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20
Location: Greek’s Pizzeria

Coffee with the Chamber

8 to 9 a.m., Thursday, June 22
Location: TBD

State of the County Luncheon

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 28
Location: County Fairgrounds

Sen. Todd Young salutes Alice Sanger on Flag Day

The REPORTER

On Flag Day, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) spoke on the Senate floor about the legacy of Alice Sanger, who was born in Massachusetts and moved to Indiana as a child. She was the first woman to serve on a president's staff in the administration of President Benjamin Harrison and helped establish the celebration of Flag Day.

Sen. Young's full remarks appear below.

I often speak of Hoosiers whose service, patriotism, and sacrifice capture the spirit we celebrate on civic holidays. For Flag Day, however, I rise to share the story of a Hoosier who did not merely embody the occasion – she helped establish it.

And she made history too.

Alice Sanger played such an important part in Benjamin Harrison's presidential campaign in 1888 as a stenographer that he made her part of his presidential staff. So, Alice left her Indianapolis home for Washington, D.C., to become the first woman ever to serve on a President's staff.

The historic distinction doesn't quite capture the breadth of Alice's service to the president and the nation. Neither did her title of "clerk" or contemporary reporters' descriptions of her, which often dwelled on her looks and clothes.

Let me share with you what this "clerk" did in the White House.

A renaissance woman who was skilled with a paintbrush and had an ear for music, Alice could take dictation at 200 words a minute without a single misspelling.

She had a discretion seldom seen in Washington and was known as a "jewel of secrecy" in the White House. Not only did she type President Harrison's annual address to Congress, but she was given sole responsibility of safekeeping it until it was sent here to the Capitol. She personally read through all of the President's and First Lady Caroline Harrison's corre-

spondence and answered much of it in her own hand.

During the late 19th Century, no woman's signature was better known in America.

In 1893, after losing his bid for reelection, Harrison left the White House. But Alice remained. She was so essential to the Executive Branch's function, that the new president, from a different political party, Grover Cleveland, asked her to stay.

In 1894, she moved over to the Post Office Department, which was then a cabinet level agency. She was no less indispensable there.

For decades, she managed budgets and advertising, kept track of regulations and postal laws, and assembled the 700-page directive that guided the operations of every post office in the country.

A masterful organizer, she planned war bond drives, donations to the Red Cross, and holiday celebrations – including the one we mark today.

Now, the idea of commemorating the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress created our national banner was not her own. Celebrations of the American flag were staged periodically around the country dating back to the 1860s.

But in 1908, Alice, as part of her responsibilities at the Post Office, planned and staged a grand celebration for Flag Day.

The sound of bands and distinguished speakers lifted out of the Old Post Office building's courtyard, where a giant American flag hung. In the years that followed, other government departments joined in the celebration with their own Flag Day festivities, in large part due to Alice's efforts. States followed suit, many with input from Alice who advised local Post Offices on appropriate celebrations.

Presidents Wilson and Coolidge recognized Flag Day with proclamations, and in 1949, the 81st Congress passed and Harry Truman signed legislation formally



Photo courtesy Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site / Facebook

establishing its observance.

There is some harmony between Alice's career and her work to promote Flag Day. When we look up at the Stars and Stripes, we catch America's reflection. It is a symbol of our ideals, after all. Wherever it waves – on battlefields where we have defended it, alongside the graves of those who have died for it. In front of the places where its democracy lives – courthouses in our towns, statehouses in our cities, the dome under which we meet, and from the homes across the Republic for which it stands. Our flag represents the promise of freedom and self-government, that any man or woman can live their life in pursuit of happiness.

But it is also a reminder that the work of honoring those ideals goes on.

It is fitting then, that on Flag Day, we remember Indiana's Alice Sanger. This Hoosier served her country so faithfully in an era where pathways for women to do so were few. So, on Flag Day, we raise a pair of salutes –

One to Old Glory. Forever may she fly.

And a second to the trailblazing spirit of Americans like Alice. Long may it live.

Emagine Noblesville offers free movie tickets to teachers & staff

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Three Fishers students make Dean's List at Marquette

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The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

- Nathan Goergen, Fishers, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

- Joe Rura, Fishers, is pursuing a Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

- Paige Stoeffler, Fishers, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Peace Studies.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2023 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 GPA to be named to the Dean's List.

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Three local students graduate from Marquette University

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This past spring, the following Hamilton County students graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

- **Julia McGrath of Noblesville** received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations.

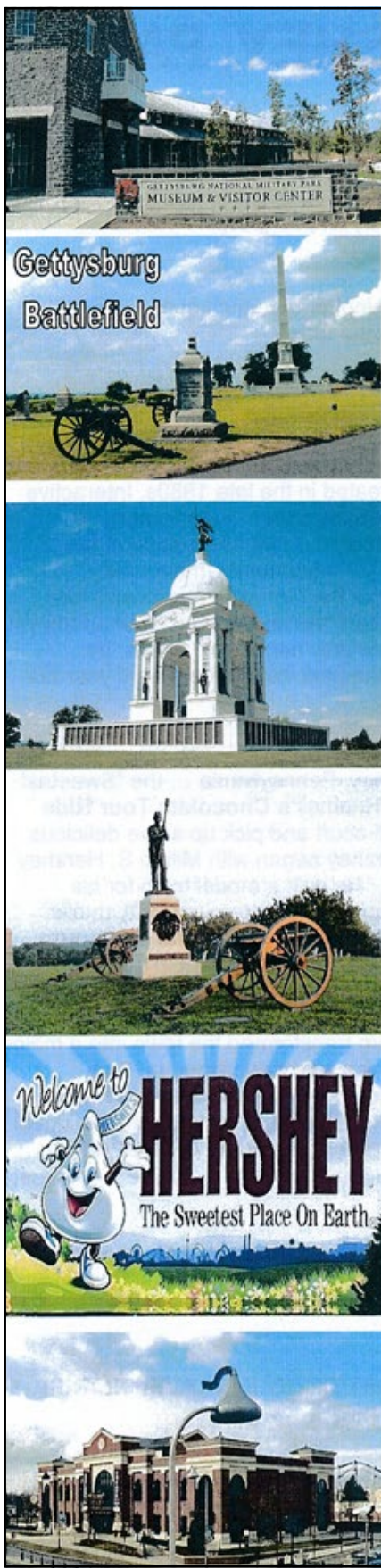
- **Joe Rura of Fishers** earned his master's degree in physician assistant studies.

- **Paige Stoeffler of**

Fishers received a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Peace Studies.

A total of 3,143 students graduated from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 142nd Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at Fiserv Forum and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus.

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About the instructor

Michelle Marti is a musician, educator, and performer. She is the owner of Shoo-BeeLoo Music & Movement and has been leading children and their parents in mu-

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Songbook Academy in Concert
7 p.m. on Saturday, July 22
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Little ones will love the fun "Song Stories" with Ms. Michelle, taking place in July and August.

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Westfield Farmers Market is back, baby!

Submitted

The Westfield Farmers Market continues from 5 to 8 p.m. today and every Thursday at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

June 15 Market vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for today's Market. The list is subject to change without notice.

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About the Market

The Westfield Summer Farmers Market and Winter Market are managed and operated by the Downtown Westfield Association. Interested in volunteering at the Market or have an idea or question? You can reach the Market Manager Nick Stepaniak at markets@westfieldchamberindy.com.

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The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:13-15 (NIV)

Robert Lynn “Bob” Goodwin, Jr.
June 18, 1950 – June 11, 2023

Robert Lynn “Bob” Goodwin, Jr., 72, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, June 11, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on June 18, 1950, to Robert and Esther (McMahon) Goodwin in Noblesville.



Bob, a 1969 Noblesville High School graduate, earned a DVM from Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine. He was an active equine veterinarian with special interests in race horses and equine breeding.

He is survived by his sisters, Pat (Steve) Heiny and Stephanie McDonald; and his nieces and nephews, Melissa McDonald, Curtis Heiny, Koren Heiny, and Ryan (Janelle) McDonald. His great-niece, Blake McDonald, and great-nephews, Brice McDonald, Oakley McDonald, and Masson Heiny all looked forward to Uncle Bob’s pumpkin patch where they could pick out their Jack O’Lanterns. Bob’s mush and strawberry jam, as well as his coin collecting knowledge were legendary and shared widely. Bob is also survived by many McMahon and Goodwin cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Ray (Tub) McDonald.

A gathering to honor Bob will be held at a later date. Bob’s care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home.

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Elwood police shooting involved Noblesville man carrying lighter shaped like gun

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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A Noblesville man has been charged with burglary and criminal confinement, and the Madison County prosecutor on Tuesday cleared the police officer who shot the domestic battery suspect of any wrongdoing.

Dakota McCreary, 26, also faces charges of domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury and theft, the prosecutor says.

An officer on Friday night shot McCreary after he pointed a lighter designed to look like a handgun at police who’d been searching for him after a domestic violence report earlier in the day in Elwood.

The Madison County Prosecutor’s Office on Tuesday also released police bodycams’ footage of the incident that happened about 6:30 p.m. Friday in the Madison County city of 8,400 people.

Elwood police just before 3 p.m. Friday received a domestic violence report from the 1300 block of South L Street. McCreary fled into a nearby wooded area when police arrived. Several police agencies began searching for him.

About 3-1/2 hours later, a citizen reported to Elwood Police Department seeing McCreary in the 1200 block of South J Street. Police arrived to find McCreary near the Elwood Street Department facility.

Elwood Officer Keegan Russell arrived to find McCreary holding what appeared to be a handgun. Russell radioed dispatch that the McCreary was “pointing something in his hand.”

The county prosecutor says bodycam video showed Russell returning to the cover of his police commission and aiming his department-issued rifle at McCreary.

Russell gave eight separate verbal commands for McCreary to “drop it!” and “put it down!” McCreary responded with “no!” and other expletives and yelled that officers would have to shoot him because he was “not going back to prison.”

The prosecutor says video from multiple bodycams showed McCreary continuing to advance on Russell and other officers while pointing the apparent firearm, and Russell then fired two rounds, striking McCreary at least one time.

Russell gave more verbal commands for McCreary to drop the weapon. Officers gave McCreary medical aid until medics arrived and took him to Ascension St. Vincent Mercy in Elwood, from where he was airlifted to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis. It was not immediately known Tuesday whether he remained hospitalized or was jailed.

Investigators later learned the apparent firearm was a lighter intended to look like a gun. Madison County Prosecutor Officer Rodney Cummings said in a statement clearing the officer who fired his rifle, “Russell was confronted by a fleeing felon who appeared to be armed with a deadly weapon and pointed that weapon at law enforcement. Officer Russell gave eight separate verbal commands for McCreary to drop the weapon



Photo provided by WISH-TV

and he refused to comply with the officer’s lawful orders and continued advancing at officers while pointing the weapon. Under any reasonable application of the law to these facts, Officer Russell’s use of deadly force was justified under the law as self-defense and the defense of others.”

Online court records show an arrest warrant was issued Friday for McCreary out of Hamilton County on a felony charge of failure to return to lawful detention.

No other injuries were reported in the police shooting.

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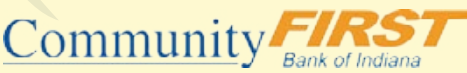
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Boys Golf

Golden Eagles soar to state title

Hamilton County, Indiana: where great golfers grow

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL — Guerin Catholic boys golf coach Mark Mathews said his team was “pretty calm” on Wednesday morning, as the Golden Eagles prepared to defend their state championship.

And Guerin Catholic did just that on Wednesday afternoon. In a repeat of last year’s IHSAA state finals, the Golden Eagles held off Westfield to claim their second state title. Guerin Catholic finished with a two-day total of 589, just ahead of the Shamrocks’ 591.

Once the competition was over, the Golden Eagles were in celebration mode. Even senior Jacob Modleski, usually the coolest customer on the golf course, was smiling broadly.

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen him that animated, but if I were to look in the mirror, you probably didn’t see me that animated any time before that, either,” said Mathews. “I think I jumped about nine feet in the air, and I’m too old to jump that high.”

Both Guerin Catholic and Westfield scored 298 during the final day of play. The Golden Eagles were able to keep a decent advantage for most of the day, then held off a late charge by the Shamrocks, who took the lead at one point during the last couple holes.

But it would’ve been difficult for any team to overcome the 1-2 punch provided by Modleski and junior Leo Wessel, who finished as individual medalist. Wessel played an outstanding second round, carding a five-under par of 67 on Wednesday. Add that to Wessel’s one-under 71 from Tuesday, and he finished with a total of 138, six under par.

“I’ve been playing well all year,” said Wessel. The University of Cincinnati commit said his strategy for the day was to “try to keep it as clean as possible. And when you find your ‘why,’ you find a way to make it happen. I feel like that was what got me through.”

Wessel was one of two players to play under par in both rounds of the tournament. Leo junior Justin Hicks went one under 71 in his first round, and followed that up with a two under 70 for the second day. Hicks finished in a three-way tie for second along with Modleski and Westview sophomore Silas Haarer, who carded a six-under 66 for his second round. The three runners-up

all scored 141, three under par for the tournament.

Wessel began his round with three straight birdies, which turned out to be a familiar experience for him: He won a summer tournament at Prairie View earlier in his career, and he birdied the first three holes in that event as well.

“I think it’s just experience and being in that moment that got me through,” said Wessel, who totaled seven birdies on Wednesday. His birdie on the 18th hole helped to clinch the title.

“I think for Leo, this was a breakout,” said Mathews. “He’s been a very talented player that just missed a putt here, done something there and just never quite posted the number he wanted to post. But I’m really proud of him.”

Modleski finished his second round with five birdies, carding a 74 for his second day. He scored a 67 in the first round, but was able to hang on and help deliver a victory for the team.

“The round I played yesterday, I knew I was in a good position to win individually,” said Modleski. But at the end of the day, you really have to do what’s in the best interest of the team. And a lot of times those are going to be the same thing, like what’s best for you is going to be best for the team.”

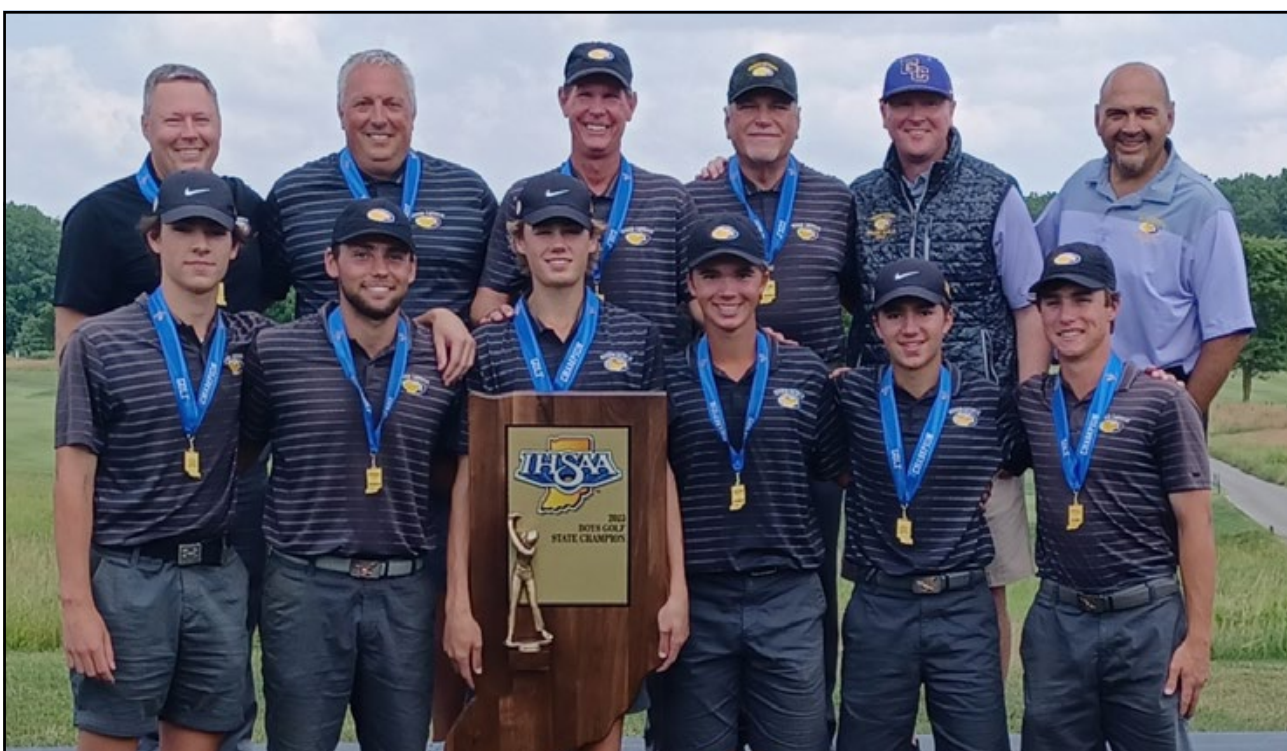
Modleski won another honor at the end of the meet: He was named the winner of the Fred A. Keesling Mental Attitude Award by the IHSAA Executive Committee. Modleski, the son of Matt and Dianne Modleski, became the first golfer from Guerin Catholic to win a Mental Attitude Award, and is the second in school history, joining Bridget Gallagher, who won the girls cross country award last fall.

“It was just a great tournament,” said Modleski. It was a great way to end the year. We played well. We knew we would have to play well in the state tournament, and we did.”

Wessel and Modleski were both named to the All-State Team at the conclusion of the meet.

The Golden Eagles’ other three golfers — senior Zach Thieme, freshman Eli Wessel and sophomore Owen Nielsen — all had one birdie during their second rounds.

“My boys have a lot of heart,” said Mathews. “It’s a real humble group. They know who they rest their faith on. That’s a pretty cool



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
The Guerin Catholic boys golf team repeated as state champions on Wednesday. The Golden Eagles totaled a two-day team score of 589 to win state for the second year in a row. Guerin Catholic also had the individual medalist in Leo Wessel and the Mental Attitude Award winner in Jacob Modleski.

thing.”

Westfield finished as team runner-up for the third time, which also means the Shamrocks earned their sixth top-two finish at state. Westfield won state titles in 2013, 2014 and 2016.

Sophomore Jake Cesare had the highest individual finish for the Shamrocks, tying for seventh with an even par 144, carding a 71 on the first day and a 74 on the second day. Another sophomore, Will Harvey, tied for 10th place with a 145, going 73-72 over the tournament. Harvey made four birdies on Wednesday, and Cesare had one.

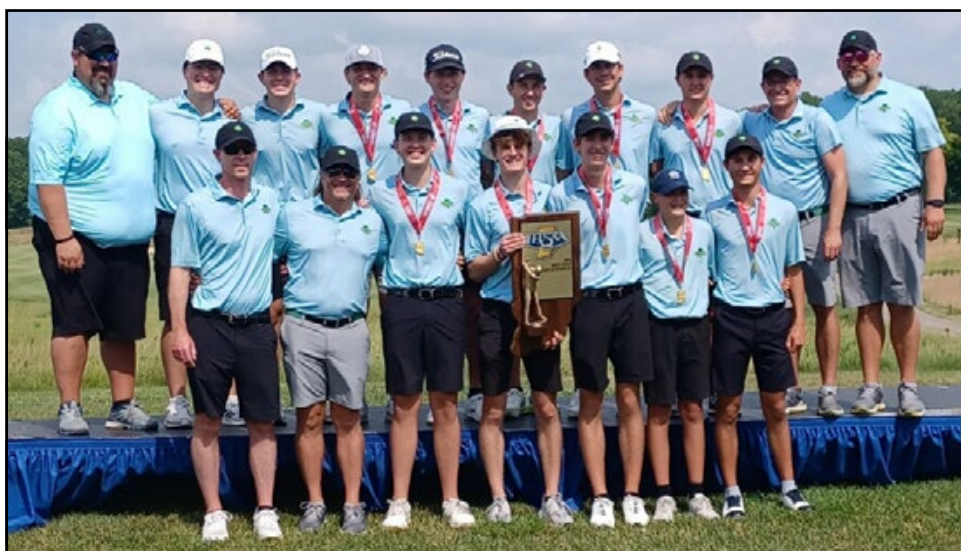
Seniors Alec Cesare, Cam Kooi and Matt Shull all both drained two birdies in the second round. Alec Cesare scored a 149 to tie for 16th place and joined Jake Cesare and Harvey on the All-State team.

“Happy with our boys,” said Westfield coach Josh Bryant. “They competed all the way to the end. We always talk about that the back nine is, you just got to be in position and we were, and it was a fun battle back there.”

Hamilton Southeastern finished third for the second consecutive year, totaling a team score of 600. The Royals scored a 296 for their second day, the lowest score of the second round.

“We did not have a good Day 1, but we were able to reset and recover and refocus, and do a whole lot better today,” said HSE coach David Young.

Southeastern was led by senior Cole Starnes and sophomore Kai Warner, who tied for 14th place with two-day scores of 148. Starnes, who drained



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Westfield finished as runner-up for the second year in a row and had three players make the All-State Team.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Southeastern placed third for the second consecutive year and posted the lowest team score of the second round.

four birdies on Wednesday, was named to the All-State Team, while Warner made three second-round birdies.

Nate Benson scored a 150 to tie for 18th place, making one birdie on Wednesday. Freshman Mattingly Upchurch had three second-round birdies and senior Lane Zedrick had one.

“Very excited for the guys,” said Young. “They had an amazing season, so glad that we could represent

the school and community of Fishers this way.”

Noblesville finished seventh as a team with a score of 303. The Millers dropped 12 strokes from their Tuesday score, moving them up from 11th place.

Junior Alex Peck was Noblesville’s low man with a 152; he made three second-round birdies. Seniors Cooper Claussen and Will Barnes both totaled 153, draining two birdies on Wednesday. Senior Drew

Decker also made two birdies in his round.

“We had a little struggle yesterday starting off, but after that they played fantastic,” said Millers coach Gary Deakyne. “I’m so proud of these kids. We had times when we weren’t sure we could finish seventh in the sectional. And to finish seventh in the state, we’re very, very happy and very, very pleased.”

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Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational returns Father's Day Weekend

SVRA celebrates 10 years at IMS, welcomes back Trans Am

The REPORTER

The Indy SpeedTour returns to Indianapolis Motor Speedway over Father's Day Weekend with racing from the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) and the Trans Am Series Presented by Pirelli.

More than 300 vintage race cars will take on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile IMS road course Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18 as part of the Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational, a passionate display of history from all disciplines of auto racing.

In 2014, SVRA became the first and only organization to host vintage racing at IMS. This year will mark SVRA's 10th event at IMS. In addition, Trans Am returns to IMS for the first time since 2019 with racing from its TA, XGT, SGT and GT classes.

The action kicks off Saturday with a host of group qualifying sessions in the morning, followed by group races in the afternoon and continuing Sunday.

The Father's Day Weekend entry list is full of fan-favorite drivers from other series, including INDYCAR and NASCAR. Notable father-son duos competing in the event include IMS President J. Douglas Boles and his son Carter Boles as well as 1993 24 Hours of Le Mans winner Geoff Brabham and his



Photo courtesy IMS

son, Trans Am competitor, Matthew Brabham. Both of the Brabhams are Indianapolis 500 veterans.

The stout Trans Am Series field will contest its fifth round of the 2023 championship at the circuit. Fans will recognize names like Andretti, Brabham, Marks and Menard on the entry list.

Indianapolis native Adam Andretti competes against the next generation of Brabham with Matthew Brabham in the mix. 2011 Brickyard 400 winner Paul Menard returns to the site of his first NASCAR Cup Series win, where he takes on NASCAR Cup Series' Trackhouse Racing team owner Justin Marks.

The Trans Am Series feature race is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday.

More than 20 Pre-War cars will perform exhibition laps, showcasing the old cars that paved the way for the future of racing at IMS and in the Indianapolis 500. The group includes cars as old as a 1909 EMF 30, those made locally in Indianapolis by National Motor Vehicle Company and even a car that competed in the very first Indianapolis 500. The group will be showcased during a Fan Walk, which is open to all ticket holders at 12:50 p.m. Saturday.

The Forgeline Yenka Spirit Class feature race al-

lows fans to get an up-close look at the cars during another pre-race Fan Walk at 1 p.m. Sunday before the Classic at 1:30 p.m.

With approximately 20 Corvairs competing, the command will be given by Jim Schardt, the father of Forgeline owners Dave and Steve Schardt, as well as his extended family members. Lynn Yenka, the daughter of race car driver and car dealer Don Yenka, who gained recognition for modifying and creating high-performance versions of Chevrolet Camaros, Chevelles and Novas, also will be on hand to present the trophy to the winner of the race.

The weekend also fea-

tures a pair of special anniversary celebrations with more than 25 Formula Vee cars on hand to commemorate the 60th anniversary of that class. The pre-1963 Volkswagen Beetle chassis is always a crowd favorite, and the Formula Vee feature race is at 2 p.m. Sunday.

There also will be an all-stock car feature to celebrate NASCAR's 75th anniversary, with 1992 NASCAR Xfinity Series champion and longtime NASCAR team owner Joe Nemechek in the field.

The Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational is more than a racing weekend. There also will be a massive car show happening in the infield of the IMS road course.

Hundreds of vintage racers and classic cars will be on display during the Hagerty Cars & Caffeine car show, which starts at 10 a.m. Saturday. These events showcase a wide variety of vintage, historic and exotic cars, as well as vintage motorcycles and collector cars of interest.

Gates are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$30 each day, and kids 15 and under are free with a paid adult ticketholder. [Click here](#) for more information on schedules, open gates and stands, gate regulations and more.

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(Above left) Carmel's Mason Price tied for 10th at the state meet. (Above right) Noblesville's Will Barnes represented the Millers at state.

Carmel had an individual compete at state, and he reached the top 10. Junior Mason Price followed up his remarkable first round (where he made two eagles) with a consistent second round, scoring a 74. Price totaled a 145 for his two-day score, tying him for 10th place and earning him All-State honors.

"It was a really good experience," said Price, who went from not playing on the sectional team last year to making the state podium this year. "It was fun. I don't really have to prove anything. I knew I was good enough to compete and I just tried to have fun."

Team scores: Guerin Catholic 291-298=589, Westfield 293-298=591, Hamilton Southeastern 304-296=600, Bloomington South 304-303=607, Evansville North 307-305=612, Zionsville 309-305=614, Noblesville 315-303=618, Leo 318-308=626, Valparaiso 303-323=626, Tipton 309-320=629, Center Grove 313-316=629, Columbus North 310-321=631, Homestead 325-311=636, Floyd Central 323-319=642, Chesterton 320-330=650, Penn 326-336=662, Evansville Memorial 339-328=667, Northridge 355-328=683.

Top 10 individuals: 1. Leo Wessel (Guerin Catholic) 71-67=138, T2. Silas Haarer (Westview) 75-66=141; Jacob Modleski (Guerin Catholic) 67-74=141; Justin Hicks (Leo) 71-70=141, 5. Aidan Gutierrez (Valparaiso) 67-75=142, 6. Brayden Miller (Fairfield) 69-74=143, T7. Maverick Conaway (Tipton) 71-73=144; Happy Gilmore (Bloomington South) 72-72=144; Jake Cesare (Westfield) 71-73=144; T10. Mason Price (Carmel) 71-74=145; Will Harvey (Westfield) 73-72=145.

Other Guerin Catholic scores: Zach Thieme 74-80=154, Eli Wessel 79-77=156, Owen Nielsen 79-80=159.

Other Westfield scores: Alec Cesare 72-77=149, Cam Kooi 77-76=153, Matt Shull 79-81=160.

Southeastern scores: Kai Warner 75-73=148; Cole Starnes 76-72=148, Nate Benson 74-76=150, Mattingly Upchurch 80-75=155, Lane Zedrick 79-78=157.

Noblesville scores: Alex Peck 78-74=152, Cooper Claussen 78-75=153, Will Barnes 78-75=153, Drew Decker 81-79=160, Brady Mangin 85-83=168.

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