

# Riverview Health Foundation's \$1M in support benefits everyone

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health Foundation provided over \$1.1 million to Riverview Health in 2024.

In addition to the net proceeds from various events, such as the Gratitude Gala, these funds are an accumulation of donations and grants from many individuals, families, and businesses in the community. All funds given to Riverview Health will support programs and projects that benefit patients, families, and staff at Riverview Health. Some specific areas include the Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center, Help for Healing Fund, Employee Assistance Fund, departments serving women and children, and the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit project.

With a campaign goal of \$3 million, thanks to the generosity of its donors, Riverview Health Foundation has raised nearly \$2 million towards their fundraising goal for the expansion and renovation of the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.

"For several years, the Foundation has been raising funds for



Photo provided by Riverview Health Foundation

**Your donation to Riverview Health's Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit project will help expand the facility, thus saving and changing even more lives. [Click here now.](#)**

this important project and will continue working with generous donors to reach our goal," said Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs. "I am thrilled to share that Dr. Norman and Peggy Mindrebo have provided the lead gift for this



Wiles

patients and the piano that plays in the Noblesville atrium," the

Dr. and Mrs. Mindrebo said they are ready to take part in more funding projects. "We have been involved in several great projects, such as the garden for the Courtney Cox Cole Infusion Center, providing a maternity suite for

Mindrebo said. "We're excited to participate in the funding of the Riverview Health Acute Inpatient Rehab Center, knowing what a difference it's going to make." Wiles continued, "There are still many opportunities for others to contribute to this important project and gifts of all sizes will help have an impact on our patients and staff."

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## "Extra" family members

Last weekend, I received a text from one of my son Jacob's closest friends, Colton. Since I am a grant consultant during the day, he was curious if I knew of any funding opportunities for projects he was undertaking. Oh, did I ever!

I was absolutely delighted to see his request. I had done grant prospect research for a former client of mine that just happened to be in his niche. And since said former client of mine stopped paying us and we had to take them to small claims court to eventually get paid two years later... I had no problem sharing the info (with a client name change, of course).

After emailing him the packet of info, I grinned when I received his text of appreciation. I could tell Colton was absolutely delighted and surprised.

I was happy to help Colton because my husband John and I consider him and all our sons' closest friends to be more like extra family members. For example, we're eagerly anticipating Jonathon's best friend's wedding this summer.

As I've written before, nothing makes me happier than walking through our back door to see the (rather large) extra pairs of shoes on the mat. This means that young men have descended upon our house.

Both sons knew growing up that unless someone in our household was sick or going through a family emergency, our home was always open to their friends.

With Jonathon on his own now and Jacob not far behind, I don't see those extra shoes quite as often. So, when they do show up, the inevitable Amy Shankland Squeal takes place (please don't shorten that into an acronym/initialism).

I was extra squealy over the holidays when various young men came home for either their college break or just planned vacations from jobs. One, Jacob's friend Kristian, surprised me two days before Christmas. He lives in California, and Jacob had told me that Kristian wouldn't be making it back for the holidays last year.

Sneaky, sneaky. When the back door opened, and I heard Kristian's enthusiastic greeting ... yep ... squealing. It felt great to give him a big hug and catch up with him.

Watching these young men grow up has been a joy. I love hearing about their adventures and even witnessing some of them on Instagram. I pray for them when I hear about their struggles.

When I became a parent over 24 years ago, I didn't think much about my kids' future friends. As I look back, I realize that I should have. My own mom and dad considered my friends their extra family members, along with my brother and sister's friends. They always opened their home (and primarily the basement, which was a fun hang-out spot) to our friends.

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## Carmel asks public to take transportation & mobility survey

**The REPORTER**

Attention Carmel citizens ... your valuable input is needed.

Carmel has introduced a [Transportation and Mobility Survey](#) to better understand how people move around the city and help shape potential transportation options. In March of 2024, the city launched a Community Engagement Survey with results indicating that nearly two-thirds of respondents desired better public transportation options.

In response to this component of the survey, city leaders engaged NineteenEleven Consulting, a firm specializing in community engagement for government agencies, to create a transportation-focused survey.

- How do you primarily travel around Carmel and surrounding areas?
- How important do you think it is for Carmel to offer public transit service, even if you don't use it yourself?

These are just two of the questions covered in the survey, which takes about five minutes to complete online. Now through Friday, Feb. 21, share your thoughts on how you get around Carmel today and whether a public transportation option could improve the experience for you (or someone you know). Your confidential feedback will directly impact future planning decisions.

[Click here](#) to take the survey. It is also accessible in multiple languages; simply use the drop-down menu where indicated.

# Memberships to Fishers Community Center available for pre-sale soon

**The REPORTER**

The Fishers Community Center, set to open November 2025, will launch membership pre-sales on Monday, February 10. The center will offer four different membership options designed to meet the diverse needs of the community, along with discounts for seniors, veterans, teachers, and Fishers residents. Memberships will be available for purchase at [FishersCommunityCenter.com](#).

The Fishers Community Center will offer several features free to everyone, including an indoor walking track, indoor playground, Sahn's Community Caf , and gathering spaces. Members will enjoy full access to amenities including an aquatic facility, fitness center, three sports courts, sauna, and more. A separate membership for the two-acre dog park will be available for pre-sale beginning this spring.

Members who join between Feb. 10 and opening day will be considered a



Rendering provided by City of Fishers

**Among the many amenities, the Fishers Community Center will have a 5,300 square-foot indoor playground available for member families to enjoy.**



Fadness

Members will receive an exclusive Fishers Community Center branded 18-ounce YETI water bottle. "The Fishers Community Center is more than just a building - it's a reflection of our commitment to foster a culture of health, wellness, and togetherness in our city," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "By listening to our residents, we've created a space where residents of



all ages can connect, grow, and thrive."

### Membership & monthly rates

There will be a one-time joining fee paid at the time of membership signup. This is the

only fee due at the time of registration for a Charter Membership. Monthly rates will not be automatically withdrawn until after the facility is open.

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# Attention superintendents: your schools can take steps to benefit military-connected children

**Submitted by Kristen Ludeker-Seibert**

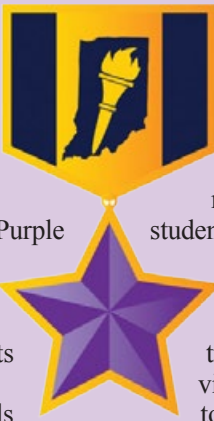
The average military-connected child will attend six to nine schools in grades K-12 and are three times more likely to change schools than their civilian peers. This means they are continuously adapting to new academic and social environments.

The Purple Star School Program is designed to help schools respond to the educational, social, and emotional challenges military-connected children face when transitioning to a new school. Schools, in turn, then help mitigate the unique academic and socio-emotional challenges faced by military-connected students and their families.

Hamilton County is fortunate to have 15 Purple Star Schools within two school systems. All 12 of Carmel Clay School District's locations are Purple Star Schools as are Hamilton Heights Middle School and Hamilton Heights High School.

Purple Star Schools provide the following for their military families and community:

- A Point of Contact within the district for the student and family.
- Military Culture and other professional development trainings for staff related to the



needs of military families.

- A transition team to help welcome and familiarize incoming military-connected students with their new environments.
- A dedicated school and/or district webpage that provides resources related to the military-connected experience.
- Events that recognize and celebrate military students in the school community.
- The school has a public military display recognizing service members, veterans, and/or students and families.

Moving and changing

schools is tough enough on kids. Military kids face multiple moves and often in the middle of the school year. Moving is not their choice, they don't know anyone in their new school, and they again have a new home. Purple Star Schools benefit military-connected families and students by providing a welcome space and understanding staff that can ease the transition into a new community.

If your school is not a Purple Star School and you would like them to be, please reach out to your Superintendent and send them to [in.gov/doe/educators/purple-star-school-applications](#). Application information for the 2025 Indiana Purple Star designation will be available in April 2025 at [in.gov/doe](#).



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The growth and development of the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit will increase capacity to 24 beds and provide a more welcoming, spacious environment, which ensures that every patient receives the care they need in a setting that promotes healing and comfort. The renovation will include modernized patient rooms, expanded therapy areas equipped with the latest technology, improved communal spaces for patients and their families, and enhanced facilities for our dedicated staff to support their ongoing professional development and well-being.

You can help save and change lives at Riverview Health by making a charitable donation. To learn more about the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit project, visit [donate.riverview.org/rehabilitation-center](https://donate.riverview.org/rehabilitation-center). Contact Megan Wiles at (317) 776-7317 or [mwiles@riverview.org](mailto:mwiles@riverview.org) for more information about how you can support Riverview Health Foundation and its mission.

About Riverview Health Foundation

Since its inception in 1976, Riverview Health Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – has served Riverview Health in preserving the health of the community through philanthropic efforts and fundraising. Funds raised by Riverview Health Foundation are gifted to Riverview Health for the purposes of purchasing ad-



Photos provided by Riverview Health Foundation  
The Heartfelt Golf Outing (top) and the Women of Vision Luncheon (above) are two events held annually by the Riverview Health Foundation.

vanced medical equipment services to patients and their and providing much-needed family members.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is an independent community-based health system comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as freestanding combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are 14 distinct primary, immediate, and specialty care facilities across Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence.

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- **Youth:** 18 years and younger; Joining fee: \$50; Rate: \$33 per month (Fishers residents \$30 per month)
- **Adult:** 19 years and older; Joining Fee: \$50; Rate: \$66 per month (Fishers residents \$60 per month)
- **One-adult household:** One adult and any children under the age of 19, or a full-time student (up to age 25), related to the adult and/or living in the same household; Joining Fee: \$75; Rate: \$99 per month (Fishers residents \$90 per month)
- **Two-adult household:** Two adults and any children under the age of 19, or a full-time student (up to age 25), related to the adult and/or living in the same household; Joining Fee: \$75; Rate: \$116.60 per month (Fishers residents \$106 per month)
- *Senior/Military/Veteran/Teachers will receive a 10 percent discount off membership rates.*
- *Corporate Membership packages will be available later this year.*
- *Insurance-based membership partnerships (like Silver Sneakers) are currently being evaluated. Additional options may be available later this year.*

Community Center features

The Fishers Community Center, located at the corner of Hoosier Road and 121st Street, is thoughtfully designed to be a welcoming space with state-of-the-art amenities, meeting the diverse needs of the community and ensuring accessibility for all. Its development was guided by resident feedback and the desire for enhanced recreational amenities including Fishers' first indoor

track, a community dog park, and more.

Many of the most-requested features from residents will be available for free to both members and non-members, including a 5,300 square-foot indoor playground, an indoor track for walking and running, community gathering spaces, and Sahm's Community Café.

Paid memberships provide access to the center's full range of amenities, including:

- **Three full-size sports courts:** Perfect for basketball, volleyball, or pickleball with friends.
- **Warm-water, zero-depth-entry pool:** Featuring splash areas and a two-story water slide for family fun.
- **Four-lane, cool-water lap pool:** Equipped with unique features like a rock-climbing wall and a NinjaCROSS challenge system for all skill levels.
- **On-deck sauna:** Offering the health benefits of dry heat.
- **Fitness center:** Boasting a wide range of state-of-the-art cardio, strength, and functional fitness equipment in a naturally lit space.
- **Group exercise classes:** With over 90 sessions weekly in formats ranging from mind-body to dance, cardio, and strength, held in our studios and cycle room.
- **Childcare:** Family memberships include up to two hours of free daily childcare for children ages six weeks to 12 years in a dedicated, age-appropriate childcare wing.

For more information about memberships, rates, and amenities, visit [Fishers CommunityCenter.com](https://fisherscommunitycenter.com).

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I think it's a bonus when you're a parent to enjoy and love on your children's friends. I look forward to continuing this in the years to come ... and to witness some of them becoming parents as well!

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## Crate Escapes Dog Park + Bar opens in Westfield

### The REPORTER

A new place that combines play space for dogs and food and drink for humans – Crate Escapes Dog Park + Bar – is open in Westfield.

CEO Megan Schaffer, co-owner with three others, built the dog-and-human hospitality location on three acres of land adjacent to Westfield's Grand Park.

A loan through the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 program from The Farmers Bank and Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation assisted Crate Escapes owners in buying real estate and building the outdoor and indoor venue.

"We are Indiana's first and only dog bar; an off-leash, indoor/outdoor dog park with a bar and event space for humans!" Schaffer said. "We offer drop-off services, a 20-tap self-pour beer and wine wall, cafe, dog bathing stations, and our dining room will be open soon."

Schaffer continued, "Without our 504 Loan it wouldn't have been possible to open Crate Escapes! Finding a facility that fit our needs was difficult, and building from scratch in Grand Park proved to be the best option. The 504 loan gave us a lower down payment to purchase the land and build the building suited perfectly for us."

Indiana Statewide CDC

works with local Hoosier lenders to issue U.S. Small Business Administration 504 loans to help small-business owners buy real estate, buildings and equipment. SBA 504 loans can give small business owners long-term, fixed-rate financing priced below conventional loans.

"As a startup company, Crate Escapes is a great project and fit for the SBA 504 Program," said The Farmers Bank's Jared Stillwell. "The SBA 504 loan limits the down payment for borrowers so that they can maintain cash reserves and hold post-close liquidity. The 504 structure also provides security to the bank for its risk profile and approval process. The team at Indiana Statewide is always happy to provide timely responses to ensure each party is on the same page, which I appreciate as a lender. The Farmers Bank is proud to work with individuals that are investing their time and resources into one of the communities we serve."

Crate Escapes has 38 employees, or "ruff-erees" to oversee the action, which includes live music, breed meetups, trivia, clubs, classes, and fun events like "Puppy Bowl" coming up Feb. 8, "Mardi-Paws" in March, and a "Puppy Prom" in April.

Learn more at [CrateEscapesWestfield.com](https://CrateEscapesWestfield.com).

## Nicholas Viola of Fishers makes College of New Jersey dean's list

### The REPORTER

Nicholas Viola of Fishers has earned the esteemed honor of placement on the dean's list at The College of New Jersey for the fall 2024 semester.

Viola is a computer engineering student.

To achieve this honor, a student must carry 12 or more credits that semester and earn a 3.5 (or above) grade-point average.

# From Carmel kid to City Council member

Tune in to "No Title Needed" this week to meet Matt Snyder

### Submitted

*No Title Needed* is a podcast celebrating the passions that enrich our lives. This week, *No Title Needed* welcomed Matt Snyder, an at-large member of the Carmel City Council and former Clay Township Board member.

Hear a bit about how Snyder came to be a civil servant. Hear also how he came to be involved in drama, beginning in his high school days at Carmel High School.

Snyder shared what he thinks makes Carmel the greatest community around and how the Council works so hard and in tandem to ensure it stays that way.

Two interesting questions were discussed as part of this week's interview: Snyder's least favorite sound and why, along with who he would like to see on future currency, to which he



also explains why.

Next week *No Title Needed* will welcome two special guests – Randy and Kim Sorrell. Randy spends his retired years doing what he loves – painting. Kim designs classic jewelry pieces. The two have co-owned Surroundings by Nature-

Works at the Indiana Design Center for decades. Tune in to learn what inspires this couple in their day-to-day life next Monday.

Plan to join *No Title Needed* every week as Scott Osborne and Cindy Collins welcome a new guest and explore what fuels people

and passions beyond the 9-to-5 grind.

Each week, the podcast will be recorded inside Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael. The podcast will air Mondays at 8 a.m.

Search for *No Title Needed* on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

## Indiana State Police investigating officer-involved shooting in Pendleton

### The REPORTER

At the request of the Pendleton Police Department, the Indiana State Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting that occurred Wednesday afternoon on Interstate 69 at the 219 mile marker.

That's near the interchange with State Road 38 on the west side of Pendleton.

A preliminary investigation by the Pendleton District Criminal Investigation Division determined at approximately 4:35 p.m., officers from the Pendleton Police

Department and Madison County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a man walking on Interstate 69 near the 219 mile marker (the Pendleton/Lapel exit). While interacting with the individual, he produced a knife from his jacket pocket. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation with repeated verbal commands for the man to drop the knife.



After ignoring police commands, the man proceeded to advance toward officers aggressively. The Madison County Deputy deployed a Taser, that was ineffective, followed by the Pendleton officer firing his department weapon, striking the suspect.

Officers immediately attempted to administer aid to

the individual. He was transported to IU Health Saxony by ambulance. The suspect was later pronounced deceased. The man's identity is being withheld until notification has been made to the family.

The identity of the involved officer will be released at a later time. The officer has been placed on administered leave pending the outcome of the investigation per department procedure.

This investigation is ongoing; further information will be released later.

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# Attorney General Todd Rokita responds to Gov. Braun’s address

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General  
Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued the following response on Wednesday evening following Governor Mike Braun’s first State of the State address.



Rokita

“Gov. Braun delivered a refreshing State of the State address by saying he wants to combat runaway property taxes, reduce

healthcare costs, fight illegal immigration, eliminate DEI from state government, and keep parents in charge of their children’s education – which I believe includes protecting kids from indoctrination and woke ideology,” AG Rokita said. “Basically, Mike is putting Hoosiers first, which will continue being my priority – no different than my last four years in office.”

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# Governor Braun doubles down on tax reform, immigration in first State of the State address

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
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Gov. Mike Braun on Wednesday urged state lawmakers to act quickly on property tax relief and health care costs.

In his first remarks to the entire Indiana General Assembly since he was sworn in 16 days ago, Braun stuck to many of the themes that dominated his campaign for governor and the first two weeks of his administration. Early in his remarks, Braun laid out what he has described as his first priority: cutting and capping property taxes.

The new governor already has met multiple times with lawmakers on the issue, and Senate Republicans have filed his property tax plan as **Senate Bill 1**, indicating first priority. Braun also renewed his call for an end to income taxes on retirement income and asked lawmakers to set up tax-sheltered farm savings accounts farmers could use during bad crop years.

“I understand this tax relief will have an impact on local governments, but taxpayers are struggling, and we have to put their needs first,” Braun said. “Just like the example I set with my budget proposal, all governments need to do more with less. We will continue to have vital discussions with local governments about how to protect vital services like police, fire, and schools.”

Braun’s speech came a little more than 24 hours after he ordered state law enforcement agencies to assist with federal immigration enforcement whenever asked.

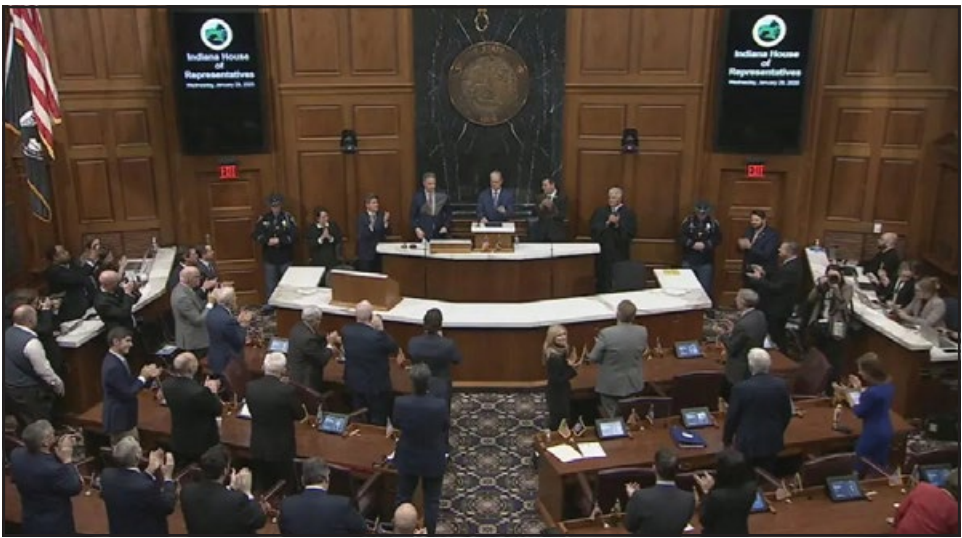


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**Gov. Mike Braun takes the podium Jan. 29 for his first State of the State address at the Indiana Statehouse. [Click here to read the full address.](#)**

Braun briefly referenced that order Wednesday night when he vowed the state will assist the Trump administration in any deportations.

“Americans sent a clear message in November they do not want open borders,” Braun said. “Indiana will do whatever we can to help secure our southern border, and end this crisis that has brought deadly fentanyl and crime to our streets.”

The governor also spotlighted multiple efforts in the Indiana General Assembly meant to rein in health care costs, including price transparency, new rules for nonprofit hospitals, and legislation to require health insurance plan administrators to act in the best interests of the plan sponsor. Braun urged lawmakers to send those bills to his desk.

Legislative Democrats said afterward while they heard some opportunities for bipartisanship in Braun’s speech, they found his proposals on health care costs sorely lacking. House Mi-

nority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, called Braun’s property tax plan “a farce” and said it would force local governments to raise their own taxes. Senate Minority Leader Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, said a lack of any mention of relief for renters was a glaring omission. As for his health care cost plan, Yoder said if Braun is serious about making health care more affordable, he shouldn’t cut Medicaid.

“If this administration truly wants real health care reform,” she said, “here’s where we start: cap the cost of prescription drugs. End medical debt lawsuits against patients. Expand rural health care funding and fully fund maternal health and postpartum care.”

For their part, legislative Republicans said they appreciate Braun’s leadership on health care costs and they look forward to working with him on those issues. Senate President pro tem Rod Bray, R-Martins-

ville, said Republicans have more than a dozen bills in both chambers that would drive health care costs down. As for property taxes, he said there might be some additional tax burden in the form of increased local income taxes or wheel taxes, but local governments also can find nonessential services to cut.

“A community is more healthy when more people own their homes, and so the idea of people losing their homes because they are retired on a single income that doesn’t go up when inflation goes up, that’s reprehensible to us,” he said.

SB 1 has not yet come up for a hearing. Bray said senators are still gathering input and he expects hearings to begin in about two weeks.

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# AFP-IN releases 2025 legislative agenda

*Aligns with many of Braun’s priorities addressed in State of the State*

Submitted

Americans for Prosperity-Indiana (AFP-IN) released its **2025 ‘Crossroads of Prosperity’ legislative agenda** at the start of Indiana’s 124th General Assembly. Many of AFP-IN’s policy goals align closely with Governor Mike Braun’s, which he announced in Wednesday night’s State of the State address.

In 2025, AFP-IN aims to promote policy that unleashes pathways to prosperity and removes barriers to success for all across the Hoosier state. AFP plans to work closely with Gov. Braun and state lawmakers to build a better Indiana.

AFP-IN State Director Josh Webb released the following statement:

“Governor Braun’s State of the State address reaffirmed that we stand aligned on key priorities for Indiana’s 124th General Assembly,” he said. “Governor Braun emphasized the issues that matter most to Hoosiers, emphasizing the need for meaningful reform and growth. Together, we will expand education freedom, reform our outdated

tax codes, and ensure our government transparency, among other critical policy initiatives.”

AFP-IN’S ‘Crossroads of Prosperity’ legislative agenda focuses on the following priorities:

- Education Freedom**
  - **Universal School Choice:** Empower students with choice pathways by allowing education funding to follow the child
  - **Deregulation of Education:** Remove red tape that hinders foundational education
  - **Dynamic Choice Scholarships:** Offer flexibility and more education options for families
- Tax Reform**
  - **Cut the State Income Tax:** Lowering the state income tax will incentivize work and boost economic growth
  - **School Referenda Levy:** Move school levy referenda to general elections to ensure Hoosier voices are heard
  - **Property Tax Relief:** Provide tax relief to keep hard-earned money in the pockets of Indiana families
- Government Efficiency and Transparency**
  - **Government Trans-**



**parency:** All government entities in Indiana should have transparency measures in place to ensure Hoosier interests are protected

- **Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation:** Establish a pro-free market agency with legislative input to foster economic growth

- **Regulation Reform**

- **The Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act:** Introduce the REINS Act to ensure government agencies are held accountable to Hoosier interests

- **Housing Affordability:** Remove barriers to Indiana’s housing market to make housing more affordable

- **Requirements for Re-adoption of Administrative Rules:** Create a review process for administrative rules to ensure they are effective

- **A Personal Option for Healthcare**

- **Doctor Patient Protections:** Reduce interference in healthcare to protect the doctor-patient relationship

- **Access to Care Foreign Physician Deregulation:** End the healthcare desert crisis by establishing standards for foreign physicians to practice in Indiana

- **Energy Abundance**

- **Support Ratepayer Friendly Legislation:** Promote ratepayer-friendly energy legislation to enhance energy abundance

- **Remove Burdensome Reg. and Red Tape from All Forms of Energy:** Support policies that reduce regulatory barriers to create safe and abundant energy solutions

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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

### American Legion Posts

**Carmel Post 155** Kim Kilburn  
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12  
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p  
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

**Cicero Post 341** Tye Anderson  
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p  
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p  
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

**Fishers Post 470** Pat Menc  
9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11

**Noblesville Post 45** Gil Soria  
273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt  
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu  
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

**Sheridan Post 67** Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Sheridan, In 46069  
317-758-5007

### VFW Posts

**Carmel Post 10003** Darin Bibeau  
12863 Old Meridian St  
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11  
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956

### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

**Hamilton County Veterans Corp**  
P.O. Box 503  
Noblesville, in 46061  
[secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the  
Fishers American Legion. Our website  
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>  
has 40 pages of resources for our Military  
Veteran community

**Navy Club Ship 29**  
Noblesville, In  
[president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804  
Conner St Noblesville

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson  
[robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz  
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)



### Welcome to the annual Community Integration Survey!

This survey aims to understand how communities can best support veterans, service members, families, and caregivers of veterans or military personal to enhance their quality of life and prevent veteran suicide. We seek your valuable input to improve local services and appreciate your participation in this important effort.

**Who Can Take the Survey?:** Veterans and service members. However, family members, caregivers, and community advocates may participate.

Click here to take the survey -  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8145625/IW/P2025>

[America's Warrior Partnership](#) is administering this survey in partnership with community-based organizations and we need your input.

## Hamilton County Military Veteran FREE PGA HOPE Golf for Veterans at Barla Golf Academy in Noblesville - Sign Up NOW!

PGA HOPE IS THE FLAGSHIP MILITARY PROGRAM OF THE PGA OF AMERICA. DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE GOLF TO VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ENHANCE THEIR SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. THIS INCLUSIVE PROGRAM WELCOMES INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES, BRANCHES, SERVICE ERAS, GENDERS, AND ABILITIES. FOSTERING CAMARADERIE AND ENJOYMENT ON THE GOLF COURSE. NO GOLF EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED, BUT IF PARTICIPANTS HAVE THEIR OWN CLUBS OR SPECIALIZED GEAR, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEM.

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- VETERANS DO NOT NEED TO HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE OR EMPLOYMENTS TO PARTICIPATE
- ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO PGA HOPE ARE COVERED
- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 15

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**DATES**

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| February 22 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm |
| March 1     | 2:00pm - 3:30pm |
| March 8     | 2:00pm - 3:30pm |
| March 15    | 2:00pm - 3:30pm |
| March 22    | 2:00pm - 3:30pm |
| March 29    | 2:00pm - 3:30pm |

**QUESTIONS?** PLEASE CONTACT INDIANA GOLF DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, ANDREW JENT 317.739.3012 [AJJENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG](mailto:AJJENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG) [HTTP://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/](http://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/)

## NAMI Indiana Presents Operation: Homefront- Mondays Feb 3 to Mar 10, 1pm

NAMI Indiana is excited to start our first two Homefront Classes. Homefront is a 6-session education program for families, caregivers, and friends of Military Service Members and Veterans who experience symptoms of a mental health condition; offered free of charge to participants.

Classes are February 3-March 10 Mondays at 1300 and March 4- April 8 Tuesdays at 1800  
Register at <https://forms.gle/tN6oS3CZfHVTtJso6>

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[www.namiindiana.org](http://www.namiindiana.org)

<https://www.namiindiana.org/programs/nami-homefront>

## Join the Indy Vet Center for “The Weekly Grind” Every Thursday 10am-noon



We are starting a new coffee time open to ALL veterans weekly here at the Vet Center. This is not counselor led or directed in anyway, it is just an open invitation to have some coffee with your community.

Starting February 6<sup>th</sup> and every Thursday afterwards from 10am till 12pm (noon)  
Located at the Vet Center  
6330 West 71st St  
Indianapolis, IN 46278  
317-423-1680

Christina Owens  
**Veteran Outreach Program Specialist**  
Indianapolis Vet Center  
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317-423-1685- direct  
317-423-1680- main  
6330 W 71<sup>st</sup> St  
Indianapolis, IN 46278

## Activities & Events

### amazon is hosting an Online Virtual Military Career Day

that focuses on recruiting Veterans and their spouses. It offers a unique platform to connect with Amazon's recruiters:

- Online booths for employers
- Live chat sessions with candidates
- Informational webinars on military-to-civilian career transitions
- Resume review services and much more!

Register to Join us online to find your dream job at Amazon:

- Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025
- Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PST
- Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/49Um330>

We believe that veterans and military spouses bring invaluable skills, discipline, and diverse experiences to the workforce. Please register at the link above. If you have any questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to reach out to Darren Patterson, Regional Partnerships Manager -

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**NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2025**  
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\*ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED FOR FREE NARCAN

HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## American Legion & VFW Bar & Restaurant Hours

**Carmel Legion**  
M-T 3-10pm, W 10a-10p, Th-F 10a-11p, Sa 8-11p,  
Su 8a-8p. **Restaurant –Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p, Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p**

**Carmel VFW**  
Su-Sa 11a-11p. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

**Cicero Legion**  
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.  
**Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F eat in or carry out**

**Fishers Legion**  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-12, Food Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p**

**Noblesville Legion**  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p  
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

**Noblesville VFW**  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p  
**Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

**Sheridan Legion**  
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p  
**Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close**

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# Westfield economic development director to speak at Chamber’s February luncheon

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend its February Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at The Club at Chatham Hills.

Jenell Fairman, Director of Economic Development for the City of West-

field, will speak at the luncheon.

Westfield is going through a series of economic development and planning updates, including a comprehensive plan, downtown development plan, and a



Fairman

master plan for the Grand Park District. Fairman will provide an overview of the status of each of these efforts, her vision for developing a city designed to facilitate walkability and alternative transporta-

tion strategies, strategically grow the commercial tax base, and deliver community centers that foster relationships and business success.

**Click here** to register. Discounted Partner tickets and Non-Partner tickets are available. Corporate reserved tables (seating for eight) are also available.

# Orr Fellowship Study depicts significant impact of program alumni network on Indiana

*Early career development program bolsters state in numerous areas including talent retention, entrepreneurism & community, civic investment*

**The REPORTER**

**Orr Fellowship**, an early career development program for versatile high-achievers and future-focused businesses in Indiana, announced today the release of the “Orr Fellowship Economic Impact Study” in partnership with **TPMA**, an organization focused on creating action-orientated economic development and workforce strategies.

Orr Fellowship recruits, assesses and matches university graduates with high-agency roles in growing Indiana businesses. Together, Orr Fellowship and partner companies give graduates the professional development resources and support network they need to accelerate their careers.

The new study is an economic analysis that assesses the long-term impact of Orr Fellow participants on the state of Indiana, particularly in the areas of talent retention and entrepreneurism, as well as community and civic investment.

“This study does a phenomenal job of showcasing the superior retention rates of Orr Fellowship alumni in the state of Indiana, the economic prowess of Orr alumni and the positive economic impact of program participants,” Orr Fellowship President Steven Emch said. “Beyond that, the sense of community engendered by the program is also invaluable. Orr alumni actively participate in their communities as volunteers,

board members and civic leaders. They are key contributors to the communities in which they work and live.”

Key findings from the study include:

**Talent retention**

Upon completing the program, Orr Fellows remain in Indiana at a rate higher than graduates of Indiana higher education institutions as a whole. Approximately 60 percent of all Orr alumni remain in Indiana after completing the program, compared to 43 percent of all Indiana institution graduates across comparable fields of study. In addition, 86 percent of participants remained in Indiana for at least six months after completing the Fellowship.

**Entrepreneurialism**

The entrepreneurial rate of Orr Fellowship alumni (those who start businesses and create new jobs for Indiana citizens) far exceeds the Hoosier state average. Based on survey results and a review of job titles and descriptions supplied by Orr Fellowship, 21 percent of Orr Fellow respondents indicated they started a business after completing the program. This is compared to the statewide average entrepreneurial rate of 0.23 percent and 0.36 percent nationally. Three out of every four (76 percent) Orr Fellows who started their own business were under age 30 when they started their company.

In addition:

- 81 percent identify In-

diana as the state in which their business is/was headquartered.

- 92 percent of participants have not sold their business.

- 32 percent of all Fellows have created at least one full-time equivalent (FTE) job in addition to their role as founder.

**Civic participation**

After program completion, 44 percent of respondents report volunteering with a nonprofit or civic organization. Of this group, 23 percent have served as members of community service-based organizations. A large percentage indicated they serve as a board member, and a smaller, but not insignificant, segment indicated they have been elected by their peers to leadership positions within volunteer organizations.

**Economic output**

There are 243 confirmed Orr alumni living and working in Indiana. They contribute to the state’s economic output with nearly \$38 million in annual earnings and add nearly \$59 million annually to its gross domestic product (GDP). Their presence in the workforce generates an additional 482 FTE jobs in the supply chain and induced industries across the state that produce an additional \$30 million in labor income and \$49 million in gross regional product (GRP). Collectively, Fellows and the individuals dependent on their presence in the workforce generate an additional

\$4.4 million annually in tax revenue for state, local and federal governments.

“Orr Fellowship’s overall value to the state of Indiana is striking, and the program is a bolster to the small business backbone of Indiana’s economy,” said David Watkins, Senior Vice President, Entrepreneurship and Small Business at Indiana Economic Development Corporation. “With an active network of engaged alumni contributing to the state’s economy long after graduation and a positive, significant uptick in talent retention for the state, Orr Fellowship significantly impacts the Hoosier state.”

The “Orr Fellowship Economic Impact Study” was conducted using the following source material:

- Internal, de-identified data from Orr Fellowship
- A unique survey developed in concert with program officials
- External data from the U.S. Census Bureau Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) program
- External data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and proprietary wage and benefit modeling data from LightCast
- Economic modeling data generated by IMPLAN, an economic impact analysis tool

To learn more about Orr Fellowship and the economic impact study, visit [orrfellows.org](http://orrfellows.org).

# Country artist Drake Milligan to open for Blake Shelton at Fishers Event Center March 29

**Submitted**

Singer, songwriter, and actor Drake Milligan will open for superstar entertainer Blake Shelton at the Fishers Event Center on Saturday, March 29. Tickets are already on sale now at [FishersEventCenter.com](http://FishersEventCenter.com).

Milligan has been hailed as a country traditionalist redefining the current landscape of the music industry. Making his breakout debut with his critically acclaimed album *Dallas / Fort Worth*, he perfected his baritone vocals and honky-tonk hooks to create his one-of-a-kind signature sound. Recently releasing his follow up EP *Jukebox Songs*, he once again sets the stage for another project full of high-energy, twang, and soulful country.

As the genre’s chief ambassador, Shelton has been delivering country music to a diverse audience for more than 20 years. In that time, he has accumulated an astonishing 29 No. 1 singles, sold nearly 15 million album equivalents, and earned upwards of 12.5 billion global streams. Shelton

has received myriad awards, including six ACMs, three AMAs, 10 CMAs, 11 CMTs, and six People’s Choice, and more.

As an original coach on the Emmy Award-winning television show *The Voice*, Shelton brought a steady diet of current and classic country music to the NBC primetime audience. After 23 seasons and nine championships, he stepped away from the show in May 2023.

The Grand Ole Opry member also remains focused on his Ole Red partnership with Ryman Hospitality, with locations currently in Tishomingo, Nashville, Gatlinburg, Orlando, and an exciting new venue in Las Vegas just opened. A noted humanitarian, Shelton has helped raise millions of dollars for children’s hospitals, disaster relief organizations, food banks, the OK POP Museum, and more in his home state of Oklahoma and beyond.

For more information, please visit [BlakeShelton.com](http://BlakeShelton.com) and follow [@BlakeShelton](https://twitter.com/BlakeShelton).

# Shinedown announces 2025 ‘Dance, Kid, Dance Tour’ with support from special guests BUSH & Morgan Wade

**The REPORTER**

Multi-platinum, chart-topping band Shinedown has announced its highly anticipated upcoming Dance, Kid, Dance Tour. Co-produced by FPC Live and Live Nation, the Dance, Kid, Dance Tour will feature special guest and legendary band BUSH and opener Morgan Wade, making a stop in downtown Indianapolis at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Aug. 18.

Fans can expect megawatt sets from all acts including fan-favorite hits and classics. In addition, Shinedown has teamed up with **Musicians On Call**, donating \$1 for every ticket sold on the tour. Musicians On Call, the nation’s leading provider of live music in hospitals, has delivered the healing power of music to patients, families, and caregivers for 25 years.

Tickets are on sale now at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

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Shinedown continues to demonstrate that they are one of the most forward-thinking powerhouses in music, forever pushing the boundaries of what it means to be a modern-day rock band. The tour not only kicks off a new era for Shinedown but continues to celebrate the momentous acclaim the band received from their juggernaut song “A Symptom of Being Human” off their seventh studio album *Planet Zero* (Atlantic Records). The song, which has reached over 100 million streams and counting, crossed over not only to Alternative but Top 40 radio and resonated with fans across the globe for the unifying message of its lyrics: *that it is our human connections that matter the most*. Recently the band announced two brand new singles released last Friday: **“Three Six Five,”** and **“Dance, Kid, Dance,”** and getting fans even more excited for all things Shinedown in 2025.

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Coming off their hottest

tour in 15 years, GRAMMY-nominated, multi-Platinum band BUSH will join Shinedown on the summer leg of the Dance, Kid, Dance Tour. The band recently released *Loaded: The Greatest Hits 1994-2023* (Round Hill Records), a 21-track retrospective celebrating nearly three decades of hits, including “Everything Zen,” “Glycerine,” “Swallowed,” and their latest single, “Nowhere To Go But Everywhere.” Frontman Gavin Rossdale will also debut *Dinner with Gavin Rossdale*, a new series premiering Feb. 13 on VIZIO’s free streaming service, WatchFree+. Sign up [here](http://here). The show features intimate, celebrity-filled dinners at Rossdale’s Los Angeles home, with guests such as Serena Williams, Common, Tom Jones, where they share candid conversations and a three-course meal designed and prepared by Rossdale himself.

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An ACM, AMA, and CMT Awards nominee, Morgan Wade has earned acclaim from the *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *NPR*, *Garden & Gun*, *Billboard*, *No Depression*, *Vulture*, and more. A Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree, Wade’s latest album *Obsessed* puts the focus on her storytelling abilities and singular voice. She writes with incredible force about the ache for home and the emotion of being reunited with loved ones, of feeling dangerously preoccupied with someone, and of being in situations that society might consider outside the norm. Produced by her touring guitarist Clint Wells, *Obsessed* is an entirely self-written, stripped-down 14-track collection that showcases Wade at her rawest and most vulnerable. She recently toured with Alanis Morissette and Joan Jett on the Triple Moon Tour and has hit the road with Eric Church, Chris Stapleton, and Lucero, among others.

# ON-LINE ONLY PUBLIC AUCTION

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**BIDDING OPENS: Friday, Jan. 17th @ 3pm**  
**SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Saturday, Feb. 1st @ 6pm**  
**PREVIEW DAY: Thursday, Jan. 30th from Noon - 6pm**  
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**Tuesday, February 4th from Noon - 6pm**

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# Deadline extended & population cap raised for small towns to apply for Smithsonian traveling exhibition

The REPORTER

In an effort to encourage more applications from small towns interested in bringing a traveling Smithsonian exhibition to their community, Indiana Humanities is now inviting towns with populations up to 15,000 to apply. The deadline to submit applications is extended to Feb. 21.

Voices and Votes: Democracy in America provides an in-depth look at America’s democracy. The exhibition is a partnership between the Smithsonian’s Museum on Main Street and Indiana Humanities and will appear in small towns across Indiana during the Semiquincentennial, which commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Decla-

ration of Independence.

Six communities will be selected to host the exhibit for six weeks each in 2026, and receive – at no cost to the hosts – extensive training and other resources from the Smithsonian and Indiana Humanities. Each community will also work with Indiana Humanities staff and a state scholar to curate a unique section of the exhibit that tells the story of their community as it relates to the exhibit’s themes.

“For Hoosiers who may never have the occasion to visit a Smithsonian museum in person, this is an extraordinary opportunity to have a wonderful exhibit come to them,” said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. “Not only that,

but for the host sites, it’s a chance to welcome their community in an entirely new way, receive project funding, and access exhibit and program development support.”

The exhibit has many dynamic features: historical and contemporary photos; educational and archival video; engaging multimedia interactives with short games and additional footage, photos, and information; and historical objects like campaign souvenirs, voter memorabilia, and protest material.

Voices and Votes will prompt visitors to consider questions like “Who has the right to vote?” “What are the freedoms and responsibilities of citizens?” “Whose voices will be heard?” “How do you par-



Photo courtesy Florida Humanities

ticipate as a citizen?” and “How do we encourage more people to participate in our democracy?” It will also serve as a jumping off point for discussing how those questions are reflected in local stories.

Voices and Votes is based on a major exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History called American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith. Content development was led by

Harry Rubenstein, Curator Emeritus in the Division of Political History at the National Museum of American History.

[Click here](#) to apply for your town to host Voices and Votes.

## ORTHOINDY BONE · JOINT · SPINE · MUSCLE

### New era of leadership at OrthoIndy

*Dr. Edward Hellman concludes tenure as president, Dr. Matthew Lavery elected successor*

Submitted

OrthoIndy, a leading orthopedic practice specializing in bone, joint, spine, and muscle care, announces a significant leadership transition as Dr. Edward Hellman steps down as president after a four-year tenure marked by growth, innovation and strategic accomplishments.

Succeeding him is Dr. Matthew Lavery, a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist, who served as vice president under Dr. Hellman and began his term as president on Jan. 27.



Hellman



Lavery

tor honors, delivered many presentations and authored articles on advanced joint replacement techniques.

While no longer serving as president of the practice, he will continue seeing patients until he retires in March.

Dr. Hellman reflected on his decades of service to OrthoIndy and its patients:

“Leading OrthoIndy has been an incredibly rewarding experience,” he said. “I’ve enjoyed the opportunity to plan strategically for the future while continuing to serve our

patients and work with a dedicated team. I look forward to seeing the practice continue to thrive under Dr. Lavery’s leadership.”

Dr. Lavery is a highly respected orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine physician who has built a career focused on advancing orthopedic care and working with athletes at all levels, from high school to professional sports. In addition to his clinical expertise, he is a published researcher. He has also devoted more than a decade to the operational success of OrthoIndy through service on numerous committees and its board of directors.

“It is an honor to succeed Dr. Hellman in leading OrthoIndy, a practice that has helped set the standard for exceptional orthopedic care in Indiana,” Dr. Lavery said. “My immediate goals are to ensure our new and existing partnerships are the strongest they can be, promote innovative technologies, and elevate patient outcomes as we build on OrthoIndy’s legacy of excellence.”

Dr. Lavery assumes leadership as OrthoIndy continues to enhance its position as an independent practice dedicated to patient-centered care.

“Dr. Lavery’s deep expertise and commitment make him an ideal leader to guide us into our next chapter,” Ryan said. “We look forward to his leadership in advancing orthopedic care across Indiana and beyond.”

Dr. Hellman’s decision to step down as president was initially shared in a personal post on social media, sparking acknowledgment of his impactful contributions to OrthoIndy and the orthopedic community. During his tenure, Dr. Hellman, a board-certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, played a pivotal role in launching PELTO Health Partners, an innovative platform supporting independent physician practices such as OrthoIndy, and co-founded the Indiana Physicians Health Alliance.

He also oversaw OrthoIndy’s expansion across Indiana. Key milestones included the recent announcement of [OrthoIndiana](#), an integrated group that will result from OrthoIndy merging with Tri-State Orthopaedics and Fort Wayne Orthopedics to deliver patient-centered, advanced orthopedic care across the state. Additionally, the practice announced alignments with Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center and the Lafayette Orthopedic Clinic and opened new facilities in Brownsburg and Westfield.

“Through Dr. Hellman’s strategic leadership, we’ve achieved growth and taken significant steps to maintain and strengthen our role as an independent practice and enhance care for patients,” OrthoIndy CEO John Ryan said. “We are grateful for his contributions.”

Since joining OrthoIndy in 1999, Dr. Hellman has earned numerous *Indianapolis Monthly* Top Doc-

# Historic Ball jar collection finds new home at Ball State University

Submitted

A premier collection of nearly 3,000 Ball jars and related memorabilia has been donated to Ball State University, connecting the iconic Ball family legacy to its roots in Muncie and ensuring future generations can explore this piece of history.

The donation, made by Mary Harper, honors the [extensive collection](#) built by her late husband, Jeff Harper, a lifelong collector and authority on Ball jars and the Ball brothers’ company. The jars and ephemera, which had been displayed in the Harpers’ Houston home, are now back in Muncie with plans for future display at the University.

The donation to Ball State was announced recently at the annual Midwest Antique Fruit Jar & Bottle Club Convention in Muncie.

“Jeff’s passion for Ball jars was boundless, and he found joy in sharing his knowledge and collection

with others,” Harper said. “After his passing, it became important to me that this collection stay intact and find a home where its historical significance would be preserved and appreciated. Ball State, with its deep ties to the Ball family and the Muncie community, felt like the perfect place.”

Ball State President [Geoffrey S. Mearns](#) expressed gratitude for the donation.

“This extraordinary gift from Mary Harper ensures that the legacy of the Ball brothers and their contributions to Muncie and beyond remain at the forefront of our collective memory,” President Mearns said. “We are honored to be entrusted with preserving and showcasing this remarkable collection, which will serve as a bridge between our community’s past and the learning experiences of future students.”

The Ball family’s impact on Muncie and Ball State University is immea-



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surable. From founding the University to shaping the community through philanthropy and innovation, the Ball brothers’ legacy is intertwined with the history of the region. This collection celebrates not only their contributions to canning and manufacturing but also the artistry and cultural significance of the jars themselves.

The donation will feature prominently in a documentary film being produced by Ball State students

and faculty, funded by the [Virginia Ball Center for Creative Inquiry](#), highlighting the history of Ball jars, the community of collectors, and the Harpers’ story.

“This collection is a testament to the enduring legacy of the Ball brothers and the unique cultural footprint of something as humble yet significant as a Ball jar,” Harper said. “I’m thrilled that future visitors will be able to appreciate its beauty and importance.”

# Ball State University’s Studio 165+ earns national awards for student design projects

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The student design teams at Ball State University’s [Studio 165+](#) have received two 2024 American Graphic Design Awards from *Graphic Design USA* (GDUSA) magazine.

These honors recognize the students’ exceptional creativity and collaboration on the 2024-25 season posters for Ball State’s [Department of Theatre and Dance](#) and the 2024 Annual Student Show for Ball State’s [School of Art](#).

Both projects will be prominently featured in GDUSA’s upcoming Design Annual print edition and are [currently showcased on the magazine’s website](#).

“These awards highlight the collaborative nature of

our college and the extraordinary work of our design and theatre students,” said [Shantanu Suman](#), associate professor of art at Ball State and founder of Studio 165+. “Our students consistently demonstrate the power of creativity and teamwork to produce impactful, professional-level designs.”

Studio 165+, a student-led graphic design studio, integrates real-world projects into the academic experience, providing students with opportunities to hone their skills while making meaningful contributions to campus and the broader community. Since its establishment in 2017, the studio has partnered with various clients and earned recognition for more than 35 projects, including



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multiple GDUSA awards.

“This is just the beginning,” Prof. Suman added. “As we prepare for the 2025-26 season poster designs, I am excited to see what our talented students create next.”

The 2024 American Graphic Design Awards mark the 61st anniversary

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# Indiana DNR’s Historic Preservation Month photo contest going on now

**The REPORTER**  
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Open to photographers of any age and skill level, the contest has been held since 2005 to promote Indiana’s historic resources. All structures in photo entries must be at least 50 years old and in Indiana but don’t have to be fully restored. Photos of exclusively natural elements will not be accepted. Photos must have been taken within the last two years. There are five categories to submit photographs: Color, Black & White, Altered, Kids (under 18), and Faces of Architecture, which is the theme of this year’s Historic Preservation Month. For the Faces of Architecture category, send photos of buildings that feature gargoyles, grotesques, or other designs that feature

carvings of faces. These faces can be of any creature, real or mythical. Each photographer may enter up to three images along with the required entry form for each photo. Images should be emailed to [DHPAConnect@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DHPAConnect@dnr.IN.gov) and must be JPEG files that are 10 MB or smaller. Participants should only send one photo and one entry form per email. For complete rules and guidelines and for the required entry form, see [on.IN.gov/preservation-month](http://on.IN.gov/preservation-month). Follow the **DNR Instagram account** in May where, for a week, the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology will feature selected photos along with contest winners to celebrate National Historic Preservation Month.

### Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, has been canceled.

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The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with Executive Session from 10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.  
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## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

MOSES AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD

*And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”*

*Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”*

*And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”*

*Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”*

*Exodus 33:17-23 (NIV)*

### James (Jim) Mathena

**January 10, 1957 – January 26, 2025**

James (Jim) K. Mathena, 68, passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at home. He was born on January 10, 1957, to Jack and Ann Mathena.


Jim retired in 2022 after a successful career as a computer programmer. He earned his bachelor’s degree in computer science from Purdue University. He loved spending quality time with his grandchildren who always made him smile. He was a sports car enthusiast who loved to restore classic Corvettes. He enjoyed watching all sports, especially football and baseball.

He is survived by his daughters, Alecia Stout and Christyn Dillinger; his cherished grandchildren, Blaine Bailey, Paige Bailey, Lucas Stout, and Cole Stout; his mother, Ann Mathena; and his brother, Richard Meredith.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jack; sister, Debbie; and sister, Cindy.

Jim was known for his kindness, dedication to his family, and warm spirit. His personality and humor lit up a room. He found joy in the love of his family. He will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew him.

A private memorial service will be held in the Spring to honor his life.



### The Reporter’s policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print. Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to [obits@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:obits@ReadTheReporter.com).

### Gary Joe Merrill

**March 21, 1960 – January 23, 2025**

Gary Joe Merrill, 64, Sheridan, passed away peacefully at home on January 23, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on March 21, 1960, to Montie and Dorothy (Wiles) Merrill, Gary led a simple yet profoundly meaningful life filled with love, hard work, and community.

He was a 1978 graduate of Marion-Adams High School (now Sheridan Community Schools). Gary married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl (Haughey) Merrill, on March 28, 1980. During their nearly 45 years together, they built a life centered on family and the values of honesty and kindness.

Gary was a man of many passions. He had a deep appreciation for farming, antique tractors, and old cars, often spending countless hours restoring these relics of the past. His barn was more than a workshop, it was a place where stories were told, skills were shared, memories were made and many learned the value of hard work. When he wasn’t working on his latest project, he could often be found supporting local community causes, a reflection of his generous spirit and commitment to helping others. He worked hard and cherished the camaraderie of those he worked with, valuing the relationships he built over the years.

When he wasn’t working or tinkering with something in the barn, Gary found his greatest joy in spending time with his family. Family was at the heart of everything Gary did. He adored his grandchildren, who loved their “Papaw.” He found great joy in watching them play sports, cheering them on from the sidelines with a smile and words of encouragement. He was a pillar of strength and a source of wisdom to his children and grandchildren, always leading by example with his honesty, kindness, and unwavering work ethic.

Gary leaves behind his beloved wife, Cheryl (Haughey) Merrill of Sheridan; his daughters, Erin Merrill-Macy and her husband, Travis Macy, of Sheridan, and Lindsey Martin and her husband, Ryan Martin, of Sheridan; his grandchildren, Auburn Macy, Ralston Macy, Ayers Macy, and Alysia Martin, who will carry forward his legacy of love and integrity. He leaves behind his brothers, Mike Merrill of Cole Cape, Mo., David Merrill of Warsaw, Mo., and Scott Merrill and his wife, Teresa, of Westfield. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Michael McKinney; sister-in-law, Cathy Rudd; brother- and sister-in-law, Eddie and Connie Mossburg; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

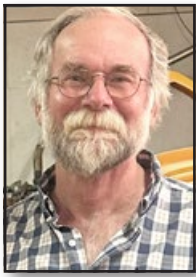
He was preceded in death by his parents, Montie and Dorothy Merrill; parents-in-law, Jim and Hilda Haughey; sisters-in-law, Mary Merrill and Carolyn McKinney; and brother-in-law, Jimmy Haughey.

Gary’s life was casually celebrated on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Rev. Mike Sribljan officiated. Visitation took place Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home.


Gary will be remembered for his friendly demeanor, his warm conversations with everyone he met, and his ability to make people feel valued. He was a simple man with a heart full of love and quiet generosity. Though his hands were often calloused from hard work, they were always ready to help others. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him but never forgotten. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the memories he created.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Sheridan Kids Coats, c/o First Farmers Bank and Trust in Sheridan, an organization very close to his heart.

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## Gymnastics

# Shamrocks team wins at Hollywood All-Stars, Noblesville's Bittles named all-around champ

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

**CARMEL** – The Noblesville gymnastics team hosted its Senior Night meet Thursday at Hollywood All-Stars in Carmel.

The Millers were joined in the meet by Westfield's team, as well as gymnasts from Fishers and Tipton. The Shamrocks won the team competition with a score of 94.275 points, while Noblesville scored 93.325 points.

"I thought it was a fantastic meet for us," said Westfield coach Ally Dunkin. "We got to celebrate our seniors today, which was awesome to celebrate them."

The Shamrocks' top performers were Avery Mason, who placed second in the uneven bars, floor exercise and the all-around, and Isa Galan, who took second in the vault with a score of 8.50, the highest Westfield score of the night.

Dunkin said the highlight of the meet was senior Layla Ryan, who put in some new tumbling passes during her floor routine. She also credited Galan with a "great beam routine" today; Galan scored 8.075.

Dunkin also said that the season has been "amazing" so far.

"We have improved our team score every single meet so far, except for this one," said Dunkin. "Our skills are stronger. We've got three amazing all-arounders this year and I'm looking forward to this season."

Noblesville had the all-around champion: Valorey Bittles. The sophomore scored 33.75 to claim victory and won three events: the uneven bars (8.075), the floor exercise (8.725) and the balance beam (8.85, the highest score of the night. McKenna Watson placed first on the vault with an 8.55.

"I think we had five or six PRs tonight," said Millers coach Erica Eder. "I'm very happy with the kids. They did a great job. We've been battling illness and injury, so the fact that they came out and were able

to PR, I'm very proud of them."

Noblesville has been busy since starting its season earlier this month. The Millers scored a 93.175 at the Franklin Central Invitational on Jan. 18, then hosted Bloomington South on Jan. 20 and totaled 94.70. Bittles posted a 9.025 on beam at that meet and an 8.90 on the floor. Noblesville scored a 90.10 at the Concordia Carter Classic last Saturday, with Watson posting an 8.90 on the vault.

**Team scores:** Westfield 94.275, Noblesville 93.325.

**All-around scores:** 1. Valorey Bittles (N) 33.75, 2. Avery Mason (W) 31.75, 3. Isa Galan (W) 31.425, 4. Kelsey Atkinson (W) 30.325, 5. Baell Ostler (N) 29.875, 6. McKenna Watson (N) 28.60, 7. Ethan Rivers (N) 25.45.

**Vault:** 1. Watson (N) 8.55, 2. Galan (W) 8.50, 3. Madie Doran (W) 8.45, 4. Atkinson (W) 8.25, 5. Mason (W) 8.10, 7. Ostler (N) 7.95, 8. Rivers (N) 7.70.

(Junior varsity scores: 1. Lydia Blackwell (N) 7.60, 2. Alexis Mitcham (N) 7.50, 3. Lilly Martin (N) 7.10.)

**Uneven bars:** 1. Bittles (N) 8.075, 2. Mason (W) 7.55, 3. Galan (W) 7.25, 4. Ostler (N) 7.10, 5. Atkinson (W) 6.85, 6. Watson (N) 5.725, 7. Rivers (N) 4.10.

(JV scores: 1. Blackwell (N) 4.70, 2. Martin (N) 4.05, 3. Mitcham (N) 3.85, 4. Sarah Bultermier (Fishers) 3.30.)

**Balance beam:** 1. Bittles (N) 8.85, 2. Ostler (N) 8.125, 4. Galan (W) 8.075, 5. Mason (W) 8.025, 6. Atkinson (W) 7.25, 7. Watson (N) 6.65, 9. Layla Ryan (W) 6.475, 10. Rivers (N) 5.85.

(JV scores: 1. Anna Dilley (W) 7.725, 2. Evvi Menke (W) 7.425, 3. Martin (N) 6.325, 4. Blackwell (N) 5.90, 5. Mitcham (N) 4.50, 6. Bultermier (F) 4.275.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Bittles (N) 8.725, 2. Mason (W) 8.075, 4. Doran (W) 8.025, 5. Atkinson (W) 7.975, 6. Rivers (N) 7.80, 7. Watson (N) 7.675, 8. Galan (W) 7.60, 9. Ryan (W) 7.125, 10. Ostler (N) 6.70.

(JV scores: 1. Dilley (W) 7.45, 2. Blackwell (N) 7.35, 3. Mitcham (N) 6.95, 4. Martin (N) 6.65, 5. Amelia Olson (W) 6.40, 6. Bultermier (F) 5.70, 7. Veronica Gomez (F) 5.00.)



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(TOP) Noblesville's Valorey Bittles won the all-around competition Thursday at the Millers' gymnastics meet, which took place at Hollywood All-Stars in Carmel. (ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Avery Mason took second in the all-around. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers' Sara Bultermier competed for the Tigers.

## Girls Basketball

# Millers drop finale to Arabians, Tippner moves into second on scoring list

By **RICHARD TORRES**  
For The Reporter

**NOBLESVILLE** – With 5.7 seconds left on the clock Thursday night, the Class 4A sixth-ranked Noblesville Millers trailed 66-65 and put the ball in the hands of their senior leader.

For the first time in eight weeks, things didn't fall into place.

Instead, Noblesville lost for the third time inside The Mill this season, as Meredith Tippner's last-second jumper sailed long, and the Millers watched their 14-game winning streak close

against a fiery 4A Pendleton Heights Arabians team.

"It's a learning experience for all of us. At the end of the day, it's not that possession. It was the two-to-three minutes before that. As the leader of this team, I should have had our team under control," Tippner remarked after the Millers' first loss since Dec. 4. "They went on a run, but it's a game of runs, so we could have got ourselves going again, and you just kind of need that stop."

Up by as many as 15 points early in the second half, Noblesville (18-4) charged back from a 7-2 deficit to start and battled

through three first-half ties.

The Arabians (17-6), however, led by senior Kaycie Warfel's 26 points and sophomore Adah Hupfer's 22 points and 23 rebounds deadlocked the game twice

more in the final 4:45.

A bucket by freshman Maia Blower with 12 seconds remaining put Noblesville ahead 65-63, but Warfel, who became Madison County's all-time

career leading scorer by halftime, answered with a layup six seconds later.

With both teams in a timeout after Warfel's shot, the game's officials charged the Millers' bench with a

technical foul, which sent Pendleton Heights' Olivia Jones to the free-throw line where she sank one to put Noblesville behind, 66-65.

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# WISH-TV Athlete of the week

## Sheridan's Caleb Wright

By JOSH BODE  
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Sheridan boys basketball is off to a great start to the season, winning 11 of their first 14 games.

A big reason for that start is their senior point guard, Caleb Wright. Wright is averaging over 15 points per game and leads the team in assists and steals.

Wright has reached some huge career milestones this season as well. He recently set the program's all-time steals record and scored his 1,000th career point.

"He does it all," Sheridan boys basketball coach Bill Bowen said. "That's the best answer I could give you. He leads by example. I said his work ethic is unmatched. And I think other

kids see that, especially the younger kids."

"It's awesome to be put on the walls and stuff, but just a lot of credit to my teammates and coaches for helping me do it," Wright said.

He'll continue his career at Indiana Tech next season.

Sheridan is looking for its first sectional championship since 1983 this season.

Their next game is on the road against Taylor, who is currently undefeated in Hoosier Heartland Conference play.

For more on Wright, click here to watch a video at [WISH-TV.com](#).

*This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/sports/athlete-of-the-week-sheridans-caleb-wright](#).*



Allison Waitt / File photo  
Sheridan's Caleb Wright was named WISH-TV's Athlete of the Week for this week.

### Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Julie Brown  
Hamilton Heights' Kamryn Rhoton led the Huskies rebounds with six during their game at Heritage Christian on Thursday.

## FINALE

The Arabians, which entered with a 10-game winning streak, were awarded possession afterwards, but a turnover provided the Millers with a chance.

"The girls did a really good job of responding to that official's call right there. They turned it over, and we gave ourselves a chance to win it. Given the circumstances, obviously, not ideal, but with how they handled it, very encouraging going into sectional time for sure," the NHS staff remarked.

"It was frustrating, but our team has done a great job of handling the lowest of lows and the highest of highs. You would never be able to tell if we're winning or losing because they're the same every single time."

The Millers showcased their composure with several storylines looming throughout the game.

Warfel carried 2,016 career points as Pendleton Heights' all-time leader, chasing Alexandria's Jodi Howell (2,026) to become Madison County's all-time leading scorer in girls' basketball.

The Taylor commit scored 10 points in the first

quarter to tie the mark and surpassed it late in the second quarter with a steal and a transition layup to cut Noblesville's lead, 32-28.

"I didn't know where I was at to be honest with you, and I heard the fans cheering, my parents cheering, so knowing after I heard that, I was like, 'Oh my, gosh. I did it,'" Warfel said. "It's such a great honor."

Warfel finished with 2,042 career points after the regular-season finale with current Alexandria senior Jacklynn Hosier in pursuit (2,030) after becoming her school's all-time leading scorer on Thursday.

Beyond both team's winning streaks, Tippner's game-high 31 points propelled her to second all-time in Noblesville girls' basketball history for career points. Tippner now has 1,724 points, which ranks her second behind Courtney Cox's 1,869, set in 1989.

The Miami (Florida) commit only needed five points against Pendleton Heights to tie Ashlynn Shade (1,698) for second and her seven points by the end of the first quarter achieved the feat.

"It's a pretty cool thing.

| PENDLETON HEIGHTS 66, NOBLESVILLE 65   |       |       |    |       |
|--|-------|-------|----|-------|
| Noblesville  | FG    | FT    | TP | PF    |
| Ally Hutchinson  | 6-13  | 0-0   | 17 | 2     |
| Maia Blower  | 1-2   | 2-2   | 4  | 3     |
| Meredith Tippner   | 8-22  | 15-16 | 31 | 2     |
| Kate Rollins   | 2-6   | 1-3   | 5  | 1     |
| C.C. Quigley   | 3-9   | 1-2   | 8  | 2     |
| Brookelynn Grayson   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0     |
| Norah Vetur  | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 1     |
| Totals   | 20-52 | 19-23 | 65 | 11    |
| Score by Quarters  |       |       |    |       |
| Pendleton Heights  | 19    | 11    | 17 | 19-66 |
| Noblesville  | 18    | 21    | 14 | 12-65 |
| Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-17) Hutchinson 5-9, Quigley 1-4, Rollins 0-2, Blower 0-1, Tippner 0-1. |       |       |    |       |
| Noblesville rebounds (27) Tippner 7, Hutchinson 6, Quigley 5, Grayson 3, Blower 2, Rollins 2, team 2.  |       |       |    |       |

To know all the amazing players that have gone through this building and have done the things that they've done. It's an honor to be a part of that list, but job's not over," Tippner said.

Not with Sectional 8 starting next week at The Mill against Carmel on Tuesday for the Millers following Thursday's stinging loss.

"This was a tournament feel, and this was a close game, and it's O.K. we didn't win this one because we want to win the next couple at sectional next week," Tippner said.

"They're a really nice

team. They have the guard aspect. They have the shooters and then Adah's great down low. She's really tough to guard, and that's what you're going to face in Sectional 8."

Hupfer, who stands 6-foot-3, and 5-10 Warfel powered a 12-2 run to nearly erase Noblesville's 15-point lead in the third quarter. The duo chipped away in the fourth quarter with Hupfer tying the game 56-56 at the 4:45 mark, and Warfel doing the same twice at 63- and 65-all in the final minute.

"Again, it's a game of runs, so we just have to get that stop, and once we have that lead at the end, we have to learn how to keep that going into those last couple of minutes," Tippner said.

"We've experienced winning, and we've also experienced what losing feels like. I always say, the season doesn't start until Zionsville because Zionsville is always a tricky game, and in the past, we lost, and we've had to regroup and rebuild. For us, this is our Zionsville. We felt what losing is, and it's how we bounce back."

Junior Ally Hutchison backed up Tippner with 17 points, six rebounds and two assists. Tippner converted 15 of 16 free throws and led the Millers with seven rebounds and seven assists. Kate Rollins, a senior, added five points.

"Pendleton Heights is a very talented squad. They're definitely going to do some damage in their sectional, and they might win it," the Millers staff commented.

"We've got three days to turn our sights to Carmel, then two days to Westfield (in semifinals), so we're excited for it. We're up for the challenge, and the Mill is definitely excited to host Sectional 8."

## Huskies' regular season ends with loss to Heritage Christian

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped its regular-season finale on Thursday, falling at Heritage Christian 50-33.

The Eagles led 14-8 after the first quarter. The Huskies came back in the second period, cutting Heritage's lead to 26-24 by halftime. Katie Brown took over in the second quarter, hitting three 3-pointers and scoring 11 points in the period. The Eagles edged their

lead up to 33-29 after three quarters, then ran away with the game in the fourth, outscoring Heights 17-4.

Brown finished the game with 16 points. Sarah Sherrill scored six points and pulled five rebounds, while Kamryn Rhoton collected six rebounds.

The Huskies are 5-16 and play Delta Tuesday in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 24 at Connersville.

| HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 50, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 33  |       |      |    |       |
|---|-------|------|----|-------|
| Heights   | FG    | FT   | TP | PF    |
| Katie Brown   | 5-11  | 3-4  | 16 | 1     |
| Abi Hilfiker  | 0-3   | 0-0  | 0  | 1     |
| Kamryn Rhoton   | 1-5   | 1-2  | 4  | 1     |
| Presley Cherry  | 2-4   | 0-2  | 5  | 2     |
| Sarah Sherrill  | 2-3   | 2-4  | 6  | 2     |
| Reece Blanton   | 0-1   | 2-2  | 2  | 2     |
| Illiana Bowyer  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Haley Barr  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Juliana Thompson  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Macy Bradley  | 0-0   | 0-0  | 0  | 0     |
| Totals  | 10-27 | 8-14 | 33 | 9     |
| Score by Quarters   |       |      |    |       |
| Heritage Christian  | 14    | 12   | 7  | 17-50 |
| Hamilton Heights  | 8     | 16   | 5  | 4-33  |
| Heights 3-point shooting (5-15) Brown 3-8, Rhoton 1-4, Cherry 1-2, Hilfiker 0-1.      |       |      |    |       |
| Heights rebounds (21) Rhoton 6, Sherrill 5, Blanton 4, Hilfiker 3, Brown 2, Cherry 1. |       |      |    |       |

## Blazers fall to Speedway in regular-season finale

### The REPORTER

University dropped its regular-season finale at Speedway on Thursday, 37-24.

The Sparkplugs led 14-5 after one period and 22-8 at halftime. The Trailblazers cut that advantage to 29-18 after three periods, with Sydney Culp making two 3-pointers, but Speedway outscored University 8-6 in

the fourth.

Gabby Culp scored eight points, with Sydney Culp finishing with six.

The 'Blazers are 8-13 and play in Class 2A Sectional 42 at Monrovia next week. University got a first-round by and plays the winner of Tuesday's game between Cardinal Ritter and Covenant Christian in the Friday, Feb. 7 semifinals.

| SPEEDWAY 37, UNIVERSITY 24                   |    |     |    |      |
|--|----|-----|----|------|
| University                                   | FG | FT  | TP | PF   |
| Anyah Turley                                 | 1  | 0-0 | 3  | 2    |
| Sydney Culp                                  | 2  | 0-0 | 6  | 1    |
| Leah Norvell                                 | 1  | 0-2 | 2  | 0    |
| Mack Feeney                                  | 0  | 1-2 | 1  | 5    |
| Gabby Culp                                   | 4  | 0-0 | 8  | 4    |
| Meg Rohloff                                  | 2  | 0-0 | 4  | 2    |
| Totals                                       | 10 | 1-4 | 24 | 14   |
| Score by Quarters                            |    |     |    |      |
| University                                   | 5  | 3   | 10 | 6-24 |
| Speedway                                     | 14 | 8   | 7  | 8-37 |
| University 3-pointers (3) S. Culp 2, Turley. |    |     |    |      |

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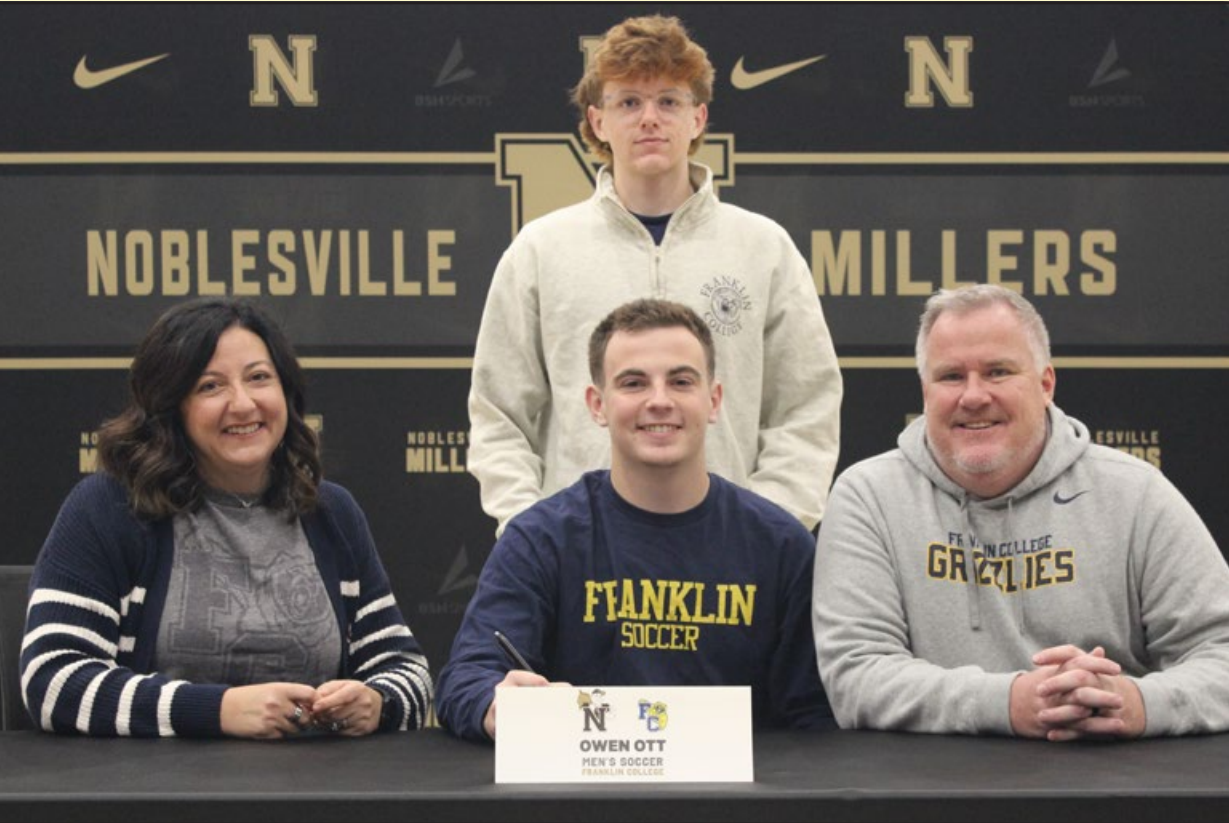
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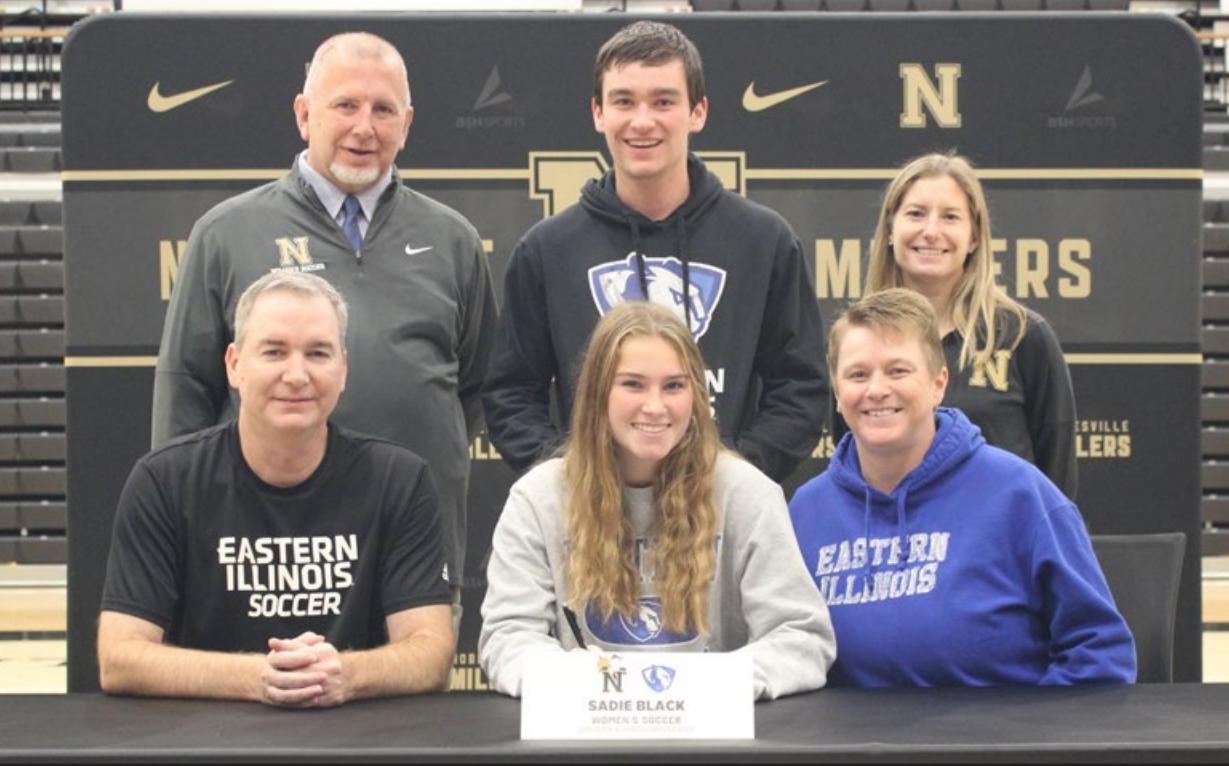


Ott commits to Franklin College



Noblesville's Owen Ott has committed to the Franklin College men's soccer team. (Front row, from left) Ann Ott (mother), Owen Ott, and Gene Ott (father). (Back) Ollie Ott (brother). Not pictured: Noblesville Boys Soccer Head Coach Ken Dollaske.

Black signs with Eastern Illinois



Noblesville's Sadie Black has committed to the Eastern Illinois University women's soccer team. (Front row, from left) Jarrod Black (father), Sadie Black, and Brandie Black (mother). (Back row, from left) Noblesville Girls Soccer Head Coach Mike Brady, Quinton Black (brother), and Noblesville Girls Soccer Assistant Kristin Hetzel.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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| <b>Friday, Jan. 31</b><br><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b><br>Anderson Prep Academy at University, 7:30 p.m.<br>Ben Davis at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.<br>Franklin Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.<br>Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 7:30 p.m.<br>Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.<br>Sheridan at Taylor, 7:30 p.m.<br>Westfield at Avon, 7:30 p.m.<br>Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 8 p.m.<br><b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b><br>Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6 p.m.<br>Sheridan at Taylor, 6 p.m.<br>Carmel at Ben Davis, 7:30 p.m.<br>Franklin Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>Saturday, Feb. 1</b><br><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b><br>Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.<br>Carmel at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.<br>Covenant Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.<br>Hamilton Southeastern at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.<br>University at Indianapolis Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>BOYS WRESTLING SECTIONALS</b><br>Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Sheridan, Westfield at Frankfort, 8 a.m.<br>Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville at Elwood, 8:30 a.m.<br><b>GYMNASTICS</b><br>Noblesville at Bloomington South Invitational, noon<br>Westfield at Shelbyville, 10 a.m.<br><b>SWIMMING</b><br>Noblesville, Westfield at<br>Hamilton Southeastern Reserve Championships, 9 a.m.<br><b>Monday, Feb. 3</b><br><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b><br>University at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>Tuesday, Feb. 4</b><br><b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b><br>Sectional 8 at Noblesville<br>Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.<br>Carmel vs. Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.<br>Sectional 24 at Connersville<br>Yorktown vs. New Castle, 6 p.m.<br>Delta vs. Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.<br>Sectional 25 at Lebanon<br>Tri-West vs. Frankfort, 7 p.m.<br>Sectional 39 at Sheridan<br>Taylor vs. Lapel, 6 p.m.<br>Frankton vs. Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.<br>Sectional 42 at Monrovia<br>Monrovia vs. Park Tudor, 6 p.m.<br>Cardinal Ritter vs. Covenant Christian, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>GYMNASTICS</b><br>Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.<br><b>Wednesday, Feb. 5</b><br><b>BOYS BASKETBALL</b><br>KIPP Legacy at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.<br><b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b><br>Sectional 25 at Lebanon<br>Danville vs. Crawfordsville, 6 p.m.<br>Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.<br><br><i>Please email schedule changes or corrections<br/>to <a href="mailto:sports@readthereporter.com">sports@readthereporter.com</a>.</i> |
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Momentum continues at Fishers Event Center as excitement builds for Pro Volleyball Federation's inaugural All-Star Match

The REPORTER

On the heels of a successful opening and big events including Turnpike Troubadours, Alabama, Cirque du Soleil and more, the new Fishers Event Center has shared several exciting announcements ahead of the Pro Volleyball Federation's inaugural All-Star Match, set to take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Fishers Event Center is home of the league's newest franchise, the **Indy Ignite**. PVF is the leading professional volleyball league in the United States, and this event will showcase the league's top talent while providing fans a unique opportunity to witness the best in professional volleyball. **Tickets are on sale now** Tickets start at \$30 and are on sale now via Ticketmaster or at the Fishers Event Center Box Office, open Wednesdays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The All-Star match will also be broadcast nationally on CBS Television Network. Olympic gold medalist and entrepreneur Shawn

Johnson East will join the inaugural All-Star Match as co-host. She will participate in pre-match festivities, match break activities, and appear on the national CBS Television Network broadcast. She is a four-time Olympic medalist and entrepreneur celebrated for her dedication to family, empowerment, and community impact. With her husband Andrew East, a former NFL athlete, she shares their journey through parenting and life with over 11.5 million followers across their social media platforms. The couple's *New York Times*-praised podcast *Couple Things*, and their media network FamilyMade, provide resources, live events, and encouragement for families at all stages of life. Most recently, she returned to the Olympics as a commentator for Yahoo! Sports, continuing to inspire others through her journey both on and off the mat. PVF will announce the event's other celebrity co-host soon.

**Fan-voting is underway** The voice of the fans will be heard. Fan voting for the rosters of the inaugural All-Star Match is now open. Fan voting will take place over the next two weeks and is open for all fans and followers of the PVF. Fans can make multiple selections for the teams, with the final rosters containing 12 players per team. Fans visiting [ProVolleyball.com/vote](http://ProVolleyball.com/vote) will have the chance to select two players per position. The votes will be grouped among outside hitters, opposite hitters, middle blockers, liberos and setters, with fans being able to select two players per position. Every player on every team's roster is eligible and the top voters will earn automatic inclusion on the 2025 PVF All-Star rosters. Additional players will be selected by the coaches and the league office. All-Star Voting is powered by WIT, the leading digital fan activation platform for over 100 professional teams and league offices across North America, including several members of Pro Volleyball Federation.

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6:00 pm Franklin Central vs **Fishers** | Boys Varsity | Fishers Sports Network  
7:15 pm **Noblesville** vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Boys Varsity | Southeastern Sports Network  
7:20 pm New Castle vs Mt Vernon | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN  
7:30 pm Franklin Central vs **Fishers** | Girls Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

**Sat Feb 1 - Boys Basketball**  
7:25 pm **Carmel** vs **Fishers** | Boys Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

**Tues Feb 4 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
6:00 pm **Fishers** vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Girls Basketball Sectional GM 1 | HCTV Sports  
7:30 pm **Carmel** vs **Noblesville** | Girls Basketball Sectional GM 2 | HCTV Sports

**Thurs Feb 6 - Boys Basketball**  
6:00 pm Mt Vernon vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports  
7:20 pm Franklin Central vs **HSE** | Varsity Basketball | Southeastern Sports Network  
7:30 pm Mt Vernon vs **Noblesville** | Varsity Basketball | HCTV Sports

**Fri Feb 7 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
6:00 pm Zionsville vs **Winner Game 1** | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports  
7:30 pm **Westfield** vs **Winner Game 2** | Girls Basketball Sectional 8 | HCTV Sports

**Sat Feb 8 - IHSAA Girls Basketball 4A Sectional 8**  
7:00 pm Sectional 8 Championship | Girls Basketball | HCTV Sports

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