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The program has already produced state and nationally ranked teams, including:

- State Champions in Agricultural Sales (10th nationally)
- State Champions in Agricultural Marketing (11th nationally)
- Five first-place Agriculture Fair winners in various categories

Kaufman, who has dedicated 24 years to Agricultural Education, received nominations for the Golden Owl Award from students in multiple states, demonstrating the lasting impact of his mentorship.

“If I were to win this award, it would be the culmination of my life’s work,” Kaufman added.

Westfield Washington Schools congratulates Kaufman on this well-deserved recognition and looks forward to celebrating his achievements and lasting impact on students at the Indiana FFA Convention in June.

About the Golden Owl Award

The Golden Owl Award, sponsored by Nationwide in partnership with Indiana FFA, recognizes exceptional agricultural educators who go above and beyond to prepare students for agriculture and life sciences careers. [Click here](#) to learn more.




(TOP LEFT) Westfield FFA’s award-winning homecoming float in 2023. (From left) Chris Kaufman, Hannah Hoffner, Julian Six, Caleb Brunn, Ella Carlson, Claire Conwell, Abbey Wiggins, Ava Carlson, Ian McKinnon, Jude Kaufman, Vivian McKinney, Ava Lee, Jules Vitou, Mckynzye White, Aiden Cox, and Ben Davis (parent and supporter). (TOP RIGHT) The Westfield FFA’s first event took place in September 2022. (From left) Chris Kaufman, Max Kaufman, Jules Vitou, Lauren Pickett, Ava Lee, Mckynzye White, and Ben Wiggins. (ABOVE LEFT) The Westfield FFA out having some fun bowling. (From left) Indiana FFA Vice President Stephanie Berenda, Abby Wiggins, Mckynzye White, Vivian McKinney, Claire Conwell, Ava Carlson, Jude Kaufman, Myles Braasch, Eli Worth, Braxton Stalbaum, Ian McKinnon, Ashley Hoyt, Sydney Strahlem, and Chris Kaufman. (ABOVE RIGHT) Chris and Jude Kaufman went to the Tippecanoe County Fair to support Ella Carlson in her bid to be Fair Queen in 2024. (From left) Jude Kaufman, Ella Carlson, and Chris Kaufman.

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COACH C

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Coach C is another one of my life’s heroes. It didn’t matter if it was a practice or a meet, I could always count on her to walk on the pool deck beside me as I swam. She would yell, “Kick kick kick, come on Amy, you are doing great!” She coached me as if I was the best swimmer on the team. She gave me advice, critiquing me as she did everyone else. She showed me that I, too, had value.

At the end of the year banquet, she called my name as I sat in the crowd, assuming I would not be getting an award, as I did not have any great swimming accomplishments. She presented me with the mental attitude award. At eight years old, that award didn’t hold as much meaning as it does to me today. After going up to receive it, I sat back down, silently tucking it away. At the time, I felt embarrassed of that award because I felt it was given to me out of pity. Now, I understand that is not true. Today, I see the little girl who didn’t give up ... who showed up and participated. I was supported by some amazing friends and one heck of a coach, even though I was the slowest swimmer on the team.

It reminds me of watching countless cross country meets my boys have run in. There is usually one runner who is very far behind and comes in several minutes later than the other finishers. It never fails: the crowds form and cheer that person on as if they were about to win the race. I always think to myself ... I know that kind of courage, the kind where you keep going when everyone else has left you behind. That kind of courage creates warriors who refuse to give up. Just as the winner of the race has a unique perspective, so does the person who comes in last. Learning very different lessons, each life shaping in their own ways. Each engulfed in the pressure to finish with many eyes watching.

If you are reading this and you happen to be a coach, remember that even if you are not getting the same performative results from the “worst” kid on the team, your investment in them likely means the world to them. Your encouragement may help them soar in other areas of their lives because you chose to invest in and believe in them, too.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on [Instagram @ashinneman](https://www.instagram.com/ashinneman).

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School,” he said. “It was great to see what the students learned during their class participation in out-of-the-ordinary opportunities in the sports of diving and trampoline.”

Senior Rudy Bowen shared his positive experience, stating, “The coaches were welcoming and demonstrated the dives well. It was very fun going through the different dives and safety techniques, and they made sure the environment was safe so no injury could be caused.”

Senior Gabe Roosa added, “It was a fun and easy trip to try new things. It was cool to learn about what a great diving program we have in our small community and a great, engaging activity.”

Jones is not done thinking outside the box. He has plans for his second period Rec Games class that involve bowling, disc golf, and cornhole, utilizing area residents skilled in those activities to demonstrate and work with the students. His goal is to give them more lifetime experiences above and beyond the books and laptops of the traditional school day.”

NATURE

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community’s appreciation of nature through art.”

The exhibit features a range of artwork in diverse mediums, including photography, paintings, and sculptures, all focused on wild-life and landscapes. HCPR Superintendent of Natural Resources Amanda Smith said, “We’re thrilled to have many returning artists as well as first-time artists submit their work to *Nature’s Inspirations*. Each piece brings a unique perspective and allows the audience to feel a powerful connection to nature.”

The free exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for art lovers, families, and nature enthusiasts to come together and appreciate the creativity and beauty that stems from the natural environment. Visit the Cool Creek Nature Center (Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.) now through March 9 to experience this exceptional celebration of art and nature, and enjoy the other free activities, animals, and learning opportunities at the nature center.

For more information on upcoming events and programs or to learn how to support Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, please visit myhamilton-countyparks.com or call (317) 770-4400.

SCHOOLS

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therapy allow students to be successful in any situation. SES also provides a gifted and talented program which facilitates an accelerated learning experience.

All three schools that make up Sheridan Community Schools make true the statement that is often said: “Sheridan is the best-kept secret in Hamilton County.”

During Public Schools Week, Sheridan honors the contributions that public schools and educators have made that highlight the importance of public education in shaping both the community’s and the country’s future. Sheridan provides an education for all, aims to be inclusive, and the teachers go above and beyond to support academic and personal growth. Sheridan prepares students for careers while also promoting community engagement and responsibility. Sheridan unites the community and adapts to the ever-changing needs that prepare students for future success in a changing world.

As Public Schools Week draws to a close, everyone is reminded of the critical role that public schools, including Sheridan, play in shaping individuals and society.

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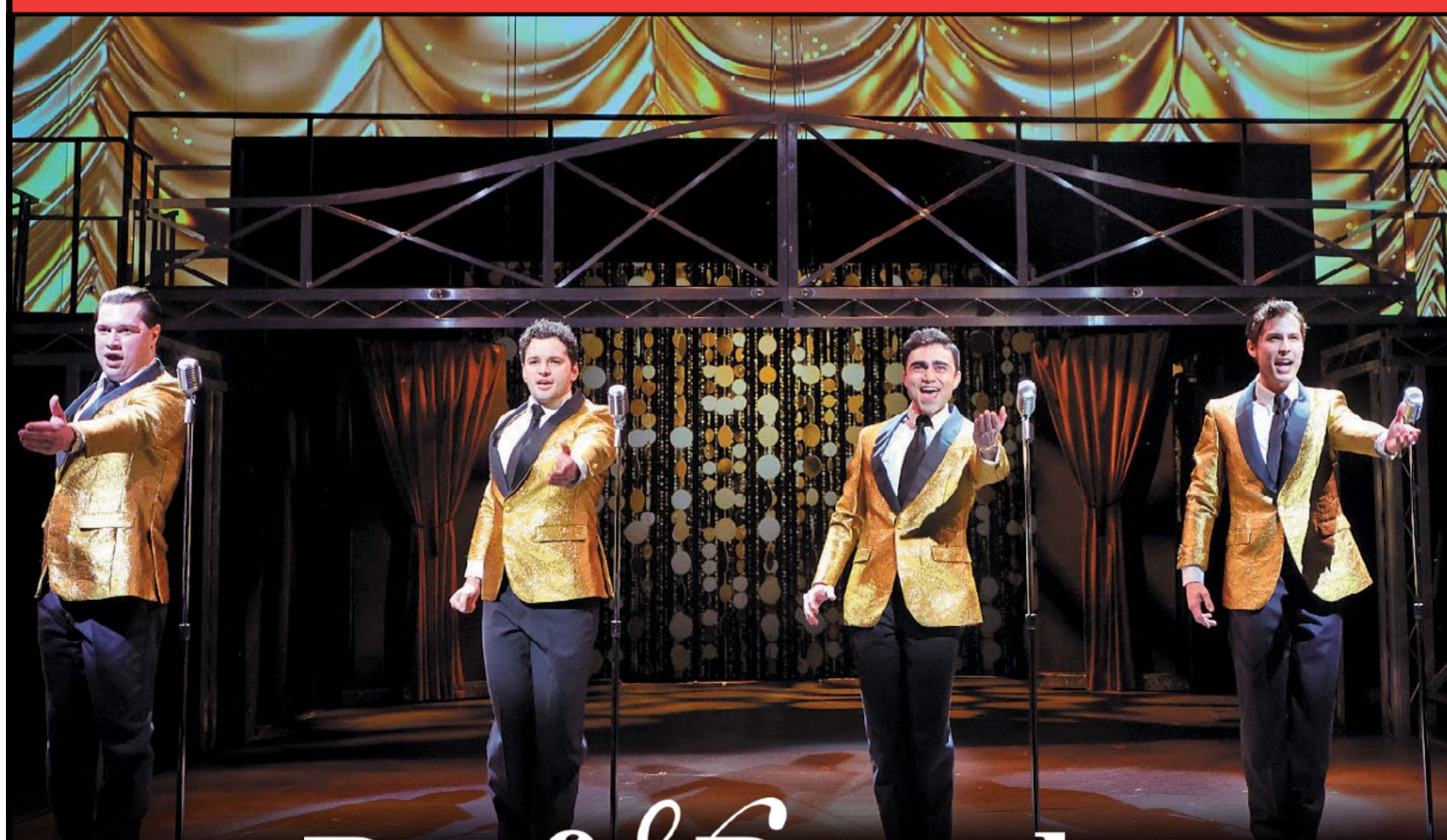
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U.S. Army Field Band tickets available Friday

Concert Band & Soldiers’ Chorus to play free concert April 9

The REPORTER

The United States Army Field Band & Soldiers’ Chorus will return to Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts on April 9 for a free community concert celebrating the U.S. Army’s 250th anniversary. The 7:30 p.m. program at the Palladium is titled *This We’ll Defend*, the motto of the U.S. Army since the Revolutionary War. The multimedia concert experience speaks to the resolve of those who serve, from the Greatest Generation to today’s soldiers stationed around the world. The per-

formance will celebrate this great nation and those who are sworn to protect it, honoring military service – past, present, and future – through music and storytelling. Free tickets will be available starting at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28 by phone at (317) 843-3800 or in person at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel, open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Due to anticipated high demand, tickets will be limited to four per household and will not be available

online. Based in Washington, D.C., the United States Army Field Band is the official touring musical representative of the U.S. Army. Its mission is to connect with Americans, share Army stories, and honor veterans as “the Musical Ambassadors of the Army.” These active-duty soldiers tour nationally and internationally, performing for live audiences in large concert venues, while reaching hundreds of millions of enthusiastic followers online. Through performances in communities across the United States, the

U.S. Army Field Band fosters a positive relationship with the American people, supports diplomatic efforts around the world, and inspires future generations to serve. The Fifth Third Bank Box Office at the Palladium is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. More information is available at (317) 843-3800 and TheCenterPresents.org. The concert is part of Allied Solutions Center’s 2024-2025 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.



HSE graduate gains experience at Indiana Statehouse

The REPORTER

Daniella Neise is serving as an intern for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus during the 2025 legislative session, said State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville). Neise, a resident of Noblesville, is the daughter of Jennifer and Adam Neise. She graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School and is a junior at Ball State University studying media promotion management. She is also a three-year member of the Chi Omega Phi Epsilon panhellenic organization at Ball State. “Daniella has continued to impress me as this session progresses,” Sen. Baldwin said. “She consistently goes the extra mile whenever she is asked. She is a talented, young professional, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.” As a press secretary intern, Neise tracks legislation and media coverage, writes news release and op-eds, creates e-communication and social media strategies, and works with

members of media. “I am confident that serving as a press secretary intern will be pivotal in shaping my future career goals by allowing me to build meaningful connections,” Neise said. “This opportunity has given me the space to develop my creativity and refine my skills in media and communication. My favorite part of interning for the Communications Office is working alongside a diverse group of driven individuals who challenge me to expand my way of thinking.” Neise is focused on growing her media marketing strategy and passion for creative storytelling. Prior to interning with the Indiana Senate, Neise has worked with community organizations like Xylem Marketing, Chi Omega Phi Epsilon, David Owsley Museum of Art, The Common Market of Muncie, and Arsenal Fitness and CrossFit. Senate Majority interns work through the duration of the legislative session, which is scheduled to end by April 29.

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(From left) George Hyatt, Bryce Jacobs, Harold Stach, and Ethan Witherow recently paged for State Senator Jim Buck.

Sen. Jim Buck welcomes local students to Statehouse

The REPORTER

State Sen. Jim Buck (R-Kokomo) welcomed the following local students to the Statehouse who served as Senate pages in January and February.

- **Liam Cannon**, Sheridan, attends Westfield Middle School (not pictured)
- **Aaron Howard**, Kokomo, attends Tri-Central Community School (not pictured)
- **George Hyatt**, West-

field, attends Westfield Intermediate School

- **Bryce Jacobs**, Westfield, attends Cathedral High School
- **Harold Stach**, Westfield, attends Westfield Middle School
- **Ethan Witherow**, Sharpsville, attends Tri-Central Middle/High School

Pages spend a day at the Statehouse touring the historic building, observing de-

bates from the Senate floor and interacting with their state senator.

“I always look forward to meeting with students from my district who have taken time out of their week to come learn about state government during our legislative session,” Sen. Buck said. “These students get to see firsthand how the legislative process works for Hoosiers all around the state and in our local community.

I encourage local schools and parents to take advantage of this unique educational experience.”

Students in grades six through 12 participate in the page program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during the legislative session. Groups serve on Wednesdays.

To learn more about the Senate Page Program, visit IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Page-Program.

Letter to the Editor

OneZone CEO supports Fishers’ proposed rental registry ordinance

Dear Editor:

On behalf of OneZone Chamber, I want to express our support for the proposed ordinance establishing a rental registry program and implementing a 10 percent cap on the number of rental homes. We appreciate the innovation and due diligence of Mayor Fadness and his team in developing a thoughtful and strategic approach to ensuring long-term neighborhood stability and housing market balance.

As an organization committed to fostering a strong business environment, we recognize that a well-maintained and sustainable housing market is essential to economic growth and community vitality.

The rental registry program will provide important transparency and accountability for rental properties, while the 10 percent cap will help preserve homeownership opportunities, protect property values, and support the overall quality of life in Fishers.

We commend the City of Fishers for proactively addressing these housing challenges and setting a precedent for responsible community development.

OneZone Chamber stands ready to support the implementation of this ordinance and looks forward to continued collaboration to enhance the vibrancy of our community.

Jack Russell
President & CEO
OneZone Chamber

Franciscan Health Foundation receives grant from Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust

The REPORTER

The Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust (IB-CAT) has awarded a grant of over \$7,000 to the Franciscan Health Foundation to be used to provide mammograms for low-income women in central Indiana.

The money is generated by the sale of Indiana’s Breast Cancer Awareness license plate.

The Franciscan Health Foundation has received IBCAT funding for several years with funds distributed to the breast cancer screening program at Franciscan

Health Indianapolis among other programs within the organization.

The breast cancer screening program at Franciscan Health Indianapolis targets low-income women to provide equitable access to early detection and intervention services for breast cancer. The program aims to overcome financial, logistical, and informational obstacles that might otherwise prevent these women from receiving timely and appropriate screening.

Since the IBCAT special group recognition license

plate was first made available in 2002, tens of thousands of Hoosier women have received screening, diagnostic, and support services with more than \$5 million being awarded through competitive grants. In addition, more than \$80,000 in scholarships has been awarded to incoming and current college students who have lost a parent or who have a parent currently battling the disease.

The mission of the IBCAT, Inc. is to increase awareness and improve access to breast cancer screening, diagnosis, and

support services throughout Indiana. Hoosiers may purchase an Indiana breast cancer awareness special group recognition license plate by visiting any BMV license branch or online at myBMV.com. Of the annual \$40 fee, \$25 is a direct tax-deductible donation (to the extent of the law).

For more information on the IBCAT and the programs it funds, please visit breastcancerplate.org or call (866) 724-2228.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Franciscan Health Foundation.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

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Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
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317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
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VFW Posts
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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 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
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Carmel VFW
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Noblesville Legion
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-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

Christmas In June Care Package Drive



“Christmas in June” Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12th till May 10th

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a “Christmas in June”. Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2nd 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post’s addresses.
Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060
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Award-winning journalist Amy Goodman to speak at Ball State University

Submitted

Ball State University will welcome Amy Goodman, the host and executive producer of *Democracy Now!*, as part of the **David Letterman Distinguished Lecture Series**.

Goodman will share her knowledge and expertise with students and the greater Muncie community at 7 p.m. on April 8 at Pruis Hall. The event is free and open to the public, but a general admission ticket is required for entry.

Free tickets will be available at the Emens Box Office (Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on the following dates:

- Now through March 2: students (with Ball State ID)
- March 3 to 9: faculty, staff, and students (with Ball State ID)
- March 10 until sold out: general public

“We are excited to bring journalist Amy Goodman to the Ball State campus,” said Dr. Kristen McCauliff, interim dean of the College of Communication, Information, and Media. “At a time when the media landscape is rapidly evolving, her perspective on the critical need for accurate storytelling and the role of journalists in upholding democracy will offer invaluable insight to our students and community.”

Goodman is a trailblazing journalist whose work has reshaped independent media. As the force behind *Democracy Now!*, she has provided an alternative to mainstream news, reaching

millions through more than 1,400 public television and radio stations worldwide. Her commitment to journalistic integrity has earned her numerous accolades, including the I.F. Stone Medal for Journalistic Independence from the Nieman Foundation at Harvard and the Right Livelihood Award, often called the “Alternative Nobel Prize.”

An accomplished author, Goodman has co-written six *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Democracy Now!: Twenty Years Covering the Movements Changing America*. Her books highlight grassroots activism, resistance, and the power of independent journalism.

Goodman has been recognized for groundbreaking reporting throughout her career, earning the George Polk Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Prize for International Reporting, and the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award. She has also been named one of PULSE’s Top 20 Global Media Figures.

The David Letterman Distinguished Lecture Series at Ball State aims to engage students and the broader community in meaningful discussions with influential voices. In 2007, David Letterman made a generous donation to the University, enabling the series to invite top leaders from the media, business, and academia. Since its inception, the series has featured executives from Fortune 500 companies, technological innovators, world-renowned journalists, and many others.



Goodman

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Gov. Mike Braun touched on cutting property taxes, reforming health care and education, and eliminating diversity, equity, and inclusion practices in a half-hour Tuesday morning news conference at the midpoint of the legislative session.

Braun ran on property tax relief and has continued to push for it for Hoosiers even though parts of his plan were not passed by the Senate before **Senate Bill 1** went to the House for consideration.

Initially, Braun’s plan was for homeowners to reset their property tax rates to 2021 levels, or take a 60 percent deduction. But, that was dropped from the Senate bill.

The Republican governor also pushed to cap the yearly property tax increase to 3 percent for homeowners and 2 percent for seniors, but senators amended the cap to 1 percent in 2027 and 2 percent in 2028.

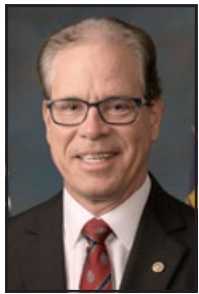
Instead of property tax breaks for all homeowners, the Senate bill as passed would give deductions only to low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and first-time homebuyers.

Braun on Tuesday said, “We need broader relief, and all I’m asking is for local school districts and local governments – both of which I think are the most important part of what states are about and communities are about, they need to be healthy – but they need to make sure that they’ve covered their legitimate costs with a reasonable growth factor and that they’ve not gone above and beyond.”

Gov. Braun: ‘We need broader relief’ on property taxes than Senate suggests

Braun last week said he’s “likely” to veto the property tax package and call a special session if he doesn’t believe it provides enough relief.

On healthcare, bills that moved forward included stricter enforcement on Medicare fraud, transparency on prescription markups, and transparency on healthcare mergers and acquisitions. “My executive orders will bring historic reforms to our health care system, ensuring transparency, competition and lower prices for Hoosiers in the General Assembly, our freedom and opportunity health care reforms are moving quickly,”



Braun

Braun said.

As News 8 reported Feb. 18, the plan approved by the Senate could potentially remove more than a quarter of a million Hoosiers from one of the state’s Medicaid programs.

On education, **the Senate passed a bill that would bump a teacher’s salary** by \$5,000, making the minimum salary for teachers \$45,000. Braun said, “Some of the stuff we’ve been doing is catching stride. We’ve established the Office of School Safety to keep our kids safe. Public safety big priority for Hoosiers right here in our own capital city.”

In step with the federal

government, **Braun on Jan. 15 signed an executive order** banning diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices from state offices. Also, the Senate has passed a bill eliminating DEI in state schools.

Braun said, “When we look at MEI (merit, excellence, and innovation) as opposed to DEI, it basically boils down to a discussion on, ‘What do you mean by ‘merit?’” I think we all know what’s meant by ‘merit.’ We want the best folks in office or doing something based on their ideas and what they’re bringing to the table.”

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/governor-braun-property-taxes-health-care-education-dei.

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Earth is round.	Isaiah 40:22 (740-681 BC)	16th century (first practical proof)	2,200+
First law of Thermodynamics.	Genesis 2:1 (1440-1400 BC)	1850's	3,200+
The Hydrologic Cycle.	Ecclesiastes 1:7 (930 BC)	1580's	2,500+
Life is in the blood.	Leviticus 17:11 (1440-1400 BC)	1620's	3,000+

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Don't miss these great events at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER
Tickets are available now for these upcoming events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to [TheCenterPresents.org](#) or call (317) 843-3800.

The StepCrew
8 p.m. Friday, March 7
The Palladium
Tickets from \$25

Telamon Passport Series
The Canadian Celtic ensemble StepCrew brings together three styles of exhilarating dance forms – Ottawa Valley stepdance, Irish stepdance and tap. With virtuosic dancers and musicians from the likes of the Chieftains, Cherish the Ladies and Bowfire, this cast of outstanding talent takes you on a dance journey, as champions in their respective art forms show audiences the amazing similarities and differences between these three captivating styles. The StepCrew also boasts three world-class fiddlers backed by an amazing five-piece ensemble comprising some of the most talented and respected mu-

Photo provided

Hailing from Canada, StepCrew will be live at the Palladium on March 7.

sicians in the Celtic music scene today.

Brooklyn Charmers: A Steely Dan Tribute
8 p.m. Friday, March 7
The Tarkington
Tickets from \$35
Katz, Sapper & Miller
Pop/Rock Series

Brooklyn Charmers is a Steely Dan tribute band comprised of some of Chicago's top players. With masterful precision and obsessive dedication to the music, Brooklyn Charmers injects a new energy into the beloved catalogue, bridging the gap between new and lifelong fans

alike. Steely Dan's blend of rock and jazz, along with their infectious hooks and clever lyrics, put them in another league in the eyes of critics and fans. Their prolific and consistent output throughout the 1970s cements them as classic rock royalty. Brooklyn Charmers are excited to carry the torch into the new generation.

Peanut Butter & Jam: Katherine Nagy & Friends
10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8
The Studio Theater
Tickets: \$10 per child,

includes up to two free adult admissions

Katherine Nagy is a singer and songwriter who was raised in Ireland. Her memories of these times and love of Irish folk music have greatly influenced her own songs and writing style. She will be joined by her band as they perform her own Irish-inspired songs, as well as familiar Irish tunes, and share stories filled with Irish tradition.

Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

Noblesville Creates partners with Westfield to grow the arts *Westfield artists encouraged to connect*

The REPORTER
Noblesville Creates has partnered with the City of Westfield to develop Westfield's Arts Master Plan. With more than 12 years of experience in arts community development throughout central Indiana, Noblesville Creates says it is uniquely qualified to help expand the arts in the sixth fast-

est-growing city in America.

The arts play a critical role in developing and defining a community's identity, as well as driving economic development and enhancing public spaces. The Arts Master Plan aims to enhance cultural vibrancy, foster community engagement, and promote Westfield's creative economy. The plan is an investment in the holistic wellbeing of Westfield's residents and visitors, and it is an opportunity to enhance the city's cultural landscape, support local artists, and create a vibrant community identity.

At this phase of the project, Noblesville Creates seeks to engage Westfield-based creatives of all kinds, at any stage of their creative journey. Anyone

working in the creative industry, which includes visual arts, performing arts, fashion, architecture, marketing, culinary arts, and more, is encouraged to reach out to get included in Westfield arts planning and to receive information about upcoming arts and cultural opportunities. Noblesville Creates also seeks those for whom the arts are an important escape – if you live in Westfield and enjoy painting, music, drawing, acting, woodworking, tin-

kering, or any other creative hobby, the organization would love to connect with you. This is an opportunity to help shape Westfield's creative economy from the ground up.

Anyone with a stake in the creative economy in Westfield is encouraged to fill out the form at [noblesvillecreates.org/stories/seeking-westfield-artists](#), or contact Noblesville Creates Executive Director Aili McGill at [amcgill@noblesvillecreates.org](#).

Central Indiana's top young philanthropists honored at United Way's ELEVATE awards

The REPORTER
United Way of Central Indiana has named six winners of this year's ELEVATE awards, an annual event that recognizes the region's top young philanthropists.

A panel of seven judges selected the winners, who were announced Saturday at ELEVATE, held at THE LUME, inside the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields.

Now in its seventh year, the event recognizes advocates, leaders, nonprofit employees, and volunteers between the ages of 21 and 40. ELEVATE also serves

as a fundraiser for United Way's basic needs initiatives, which help provide Hoosiers with food, housing, transportation, and access to health care services.

This year's event raised over \$62,000 and was presented by Old National Bank.

Nearly 100 people were nominated for ELEVATE, and an external committee composed of volunteers from the community **selected 25 finalists**.

The 2025 winners are:
• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advocate of the Year: Wendy Catalan Ruano, Starfish Initiative

• Emerging Leader of the Year: Peter Hanscom of Carmel, Free Press Indiana

• Nonprofit Employee of the Year, presented by Delta Faucet Company: McKenna Houston, STARTEDUP Foundation

• Volunteer of the Year, presented by The National Bank of Indianapolis: Stephanie Marshall, Brendon Park Civic Association

• United Way Champion of the Year: Brandon Cobb, Eli Lilly & Company

• People's Choice, presented by Katz, Sapper & Miller: Logan Metzger, Adjutant Solutions Group

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Car buyers get restitution following settlements with allegedly deceptive dealers

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita recently obtained thousands in consumer restitution for Hoosiers who bought cars from auto dealers allegedly engaged in deceptive conduct, including odometer fraud.

The settlements are a continuation of AG Rokita’s work to ensure Hoosiers receive true and accurate information when purchasing a car.

“Buying a car is one of the two biggest purchases most people make,” AG Rokita said. “As part of our mission protecting consumers, we want to ensure Hoosiers can make informed choices based on true and accurate information. We have no tolerance for dealers who engage in deceptive sales practices that hurt both consumers and the reputations of dealers who operate with honesty and integrity – who comprise the vast majority.”

AG Rokita’s team entered settlements with four dealers in January – Flexible Auto Sales, Zoom Auto Sales, US Auto Finance, and Nissan of Warsaw.

Flexible Auto Sales entered into a consent judgment after allegedly tampering with and lowering the mileage on vehicle odometers and representing false low mileages to consumers. Under the terms of the settlement, Flexible Auto Sales is ordered to pay consumer restitution in the amount of \$101,077. The owner of

Flexible Auto Sales is also barred from owning, operating or managing a car dealership in the future. Flexible Auto Sales had previously



Rokita

ceased operations after AG Rokita filed his lawsuit. Zoom Auto Sales entered into an assurance of voluntary compliance (AVC) after allegedly failing to inform purchasers that the vehicles they were purchasing had “rebuilt” title brands. Under the terms of the AVC, Zoom Auto Sales agreed to pay consumer restitution in the amount of \$13,575.

US Auto Finance entered into an AVC after allegedly advertising vehicles for specific prices and then significantly raising those prices for consumers who chose to finance their vehicles. Prior to entering the AVC, US Auto Finance credited the accounts of 110 consumers who were overcharged in the total amount of \$240,759.

Nissan of Warsaw entered into an AVC after allegedly sending out a prize mailing that included deceptive statements, including allegedly falsely representing that recipients had won a prize when they had not. Under the terms of the AVC, Nissan of Warsaw paid a civil penalty in the amount of \$17,250.

Consumers who believe they have encountered wrongful business practices are encouraged to file complaints with the Attorney General at [in.gov/attorney-general](https://www.in.gov/attorney-general).

Submitted

After years working in the insurance industry, Janelle Bolen decided she was ready for a career change.

After a year as a paraprofessional at Hamilton Heights Middle School, she found her calling as a teacher. The Pathways for Paraprofessionals program in the Indiana University Kokomo School of Education is helping her reach that goal, while continuing to work at her school.

“It’s been fantastic,” Bolen said. “I love that I can continue to work as part of my program. I would not have been able to do this without that flexibility.”

Bolen, from Arcadia, is one of about 70 students in IU Kokomo’s paraprofessional program, which is scheduled to allow these student support employees to earn a teaching degree and become a licensed teacher. Paraprofessionals from nearly 20 north central Indiana school districts are enrolled.

With schools struggling to fill open teaching positions, Tara Kingsley, interim associate dean of the School of Education, said the program allows schools to identify people they already know as potential educators, and support them to become licensed teachers.

“We want to tap into those rich funds of knowledge, and validate that they are already practicing these skills, often with the most vulnerable populations of students,” Kingsley said. “They bring a lot of experience and real-world knowledge into the classes. We try to tap into that knowledge and help them make the connections between what they see in their classrooms and what they learn in our classrooms.”

Kingsley said many of those enrolled were encouraged personally by their school leaders.

“It really is the principals and superintendents recommending students for this program, and encouraging paraprofessionals to enroll,” she said. “It gives them so much excitement and pride that their principal saw that in them. They’re not sending blanket e-mails; they are talking to the paraprofessionals they want to invest in. It makes a difference in their confidence.”

Bolen said Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood contacted her about joining the program. She hopes to teach at Hamilton Heights, where she graduated from high school, after she earns her teaching degree. She said she appreciates being able to complete

her college degree with support from her employer.

“What we are learning in IUK’s classrooms has real life applications,” she said. “We are seeing in real life what we are being taught. We are living it right now.”

Arrowood called the program a win-win for the school and the community, as it addresses both the teacher shortage and quality of education in the district.

“One of the benefits of participation is that it creates a great pathway for our outstanding paraprofessionals to seamlessly transition to a certified teacher in a school culture with which they are familiar,” he said. “The impact on the district is multifaceted: it strengthens our teacher pool of candidates who already know and love our kids, enhances the professional development of current staff, and ultimately leads to a more stable and supportive learning environment for our students.”

Paraprofessionals attend classes one evening per week, and have additional online classes, so they can continue to work in their schools. They take extra credits during the summer to complete all required credits to earn a bachelor’s degree in education.

“We offer a flexible

schedule, with instructors who honor the life and work experience these students bring to the college classroom,” Kingsley said. “It benefits the school, because their skill levels are growing in their current classrooms while they are earning their certification.”

The newest cohort joined the School of Education in January, with an orientation funded with a grant from Women of the Well House, IU Kokomo’s philanthropic giving circle.

Kingsley noted that Frankfort Community Schools is participating in Indiana’s registered apprenticeship program for their paraprofessionals, which allows them to apply for funding to support their tuition and other costs. She anticipates other districts will join in the apprenticeship program moving forward.

Participating districts include Alexandria, Benton, Carmel-Clay, Elwood, Frankfort, Frankton, Hamilton Heights, Kokomo, Logansport, Madison-Grant, Marion, Mississinewa, Noblesville, Peru, Sheridan, Southwood, Tri-Central, Western, and Zionsville. Additional districts will join later in 2025.

For more information go to [kokomo.iu.edu/education/pathways-for-paraprofessionals](https://www.kokomo.iu.edu/education/pathways-for-paraprofessionals).

— NOBLESVILLE —

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Indiana Code 327 IAC 15-5-5 from the NPDES General Permit Rule Program, this is to notify the public that the following construction activity is to commence:

The project site is located at 355 Park 32 W Drive in Noblesville, IN 46062. The project, IDES Building Addition, involves the construction of a new warehouse building, office addition and stormwater infrastructure. A storm sewer network will collect the stormwater runoff, and water quality requirements will be met via a dry pond and proposed mechanical treatment unit. The treated water will then outlet to a Hamilton County legal drain following existing drainage patterns. The runoff will ultimately discharge to Mill Creek. Construction is anticipated to commence in March of 2025.

Project Owner Information:
International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES)
355 Park 32 W Dr., Noblesville, IN 46062
317-773-4111

For persons wishing to comment or ask questions, drawings and specifications are on file and may be examined at the following location:

CrossRoad Engineers, PC
115 N. 17th Avenue
Beech Grove, IN 46107
(317) 780-1555

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— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 10, 2025, at the Westfield City Services Center, 2728 E 171st St, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing on the following petitions:

- 2502-SPP-02 & 2502-ODP-01; Woodwind East; 16420 Ditch Road, Old Town Companies, LLC by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. request Primary Plat and Overall Development Plan review for 183 single-family residential lots on 136.2 acres +/- in the Woodwind East Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
- 2501-SPP-01; Springmill Trails Marketplace SPP; 17704 Casey Road; GM Land and Cattle Company, represented by Kimley-Horn and Associates, requests Primary Plat and Secondary Plat review of a 5 lot commercial subdivision on 19.23 acres +/- in the Springmill Trails PUD District.

Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Committee at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana at or before the hearing. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Westfield-Washington Township Plat Committee
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA

Residential Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal
Pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-9-30-5.3, notice is hereby given that the City of Westfield, Indiana, by and through its Board of Public Works and Safety (the “City”), intends to issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Residential Solid Waste, Yard Waste, Recycling Collection and Disposal within the City (the “Services”). In general, the proposed Services consist of weekly pick-up of bagged, containerized and/or bundled household Solid Waste, Yard Waste and bi-weekly (or alternatively weekly) curbside commingled Recycling from all eligible Residential Units within the geographic limits of the City and disposal. The Services may also include Solid Waste and Recycling collection and disposal for designated City Facilities.

Beginning on February 27, 2025, the proposed RFP may be viewed by the general public during business days, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the following location:

Westfield City Services Building
2728 East 171st Street
Westfield, IN 46074

The RFP may also be viewed online at <https://Westfield.in.gov/RFP>. Questions regarding the RFP should be submitted in writing via email to rojgers@westfield.in.gov

The City will further receive written comments on the proposed RFP until April 4, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m., local time, to the City of Westfield, Attn: Residential Solid Waste RFP Comments, Westfield City Services, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, or emailed to rojgers@westfield.in.gov. Comments may address the scope or contents of the proposed RFP. Following the completion of the comment period, the City may select proposers and adopt and issue the RFP as originally proposed or as may be modified.

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COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT and BUS & PASSENGER VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

BIDDING OPENS: Sat., February 22nd @ Noon

SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Saturday, March 8th @ 6pm

PREVIEW DAY: Thursday, March 6th from Noon - 6pm

PICK-UP DAYS: Monday, March 10th from Noon - 6pm

Tuesday, March 11th from Noon - 6pm

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— ADAMS TOWNSHIP —

Adams Township, Hamilton County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2024						
		Beg Cash & Inv Bal				End Cash & Inv Bal
		Jan 1, 2024	Receipts			Dec 31, 2024
Governmental Activities	Local Fund Number	0061	\$301,964.24		\$0.00	\$301,964.24
	Local Fund Name	RAINY DAY				\$0.00
		0101	\$1,101,072.23	\$608,559.07		\$1,709,631.30
		0840	\$223,806.00	\$107,228.58		\$331,034.58
		1111	\$312,885.35	\$283,588.43		\$596,473.78
		1190	\$185,015.95	\$32,457.47		\$217,473.42
		9999	\$2,714.05	\$32,006.28		\$33,392.30
		Total All Funds	\$2,127,457.82	\$1,063,839.83		\$1,328.03
						\$3,189,969.62
Detailed receipts and disbursements are available for inspection in the Hamilton County Auditor’s office. IC 36-6-4-13.						

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Join Emagine Entertainment for specialty screenings in March

The REPORTER

Join Emagine Entertainment in March for a variety of specialty screenings. Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton Town Center.

Open Caption film screenings

Emagine will hold Open Caption showings of some of the newest film releases on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons all month long. Guests who are deaf or hard of hearing will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

All open caption movies are shown in 2D. Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

- **Last Breath** – Sunday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 5
- **Mickey 17** – Sunday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 12
- **Looney Tunes** – Sunday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 19
- **Snow White** – Sunday, March 23, Wednesday, March 26, and Sunday, March 30

Sensory Friendly film screenings

Emagine will hold a unique, sensory friendly screening twice a month, with specific modifications made to ensure an enjoyable experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. Their sensory friendly programing makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

All sensory friendly films will be shown in 2D. Note: there are no modifications made to the film.

What does Sensory Friendly mean?

First, it means sensory friendly experience (lights up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing ... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

- **Unbreakable Boy** – Saturday, March 1
 - **Looney Tunes** – Saturday, March 15
- * * *

Tickets are available at the box office, online at Emagine-Entertainment.com or through the Emagine App. On-sale dates vary. All films, locations, dates, and times are subject to change.

Find more news at ReadTheReporter.com

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE ARK

Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. He overlaid it with pure gold, both inside and out, and made a gold molding around it. He cast four gold rings for it and fastened them to its four feet, with two rings on one side and two rings on the other. Then he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold. And he inserted the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry it.

Exodus 37:1-5 (NIV)

Kathryn Lee Miller

August 7, 1953 – February 22, 2025

Kathryn Lee Miller, known affectionately to friends and family as Kathi, passed away at her residence in Atlanta on February 22, 2025.

Born on August 7, 1953, in Noblesville to Geraldine and the late Allen Keith Miller, Kathi served with distinction as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. Upon retirement, Kathi enjoyed running half and full marathons, hiking, camping, and traveling.

Though never married, Kathi shared a deep bond with her partner, the late Sally Hopkins. Kathi is survived by her mother, Geraldine Miller, her sister, Robin (Charlie) Shires, and her brother, Scott Miller; seven nieces and nephews; eight great-nieces and great-nephews; and her fur baby, Grable. Kathi’s generous spirit and courageous heart will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to PanCan, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, or the Hamilton County Humane Society.

Kathi’s wishes were to be cremated and there will be no service. Friends wishing to convey sympathies may contact the family.

The family has entrusted Hartley Funeral Homes with her care.

We invite all who knew Kathi to share their memories and upload photos on her memorial page. Your stories and pictures will serve as a testament to Kathi’s well-lived life.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Norma Lee Firestone

February 24, 1958 – February 19, 2025

Norma Lee Firestone, 66, passed away February 19, 2025. Norma was born on February 24, 1958, in Tipton and was a beacon of resilience and charisma.

Known for her love of life, and her spirited heart, her journey was a testament to the strength of the human spirit. She was a loving wife, sister, and grandmother; a charismatic friend, and a spirited adventurer. Her zest for life was infectious, and she brought a unique spark to the world that will be deeply missed.

Norma was a truck driver by profession, a role that perfectly suited her adventurous nature. She was resilient, facing the challenges of the road with a smile, and her charismatic charm made her a beloved figure in the logistics industry. However, her true passion lay at home, where she cherished her time with her beloved husband, Steve Firestone, whom she married on December 27, 2008. She was also a devoted sister to Sandy (Howard) Lashure and Terry (Kathy) Simmons. Her love for her family was evident in her devotion to her grandchildren, who were the apple of her eye. In her free time, Norma was an avid collector of carnival glassware, an enthusiastic cook, and loved horseback and motorcycle riding.

Despite her love for adventure in her profession, Norma was equally content to enjoy the simple pleasures of home. When she wasn’t on the road, Norma enjoyed being at home in Cloverdale, Ind. Her home was a sanctuary, a place filled with love and laughter.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, Bobby (Bob) and Johanna Simmons; her children, Patrick, Sarah, and Chad Null; and her siblings, Dennis Simmons, Rita Freeman, and Barbra Smith Whitzel. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved her.

A private service will be held under the care of Hartley Funeral Homes. In celebration of Norma Firestone’s remarkable life, we encourage you to leave memories and upload photos of her to the memorial page.

Let us remember and honor Norma for the loving, resilient, charismatic, and spirited woman she was, and let her legacy live on in our hearts.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

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Swimming



(LEFT) Carmel sophomore William Allen is seeded first in two events for Friday's IHSAA state preliminaries at the IU Natatorium. Allen is the top seed in the 200 and 500 freestyles. (RIGHT) Carmel senior Andrew Shackell is the top seed in the butterfly event.

Carmel on track to extend state streak

Hounds have seven top seeds; Fishers divers could make an impact

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys swim team has won the past 10 state championships, and the Greyhounds are ready to extend that streak into a second decade.

Carmel is the overwhelming favorite to triumph in the team standings at the IHSAA state meet, which begins Friday evening at the IU Natatorium with the preliminaries. The top 16 swims in each event advance to the Saturday afternoon finals, with positions 9-16 in the "B" Final, or consolation heat, and the top eight positions swimming in the "A" Final, or championship heat.

The 'Hounds are top seeded in seven events. Sophomore William Allen holds the first seed in two events, starting with the 200 freestyle. Allen won that event at the Carmel sectional with a time of 1 minute, 37.19 seconds. The second seed is his Greyhounds teammate, senior and Columbia commit Ethan Zhang, with a time of 1:38.23.

Allen is also the No. 1

seed in the 500 free, clocking in at 4:23.31 at the sectional. Carmel holds the 1-2-4 seeds in that event, with senior Anderson Kopp, a Duke commit, qualifying second in 4:24.02. Zhang is the fourth seed at 4:28.69.

Greyhounds sophomore Yi Zheng is the first seed in the individual medley; his sectional time was 1:47.64. Senior Andrew Shackell, a Texas commit, holds the top seed in the butterfly event with a time of 47.11 seconds. He finished third in the butterfly last year at state.

Carmel also has the first seed in all three relays: the Greyhounds' medley relay time is 1:29.70, the 200 free relay clocked in at 1:23.28 and the 400 free relay qualified with a time of 3:04.43.

Diving in

Fishers could make a run at the podium this weekend at the state meet. Not only do the Tigers have 15 swims competing in the prelims, but they also have three divers, all of whom are capable of scoring a large number of points. That could help Fishers as it tries for its first

runner-up finish since 2021.

Senior Jacob Schade brings the third-most points to state, as he scored 507.75 at Tuesday's diving regional at the Tigers' pool. Mason Lawson is seeded fifth with a regional score of 496.05 points, while Kirby Dangler is seeded ninth after totaling 431.55 points. Schade has qualified for state twice before, making the medals stand both times (third two years ago and fifth last year).

Back in the pool, Fishers senior Jonathan Hines is seeded third in both the 200 free (1:39.11) and the 500 free (4:25.36). Hines was the state runner-up in the 500 free last season and placed fourth in the 200 free.

Sophomore Alex Koo is rated ninth in the 50 free; his time of 21.27 seconds is just 0.01 off the eighth-seed time. The Tigers have all three relays seeded in the top eight as well: Fishers' medley and 400 free relays are rated sixth and the 200 free relay is seeded seventh.

Hamilton Southeastern will have 10 swims competing at state this year. Leading the way is senior Jihoon Jung, who is committed to Dartmouth College.

Jung is seeded third in the individual medley (1:49.31) and fourth in the butterfly (49.28). He medaled in both events last year at state, placing fifth in both events. Senior Collin Huston is seeded fourth in the breaststroke (56.13); he made the podium last year at state by also finishing fifth. The Royals also hold fifth seeds in the medley and 400 free relay.

Westfield qualified five swims for state this year. The Shamrocks advanced their medley and 400 free relays, while sophomore Garreth Thomas qualified in the IM and butterfly events. Another sophomore, Griffin Barents Froman, qualified in the breaststroke event.

Noblesville has four swims at state, in addition to a top returning diver. Senior Aiden Kless is a two-time state medalist, having placed fifth two years ago and seventh last year. Kless is seeded sixth this season after compiling a regional score of 490.45 points Tuesday at Fishers.

As for the swimming, the Millers qualified all three relays, while sophomore Liam Hayward qualified individually in the backstroke.

Gymnastics

Miller gymnasts place fourth at Southmont

The REPORTER

The Noblesville gymnastics team placed fourth at last Saturday's Southmont Mountie Invitational.

The Millers scored 97.25 points. Hailey Nobbe had Noblesville's top place and score, taking second on the balance beam with 9.10 points.

Valorey Bittles finished third in the all-around with a total of 34.325 points. Bittles finished in the top

four on three events, placing third on the uneven bars (8.30) and the floor exercise (8.90). She also was fourth on the beam (8.30).

Complete Noblesville scores now follow. The Millers travel to the Gymnastics Company Friday evening to compete in the Franklin Central sectional. Fishers will also compete there. Competition begins at 6:30 p.m.

Noblesville Results

All-around: Valorey Bittles 34.325, McKenna Watson 29.575, Ethan Rivers 25.725.
Vault: Watson 8.55, Bittles 8.425, Lydia Blackwell 8.15, Rivers 7.65, Alexis Mitcham 7.05.
Uneven bars: Bittles 8.30, Hailey Nobbe 7.725, Baeli Ostler 6.925, Watson 6.40, Rivers 4.95.
Balance beam: Nobbe 9.10, Bittles 8.70, Watson 7.65, Lilly Martin 6.375, Rivers 5.625.
Floor exercise: Bittles 8.90, Rivers 7.50, Blackwell 7.325, Watson 6.975, Mitcham 6.525.

Girls Basketball

All-HCC girls basketball team announced

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its All Conference Girls Basketball team on Wednesday.

Here is a list of players from Hamilton County that received either First Team or Second Team honors.

First team

Fishers: Nevaeh Dick-

man, Riley Schellhammer. **Hamilton Southeastern:** Kennedy Holman, Maya Makalusky, Kayla Stidham. **Noblesville:** Meredith Tipner, C.C. Quigley.

Second team

Fishers: Allison Scheu. **Noblesville:** Kate Rollins. **Westfield:** Aubrey Crockett, Samantha Price, Lindsey Van Dyke.

Hamilton County state qualifiers

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel 1:29.70, 5. Hamilton Southeastern 1:32.47, 6. Fishers 1:32.56, 15. Noblesville 1:36.15, 21. Westfield 1:37.59.

200 freestyle: 1. William Allen (C) 1:37.19, 2. Ethan Zhang (C) 1:38.23, 3. Jonathan Hines (F) 1:39.11, 8. Lewis Zhang (C) 1:40.12, 23. Anthony Adams Jr. (F) 1:43.90.

200 individual medley: 1. Yi Zheng (C) 1:47.64, 3. Jihoon Jung (HSE) 1:49.31, 4. Cory Han (C) 1:49.32, 12. Michael Gorey (C) 1:53.23, 14. Luis Sanchez (F) 1:53.57, 15. Garreth Thomas (W) 1:53.87, 19. Collin Huston (HSE) 1:55.21.

50 freestyle: 9. Alex Koo (F) 21.27, 10. William Pugh (C) 21.33.

One-meter diving: 3. Jacob Schade (F) 507.75, 5. Mason Lawson (F) 496.05, 6. Aiden Kless (N) 490.45, 9. Kirby Dangler (F) 431.55, 23. Henry Summers (C) 348.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Andrew Shackell (C) 47.11, 4. Jung (HSE) 49.28, 9. Hudson Lee (F) 50.52, 12. Pugh (C) 50.61, 21. Thomas (W) 50.96.

100 freestyle: 6. Carter Hadley (C) 45.75, 9. E. Zhang (C) 45.84, 10. Koo (F) 46.19, 12. William Lathrop (C) 46.36, 20. Camden Bailey (HSE) 47.26, 28. Derek Robison (HSE) 47.56.

500 freestyle: 1. Allen (C) 4:23.31, 2. Anderson Kopp (C) 4:24.02, 3. Hines (F) 4:25.36, 4. L. Zhang (C) 4:28.69, 9. Camden Askren (F) 4:37.79, 13. Adams (F) 4:40.07.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel 1:23.28, 7. Fishers 1:26.42, 11. Hamilton Southeastern 1:26.98, 18. Noblesville 1:28.05.

100 backstroke: 2. Kopp (C) 48.96, 3. Han (C) 49.13, 8. Hadley (C) 50.45, 10. Sanchez (F) 50.93, 19. Thomas Johanneman (F) 52.16, 21. Jacob Frey (HSE) 52.23, 23. Liam Hayward (N) 52.32.

100 breaststroke: 3. Zheng (C) 55.98, 4. Huston (HSE) 56.13, 15. Qwinton Upshaw (F) 58.29, 17. Griffin Barents Froman (W) 58.46, 18. Luke Feller (C) 58.74, 21. Gorey (C) 58.88.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel 3:04.43, 5. Hamilton Southeastern 3:08.80, 6. Fishers 3:09.07, 12. Noblesville 3:12.57, 20. Westfield 3:15.65.

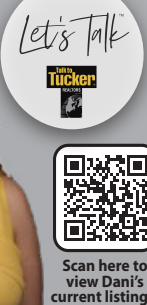
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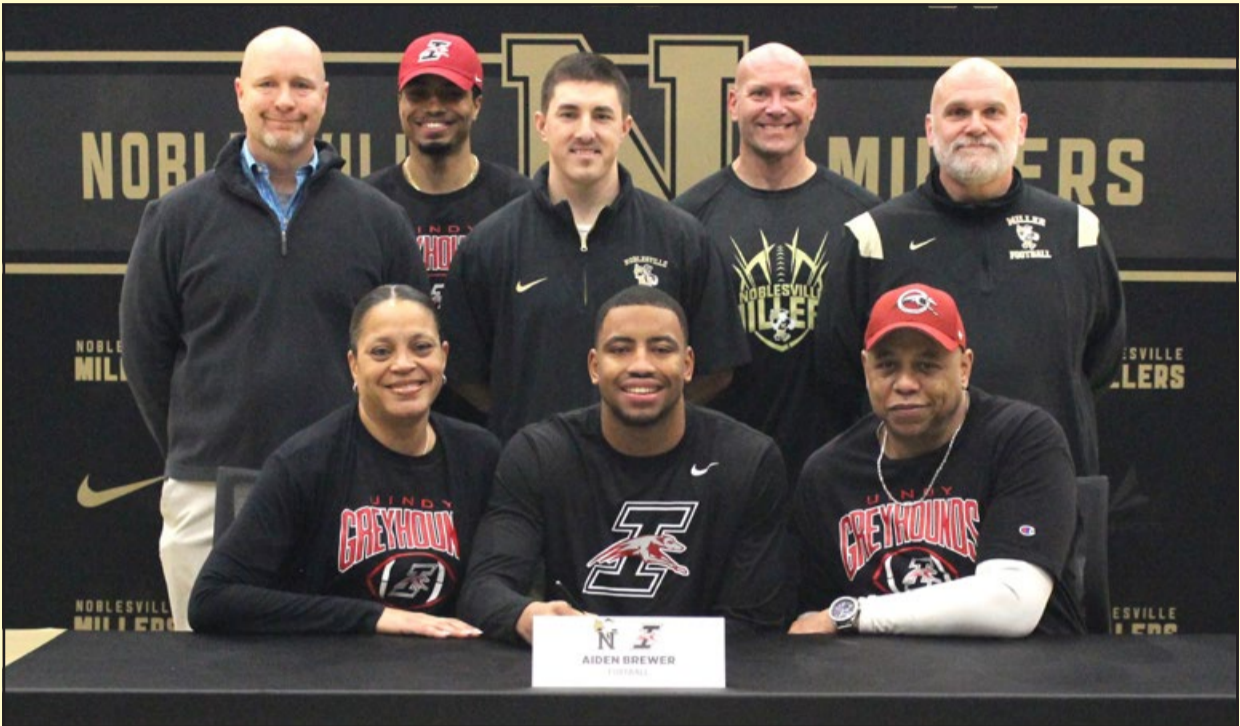


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Aiden Brewer has committed to the University of Indianapolis football team. (Front row, from left) Kim Brewer (mother), Aiden Brewer, and Aaron Brewer Sr. (father). (Back row, from left) Ted Munson (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), Aaron Brewer Jr. (brother), Colin Jasper (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), Mike Campbell (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach), and Tim Blevins (Noblesville Football Assistant Coach).

Horn to join soccer team at Wabash College



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Blake Horn has committed to the Wabash College men's soccer team. (Front row, from left) Catherine Kincaid (Mother), Blake Horn, and Ronald Kincaid (stepfather). (Back row, from left) Jake Hart (Noblesville Boys Soccer Assistant Coach) and Thomas Doering (Noblesville Boys Soccer Head Coach).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Phalen Academy at University, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Waldron, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

IHSAA state prelims, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium

GYMNASTICS SECTIONALS

Fishers, Noblesville at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

INDIANAPOLIS 500

FAN FESTS



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Statewide IMS Fan Fests return to spread Month of May magic

Submitted by IMS

Indianapolis Motor Speedway is hitting the road again in 2025 to bring the excitement of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge to fans with free IMS Fan Fests throughout the state, including locations in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Bloomington and Indianapolis.

While each IMS Fan Fest will offer a unique experience, fans can expect attractions like an NTT INDYCAR SERIES race car on display, driver and special guest appearances, and a variety of other activations and giveaways. IMS is working with partners Molson Coors, Red Bull, Bottleworks, Electric Works and others to bring these exciting events to fans.

"IMS Fan Fests were added to the countdown calendar in 2024, and the response from fans was truly phenomenal," IMS and NTT INDYCAR SERIES President J. Douglas Boles said. "Fans of the Indianapolis 500 are some of the most passionate in the world, and the Fan Fests give us an opportunity to celebrate the excitement of May before we all come together for Race Day, and I can't wait to get to these events and share the excitement of the countdown to May with our fans."

IMS Fan Fest details

Evansville

Franklin Street Tavern & Bud's Rocking Country Bar and Grill

2126 W. Franklin St. & 2124 W. Franklin St.

5 to 8 p.m. CT, Saturday, March 29

Franklin Street Taven is Evansville's locally owned, neighborhood friendly bar offering pub grub from pizza to sandwiches, great drink specials, fun times and open-arms attitudes. Bud's Country Bar and Grill is Evansville's only country-themed restaurant and bar.

Fort Wayne

Electric Works

1690 Broadway Building

5 to 8 p.m., April 8

Electric Works is a mixed-use district of innovation, energy and culture. A redevelopment and adaptive reuse of the former General Electric campus, the first phase of Electric Works includes more than 700,000 square feet of space and offers office, innovation, education, healthcare, retail, entertainment and community uses, creating the perfect Fan Fest location for the whole family to gather and celebrate Indiana's rich history of automobile innovation and racing.

Bloomington

Nick's English Hut & The Upstairs Pub

423 E. Kirkwood Ave. & 430 E. Kirkwood Ave.

5 to 8 p.m., April 15

Fans 21 and over are encouraged to celebrate the unique relationship of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge and the iconic Little 500 at Indiana University in Bloomington at two iconic locations on Kirkwood Avenue.

Indianapolis

Bottleworks District

850 Massachusetts Ave.

5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 1

At the heart of the Mass Ave Cultural Arts District, Bottleworks District is the perfect gathering place for fans of all ages in Central Indiana to come out and celebrate the countdown to May while enjoying award-winning food and drinks.

All IMS Fan Fests are free and open to the public. Age restrictions may apply based on the location of the event.

More information about events like Fan Fests and other community programs can be found at ims.com/community-calendar. Follow IMS on social media to learn more about the specific activities available at each IMS Fan Fest as those dates approach.



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