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**(ABOVE LEFT)** Michael and Michelle Del Busto present Antonios Nikolaou the Joseph Del Busto Memorial Scholarship. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Dennis and Jackie Wolfe present Chloe Fouts the Nicholas L. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship.

# Carmel Education Foundation awards \$139K in 109 scholarships

**The REPORTER**  
Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) has awarded 109 scholarships totaling \$139,000 to Carmel Clay students. A majority of these were presented on May 14, 2024, to 97 members of the Class of 2024 Carmel High School (CHS) seniors.

Scholarships represent the legacy of area educators, athletes, scholars, performers, school and civic leaders, and families who have invested in a scholarship to promote life-long learning for Carmel students. Additionally, one CHS junior and 11 Carmel Middle School students received the Nick and Lisa Allemenos Scholarship which funds summer learning in music or journalism camps or programs.

A full listing of Foundation Scholarship recipients, along with photos, can be found at [ces.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships/2024](http://ces.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships/2024).

The 2024 awards included seven new scholarships, including two funded by CEF community partners, Summers Plumbing Heating and Cooling and The Skillman Corporation, with funding for students pursuing education or employment in a trade related field. The Carmel Culinary Boosters Cheftacular Scholarship recognized three students who have been active in culinary education during their time at Carmel High School. Two other new scholarships especially hit home to the school community as they honor Eugénie Corbin and Sydney



**Photo by Ryn Yasin**  
**Teggie Rogers awards Katherine Nestor the Teggie Rogers Cherry Tree Patriot Scholarship.**

Suiter, former Carmel teachers who made a significant impact on hundreds of children. The Murray Family Scholarship recognizes the legacy of the Brian Murray Memorial Stadium on hundreds of children. The Murray Family Scholarship recognizes the legacy of the Brian Murray Memorial Stadium on hundreds of children. The Murray Family Scholarship recognizes the legacy of the Brian Murray Memorial Stadium on hundreds of children.

## Community First Bank partners with Hedges for nonprofit leaders training program

**The REPORTER**  
Community First Bank (CFB) of Indiana partnered with Hedges, a local nonprofit consulting firm, to offer free training to nonprofit leaders serving Hamilton County throughout 2024.

The second session on Building & Evaluating Programs wrapped up on Tuesday at the Delaware Township Community Center. All sessions are a blend of teaching and attendee engagement. One attendee shared, "I enjoyed this session and thought the combination of instruction and hands-on engagement was beneficial."

This training series is the result of a \$12,000 investment from CFB after hearing firsthand how much high-caliber training meant to local nonprofit leaders and after surveying the group to identify the most impactful topics. Hedges' expertise matched up perfectly to the requested topics.

"These funds will be used to put on meaningful, requested programming for this group of dedicated Nonprofit Leaders," CFB President & CEO Rob Blume said. "They work tirelessly each day to advance their organizations' missions and we're thrilled to come alongside them with these resources. Topics will include building corporate partnerships, building and evaluating programs, creating competitive grant proposals, activating board committees, protecting organizations from fraud, and more."

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# Heights Elementary School's BASH Night brings students & families together to celebrate learning

**The REPORTER**  
Each spring, Hamilton Heights Elementary School (HHES) holds a student art show, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) night, a family Book Fair night, and a Young Author celebration.

This year, HHES teachers Cheri Trachtman, Joanne Renfro, Karen Jones, Kathleen Davidson, and Melissa Martin got together and had a great idea. What if all these events were rolled into one big night to celebrate reading, writing, STEM, and art?

With this, B.A.S.H. (Book Fair, Art, STEM and Husky Young Authors) Night, was born!

Thanks to the generous financial assistance from Hamilton Heights Education Foundation, the inaugural B.A.S.H.

Night, the first of what is expected to be an annual event, was held last Wednesday. Upon arrival, students received a Passport which led them to enjoy artwork from every student in the building, an interactive science-filled STEM experience, the premier of books written by the elementary school students, and a chance to purchase new books in the media center. A large map showed previously studied artists' birthplaces and famous works, and students took part in a live installation based on Yayoi Kusama's famous "Obliteration Rooms."

The evening did not disappoint. The building was filled with laughter, learning, and special moments throughout. It was an interactive and engaging evening that was a win for students and families alike.



**Photo provided**  
**HHES Art Teacher Cheri Trachtman welcomes students and families to B.A.S.H. Night where she distributed Passports for an evening of fun and learning.**

## Hamilton East Public Library & Fishers Arts + Culture Commission set to unveil public art

**The REPORTER**  
Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) and Fishers Arts + Culture Commission (FACC) look forward to unveiling "Knowledge," a public art project in HEPL's newly renovated pedestrian plaza, located in the heart of the Nickel Plate District.

"Knowledge" includes a carved native stone and onyx sculpture located at the mouth of the Nickel Plate Trail onto HEPL's campus, two stone benches located in the center of the pedestrian place on the south side of the building, as well as 90 ceramic tiles set into the concrete of the pedestrian plaza located on the south side of the building, from the Nickel Plate Trail to Municipal Drive. The ceramic tiles feature images of Fishers, Hamilton County, and Indiana state history.

"Knowledge," a collaboration between artists, FACC, and HEPL, aims to transform a public space into a vibrant canvas, set to captivate residents and visitors alike. FACC funded

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# Carmel's grocery-turned-library returns to its roots

By **SCOTT SANDER**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

With the snip of a ribbon and a ring of the register, a central Indiana retail space with a truly unusual history has returned to its roots.

Niemann Harvest Market is now open in Carmel at the Merchants Square shopping area at 116th Street and Keystone Parkway. The store prides itself on strong customer service and shopping through "experiences" including on-site juice making, butter churning, granola-making and ingredient prep for shoppers.

Now, to the history lesson.

Neighbors to the store have already spent years shopping there for milk,



**Photo by WISH-TV**



**Photo provided by Office of the Attorney General**

**(ABOVE LEFT)** Located in the old Marsh building, Niemann Harvest Market is now open in the Merchants Square shopping area. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Carmel City Councilman Adam Aasen introduced Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita at the grand opening. Rokita said a first-rate city like Carmel needs first-rate grocery stores like Niemann Harvest Market that sell locally made products and supports Hoosier farmers.

eggs, bread... and books.

The Merchants Square storefront was, dating back to the 1970s, a stalwart store in the Marsh grocery chain. When the company collapsed in 2017, the store went vacant, like many others across the state.

Some of those buildings long sat idle, a few had new life with new grocery chains, others welcomed ex-Marshes, the Carmel temporary tenants only to location, served as a library. Only one of the

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# NONPROFIT TRAINING

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Hedges President Erin Hedges said CFB’s investment will help build capacity for the program.

“Hedges has been a trusted partner since 2002 to more than 150 leading nonprofits, foundations, corporations, and public entities in Indiana and beyond,” Hedges said. “We deeply appreciate Community First Bank’s commitment to building the capacity of local nonprofit organizations by sponsoring these training courses and strengthening the community for years to come.”

Programming will continue through November. You can email [community@cfbindiana.com](mailto:community@cfbindiana.com)

if you’d like to be notified when registration is open for future sessions. To learn more visit [CFBindiana.com/nonprofit-learning-series](http://CFBindiana.com/nonprofit-learning-series).

**About Community First Bank of Indiana**

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, Ind. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Fishers, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Noblesville, and Westfield. CFB’s mission is “We partner with you to build a better future.” Additional information can be found at [CFBindiana.com](http://CFBindiana.com). MEMBER FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.



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The second session wrapped up on Tuesday at the Delaware Township Community Center in Fishers.

# NIEMANN

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For roughly two years, starting in 2020, the **Carmel Public Library** relocated its collection to the old Marsh as the library’s main facility on Main Street went through a massive renovation. The old freezer section on 116th Street held periodicals, the cereal aisles housed fiction, and the butcher shop served up audiobooks. Library cards rather than credit cards got you through checkout.

Once the store’s two-year stint as a library ended, its future turned to Nieman Harvest Market. A total revamp of the old store gives it a whole new look inside and out, with produce immediately inside the door, fresh food and meal offerings to the right, and grocery shelves to the left.

Opening day appeared to draw a strong turnout, with the parking lot so full

that some shoppers had to park in front of neighboring stores.

Niemann has big plans for the rest of grand opening weekend:

**Friday, May 17**

- 5 to 9 p.m.: Tap Takeover with Big Lug Brewing!
- 5 to 9 p.m.: Charcuterie, Snacks and more w/ Pig’s Tale Charcuterie

**Saturday, May 18**

- 9 to 10 a.m.: Biscuits and coffee with Chef Twinkle
- 10 to 11:30 a.m.: Chef Tanorria Demo w/ Signed Cookbook Giveaway (10 lucky winners!)
- 1 to 2 p.m.: Brunch negronis with Zach Wilks & 8th Day Distillery
- 3 to 4:30 p.m.: Smoking Goose + Create your own charcuterie board with Conundrum wine sampling
- 5 to 7 p.m.: Tito’s Vodka Takeover with cocktails



Photos by Tammy Sander

Only one of the ex-Marshes, the Carmel location, served as a library.

and mingling in The Nook

Looking to the future, if the company’s first Indiana store succeeds and leads to further expansion, the name could lead to some

confusion.

**Niemann Harvest Market** is the first Indiana location in a three-store chain, based in Illinois. The already-existing

**Harvest Market** is based in Anderson and has stores in New Castle, Middletown, Frankton, Greensburg, Elwood, Chesterfield, and Alexandria.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/local-news/carmels-grocery-turned-library-returns-to-its-roots](http://wishtv.com/news/local-news/carmels-grocery-turned-library-returns-to-its-roots).*

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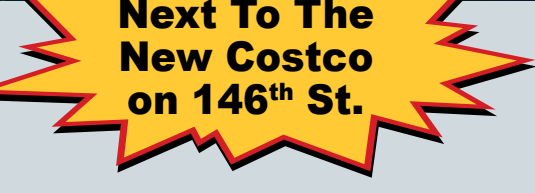
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\$100,000 to support artwork and HEPL funded \$25,000 (and site prep work to support artwork), from the Miesse Fund established in honor of the library’s first librarian, Lulu Miesse, by her late sister Sharley Miesse.

“The Fishers Arts + Culture Commission is excited about our long-standing partnership with the Hamilton East Public Library to present a new art installation to the Fishers community,” FACC Chair Jocelyn Vare said. “Public art enhances community life, especially here in the Nickel Plate District, our designated statewide culture district. Fishers’ beloved amenities, the Nickel Plate Trail and public library, are now connected as an interactive art experience that highlights our community’s heritage. As residents explore this new art installation, they will discover something creatively new and genuinely historic.”

The artist team of Rude Calderón and Roberto Delgado was selected through an RFQ/jury process in 2021. The jury included FACC commissioners, City of Fishers leadership, HEPL leadership, an HEPL board member, and community stakeholders from Noblesville Creates and Fishers Arts Council.

Calderón (sculpture and benches) was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he spent the first seven years of his life. His family immigrated to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1964. His father apprenticed and worked in his uncle Manuel Zuñiga’s sculpture studio creating religious sculpture in the Spanish baroque tradition. His deep respect for materials and craftsmanship is rooted in this family history.

Stone sculpture is at the center of Calderón’s artistic work; the past 18 years have been largely devoted to this medium. His artworks show a reverence towards the han-

dling and natural appearance of materials that infer the omnipresent mystery of nature.

His paintings, sculptures, and prints have been widely exhibited since 1985 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Laguna Art Museum, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, UCLA/Armand Hammer Museum of Art, as well as FM Fine Art Gallery, Los Angeles; Frank Pictures Gallery, Santa Monica; The Art Art Project, Woodland Hills; Ave 50 Gallery, Highland Park; Ventura Artists’ Union Gallery; Tropico de Nopal Gallery, Los Angeles. Nationally in: Anchorage, Alaska; Texas Art Museum, Jose Galvez Gallery in Tucson, Ariz.; The Mexican Fine Arts Museum in Chicago, Ill.; The Brandywine Institute in Philadelphia, Pa. Internationally his work has shown in: St. Petersburg, Russia, Free Gallery; Amerika Haus Berlin, U.S. Cultural Center, Berlin, Germany; Mexico City, Tijuana, and Juarez, Mexico; Colima, Mexico; Santiago, Chile; Galicia, Spain; and El Museo del Niño, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Delgado (ceramic tiles), best known for his public art murals, lives and works in Los Angeles and Mexico. He holds an MFA from UCLA and is the recipient of two Fulbright fellowships, a Ford Foundation fellowship, and a grant from the Brody Arts Foundation. He has created murals at sites across Southern California and in Atlanta, Cleveland, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Phoenix, and other cities in the United States and Mexico.

The unveiling of “Knowledge” will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 at HEPL’s ribbon cutting celebration, where attendees will have the opportuni-



Vare

celebration not to be missed.

As the unveiling of this public art approaches, the entire community is invited to join in celebrating the transformative power of art and the vibrant spirit of Fishers.

For more information about “Knowledge” and upcoming events at HEPL, please visit [hamil-toneastpl.org](http://hamil-toneastpl.org).



Photo provided

“Knowledge” will be unveiled on May 22 during the ribbon cutting celebration.

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where countless soccer, lacrosse, and other games have been enjoyed by athletes from across the region.

CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix thanks the 60 donors, and their representatives, who attended the ceremony to present their scholarships in person or by video.

“We are so fortunate to have a community where families and individuals make it a priority to be part of this special evening,” Penix said. “Not only have these families carried on legacies of their loved ones, they support the aspirations for our future leaders. Our scholarship night is a remarkable celebration for all.”

CEF received 518 scholarship applications, representing over one-third of the graduating class. The process uses a “common app” style application providing students the opportunity to qualify for multiple scholarships. To honor as many students as possible, each student may only be awarded one CEF scholarship. Selection of these recipients involves over 65 individuals and families and is a complex and thoughtful process. The annual ceremony is a collaboration between CEF and the Carmel High School Counseling Department.

Jim Streisel, a CHS teacher and 2012 Carmel Clay Schools Teacher of the Year, served as the Master of Ceremonies. A reception for presenters was held prior to the start of the event and

all honorees and their guests enjoyed a dessert reception following the ceremony.

“Carmel High School students are truly amazing and this is especially shown in their scholarship applications,” CEF Scholarship Chair Amy Blume said. “Our process is designed to award students who have personal achievements in many areas and facets of life. In fact, oftentimes grades and classroom accomplishments are not the most significant consideration, but assessing how students have overcome obstacles, persevered through scenarios, served their community, and expressed personal insight in living out the mission of Carmel Clay Schools is at the forefront of our selection conversations. Furthermore, all applications are reviewed without names to establish a fair and equitable process.”

CEF is the non-profit partner of Carmel Clay Schools and is governed by a volunteer board of directors who raise funds to support the scholarship program, to fund teacher and school grants, and to provide resources for Carmel Clay Schools.

The CEF scholarship program is the largest public education foundation scholarship program in Indiana. For more information on how to establish a scholarship, visit [ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships](http://ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships) or contact Executive Director Jennifer Penix at [jpenix1@ccs.k12.in.us](mailto:jpenix1@ccs.k12.in.us) or (317) 844-9961 ext. 2680.



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- 146th and Hazel Dell Rd.
- 146th and River Rd.
- 146th and Allisonville Rd.



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## \$50K winning Powerball ticket sold in Noblesville

Anyone who purchased a ticket at AJ Quick Mart should check

### The REPORTER

Hoosier Lottery Powerball tickets should be checked carefully as one entry matched four out of five numbers and the Powerball in Wednesday night's drawing. The \$50,000 winning ticket was purchased at AJ Quick Mart located at 2299 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville. The winning Powerball numbers for Wednesday, May 15, are: **19-42-45-55-69** with the **Powerball of 6**. Players can check their tickets with the free Hoosier Lottery Mobile App by downloading [here](#). The ticket holder should ensure his or her ticket is in a secure place, consider meeting with a financial ad-

visor, and contact Hoosier Lottery customer service at 1-800-955-6886 for specific claim instructions. Since its first drawing in 1992, Powerball has inspired the country with a chance to become a millionaire, while raising \$25 billion for good causes supported by lotteries. Indiana had the very first Powerball jackpot winner in 1992 and leads the nation in Powerball jackpot wins with 39. The Powerball jackpot for Saturday, May 18, is an estimated \$77 million. *Powerball Overall Odds are 1 in 25. Must be 18 or older to play. Please play responsibly. Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-800-994-8448.*

# 2024 traffic safety data in Hamilton County so far

### Submitted by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

It's crucial to stay mindful of safety on the roads, especially during busy travel seasons. These statistics from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office highlight common causes and locations of crashes, emphasizing the importance of safe driving practices. Taking the time to plan your journeys, maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles, and

remaining attentive can significantly reduce the risk of accidents. Whether you're heading out for a vacation, sporting event, or any other summer activity, prioritizing safety ensures a smoother and more enjoyable experience for everyone. The top three reasons for crashes in 2024 thus far in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office jurisdictions are as follows:

- 58: following too closely

- 51: failure to yield right of way
- 41: animal or object in roadway

The top three crash locations in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction in 2024 to date are as follows:

- 146th Street & Hazel Dell
- 146th Street & River Road
- 146th Street & Allisonville Road

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office reminds

you when driving, wearing your seatbelt is one of the simplest yet most effective ways to protect yourself in the event of a crash. Taking your time and planning ahead can help reduce stress and prevent rushed driving behaviors that increase the risk of accidents. Leaving plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front of you allows for ample reaction time in case of sudden stops or emergencies. Have a safe and awesome summer.

## May is National Foster Care Month: why foster parents matter

### Submitted

*Editor's note: The following is a public service announcement from the National Youth Advocate Program, a local nonprofit. Its purpose is not only to thank all good foster parents during National Foster Care Month, but to express the enduring need for more good foster parents and families.* You may have heard the heart-tugging interviews of celebrities who spent part

of their childhood in foster care. You've undoubtedly seen the feel-good story of a foster parent who "made all the difference" for a child who grew up to be an icon, a change-maker. Maybe you've skimmed an article online about the national foster care crisis. Or maybe you recognized familiar foster care language in a politician's campaign, who vows to "keep our kids out of group houses" and find

them homes. Foster care is not for the stories, interviews, and campaigns. It's not only happening in the lives of stars and influencers. We have so many youth experiencing foster care, especially teenagers, who need safe, temporary homes while they await reunification with their families. However, there needs to be more foster homes for all of them.

Older youth are NOT the ones getting placed in our available foster homes. Teens often end up placed in group homes and shelters because there are not enough foster homes available. These teens in foster care are friends of our children. They are our nieces, nephews, and youth of family friends. They are our neighbors. Youth experiencing the foster care system need foster parents who will stand by

them and walk through uncertainty to help them heal. They need positive adult role models. THIS is why our foster parents matter. THIS is why adults – young, old, married, single, gay, straight – who commit themselves to teens by opening their homes and hearts are the ones instilling hope. THIS is why we celebrate foster parents. May is National Foster Care Month. National

Youth Advocate Program (NYAP) appreciates foster parents everywhere. Just like our own children, teens experiencing foster care thrive when they're placed in loving, safe, empowering homes with foster parents who genuinely want them to succeed. To learn more about becoming a NYAP foster parent, please visit [nyap.org/fostercare](#) or call us at 877-NYAP-CAN.

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# Westfield Chamber invites you to groundbreaking of Crate Escapes dog park

The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 23 for a groundbreaking ceremony for Crate Escapes, a dog park bar and event space located across from Grand Park Sports Campus at 18595 Carousel Lane, Westfield.

Crate Escapes is a soon-to-be pet's paradise with indoor and outdoor play yards with plenty of sun and shade. While they enjoy the freedom to run and play, visitors can grab a drink at the dog bar or drop them off for day care. Crate Escapes will hold daily events, including breed meetups, live music, adoption events, and more.

As avid animal lovers and Westfield residents, Crate Escapes' owners wanted more pet-friendly, family-friendly, community-friendly spaces. They envision a space without leashes, where pets and people could co-exist freely, while providing a safe and enriching environment for everyone.

For more information, visit [CrateEscapesWestfield.com](http://CrateEscapesWestfield.com) to see updates on progress and check out future membership options! Crate Escapes is also on Facebook.

This event is open to all the Chamber's Partners, Members, and the public. Advanced registration is not required.

# Meyer Najem Construction earns spot on Indianapolis Business Journal's Fast 25 List

Submitted

Meyer Najem recently announced its inclusion in the Fast 25 List by the Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ), a testament to its rapid growth and commitment to excellence in construction management.

The Fast 25 List recognizes the fastest-growing companies in the Indianapolis area, and Meyer Najem's notable presence underscores its significant contributions to the local, and nationwide business landscape.

Established in 1987 by Karl Meyer and Anthony Najem, Meyer Najem has emerged as a prominent player in the construction industry, offering comprehensive services across the Midwest and beyond. From corporate and commercial projects to healthcare, education, municipal projects, senior living facilities, and sports complexes, Meyer Najem is dedicated to enhancing communities



Photo provided The Meyer Najem team accepted the certificate of inclusion on the Fast 25 List.

through its diverse portfolio. Tim Russell, President of Meyer Najem, attributes the company's growth to strategic geographic expansion and the pursuit of new market opportunities.

"We are honored to be recognized on the IBJ's Fast 25 List," Russell said. "Our sustained success reflects our dedication to delivering

exceptional results for our clients and our commitment to our core values."

Meyer Najem has achieved an impressive growth rate of 33 percent annually over the past two years. With a focus on quality, integrity, and community impact, Meyer Najem continues to set the standard for construction excellence

while contributing to the economic vitality of the regions it serves.

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# SCORE mentors help Carmel mom make homeschooling her business

Submitted

Jean Lee says she has worn many hats, serving as a brand strategist, game developer, ballroom dance instructor, and neuroscientist, among more than a dozen other roles. But since the pandemic, Lee, a Carmel mother of three, has pivoted to become a homeschool instructor.

When Lee's 10-year-old struggled to stay challenged in first-grade public school, she realized something needed to change.

"That was my wakeup point. She is quite far out of the average," Lee recalled thinking. "Public schools can only go so far ahead when it comes to advanced learning."

At that same time, the world had closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing students home for virtual learning. For a mom on a mission to educate her children differently, it was kismet.

"The methods that home educators can use to teach are so different from public school," Lee said. "The benefits of

choosing curriculum based on your child's learning needs and creating a customized education became obvious."

Lee launched [The Academy of Chaos](#) to provide a place where she could support other families who were seeking information about home education. In addition to homeschooling her own children, Lee, through The Academy of Chaos, has made a business out of her "next reinvention." A year and a half ago, she began leading group classes that other children attend, including her first, Junior Achievement Biztown, which taught 40 fourth- through sixth-graders about financial literacy.

"It's been an amazing experience," Lee said. "I love teaching, these kids are interested, engaged and passionate about the subjects they register to learn about."

In her interactions with fellow homeschooling parents on social media, she heard questions "all day, every day" from families seeking to build connections within the homeschooling community. She began mentoring with SCORE Indianapolis mentors Russell Jones and Leslea Hsu in an effort to bring her vision for connecting community to fruition.



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With the help of SCORE mentors, Jean Lee of Carmel started the Midwest Homeschool Expo.

With roughly four months' lead time, Lee, with guidance from her SCORE mentors, set up the [Midwest Homeschool Expo](#), an inclusive homeschool gathering aimed at creating a place to gather both families seeking more information and support to begin home education as well as connect families that are already using custom educational methods outside of a traditional classroom. Educational resources ranging from early learning to dual enrollment and college track planning, as well as neurodivergent learning resources, curricula publishers and local staples such as museums and public libraries will all be present to discuss their homeschool opportunities at the June 22 inaugural event.

"They are my biggest cheerleaders," Lee said of her SCORE mentors. "They have helped me think through every step and provided extremely valuable insight."

Jones, whose background is in medical device sales, training, and leadership development and Hsu, whose expertise is in marketing, helped Lee in site selection, outlining vendor agreements, and in-

vestigating opportunities to reach the target audience. A SCORE mentor of three years, Jones credits Lee's tireless work ethic for her success in lining up more than 100 presenters and vendors in a short time.

"If there's 24 hours a day, she's using 30 hours," Jones said of Lee. "She has no hesitation at 2 o'clock in the morning, when she has an idea, to start sending emails to CEOs. She has no fear of reaching out to whomever she thinks will benefit the cause."

About SCORE

Since 1964, SCORE has helped 11 million entrepreneurs start or grow a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free mentoring, workshops, and educational services to more than 1,500 communities nationwide. With more than 70 members throughout the Indianapolis area, SCORE Indianapolis provides nearly 3,000 mentoring services annually to local small business owners through one-on-one counseling and small business workshops. For more information about starting or operating a small business, or finding a mentor, visit SCORE Indianapolis at [score.org/indianapolis](http://score.org/indianapolis).

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# The way to a co-worker's heart is through their stomach

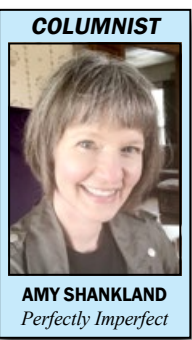
Do you want to *really* bring big-time joy to your workplace? Then think about food!

Birthday cake. Birthday pie. Birthday cookies. Most of the time you can't go wrong with a yummy birthday dessert. Even people who have special dietary needs can have desserts with all the gluten and sugar-free options available now.

Or if you have someone who is eating extremely healthy, you can be quite creative with fruit. I've seen a watermelon "cake" online made with 100 percent fruit that looks absolutely heavenly!

Whether you buy it, bake it, or make it, a birthday dessert can mean a lot to a co-worker and bring everyone together for a few minutes of happiness. My father-in-law, Ron, made it a point to remember everyone's birthday while on the job and to bring in a cake. One 18-year-old girl who had a difficult family life burst into tears when he brought her one for her special day.

"No one has ever done this for me before," she



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*Perfectly Imperfect*

cried. I was touched at the Soil and Water Conservation District when my boss asked what my favorite cake was. I told her I liked German chocolate cake and was blown away the next day when she brought in one for my birthday that was homemade! This was one busy lady, so her taking that time meant a lot to me. My friend Claire is a donut fanatic, so of course we had to have a donut cake for her special day.

Which brings me to my next point. Sometimes it's just not possible to break away during the day to buy a cake or other dessert. When times got busy at the City of Noblesville and it was difficult to coordinate schedules, we often gathered for a birthday breakfast before the official start of the workday. Sometimes it was healthy, sometimes it was not (French toast casserole anyone?) but enjoying a treat together was a wonderful way to start the birthday person's day.

If you plan a bit ahead, you can take it to the next level and have potluck

lunches for birthdays or holidays. One large department at the City of Noblesville held a potluck each month to honor everyone's birthday for that month. They held it on a specific day each time, so staff members knew to keep their calendar clear.

To prevent everyone from bringing all desserts or all side dishes, this is another instance where creating a template comes in handy. Create a main dish section, followed by side dishes, desserts, and drinks (non-alcoholic of course!) Print it out when needed and post it in a common area along with a pen so it's easy for people to sign up to bring a dish. I always post the sign-up sheet at least a week ahead of time so people can plan things for their grocery lists.

My father-in-law always had potluck lunches, and this is one of the reasons people wanted to be on his crew!

I always enjoyed special Christmas potluck lunches when I worked for local government. Sometimes we played easy games like Uno or did Secret Santa reveals. "White elephant gift" lunches were also a blast, especially when you could steal a gift up to three different times.

It might be tough to find an entire hour for a potluck lunch sometimes, so this is another opportunity to go with breakfast instead. If you make this big enough, no one will need to even eat lunch later! And sometimes a breakfast can involve easier dishes than a lunch, which might help time-crunched coworkers.

If you need to keep things simpler, gathering five dollars from people and ordering pizzas is sometimes the way to go and can really boost morale! Taking 15 minutes to laugh over a couple slices of pepperoni can help a team through a challenging project.

And remember to celebrate coworkers' big achievements as well as birthdays. Running a half or full marathon, having a first child, celebrating the opening night of the play that an employee is starring in – these are all huge accomplishments that deserve a show of support from coworkers.

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Fishers' Amanda Browning set to graduate from UW-Milwaukee

## The REPORTER

On Sunday, May 19, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will hold its commencement ceremony for 2,480 prospective candi-

dates for degrees.

Among those students is Amanda Browning of Fishers, who will receive a Master of Fine Arts in the Peck School of Arts.

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# Noblesville Parks releases 2024 summer concerts schedule

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has announced the performers for its Thursday Night Summer Concert and Concert at the Commons series. Both series are presented free to the public, who are invited to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy live music in the parks.

The Summer Concert Series is held 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in June and July at Dillon Park, 6351 Midland Lane. Presented by Myers Construction Management, Inc., the Concert at the Commons Series is 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday nights at Federal Hill Commons Pavilion, 175 Logan St.

"We are excited to continue to provide free live music at Dillon Park and

Federal Hill Commons throughout the summer," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "I believe we have two great lineups that provide our residents and guests with a wide variety of musical genres and tribute bands. The Noblesville Summer Concert Series is the longest running series of its kind in Hamilton County and it along with the Concerts at the Commons Series are one of our most popular parks events."

The weekly Summer Concert Series kicks off June 6 while Federal Hill Commons will host eight free concerts between June 8 and Sept. 28.

**Summer Concert Series**

- June 6 – Toy Factory
- June 13 – Groove

## Smash

- June 20 – The Bishops
- June 27 – Jai Baker 3
- July 11 – Dave and Rae
- July 18 – The Doo Band
- July 25 – Endless Summer Band

**Concert at the Commons Presented by Myers Construction Management, Inc.**

- June 8 – The Eagles Project (Eagles tribute)
- June 22 – Parrots of the Caribbean (Jimmy Buffett)
- July 13 – 16 Candles Band (80s Music)
- July 27 – No Fences (Garth Brooks)
- Aug. 10 – Crush (Bon Jovi)
- Aug. 24 – Tennessee Whiskey (Chris Stapleton)
- Sept. 14 – Hi Infidelity (80s Rock)
- Sept. 28 – Chicago Rewired (Chicago)

## (80s Rock)

- Sept. 28 – Chicago Rewired (Chicago)

In addition to presenting sponsors, the city thanks fellow Federal Hill Commons' sponsors: Godby Home Furnishings, Indiana American Water, McGavic Outdoor Power, The Nesst, Embassy Suites and Logan Street Signs & Banners; and Summer Concert Series sponsors: Hallmark Orthodontics, Urban Air and Logan Street Signs & Banners. Those interested in becoming a sponsor and supporting the series may contact (317) 776-6350 or [cking@noblesville.in.gov](mailto:cking@noblesville.in.gov).

For more information about Noblesville Parks' events and programs, visit [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org).

# Altrusa of Hamilton County installs officers



Photo provided

Altrusa International of Hamilton County, Inc. recently installed new officers. Altrusa is a professional service organization that does community service projects with local libraries, Good Samaritan Network, Prevail, Head Start, and other groups. (From left) President Pam Wesley, Treasurer Gloria Del Greco, Secretary Carol Rader, and Vice President Sharon Porter, and Director Nedra Hamm.

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# Westfield releases new renderings for Simon Moon Park expansion

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department has unveiled updated Simon Moon Park expansion project renderings and provided an update on Phase 1. This

project expands the park from 5.85 acres to more than 25 acres, and will be located at 3044 E. 171st St. Construction for Phase 1 began in early April. The sledding hill has been re-

shaped and work on the new entrance and parking lot expansion is progressing. The connection of the ponds to the surrounding stormwater infrastructure in the northwest corner

will be completed by June 1, which will reopen the closed portion of the Midland Trace Trail. As part of this closure, the trail is being realigned for safer sight lines. Phase 1 also includes

fishing piers and boardwalks and is expected to be completed by December 2024. Phase 2 is expected to begin in June 2025 and will include a new playground,

outdoor education classroom, an additional park shelter, and several additional boardwalks. *Please note that the renderings include Phase 2 elements.*

## Shamrock-style handcrafted artisanal French treats



Westfield Middle School students in French class created their own French food markets last week. Each group sold a specialty food in their shops, as is traditionally done in France and in many other Francophone countries. They served, ordered, and discussed their goods all in French. *Bon travail!*

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**The REPORTER**

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

**Carmel road projects**

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# Senator Todd Young: Notre Dame confrontation with KKK 100 years ago showed “Fight” in “The Fighting Irish”

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) delivered remarks on the 100th anniversary of the confrontation known as Notre Dame vs. the KKK.

On May 17-19, 1924, the Ku Klux Klan rallied in South Bend with the intention of intimidating Catholics. During a three-day show of resistance, students from the University of Notre Dame confronted members of the KKK.

“It was one hundred years ago this week – in an act of defiance against religious intolerance – that the Fighting Irish truly came into being,” Sen. Young. “On this day, we remember their bravery in exercising their most basic of American freedoms as we celebrate the day they put the ‘fight’ in the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish.”

[Click here](#) to watch Sen. Young’s floor speech, or read his full remarks below.

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Mr. President, one hundred years ago this week, a legend was born.

One hundred years ago, the champions of religious freedom refused to back down in the face of intolerance and hate.

One hundred years ago today, the University of Notre Dame earned the moniker “the Fighting Irish.”

On May 17, 1924, thousands of members of the Indiana Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan gathered in South Bend, Indiana for a rally called by their infamous leader, D.C. Stephenson.

The target that day for their despicable and misguided message of “true Americanism” was the Catholic institution of the University of Notre Dame, the young men who attended the university, and the

Holy Cross priests who taught at it.

In the years that immediately preceded that fateful day, the KKK had watched with despair as Coach Knute Rockne and his football “Ramblers” had barnstormed across the country, winning praise for their fighting spirit and the University.

Mr. President, we can’t forget that, at the time, Catholics were a major target for the KKK in the Midwest.

And Notre Dame’s success on and off the field was an affront to the Klan’s false message of superiority.

And so, the KKK gathered outside the Golden Dome for what was to be a three-day rally, complete with a parade, speeches, dances...and no small amount of overtly violent intimidation.

They weren’t used to anyone standing up to them. They weren’t expecting anyone to stand up to them.

Little did they know that the mostly Irish Catholic student body across the street had no intention of being intimidated.

Little did they know that the students were so animated that the university president, Father Matthew Walsh, a World War I veteran, had been trying in vain to tell his students to stay safe and shelter in the school.

Little did the KKK know that on that day, the intended aspersion that the student body had co-opted as their preferred nickname – the Fighting Irish – was about to reach a national audience.

As the story goes – no doubt colored with some apocryphal additions over the years – the Klansmen began arriving in South Bend



Young

and hundreds of students marched out to meet them.

At first, the students almost playfully offered to assist the Klansmen in finding lodging and food, sometimes leading them down alleys; other times leading them back out of town.

However, when one KKK leader evidently became wise to the ruse and pointed a pistol at a student who had intended to pull down the unsacred cross of lights hung in a downtown third floor window, well, as they say, all hell broke loose.

Klansmen that chose to fight quickly met their match and scrambled out of town.

Students grabbed produce – yes, even potatoes – from a local vegetable stand and hurled them at the cross, taking out all but the uppermost bulb.

At that moment, legendary “Four Horsemen” quarterback Harry Stuhldreher launched an impossible shot – he threw a potato 40 feet in the air at the bulb, successfully darkening the last unholy light.

Moments later, the rest of the Klansmen were run out of town, tails between their legs. A subsequent exchange the next day led to another route by Notre Dame, running their record to 2-0 against the Klansmen that weekend.

That weekend, in describing the Notre Dame student body’s takedown of the most vaunted KKK chapter in the country, several national papers seized on the “Fighting Irish” moniker that had previously only been applied to the football team.

If you are interested in more details about that fateful weekend, Notre Dame alum Todd Tucker has written an acclaimed book entitled *Notre Dame vs. The Klan*.

Events like the one that took place in South Bend, Indiana often prove to be historical inflection points.

In early 1924, intolerance and hatred were on the rise, not just in Indiana but across the country. For many, it was easier to give in to the fear of an uncertain future than to work to build a better community.

But Indiana and the country were soon to turn a corner and the timing couldn’t have been more poetic.

Rockne, Stuhldreher, and the rest of the Fighting Irish football team would pull off a perfect 10-0 season later that year en route to the 1924 national championship.

And the Indiana Chapter of the KKK would quickly fizzle after the rape and murder conviction of its leader, D.C. Stephenson, the next year.

As for the University itself and its brave and proud student body: it would be three more years before Father Walsh would reluctantly give in to the wave that started that May day in 1924 and officialize the nickname – The Fighting Irish.

But make no mistake. It was one hundred years ago this week – in an act of defiance against religious intolerance – that the Fighting Irish truly came into being.

And so, Mr. President, on this day, we remember their bravery in exercising their most basic of American freedoms as we celebrate the day they put the “fight” in the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish.



Photo provided

See *Snow White* May 18 and 19 at the Tarkington.

# CIDE wraps its 24<sup>th</sup> season, shows gratitude for arts grant from Carmel

The REPORTER

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble (CIDE) is wrapping up its 24th season with exciting announcements and a fairy tale finish.

CIDE recently received a grant from the City of Carmel as part of the city’s 2024 Arts Grant Program. This comes as CIDE prepares for its final performance this year – the magical story of *Snow White* – May 18 and 19 at the Tarkington Theatre at The Center for the Performing Arts.

The City of Carmel has a longstanding support system for the arts programs in the city. The Arts Grant Program was started in 2004 and has been continued in 2024, and CIDE was fortunate to be one of the 23 organizations to receive this financial support.

“Through strategic investment in our arts institutions and organizations, we foster economic vitality and elevate overall well-being,” Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam said. “Without question, the artistic culture thriving in our city has profoundly enriched the lives of our residents, visitors and business community alike.”

CIDE will use the funds to continue to educate aspiring young dancers to learn and practice a variety of dance forms. CIDE provides an excellent atmosphere for young dancers that exposes them to cultural and educational enrichment as they practice and perform in this pre-professional atmosphere at The Tarkington Theatre, part of the world-class Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

CIDE pays this grant forward in the form of outreach programs that the members take to the community in order to give back.

They will also use the

grant to perform excellent shows for the community, such as the upcoming *Snow White*. Coming up this weekend, May 18 and 19, plan to attend this captivating ballet at The Tarkington. A supremely wicked Queen, a band of benevolent dwarves, and one enchanted (and enticing!) apple – this performance has them all. The dancers retell the captivating tale of Snow White: the fairest of face and soul, who thwarts her Evil Stepmother’s schemes with kindness, devotion, friendship, and true love to triumph over envy and malice.

Set to the music of Polish composer Bogdan Pavlovsky, CIDE’s dancers’ artistry and skill allow this beloved fairytale to shine with renewed vibrancy, kindling the imaginations of kids and adults alike. You won’t want to miss this spellbinding performance.

[Click here](#) to purchase your tickets to the spring performance.

**About the Central Indiana Dance Ensemble**

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble was founded in 1999 by Artistic Director Suzann DeLay. The company is committed to providing cultural and educational enrichment to the central Indiana community. The company provides an environment for aspiring young dancers to learn, practice, and perform in a pre-professional atmosphere, in a variety of dance forms. Promoting the arts through ongoing outreach programs provides the members of CIDE the opportunity to give back to the community. In 2006, CIDE received Honor Company status in the Regional Dance America association. To learn more, visit [cidedance.org](#).



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# State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn celebrates decrease in overdose deaths in 2023, calls for additional legislative action on recovery efforts

The REPORTER

State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) applauded recent provisional CDC data showing that Indiana had an estimated **17.85 percent decrease** in drug overdose deaths from 2022 to 2023.

“As a recovery-focused public health researcher and Indiana Behavioral Health Commission member, I am elated to

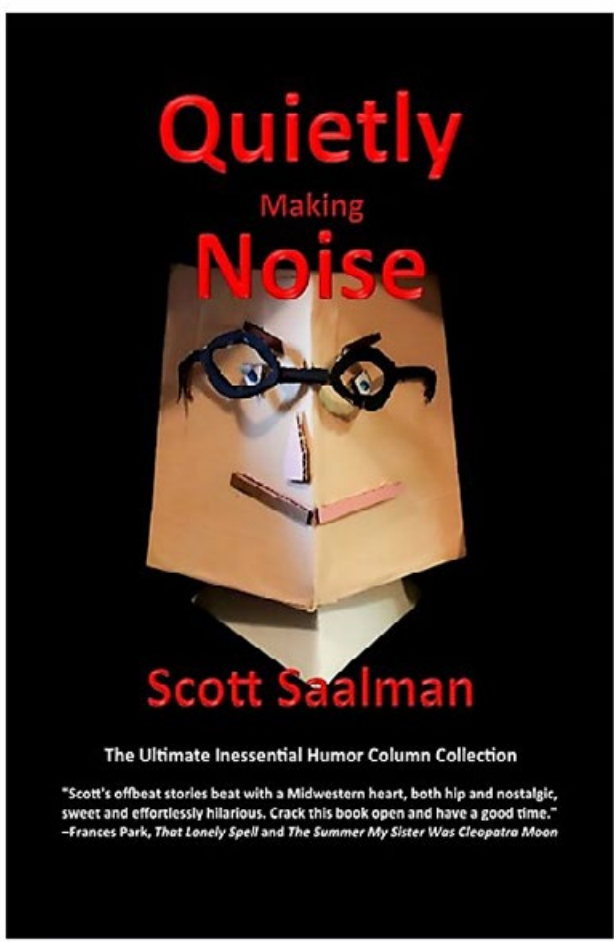
see such a significant decrease in drug overdose deaths from 2022 to 2023,” State Rep. Garcia Wilburn said. “Recovery is possible, and Indiana’s bipartisan efforts to save lives from the substance use disorder epidemic are working. But we can still do better and



Garcia Wilburn

data has shown decriminalizing fentanyl test strips can save even more lives. **My bill this year** to keep Hoosiers safe and unlock additional recovery funding by decriminalizing fentanyl test strips passed with broad bipartisan support out of the House of Representatives but did

not receive a hearing in the Senate. We need to take action on this important policy change during the 2025 legislative session so that it can become law, as it has in Wisconsin and Tennessee.”



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Additional appropriations to be added:			
0101	General Fund- Administration Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Personal Services	\$179,543	
	Other Services and Charges	\$320,000	
	Debt Service	\$2,967,421	
0101	General Fund- Community Development Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$15,000	
0101	General Fund- Facilities and Events Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$1,200,000	
0101	General Fund- Parks Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$1,260,000	
0101	General Fund- Economic Development Department		
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	Personal Services	\$173,253	
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	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$25,000	
0101	General Fund- Communications Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$138,000	
	TOTAL for General Fund	\$19,269,250	
640	Sports Campus Operating Fund		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Personal Services	\$596,300	
	Supplies	\$123,125	
	Other Services and Charges	\$1,038,103	
	Capital Outlays	\$2,106,875	
	TOTAL for Sports Campus Operating Fund	\$3,864,403	
203	Fire Fund		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$1,297,228	
	Capital Outlays	\$392,000	
	TOTAL for Fire Fund	\$1,689,228	
305	Grand Junction TIF Fund		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$12,450,000	
	Other Services and Charges	\$5,843,002	
	TOTAL for Grand Junction TIF Fund	\$18,293,002	
206	Parks Programming/Events Fund		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$105,000	
	TOTAL for Parks Programming/Events Fund	\$105,000	
255	Westfield Welcome Fund		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$105,000	
	TOTAL for Westfield Welcome Fund	\$105,000	
Appropriations to be reduced:			
651	Infrastructure Improvements Fund		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$5,843,002	
	TOTAL for Infrastructure Improvements Fund	\$5,843,002	
0101	General Fund- Facilities and Events Department		
	Major Budget Classification:		
	Other Services and Charges	\$18,000	
	TOTAL for General Fund	\$18,000	
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation.			
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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

JACOB GOES TO EGYPT

Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father’s household, “I will go up and speak to Pharaoh and will say to him, ‘My brothers and my father’s household, who were living in the land of Canaan, have come to me. The men are shepherds; they tend livestock, and they have brought along their flocks and herds and everything they own.’ When Pharaoh calls you in and asks, ‘What is your occupation?’ you should answer, ‘Your servants have tended livestock from our boyhood on, just as our fathers did.’ Then you will be allowed to settle in the region of Goshen, for all shepherds are detestable to the Egyptians.”

Genesis 46:31-34 (NIV)

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Meeting Notices

The Mt. Vernon School Board of Trustees will meet in a work session from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.

A regular meeting will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the same location.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

Send Meeting Notices to:

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Thomas Lee Hamble

September 30, 1935 – May 14, 2024

Thomas Lee Hamble was born on September 30, 1935, in Fishers to Hollis and Frances Hamble. He died on May 14, 2024, in Fairmount, Ind.

Tom was proud of playing basketball at Fishers High School where he graduated as valedictorian of the Class of 1953. In October of 1954, he joined the U.S. Army, and upon completion of basic training was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. He married his high school sweetheart, Norma Louise Cash, on January 5, 1955, and together in Panama they began their lifetime journey of nearly 70 years of marriage.

After service to his country, Tom returned to Indiana where he farmed with his father and son-in-law for nearly 50 years until his “retirement” a few years ago. Old farmers never really retire; they remain as weather and crop-watchers, offering advice and counsel to the “young guys.” Tom did this well. In 1993, he moved the family farm from Hamilton County to Grant County. There he was instrumental in building a successful no-till farming operation and was considered an expert in this method of farming.

Tom and Norma had three daughters, three sons-in-law, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Tom was enormously proud of all of them and was active in their lives until he died.

Tom and Norma were best friends forever and had a marriage filled with love, joy, laughter, and adventure. They traveled the country in a succession of Buicks, the last being a ‘22 Enclave that he wanted as his last car.

He was a very intelligent man and an avid reader. His family considered him an expert on multiple subjects, especially WWII. It was easy for him to solve difficult acoustic puzzles.


Tom was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles; and a sister, Sara.

He leaves his cherished wife, Norma; daughters, Susan (John Miller), Sandra (Don Myers), and Sonya (Monty) Mullins; grandchildren, Katelyn Earnest (Trent Morgan), Andrew Miller (Lauren), Hunter Myers (Courtney), Lindsay Jensen (Jake), and Tommy Mullins; great-grandchildren, Nora, Henry, Quinn, Abigail, Naomi, and Luke. He had several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements for Tom have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, IN 46928. There will be no services.

Memorial contributions can be made to Second Harvest Food Bank, 6621 N. Old State Road 3, Muncie, IN 47303.

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## Boys Track & Field

# Southeastern stages sectional sweep

By **RICHIE HALL**  
sports@readthereporter.com

**WESTFIELD** – The Hamilton Southeastern boys track and field team made it a sectional sweep on Thursday.

The No. 1-ranked Royals dominated the sectional at Westfield's Riverview Health Stadium, ringing up 168 points to claim their first sectional title since 2018 and fifth in program history. The Southeastern boys won their trophy one day after the HSE girls triumphed at the sectional at the Royals' stadium.

"We did almost exactly what I thought we were going to do," said Southeastern boys coach Garrett Lawton. "We had a couple

guys with some performances that they weren't quite where they wanted. But overall, very, very pleased with how everybody did."

The Royals won six events on their way to the title. That included Mason Alexander's sweep of the 100 (10.94 seconds) and 200 (22.36 seconds) dashes. Alexander also was part of Southeastern's winning 4x100 relay team, which finished in 42.38 seconds. Silas Newton, Chandler Weston and Liam Boyd also ran on that squad.

Christian Ortiz paced the 400 dash (48.91 seconds), and served as the anchor of the 4x400 relay, which

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The Hamilton Southeastern boys track and field team won its first sectional championship since 2018 Thursday at Westfield's Riverview Health Stadium. Reporter photo by Richie Hall

## Boys Track & Field Sectional Results

**Team scores:** Hamilton Southeastern 168, Fishers 112, Carmel 87, Noblesville 86, Westfield 67.5, Lebanon 38.5, Hamilton Heights 26, Guerin Catholic 15, Sheridan 10, Western Boone 8, University 6.

**4x800 relay:** 1. Fishers (Declan Mohr, Bryson Slagle, Parker Melling, Makell Wiggins) 7:51.82, 2. Southeastern (Ian Ross, Deagan Baker, Will Henning, Mason Schmitz) 7:52.34, 3. Noblesville (Bradyn Livingston, Jack Shinneman, Jude Naville, Banner Barnes) 7:52.62, 4. Westfield (Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney, Jack Loisel, Will Snedeker) 7:53.22, 5. Carmel (Max Meisner, Cooper Szotek, Kiefer Jay, Tony Provenzano) 7:53.51, 6. Guerin Catholic (Wesley Street, Ben Grissom, Luke Moster, Max Fish) 8:10.75.

**110 hurdles:** 1. Tyler Tarter (F) 14.03, 2. Adom Quist (C) 14.90, 3. Elijah Adams (HSE) 15.63, 4. Harold Williams (HSE) 15.77, 5. Jack Huisden

(W) 15.87, 6. Logan Tuck (W) 16.05, 7. Andenet Wolfgang (HH) 16.34, 8. Kortez Foster (F) 16.46.

**100 dash:** 1. Mason Alexander (HSE) 10.94, 2. Dario Torres (N) 11.16, 3. Cameron Wilson (N) 11.387, 4. Carsen Eloms (F) 11.389, 5. Tristan Capps (F) 11.43, 7. Cade Parker (W) 11.47, 8. Jaylyn Pugh (HH) 11.513.

**1600 run:** 1. Jack Strong (N) 4:20.10, 2. Liam Powers (HSE) 4:21.08, 3. Caden Click (N) 4:22.88, 4. Andrew Smith (HSE) 4:23.19, 5. Ian Porter (W) 4:25.83, 6. Jonah Kaul (C) 4:26.39, 7. Carter Buhr (C) 4:27.98, 8. Dylan Wolf (F) 4:30.99.

**4x100 relay:** 1. Southeastern (Silas Newton, Chandler Weston, Liam Boyd, Alexander) 42.38, 2. Westfield (Caleb Terri, Deacon King, Parker, Cato June) 42.80, 3. Fishers (Joe Syrus, Eloms, Jonathan Hall, Capps) 43.09, 4. Noblesville (Torres, Austin Do-

nahoe, Angel Wilson, C. Wilson) 43.71, 6. Heights (Pugh, Conor Baumann, Eric Balcom, Jack Bickett) 44.20, 7. Carmel (Myron Pack, Josh Ott, Nate Struve, Gabriel Laboyteaux) 44.42, 8. Guerin Catholic (James Moody, Hayden Cler, Nick Bauman, Chase Reed) 44.70.

**400 dash:** 1. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 48.91, 2. Cole Taylor (C) 49.56, 3. Michael Griffith (HSE) 50.19, 4. Andrew Moss (C) 50.53, 5. Livingston (N) 50.75, 7. Poirier (W) 53.09, 8. Gage Sturgill (F) 53.33.

**300 hurdles:** 1. Tarter (F) 36.74, 2. Adams (HSE) 40.09, 3. Huisden (W) 40.90, 4. Quist (C) 41.18, 6. Sam Long (HSE) 41.756, 7. Cameron Parker (GC) 42.15, 8. Ethan Feliciano (N) 42.44.

**800 run:** 1. Matthew Kim (F) 1:52.84, 2. Schmitz (HSE) 1:53.69, 3. Luke Mumaw (N) 1:55.16, 4. Alec Moor (N)

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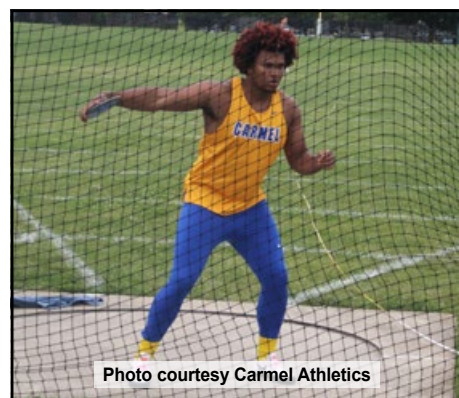


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(TOP LEFT) Sheridan's Damon Winston won the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 6 inches. (TOP RIGHT) Carmel's Theo Thurmond prepares to launch the discus. He finished fourth, but should receive a callback to the regional. (ABOVE LEFT) Fishers' JonAnthony Hall won the long jump and was part of the Tigers' third-place 4x100 relay. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Jack Strong won the 1600 run.

## Girls Tennis

# Westfield wins first-ever sectional championship

### The REPORTER

The Westfield girls tennis team made history on Thursday, winning the first sectional championship in program history.

The No. 16-ranked Shamrocks beat Hamilton Heights 5-0 at the Noblesville Tennis Complex. Westfield's victories came from Isabella Norris, Juliette Grilliot and Addi Kooi in singles, with the teams of Jenna Berry/Bella Rivera and Bri Saylor/Carlie Lukowiak both winning doubles matches.

"I'm so proud of the team," said Rocks coach Trudy Coler. Westfield won a close semifinal over No. 9 Noblesville on Wednesday, and the Shamrocks kept themselves focused in order to win the sectional.

"We came out with a focus on just the match in front of us," said Coler. The coach said the team had several goals from the first day of the season and is happy to see the hard work of her players pay off.

"I really like that we were able to accomplish the goals we set this year," said



Photo provided

The Westfield girls tennis team won its first-ever sectional championship Thursday at the Noblesville Tennis Complex.

Coler.

Westfield will return to Noblesville on Tuesday to play in the regional semifinal.

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Carmel continued its long sectional championship streak, winning its 32nd consecutive title on Wednesday.

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clocked in at 3 minutes, 17.52 seconds. Hunter Hoeft, Jaxson Wantz and Michael Griffith also were part of that relay. Over in the field, Josiah Bird won the discus with a top throw of 177 feet, 3 inches.

Lawton believes there could be more solid performances to come.

“I don’t think we’ve gotten everything out of them that they can give,” said Lawton.

Fishers placed second with 112.5 points, also winning six events. Tyler Tarter continued his domination of the hurdles, sweeping the 110 (14.03 seconds) and 300 (36.74 seconds) by solid margins.

The Tigers opened the meet with a victory in the 4x800 relay, which finished in 7:51.82. Declan Mohr, Bryson Slagle, Parker Melling and Makell Wiggins were the runners on that team. Matthew Kim claimed the 800 run with a time of 1:52.84.

Fishers also got two filed event wins. Joel Gates was the shot put winner with a top throw of 55 feet, 3.75 inches, while JonAnthony Hall soared to a long jump win with a best leap of 23 feet, 3 inches.

Carmel scored 87 points to finish third. The Greyhounds got a 1-2 finish in the 3200 run from

Tony Provenzano, the winner in 8:59.99, and Kyle Grove, the runner-up in 9:08.39. Provenzano also ran on the 4x800 relay team with Max Meisner, Cooper Szotek and Kiefer Jay; they finished fifth but their time of 7:53.51 was under the state standard, giving the Carmel team an automatic place at the Lafayette Jefferson regional next week.

Noblesville took fourth as a team with 86 points. Jack Strong was the winner of the 1600 run, running that event in 4:20.10.

Westfield scored 67.5 points to take fifth and, like the other county schools, had several other performances that finished in the top three, thus qualifying the regional at Lafayette Jeff. There’s also the possibility of callbacks to the regional as well, although the Shamrocks’ 4x800 relay team of Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney, Jack Loiselle and Will Snedeker placed fourth in a state standard time of 7:53.22, so they get a spot at the regional automatically.

Hamilton Heights’ Peyton McQuinn won the pole vault with a best jump of 15 feet, 6 inches. Sheridan’s Damon Winston was the high jump winner, clearing 6 feet, 6 inches.

RESULTS

1:55.74, 5. Drew Grogan (C) 1:55.99, 7. Mason Smith (F) 1:59.43, 8. Thomas Biltmier (C) 2:00.92.

**200 dash:** 1. Alexander (HSE) 22.36, 2. Torres (N) 22.39, 3. Brian Shaw (U) 22.79, 4. C. Wilson (N) 22.94, 6. Deion Miles (HSE) 23.32, 7. Connor Seagrave (W) 23.33, 8. Struve (C) 23.53.

**3200 run:** 1. Provenzano (C) 8:59.99, 2. Kyle Grove (C) 9:08.39, 3. Sam Rinker (N) 9:31.65, 4. John Libs (N) 9:38.31, 5. Riley Schamp (HSE) 9:40.02, 6. Nick Vega (HSE) 9:40.31, 7. Moster (GC) 9:46.24, 8. Cooper Mohr (F) 9:50.67.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Southeastern (Hunter Hoeft, Jaxson Wantz, Griffith, Ortiz) 3:17.52, 2. Fishers (Tarter, Kim, Leo Morrow, Wiggins) 3:17.52, 3. Carmel (Taylor, Moss, Michael Delaney, Adi Naren) 3:23.07, 4. Westfield (Terril, Caleb Haney, Huisden, Snedeker) 3:23.91, 5. Guerin Catholic (Bauman, Grisom, Robert Sorensen, Street) 3:28.46, 6. Noblesville (Strong, Feliciano, Barnes, Livingston) 3:32.12.

**Discus:** 1. Josiah Bird (HSE) 177-3, 2. Joel Gates (F) 171-3, 3. Teddy Miller (HSE) 164-11, 4. Theo Thurmond (C) 156-10, 5. Ozzy Pollard (C) 155-1, 6. Hayden Pentecost (W) 154-9, 7. Jev Hutton (F) 141-2, 8. Jordan Gross (W) 128-6.

**Shot put:** 1. Gates (F) 55-3.75, 2. Pollard (C) 52-0, 3. Miller (HSE) 49-10.75, 4. Will Duncan (HH) 48-0.25, 5. Isaac Cole (W) 47-8.5, 7. Jacob Carroll (F) 46-8.25, 8. Justin Hilton (HH) 43-11.75.

**Long jump:** 1. Hall (F) 23-3, 2. Griffith (HSE) 22-7, 3. Dylan James (HSE) 22-5.75, 5. Blake Braden (HSE) 22-0, 6. Gabriel Davis (C) 21-1, 7. Robert Campbell (W) 20-6.

**High jump:** 1. Damon Winston (S) 6-6, 3. Campbell (W) 6-4, 4. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-2, 5. Tyler Runyan (HH) 6-2, 6. Daniel Ernst (GC) 6-0, T7. Riley Sturgill (F) 6-0.

**Pole vault:** 1. Peyton McQuinn (HH) 15-6, 2. Connor Langsford (W) 14-6, 3. Alex Wilson (W) 13-6, T4. Colin Swain (F) 12-6; Lucas Bland (W) 12-6, 6. Andrew Krohn (HSE) 12-0, 7. Feliciano (N) 12-0.

Softball

Conference champs Royals take on Yorktown tonight, Carmel gets walk off win, Millers end season with dramatic victory over Zionsville

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton Southeastern finished Hoosier Crossroads Conference play on a winning note Thursday, beating Franklin Central 1-0 in a home game and win the conference championship.

The Royals scored their run in the fourth inning when Reese Garland got home on a wild pitch. Alex Kiemeyer had two hits, while Grace Swedarsky threw 17 strikeouts in a complete game, allowing three hits.

Southeastern finished HCC play 6-1 and is 18-4 overall. The Royals finish the regular season tonight at Yorktown.

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bled in Katherine Warren and Kayden Dierks for two runs in the bottom of the third, then got home on Jayden Kleiner’s RBI groundout.

The Cougars scored a run in the top of the fourth to lead 8-3, but Carmel got three runs in the bottom of the inning. Winni Owens scored on Dierks’ sacrifice fly, Sharp got home on Longstreth’s RBI groundout, then Kleiner singled in Warren.

An RBI double in the fifth inning gave Greenfield a 9-6 lead. The Greyhounds blasted ahead in the sixth with four runs: Kleiner doubled Ellie Goddard home, then scored on Mia Fleming’s single. Merryman came in to run for Fleming, and she was sent home by a Paxton Law home run that pushed Carmel ahead 10-9.

Sharp and Longstreth also hit doubles, while Kleiner and Fleming both had two hits. Emily Smith got the pitching win.

The Hounds are 9-20 and play Fishers Monday in the first round of the Carmel sectional.

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walk, then moved to second base on Macie Duvall’s bunt single. Newsome came up next and sent the ball over the left field fence for the win.

Addi Emmerson scored for Noblesville in the second inning on an error. Gabby Fowler was 3-for-4 at the plate, with Newsom, Emmerson, Mack Harvey and Haley Schatko all getting two hits. Harvey hit a double. Emme Yee pitched five innings for the win, striking out six.

The Millers completed conference play with a 5-2 record and are 15-10 overall. Noblesville got a first-round sectional bye and play on Tuesday against the winner of Monday’s Carmel-Fishers game.

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hannah had two hits.

Westfield finished conference play 1-6 and is 11-12 overall. The Shamrocks play at McCutcheon tonight to complete the regular season.

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Fishers dropped an HCC game to Brownsburg 7-4 on Thursday.

The Bulldogs scored all of their runs in the first three innings. The Tigers made a comeback in the seventh inning: Tori Abel brought Kendall Jordan home with a single then Taylor Duplessis scored on a wild pitch. Hailey Kinder drew a bases-loaded walk to send Azstryd Alexander home, then Abel scored on Kate Murray’s RBI fielder’s choice. Fishers had the bases loaded after Brooke Clayton drew a walk, but Brownsburg got a flyout to end the game.

Jordan had two hits, a double and a single. Jenna Grubb also collected two hits.

The Tigers completed HCC play 2-5 and are 11-11 overall. Fishers wraps up the regular season tonight at Pendleton Heights.

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Sheridan fell to Lapel 22-0 in its regular-season finale Thursday at Grand Park.

Claudia Headlee had the Blackhawks’ lone hit.

Sheridan is 2-17 and plays Sectional 43 host Cascade Tuesday in a semifinal game.

Carmel scored a walk off victory to finish its regular season Thursday, beating Greenfield-Central 11-10 at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The Greyhounds led 10-9 going into the seventh inning, but the Cougars tied the game with a run in the top of the seventh. Grace Sharp was hit by a pitch to lead off the bottom of the seventh, moved to second base on a wild pitch, then advanced to third base on Kathryn Merryman’s groundout. Alex Longstreth later hit a sacrifice fly to bring Sharp home for the game-winning run.

Greenfield-Central scored seven runs in the top of the third inning. Longstreth dou-

Noblesville won its HCC and regular-season finale in a dramatic way Thursday, beating Zionsville 4-1 in nine innings.

The Millers’ Reese Newsom hit a walk off three-run home run to seal the victory. Chloe Vetter drew a one-out

TENNIS

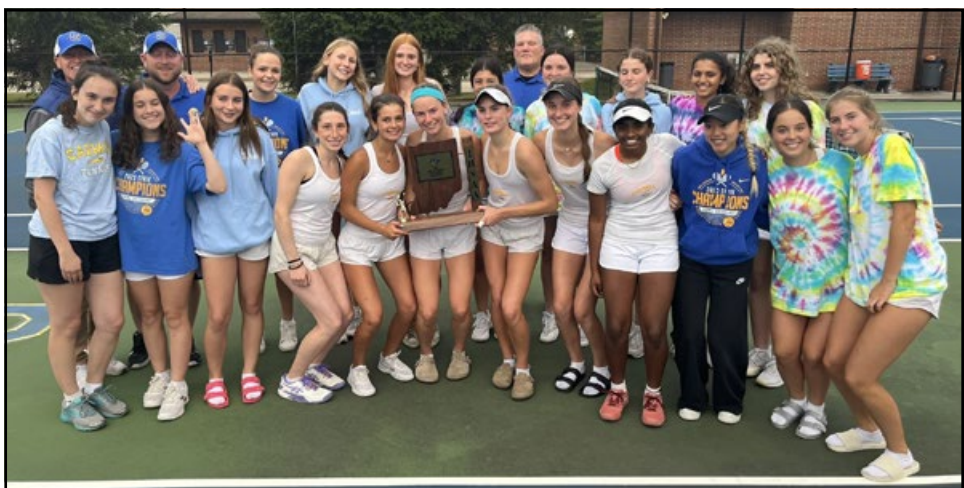
The No. 7 Greyhounds edged out No. 11 Zionsville 3-2 at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. Carmel got wins from No. 2 singles Manogna Pagadala, No. 3 singles Rumi Kim and No. 2 doubles Sydney Carroll and Brylie Price.

The Hounds will play in the regional Tuesday at Lebanon.

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Second-ranked Fishers beat No. 22 Hamilton Southeastern 5-0 to win its fourth consecutive sectional title on Wednesday.

The Tigers won all five matches in straight sets. They will compete in the Mount Vernon regional on Tuesday.



Photos provided Carmel (above) claimed its 32nd consecutive sectional title, while Fishers (right) won its fourth straight sectional championship.



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# O’Ward fast in traffic, Herta speedy solo as ‘Fast Friday’ looms

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Pato O’Ward led the overall speed chart Thursday during practice for the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, while Colton Herta led the “no-tow” speeds that gain more importance as qualifying approaches.

O’Ward was fastest at 228.861 mph in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet, a speed turned with the help of an aerodynamic tow from leading cars around the 2.5-mile oval.

“We got a really fat tow lap on the board, which was unexpected,” O’Ward said. “I’m happy with my car. We did race runs. We did qualifying runs. Obviously, it doesn’t necessarily translate perfectly to when the boosts come up just because the speed is so different. But tomorrow if it does rain out, at least we got a bit of a feeling of what the car is tending to want to do on a bit more trim level.”

Speeds will jump during the next practice, from noon-6 p.m. on “Fast Friday.” The Honda and Chevrolet engines that power the field will feature approximately 100 more horsepower due to increased boost levels that also will be available during PPG Presents Armed Forces Qualifying on Saturday and Sunday.



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Scott McLaughlin, fastest Wednesday at 229.493, was second Thursday at 227.316 in the No. 3 Pennzoil Team Penske Chevrolet. Reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Alex Palou ended up third at 226.915 in the No. 10 DHL Chip Ganassi Racing Honda.

Herta was fourth at 226.828 in the No. 26 Gainbridge Honda fielded by Andretti Global with Curb-Agajanian. While that lap – like all of the top five drivers of the day – was turned with the help of a tow, Herta was fastest when running alone in a qualifying simulation, turning a best lap of 224.182.

Reigning Indianapolis 500 winner Josef Newgarden rounded out the top five overall at 226.684 in the No. 2 Shell Powering Progress Team Penske Chevrolet.

The eight-hour session was halted for 68 minutes late in the afternoon and ended 13 minutes early due to rain, the third straight day precipitation has hampered practice. In between raindrops, all 34 drivers alternated focus between honing car setups for qualifying and the race, combining to turn 1,896 laps.

There also were two caution periods for separate crashes – the first contact of the month – involving rookie Linus Lundqvist and 2022 Indy 500 winner Marcus Ericsson. Neither driver was hurt.

At 11:30 a.m., Lundqvist’s No. 8 American Legion Chip Ganassi Racing Honda slid through Turn 2, making contact with the SAFER Barrier with the right rear wheel. The car then made light secondary

contact with the inside wall on the backstretch. Lundqvist’s machine suffered significant damage and turned no more laps.

Lundqvist ended up as the fastest rookie of the day despite his crash, as his best lap of 226.261 was seventh overall.

At 3:49 p.m., Ericsson’s No. 28 Delaware Life Honda fielded by Andretti Global spun in Turn 4 and hit the SAFER Barrier, continuing to spin and making contact with the inside barrier and then hitting the pit lane attenuator. The car suffered heavy damage, Ericsson turned no more laps, and the team confirmed it will move to a backup car.

The 108th Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 26 (11 a.m., NBC, Peacock, Universo, INDYCAR Radio Network).

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, May 17

#### BASEBALL

Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.  
Franklin Community at University, 6 p.m.  
Peru at Carmel, 6 p.m.

#### GOLF

Hamilton County meet, 3 p.m. at Pebble Brook

#### SOFTBALL

Guerin Catholic at Scecina, 5:30 p.m.  
Fishers at Pendleton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Yorktown, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, May 18

#### BASEBALL

Carmel Greyhound Invitational - games at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Frankfort doubleheader, 10 a.m.  
Noblesville at Lafayette Jefferson, noon  
Batesville at Westfield, 1 p.m.

#### GOLF

Westfield at Rock Hollow Invitational, 8 a.m.  
Hamilton Heights, Westfield at West Lafayette Invitational, 9 a.m. at Purdue Ackerman-Allen  
Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Muncie Central Invitational, 10 a.m. at The Players Club

#### SOFTBALL

Circle City Conference tournament, 10 a.m. at Roncalli

#### UNIFIED TRACK SECTIONALS

Carmel, Hamilton Heights, Westfield at West Lafayette, 11 a.m.  
Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 1 p.m.

### Monday, May 20

#### BASEBALL

Carmel at Mount Vernon, 6 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel  
Carmel vs. Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
Westfield vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.  
Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard  
Bishop Chatard vs. Shortridge, 5:30 p.m.  
Sectional 43 at Cascade  
Cardinal Ritter vs. Riverside, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 21

#### GIRLS TRACK

Regional at Lafayette Jefferson, 6 p.m.

#### GOLF

Carmel vs. Zionsville, 3:30 p.m. at Prairie View  
Hamilton Heights vs. University, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide  
Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield at South Knox Invitational, 8 a.m. at Cypress Hills

#### SOFTBALL

Sectional 8 at Carmel  
Noblesville vs. Game 1 winner, 5:30 p.m.  
Zionsville vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.  
Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard  
Hamilton Heights vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.  
Sectional 43 at Cascade  
Cascade vs. Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.  
Covenant Christian vs. Monday winner, 7 p.m.

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## Today at the Indy Motor Speedway

Information about 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge practice track activity, Friday, May 17 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

### ‘FAST FRIDAY’ SCHEDULE (All times local)

10 a.m.-6 p.m.: Public gates open

Noon-6 p.m.: NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice (All cars)

**TICKETS:** General Admission tickets are \$25. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. The General Admission ticket will provide the opportunity to move between the IMS infield viewing mounds and first-come, first-served access to selected grandstands to view racing action from different vantage points.

**PUBLIC GATES OPEN (10 a.m.-6 p.m.):** Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 7S, Gate 7, Gate 10, Gate 10A.

**PARKING:** Free public parking is available in Turn 3 and Lot 7 (North 40). Free ADA parking in Lot 7

(North 40), West Museum Lot, Tower Terrace Lot and Flag Lot. Paid parking is available in Lot 2, Lot 3P, Lot 3G, Gate 1 Lot, and Main Gate Lot. Paid ADA parking is available in Lot 2, Lot 3P and Gate 1 Lot.

**CASHLESS OPERATIONS:** The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a cashless facility. Fans should be prepared to complete their ticket, credentials, parking, concession and merchandise purchases with ease during their event via debit or credit card.

Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Cash-to-Card machines, which convert paper money onto a temporary debit card, will be located in Pagoda Plaza and outside Turn 1 by concessions stand 7. These funds can be spent inside the venue, outside the venue, online or anywhere in the world where Mastercard/Visa debit cards are accepted.

**MUSEUM:** The IMS Museum is closed for a major renovation, reopening in April 2025. To learn more, please visit [imsmuseum.org/renovation](https://www.imsmuseum.org/renovation).



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