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Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

MATURITY

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Ray Adler is a longtime attorney with offices at The Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Downtown Noblesville. He is also one of the owners of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

Ivy Tech

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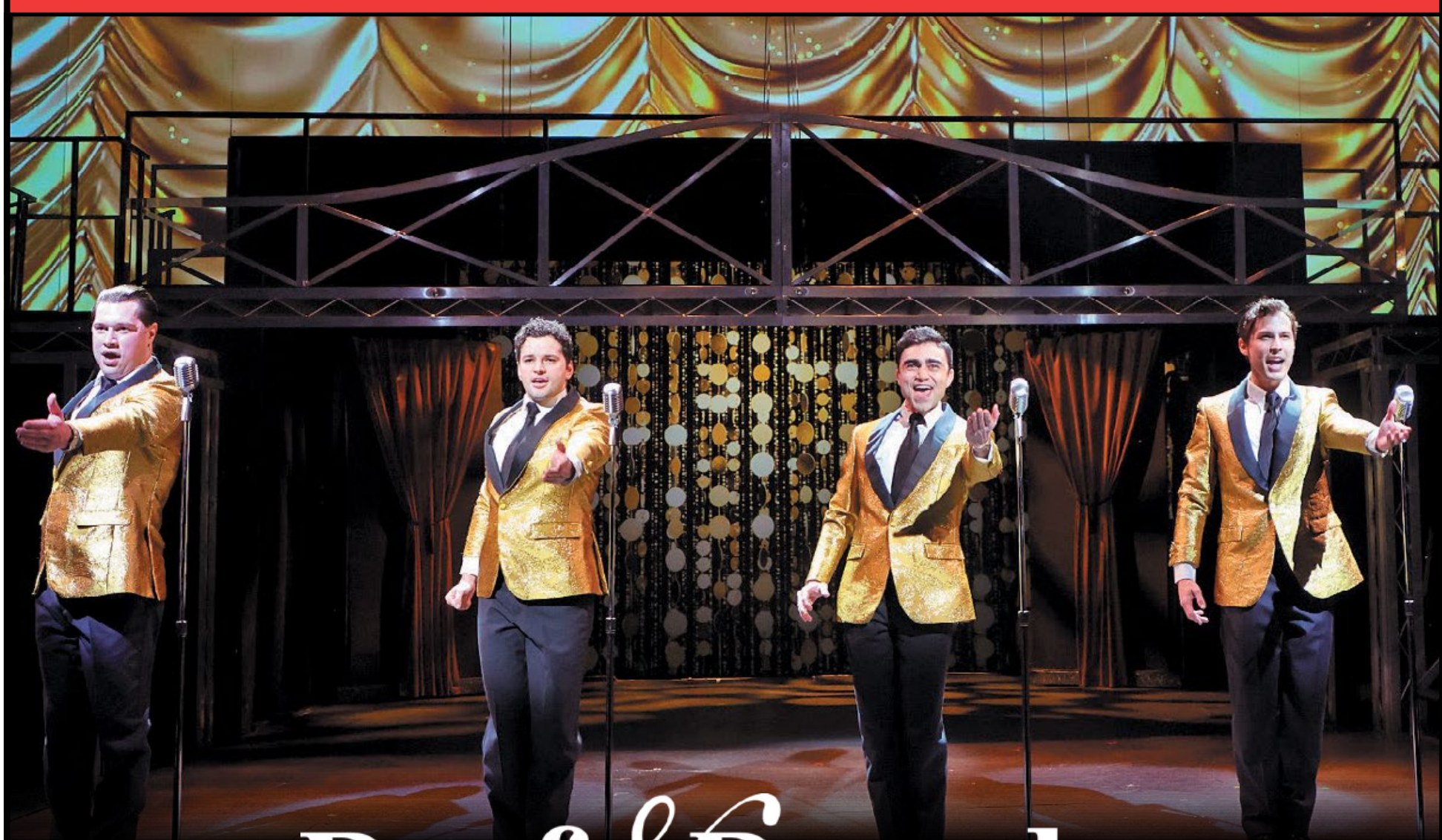
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Letter to the Editor

Reader shares frustration with apparent demise of some local newspapers

Dear Editor:

I used to live in Noblesville, but now live just outside of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., in Sevier County.

I miss having a newspaper to read. Instead, I have to use my iPad. One good thing about the iPad, though, is I was able to read your post, “**Why other newspapers are failing**,” because I have Noblesville marked as a “local” area of interest on Newsbreak. We used to take the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, but it has floundered since being taken over by *USA TODAY* (much like the *IndyStar*).

A local Sevier County paper, *The Mountain Press*, reduced the printed edition to three days a week from six, meaning the other days would have to be read online. The subscription price was not reduced, so I canceled. If I have to read it online, I’m not too interested as there are other sources online. Morning coffee is much better when holding a newspaper and reading current news.

When subscribed to the previous newspapers, I encountered problems reaching a human by telephone. Unlike your publisher, I just gave up.

Jim Davis
Tennessee

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Kindergarten enrollment open at Noblesville Schools



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools has opened kindergarten enrollment, which is active now through May 9 for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Children must be at least five years old on or before Aug. 1, 2025, in order to enroll for kindergarten. If your child will be five after Aug. 1 but before Oct. 1, 2025, they can be considered for early entrance. Noblesville Schools is a nationally recognized district focused on academic excellence, care for students, and creative learning opportunities. To learn more and enroll, visit noblesvilleschools.org.

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Hamilton County launches Closed Captioning initiative

Collaborative effort encourages local businesses & organizations to activate closed captioning on TVs

The REPORTER

In honor of Disability Awareness Month, Hamilton County Tourism is sharing a closed captioning initiative aimed at enhancing accessibility across the county.

According to the **National Deaf Center**, approximately 3.6 percent of the U.S. population considers themselves deaf or hard of hearing. The Hamilton County Closed Captioning Project is a community-wide initiative designed to provide real-time captions on public TV screens, allowing individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to have equal access to important information, entertainment, and services.

This effort was coordinated among the following entities: the cities of Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville and Westfield; Hamilton County Government; Hamilton County Tourism; Indiana Restaurant & Lodging Association; Hearing Loss Association of America – Indianapolis Chapter; Invest Hamilton County; Noblesville Chamber of Commerce; OneZone Chamber of Commerce; and Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

This group has managed a series of informational initiatives that include letters, emails, and a social media campaign. These communications encourage local businesses and organizations to turn on closed captioning on all their TVs and provide step-by-step instructions for different TV models and streaming devices. Participating businesses then receive a window cling indicating they have closed captioning activated on their screens.

A wide variety of local businesses have participated to date, including all the restaurants within Wolfpack Restaurant Group.

“At Wolfpack Restaurant Group, we believe dining out should be an enjoyable experience for everyone, without exception,” Wolfpack Restaurant Group Co-Founder Nyla Wolf said. “By providing closed captioning across our Hamilton County Wolfies Grill locations, we’re taking decisive steps toward putting that experience within reach for every single guest who walks through our doors. Our restaurants aren’t just dining establishments – they’re where community thrives and ensuring our deaf and hard of hearing guests feel fully welcomed isn’t just good business – it’s fundamental to who we are. We’re proud to champion this initiative and invite other restaurants to join us.”

The project is part of a broader effort from Hamilton County Tourism to share information and accommodations that allow every visitor and resident, regardless of ability, to enjoy the full breadth of Hamilton County’s cultural, entertainment, and business offerings.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Tickets on sale now for CSO’s Appalachian Spring at the Palladium

The REPORTER

Join the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) to celebrate the arrival of spring with a concert inspired by nature, nostalgia, and beauty. Under the baton of Conductor Joel Smirnoff, this unforgettable evening features a program filled with lush melodies and vibrant orchestral colors.

Appalachian Spring is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

This celebrated American ballet, which first captivated audiences in 1944, tells the poignant and uplifting story of a frontier couple on their wedding day, set against the backdrop of a world emerging from the shadows of war. A masterful reflection of hope and rebirth, Copland’s *Appalachian Spring* embodies the spirit of a new beginning as World War II drew to a close. Copland’s evocative score earned him the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1945 and has since become one of the most cherished works in the American orchestral repertoire.

Program

- *Irish Tune from County Derry*, *Molly on the Shore*, and *Shepherd’s Hey* by Percy Grainger
- *Appalachian Spring* by Aaron Copland
- *Symphony No. 6 “Pastorale”* by Ludwig van Beethoven

Tickets

Reserved seating starts at \$67, with senior and student discounts available. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Enhance your evening

Meet and greet the musicians after the performance at the CSO After Party in the Braham Founders Club. Add-on tickets are available for \$25 or included as a Premier Giving & Subscriber benefit.

Find out more at CarmelSymphony.org.

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Democrats select new leadership team



Photos provided

The Hamilton County Democratic Party held its Reorganization Meeting last Saturday, March 1 to elect the Central Committee for 2025 to 2029. They are: Josh Lowry, Chair; Meredith Fox, Vice Chair; Aimee Rivera Cole, Secretary; and Jim Harter, Treasurer. Thank you to the 118 precinct committeepersons and vice precinct committeepersons who attended the meeting. Special thanks to State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn and Carmel City Councilwoman Dr. Anita Joshi for giving attendees words of encouragement. Democrats are building, fundraising, and communicating like never before and they can't wait to have you part of the team. Learn more and get involved at hamcodemsin.org.



Photos provided

(ABOVE, from left) State Rep. Garcia Wilburn speaks to the crowd. New party leaders Aimee River Cole, Meredith Fox, Josh Lowry, and Jim Harter. Carmel City Councilwoman Dr. Anita Joshi speaks to the crowd. State. Rep. Garcia Wilburn and Chair Josh Lowry.



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Republicans select next leadership team

Submitted

The Hamilton County Republican Party successfully held its 2025 Reorganization Caucus last Saturday, March 1 at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, 802 Mulberry St., Noblesville. Precinct Committeemen and Vice-Precinct Committeemen from across the county gathered to elect party leadership for the next four years.

The caucus resulted in the reelection of Mario Massillamany as Chairman, Raju Chinthala as Treasurer, and Beth Sheller as Secretary, along with the election of Stephanie Flittner as Vice Chair.

Chairman Massillamany expressed his gratitude for the continued support, stating, "Thank you to all Precinct Committeemen and Vice-Precinct Committeemen for your trust and confidence in us. We are committed to working hard, raising funds, and supporting our candidates to ensure Republican victories at every level."

The newly elected leadership team will focus on strengthening the party's grassroots efforts, increasing community engagement, and ensuring strong Republican representation in Hamilton County and beyond.

About Hamilton County GOP

The Hamilton County Republican Party is dedicated to upholding conservative values, supporting Republican candidates, and fostering strong leadership within the community. Learn more and get involved at hamiltoncountygop.org.



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(From left) Treasurer Raju Chinthala, Vice Chair Stephanie Flittner, Chairman Mario Massillamany, Secretary Beth Sheller, and Party Executive Director Lisa Elmore.



Reporter photo

Local Republicans packed the Mill Top last Saturday to elect party leaders.

North GOP invites you to next dinner meeting

The REPORTER

The Northern Hamilton County GOP Club will hold its next dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Red Bridge Park in Cicero.

The cost to attend is \$10 for non-members and free for members and sponsors.

Please click the links below to access the membership and sponsorship forms for 2025:

• [2025 Membership form](#)

• [2025 Sponsorship form](#)

The cost of membership is \$40 for the year, which will include free entry to all five dinner meetings. The cost of sponsorship is \$150 and will include free membership and entry for two people to the five meetings in 2025.

Come meet your elected officials and local Republicans running for office while enjoying dinner. This

month's speakers will be listed at a later date.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to emily.pearson317@gmail.com by Thursday, March 20.

Club Goals

1. To make it easier for Republican men and women in Northern Hamilton County to meet and speak with Republicans holding and running for office.

2. Address concerns happening in the northern

part of Hamilton County (Cicero, Sheridan, Arcadia and Atlanta), but all Republicans in Hamilton County are welcome.

3. Share information to help precinct committee people staff their polls and connect them with people who would like to work at the polls.

4. Inform people of upcoming events, and inform them of volunteer opportunities.

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Hamilton County organizations receive more than \$400K in grants from Crosser Family Foundation

The REPORTER

The Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of the Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF), has announced \$404,676 in grants awarded to 21 nonprofit organizations. In collaboration with the staff at Hamilton County Community Foundation, the advisors of the Crosser Family Foundation support organizations that focus on the communities of Hamilton County and surrounding areas in Central Indiana.

“Our family cares deeply about strengthening our community and helping individuals thrive,” Craig Crosser said. “These grants are our way of supporting organizations that address critical issues such as community engagement, housing, health, and youth development. We are proud to partner with them to make a meaningful difference in people’s lives.”

HCCF values its partnership with the Crosser Family Foundation.

“The Crosser Family Foundation exemplifies the impact of compassionate and intentional philanthropy,” HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. “We are honored to partner with the Crosser family in advancing their vision.”

Some of the organizations receiving support include:

• **Riverview Health Foundation (\$75,000)** –

Riverview Health operates one of the few full-service acute inpatient rehabilitation units in the county. With a staff boasting over 600 years of combined experience, they care for patients recovering from serious health issues like strokes, traumatic brain injuries, significant car accidents, or surgeries. As Hamilton County continues to grow, Riverview Health is expanding and renovating the Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit to meet increasing demands. This grant will assist with the ongoing expansion and renovation, resulting in 24 rooms available to serve the needs of Hamilton County for the next five years.

• **Fueled for School (\$51,176)** –

Fueled for School provides nutritious meal packs to food-insecure youth, emphasizing the importance of nutrition for education, increasing access to local food, and instilling hope in the community. Nearly 25 percent of all students in Noblesville Schools, from PreK to 12th grade, face food insecurity. To address this issue, Fueled for School has partnered with Noblesville Schools. This grant will cover warehouse and utility expenses necessary to support the ex-



panding programs and ensure that all requested needs are met.

• **Noblesville Sister Cities (\$20,000)** –

For over 28 years, Noblesville Sister Cities has successfully leveraged a trilateral agreement with its international Sister Cities: Nova Prata, Brazil, and Cittadella, Italy. This agreement encourages collaboration in government, business, community development, cultural exchange, youth engagement, and relationship-building. Each country takes turns hosting students, chaperones, and delegates, rotating every summer in July. Noblesville will host in July 2025.

• **Teter Organic Farm (\$17,000)** –

Teter Organic Farm’s mission is to increase access to healthy food for vulnerable populations while providing ecological education and building community relationships. The farm empowers volunteers to produce nourishing food for the food insecure, offers educational opportunities, and provides access to greenspace, all while healing the environment along the White River. Since

2016, Teter Organic Farm has donated over 165,000 servings of produce and 28,300 eggs, added two miles of trails, welcomed over 500 volunteers, and hosted more than 1,500 youth for service and educational programs. This grant will enable Teter Organic Farm to donate more food and welcome more visitors for educational opportunities and greenspace access.

The Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of Hamilton County Community Foundation, is dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth and families in Hamilton County. By partnering with innovative nonprofit organizations, the Crosser Family Foundation strives to cultivate a strong and engaged community. Its current focus areas include community engagement, health and wellness, housing, and youth development. Guided by a philosophy of compassionate and responsible philanthropy, the Foundation advocates for opportunity and diversity within our community.

[Click here](#) to read a full list of grants.



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ARGOS Connected Solutions Founder/CEO Bobby Humphrey, Geotab Founder/CEO Neil Cawse, Carmel Street Department Fleet Supervisor Jason Armes, and ARGOS Government President Scott VanMeter.

Carmel Street Department wins award for vehicle fleet sustainability

The REPORTER

The Carmel Street Department announced on Monday that it has been recognized with a 2025 Geotab Innovation Award for Fleet Sustainability in the small-medium size public sector category.

These awards honor outstanding fleets that are leading the way in their use of connected vehicle technology and data insights to create better outcomes to support and enhance services to Carmel residents and businesses.

“Using technology from Geotab and their reseller Argos Connected Solutions, the City of Carmel Street Department has created a platform that allows us to see real time data in each of our vehi-

cles,” Street Department Fleet Supervisor Jason Armes said. “Fuel mileage, CO2 emissions, engine fault codes, seat belt usage, and route completion mapping for winter operations and street sweeping are just a few of the things that we use Geotab for. All of these data points help us keep our drivers safe, our fleet well maintained, streets cleaned and plowed and, with our Biodiesel program, we are doing our part to help better the air quality for the citizens of Carmel.”

The awards were presented at Geotab Connect 2025 in Orlando, Fla., a premier event for fleet industry focused on connected vehicles, data intelligence, AI, and sustainability.

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Morales applauds Treasury Department’s decision on Corporate Transparency Act federal enforcement

Submitted by Office of the Secretary of State

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales applauds the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s announcement Monday regarding suspension of penalties and fines under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) for failing to file or update business beneficial ownership information with the federal government.



Morales

The Treasury Department confirmed that it will not enforce penalties or fines for non-filing beneficial ownership information reporting until March 21, 2025, and, in a significant new development, will not enforce non-filing penalties against U.S. Citizens or domestic businesses even after the rule changes take effect. According to the Treasury Department, after March 21 when updated rules take effect, only foreign-owned businesses will be subject to penalties for not reporting beneficial ownership infor-

mation. “This decision is a positive step in supporting hardworking Hoosiers and small businesses by providing much-needed clarity and ensuring the rule is properly aligned with the public interest,” Secretary Morales said. “As the Business Services Division is under our office, we remain committed to helping Indiana businesses thrive and grow with confidence.”

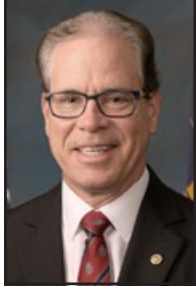
The Treasury Department’s proposed rulemaking will focus specifically on foreign reporting companies, helping to tailor the rules in a way that advances the public interest while minimizing the impact on domestic businesses. This change comes as part of ongoing efforts to ensure that the Corporate Transparency Act is both effective and fair, particularly for American taxpayers and small businesses.

Additional information can be found at [fincen.gov/boi](https://www.fincen.gov/boi).

Gov. Braun signs executive order to strengthen parental leave & childbirth recovery leave for state employees

Submitted by Office of the Governor

On Monday, ahead of International Women’s Day this Saturday, Governor Mike Braun signed an executive order to strengthen paid parental leave for state employees.



Braun

The executive order also provides paid childbirth leave for women recovering from giving birth, as well as paid leave for those grieving from the tragedy of losing a baby.

“Strong families are the cornerstone of strong communities, and it’s so important for a family to have quality time to care for their newest member,” Gov. Braun said. “I believe employers should do everything they can to accommodate the needs of new parents, and today I’m setting an example by strengthening our state’s policies for paid parental leave (including adoption), childbirth recovery leave, and paid leave for those facing the tragedy of losing a baby. These new paid parental leave policies will benefit women recovering from childbirth, their spouses, and the newborns whose health and development will be improved by more time with their parents in those first critical weeks. Indiana supports strong families!”

Under this new executive order:

- All employed women who give birth are eligible for six weeks paid childbirth recovery leave, and up to eight weeks paid childbirth leave for employees who deliver via C-section. This leave policy also applies to employees who experience the tragedy of losing a baby in utero at 20 weeks or beyond.
- All full-time state employees may receive up to

150 hours of paid parental leave (75 hours for part-time employees) following the birth or adoption of a child regardless of how long one has been employed with the state.

- Replacing previous policy, Gov. Braun’s parental leave policies will now apply no matter how long

Indiana Right to Life issues statement on executive order

Submitted

Indiana Right to Life President and Chief Executive Officer Mike Fichter issued the following statement Monday regarding the governor’s executive order.

“Indiana is exemplifying a culture of life. Governor Braun’s executive order today affirms that the Hoosier culture prioritizes families, parents and children. These enhanced benefits for state employees is [sic]

a significant step in Indiana being an example in compassionate support for pregnant mothers and their babies, including those suffering the loss of a baby’s life before birth. This is an important addition to Indiana’s larger effort to give pregnant mothers and their babies the support they need to thrive. We encourage all Hoosier employers to follow the state’s lead in providing greater support for moms and babies.”

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Frank Basile joined the *No Title Needed* podcast on Monday for Part 2 of his interview.

Basile continued . . .

Frank Basile joins ‘No Title Needed’ for Part 2, shares his drive to give back & rewards that come with it

Submitted

No Title Needed is a podcast celebrating the passions that enrich everyone’s lives. This week, *No Title Needed* welcomed back philanthropist Frank Basile for Part 2 of his interview. Basile is a professional speaker, author, columnist, community volunteer, philanthropist, retired property management executive, and world traveler. Basile and his wife Katrina have contributed to several organizations in a variety of fields. Among these are several to The Herron School of Art and Design, the Indianapolis Arts Center, the Phoenix Theatre, Storytelling Arts of Indiana, the Indiana Theatre Association, the Indiana Historical Society, and Basile Westfield Playhouse. Listen in for Part 2 with Basile shares what drives him to assist these organizations and how it feels to give

back in this way. He also discusses his travels – some exciting, some causing a bit of uncertainty. He also discusses the need to honor traditional entertainment, such as dance and music, especially that found in Carmel in The Great American Songbook. Next week, tune in to meet Carmel City Councilman Adam Aasen. A councilman since 2019, he is a communications specialist, a community volunteer, and a former restaurant owner and journalist. You can listen to *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 and air at 8 a.m. on Mondays. Follow the podcast on [Facebook](#).

Kroger wants to help you make mornings easier after Daylight Saving Time

The REPORTER

With Daylight Saving Time taking effect Sunday, March 9, Kroger wants to help families get healthy breakfast essentials. A limited number of Kroger Hour Back Boxes are available now for free – first come, first served. To get those daylight-saving essentials delivered right before the clocks spring forward, customers can visit [Kroger.com/HourBack](#) to claim an exclusive box, while supplies last. Customers who miss their chance to score a Kro-

ger Hour Back Box can claim one of thousands of free breakfast items. Starting at noon Friday, March 7, customers can visit [Kroger.com/HourBack](#) to choose from one of 39,000 free *Our Brands* breakfast items, including a Private Selection Cold Brew Coffee Concentrate, Simple Truth Oatmilk Creamer, or Kroger Frozen Breakfast Sandwiches by downloading a limited-time, single-use digital coupon – redeemable at the Kroger Family of Stores or [Kroger.com](#), while supplies last.

Two-person play tells one man’s story of family & loss

By VERONIQUE DUPREY
A Seat on the Aisle

I attended opening night of *The Berlin Diaries* last Friday, Feb. 28, at the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Center. I wasn't quite sure what to expect from this new play co-directed by Constance Macy and Rabbi Brett Krichiver for the Phoenix Theatre, and I was pleasantly surprised. Andrea Stolowitz, the playwright, received a copy of her great-grandfather’s diary from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and eventually traveled to Berlin for a year-long fellowship to write a play based on the diary. *The Berlin Diaries* is about her discovery of materials, family history, and sense of belonging as she sets out to write this play. Although the subject includes the Holocaust, we do not live through the suffering of individuals at that time, but rather spend time before and after that period with those who escaped it, and in the present, with those who live with generational trauma. Two exceptional local actors, Jennifer Johansen and Rob Johansen, give life to all the characters, past and present, never leaving the stage. They are given the additional task of portraying the same character, simultaneously, as the play calls for monologues to be delivered by both actors, a few lines at a time, “as one person in conversation with themselves” according to program notes. Though I was forewarned, it still confused me a bit at



Photo courtesy Phoenix Theatre
Rob and Jennifer Johansen star in *The Berlin Diaries*.

times, as the delineation of who was speaking was not always clear to me – my companion, however, had no such qualms. Both actors beautifully portrayed a wide range of characters, helped by neutral costumes, non-specific to any period or gender, and I thoroughly enjoyed their journey. Music and lighting also set the tone appropriately. The simple set consisted of a large tree, with printed words for leaves, evoking both ideas of a family tree and the written words from diaries, letters, or plays. The tree also, cleverly, served as

depository or hiding place for various props. A number of old-fashioned suitcases completed the setting, and were used efficiently to create various locations. I was touched by the universality of the importance of family, and how every human being yearns for a sense of belonging, for their families to spend time together and get along, and for their children to suffer less. The world is a harsh enough place – may we be blessed to have a refuge of safety in our own family. **Bottom line:** Highly recommended! With a back-

ground of the Jewish diaspora, this new work speaks to universal themes of belonging, family, and hope. Some humor interspersed throughout lightens this autobiographical drama. Do not miss the opportunity to see phenomenal acting in service of this touching story. Performances continue through March 16, and free parking is available in the lot across the street. Ticket information is available at [phoenixtheatre.org/buy-tickets](#). Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](#).

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance recognized as finalist for TechPoint’s 2025 Digital Transformation of the Year Mira Award

Submitted

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance was recently recognized as a finalist for the 2025 Digital Transformation of the Year award presented by TechPoint during the 26th annual Mira Awards. These awards elevate innovative, Indiana-based companies that are leaders in the tech eco-



system. The company received recognition for its innovative approach to enabling secure access to generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) for internal productivity. That approach started

with a multi-day innovation event with over 10 employee-created teams who explored the potential GenAI has for the company. The event highlighted the value of everyday access to GenAI models and was the reason for creating an enterprise application called AI Lab to harness the power of large language models. The resulting AI Lab was built in-house and includes access to nine powerful large language models, all hosted securely with privacy and security in mind.

“Creating AI Lab allowed for flexibility and a vendor-agnostic approach to our everyday GenAI strategy,” said Andrew Marsh, the company’s director of information security. “We worked closely with our trusted cloud partners during the design and model selection process to ensure that data submitted through this application is protected.” Another element of the success of the rollout was the steadfast focus on the end user. Through a culture of innovation, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has encouraged all areas of

the company to identify responsible ways to leverage GenAI in their daily work. The company believes this approach will drive growth, foster creativity and boost productivity. The in-house application allowed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance to maintain control over data security while also achieving significant cost savings. The application uses a consumption cost model, which has resulted in 90 percent cost savings compared to traditional GenAI subscription models. “Being a finalist for the Digital Transformation of the Year award is a testament to the impact AI Lab has had on the company,” said Jo Lee Hayes, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance’s chief information officer. “I’m proud of the efforts of our employees who developed and deployed our application, and those who have embraced this new technology. Our approach strikes the perfect balance between innovative technology, cost efficiency and empowering our employees to shape the future of our industry.”

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Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; children, Sue Musnicki (Fred), Peggy Myers (Terry), and Hank Beach (Leigh); and sister, Peggy Scharfenberg. He adored his grandchildren, Rachel (Chris), Parker (Emily), Brett, Spencer, Maddie (Alex), and Josie (Chris); and two great-grandchildren.

Phil grew up in Sterling where he met his sweetheart Marjorie Meyer. They were married in 1957 while he was serving in the U.S. Army. They lived in Adams, Mass.; Northbrook, Ill.; Decatur, Ill.; and Westfield. Phil lived a life of service, volunteering with his church, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club.

Phil undeniably loved his friends and family and truly knew no stranger. He was always the life of the party, warm and compassionate, and he thrived in the company of others. His laughter was contagious, and his positive outlook – along with his ability to listen intently – made everyone feel valued. He loved hearing people’s stories and was always eager to connect. He had a quick smile and was ready to share it with anyone he talked to – even in the morning before Marge was fully awake. He was friendly, joyful, unassuming, and sentimental. Phil was always the last to leave any party. His life was filled with so many wonderful friends.

He loved horses, mountains, boating, golf, and the beach – he rarely sat still. He was generous, sharing whatever gifts he had. Phil was someone who led by example. He was a strong Christian, and he was humble, genuine, and curious. He was a fighter and never gave up – using all nine lives in his 89 years on this earth.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

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THE LAMPSTAND

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They made its seven lamps, as well as its wick trimmers and trays, of pure gold. They made the lampstand and all its accessories from one talent of pure gold.

Exodus 37:17-24 (NIV)

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Families and funeral homes are asked to submit obituaries at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Fire Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. An open meeting will follow at 1:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Conference Room of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in the Commissions’ Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Westfield Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, has been canceled due to a lack of an agenda.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2025, has been canceled.

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The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)(5) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees and to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

The Board will hold a regular meeting at 2:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later, in the Training Room at Carmel Police Headquarters, 3 Civic Square.

The Board of Directors of the Hamilton Southeastern Consolidated School Building Corporation will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Hamilton Southeastern Schools Central Office, 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers.

The purpose of said meeting is to consider (i) authorizing the issuance of the Corporation’s Unlimited Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Refunding Bonds, Series 2025B (the “Bonds”), (ii) authorizing the distribution of a preliminary official statement, and the execution of a supplemental trust indenture and other documents relating to the Bonds, and (iii) any and all other business as may properly come before said meeting.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Hamilton County Plan Commission

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Council/Commissioners’ Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Building at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana in order to hear the following petition:

DOCKET NO. PC-0002-03-2025

A subdivision application concerning the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance Article 27 in order to subdivide two parcels totaling approximately 75.85 acres into 6 lots that will meet all required subdivision standards.

Project Address: 0 E. Durbin Road, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel nos.: 29-11-01-000-014-000.016 and 29-11-01-000-016-000.016
Zone District: A-2

The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13, Noblesville, Indiana. Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard by 12 noon the day of the Hearing, or at the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
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Boys Basketball Sectionals

Top-ranked Tigers outlast No. 2 Shamrocks, move on to semifinals

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

CARMEL – In a matchup that should have been a sectional championship bout, Fishers and Westfield showed every bit of why they are the top two teams in the state.

For every small run that the Shamrocks had in them, the Tigers responded that much more to grab a first-round win, 54-47.

From the opening tip, it was the intense battle that it was dubbed to be. This high-octane matchup gave the fans their money’s worth and more.

A pair of ties and another couple lead changes kept the first quarter tight with Fishers up by two, 17-15.

Back-and-forth again to start the second, a Durante Morton layup gave Westfield a 22-19 lead with 4:00 left until halftime. JonAnthony Hall dunked on a pass from Baker to cut it to 22-21. Justin Kirby gave the Tigers a 24-22 lead at halftime on a layup and free throw for the old-fashioned three-point play.

“We made some adjustments offensively at half-time about things we thought we could get good looks on,” said Fishers head coach Garrett Winegar.

That only fueled Fishers, as the Tigers went on a 16-0 run until the midway point of the third. Four consecutive from Jalen Malone and an offensive rebound putback from Drew Haffner halted that run and got it under 10 at 35-28.

“Obviously, a big turning point in the game was that third quarter run when they were able to make a run. But our guys never quit. We had

the same situation last week at Mount Vernon. We had to fight and claw to get back in it,” said Westfield head coach Shane Sumpter.

“I think it’s three things. They’ve got really smart kids who play really hard. They’re very well-coached. Coach Sumpter does a great job and it’s tournament time,” said Winegar.

A pair of baskets on two straight possessions from Jason Gardner Jr. and Nathan Baker gave Fishers a 39-28 advantage heading to the fourth period.

Gardner scored four in a row to begin the fourth for the Tigers’ largest lead of the night.

Westfield fought right back, as expected. The ‘Rocks cut it to seven again at 43-36 with consecutive threes from Haffner and Will Harvey, along with an eight-foot floater from Haffner.

Fishers kept trying to find more space and build a bigger lead, but Westfield’s defense just wasn’t allowing another big run.

A Cooper Zachary 1-for-2 trip at the foul line and a JonAnthony Hall layup got Fishers its last double-digit lead at 46-36.

After that, Westfield went on a 9-2 run that made it 48-45 with 1:28 left.

“You’re playing for your life. People are going to play to the last minute, regardless of the score. We try to pride ourselves on that and they did that a little better late. I thought we took some shots that we didn’t need to take, had some turnovers late,” continued Winegar.

“We were right there at the end. I knew our guys wouldn’t lay down. It’s just not in our character and it’s who they are,” said Sumpter.



The Tigers used a 6-2 run in the final minute with Gardner scoring, along with two more Zachary free throws. Hall put the icing on the cake off an inbound pass from Gardner and the senior Hall dunking for the final count of 54-47.

“We made the plays when we needed to. We got a stop there at the end and got a denial. Credit to our guys to keep fighting,” Winegar said.

Westfield (18-4) snaps its six-game winning streak. The Shamrocks were led by Haffner’s game-high 19, along with 10 out of Malone, seven from Will Harvey and five from Brock Detamore.

“I’m just really proud of this group. This is one of the most enjoyable teams I’ve ever coached. The four



Photos by Joshua Herd
(LEFT) Fishers’ JonAnthony Hall makes a dunk during the Tigers’ sectional win over Westfield Tuesday at Carmel. Hall scored 15 points. Pictured at left is Fishers’ Millen McCartney. (ABOVE) Westfield’s Jalen Malone scored 10 points for the Shamrocks.

FISHERS 54, WESTFIELD 47				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Will Harvey	2	2-2	7	2
Drew Haffner	7	2-2	19	1
Jalen Malone	3	4-4	10	2
Rylan Rauch	0	0-0	0	1
Durante Morton	1	1-3	3	2
Brock Detamore	3	0-0	8	0
Ryan Hunsucker	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	16	9-11	47	9
Westfield 3-pointers (6) Haffner 3, Detamore 2, Harvey.				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Millen McCartney	3	0-0	7	2
Cooper Zachary	0	3-4	3	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	6	0-0	13	2
JonAnthony Hall	7	0-0	15	1
Nathan Baker	3	0-0	6	2
Justin Kirby	4	1-1	10	2
Logan Sigler	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	23	4-5	54	13
Fishers 3-pointers (4) McCartney, Gardner, Kirby, Hall.				
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	15	7	6	19 – 47
Fishers	17	9	13	15 – 54

Millers pull away from Hounds in opening game

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL – Noblesville pulled away from host Carmel Tuesday in the opening game of Class 4A Sectional 8 on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds and the Millers were in a close battle for the first three quarters before Noblesville dominated the fourth period to get a 51-32 victory. Noblesville advances to the Friday semifinals, where it takes on Hamilton Southeastern in the first game that evening.

The Millers never trailed, although Carmel kept things close for the majority of the game. Noblesville led 9-5 after the first quarter, with junior Justin Curry scoring six of those points, setting the tone for how this contest developed.

The ‘Hounds opened the second quarter with two free throws from Aidan Dickerson and a basket from Liam Mann, getting the score to its lone tie at 9-9. But Ryan



Photos by Joshua Herd
(TOP) Noblesville’s Justin Curry scored 24 points for the Millers during their first-round sectional win Tuesday at Carmel. Pictured at left for the Greyhounds is Evan Harrell. (RIGHT) Carmel’s Liam Mann scored 10 points to lead the Greyhounds.

Vetor drained a 3-pointer, then Curry made his first triple of the game to answer a Mann layin and put Noblesville up 15-11.

“Coming into sectionals is always a nervous feeling, but it’s a good nervous feel-

ing,” said Curry, explaining that his team was able to turn those nerves into “positive energy.”

Dickerson hit a 3 to keep Carmel within 15-14. That was another theme of the game, with the Greyhounds

coming back each time the Millers went on a run. Noblesville surged ahead 20-14, with Curry making a dunk, then Carmel came back to 20-19, with Zach Michaels made a triple for the ‘Hounds.



Baron Walker got the last basket of the half, a jumper to put Noblesville ahead 22-19 at the break. The Millers started the third quarter with an 8-1 spurt, including a triple from both Curry and Walker.

Noblesville led 30-20, but Carmel came back again with an 8-0 run. Ben Bremer hit a 3, then Mann dunked in a basket while being fouled and made the free throw. A layin by Julian Vogt brought the Greyhounds within 30-28.

Walker finished the third quarter like he did the second, making a layin. The Millers led 32-28 going into the fourth quarter, then outscored Carmel 19-4 in that period. T.J. Davidson started things with an and-1, Aiden Brewer made a layin, then Walker’s layin turned into another and-1. Curry finished the run with his third 3 of the game.

“I think the stops helped contribute to the quality

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Boys Basketball Sectionals

Blazers come back, beat Warriors Huskies drop tough first-round game to Connersville

The REPORTER

University opened play in Sectional 42 at Park Tudor with a come from behind 56-46 win over Covenant Christian.

The Trailblazers trailed 22-17 at halftime but used increased defensive intensity and improved shot selection to outscore the Warriors 39-24 after the break. University made 15 of 20 field goal attempts in the second half, including their only three-point attempt.

Senior Max McComb scored 11 of his game-high 19 points in the fourth quarter to lead four Trailblazers in double figures. Junior Blake Gray and Faisal Mohamud had 11 points each and sophomore Josh Henderson came off the bench to score 10 points on 5-for-7 shooting.

University made just four field goals in the first half on 17 attempts. Blake Gray scored nine points in the first half to help keep the Blazers close.

Faisal Mohamud pulled University within two on a three-point play to start the second half, but the Warriors pushed the lead back out to 29-23 with 3:41 to go in the quarter. Mohamud scored again to start an 8-0 University run. McComb made two free throws then Zien Bland had a steal and layin to knot the game at 29. The Blazers took their first lead since 5-4 when Henderson scored on a reverse layin. Covenant Christian retook the lead at 32-31 on a three-point play before Bland put University ahead for good with 1:05 left. McComb made the advantage 35-32 at the end of three when he rebounded his own miss for a basket.

After the Warriors made two foul shots to open the fourth quarter, University put the game away with a 16-2 run over the next six minutes. Mohamud made a



(ABOVE) University's Max McComb scored 19 points for the Trailblazers during their Sectional 42 win over Covenant Christian Tuesday at Park Tudor. (BELOW) Blake Gray had 11 points for University.

field goal before McComb's three-point play gave University their first two possession lead at 40-34. After a Covenant Christian score University ran off the next 11 points. McComb made a three pointer before University executed a pair of inbound plays perfectly. Mohamud triggered inbound plays to McComb and Henderson for layins and a 47-36 lead. Henderson scored off a McComb assist and then Gray stole the ball and threw it ahead to Henderson for a dunk that ended all hope for the Warriors at 51-36 with 1:47 left.

McComb finished with eight rebounds, five assists and three steals. Henderson had five rebounds and blocked four shots.

University improved to 15-9 with the win. Covenant Christian ends their season with a 14-9 mark.

The Trailblazers advance to face Monrovia in the semifinals at 6 p.m. Friday night. University defeated the Bulldogs 51-37 in January.



UNIVERSITY 56, COVENANT CHRISTIAN 46				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zien Bland	2	0-0	4	1
Max McComb	6	6-9	19	1
Blake Gray	2	6-6	11	0
Faisal Mohamud	4	3-3	11	3
Cooper Cammack	0	1-2	1	4
Noah Cortez	0	0-0	0	0
Josh Henderson	5	0-0	10	3
DJ Willis	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	16-20	56	12
Score by Quarters				
Covenant Christian	14	8	10	14 – 46
University	11	6	18	21 – 56
University 3-pointers (2) McComb, Gray.				

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a tough first-round game at the Class 3A New Castle sectional on Tuesday, falling to Connersville 44-42.

The Huskies led 14-10 after one quarter, with Carson Felger hitting two 3-pointers. Heights went up 26-17 at halftime, but the Spartans cut that lead to

33-31 after three quarters. Connersville outscored the Huskies 13-9 in the fourth to get the win.

Felger led Heights with 13 points and nine rebounds. Dreydin Serna also collected nine rebounds. Tyler Champion scored nine points, hitting two 3s.

The Huskies finished their season 14-9.

CONNERSVILLE 44, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 42				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Tyler Champion	3-7	1-2	9	5
Rees Knapp	0-6	2-2	2	0
Carson Felger	5-6	1-4	13	1
Jack Kakasuleff	2-12	1-4	6	2
Gavin Saunders	2-12	0-1	4	3
Dreydin Serna	2-7	4-4	8	2
Chris Nobbe	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aidan Unger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Hayden Spicer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-50	9-17	42	13
Score by Quarters				
Connersville	10	7	14	13 – 44
Heights	14	12	7	9 – 42
Heights 3-point shooting (5-24) Champion 2-5, Felger 2-3, Kakasuleff 1-6, Saunders 0-6, Knapp 0-3, Serna 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (27) Felger 9, Serna 9, Kakasuleff 3, Champion 2, Knapp 2, Saunders 2.				



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shots we got in the fourth quarter,” said Noblesville coach Scott McClelland. “I think we took some better shots, but I think some our defense enabled us to get some better shot selection, better quality shots.”


Vogt broke the run at the 2:51 mark with a layin, but the Millers responded with eight consecutive points. Curry drained another triple, his fourth of the game, and made a layin, bringing his total to a game-high 24 points.

Walker scored 15 points for Noblesville and dished out four assists. Davidson led the rebounds with six, while Curry made four steals. Noblesville is 18-5 for the season.


Mann led Carmel with 10 points and also blocked two shots. Dickerson pulled eight rebounds, with Mann collecting six. Carmel finished its season 10-13 despite dealing with injuries during the year, but coach Rayn Osborn credited his team for continuing to fight.

“The effort was never a conversation,” said Osborn. “I think that takes a lot of maturity and buy-in, and I give them a lot of credit for that.”

NOBLESVILLE 51, CARMEL 32				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
TJ Davidson	1-4	5-7	7	3
Adam Fine	0-3	0-0	0	1
Justin Curry	9-15	2-2	24	1
Aiden Brewer	1-3	0-0	2	3
Baron Walker	6-16	1-1	15	1
Ryan Vetur	1-2	0-0	3	2
Max Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Luke Fogg	0-0	0-0	0	0
Luke Davis	0-0	0-0	0	0
Elijah Mason	0-0	0-0	0	0
Max Flanagan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-43	8-10	51	11
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-19) Curry 4-8, Walker 2-8, Vetur 1-1, Davidson 0-1, Fine 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (16) Davidson 6, Brewer 3, Fine 2, Walker 2, Curry 1, Vetur 1, team 1.				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Aiden Dickerson	2-5	2-2	7	2
Zach Michaels	1-1	0-0	3	0
Ben Bremer	2-4	0-0	5	4
Evan Harrell	1-4	1-2	3	3
Liam Mann	4-6	2-3	10	1
Julian Vogt	2-5	0-0	4	0
Jamie Whack	0-2	0-0	0	0
Jamichael Fountain	0-1	0-0	0	2
Vince Nover	0-0	0-0	0	0
Miles Wiley	0-0	0-0	0	0
Delacy Fant	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jack Perry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12-28	5-7	32	12
Carmel 3-point shooting (3-13) Bremer 1-3, Dickerson 1-2, Michaels 1-1, Vogt 0-3, Whack 0-2, Fountain 0-1, Harrell 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (23) Dickerson 8, Mann 6, Vogt 4, Whack 1, Michael 1, Fountain 1, Bremer 1, Harrell 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	5	14	9	4 – 32
Noblesville	9	13	10	19 – 51



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“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!!!**

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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
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Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men’s and Women’s (Sizes S – 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you’ve been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;
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Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of March 2

Editor’s note: This is the final poll of the 2024-25 season.

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Fishers (22)	440	24-0
2	Greenfield-Central	394	21-3
3	Cathedral	377	19-4
4	Westfield	370	18-3
5	Avon	357	20-3
6	Crown Point	326	19-2
7	Anderson	295	21-2
8	Jeffersonville	257	17-5
9	Lawrence North	244	17-6
10	New Palestine	243	21-3
11	South Bend St. Joseph	225	20-3
12	Warsaw	207	22-4
13	New Albany	165	18-3
14	Northridge	118	20-3
15	Noblesville	114	16-5
16	Brownstown Central	103	21-2
17	Crispus Attucks	86	17-6
18	Ben Davis	69	16-8
19	Guerin Catholic	66	20-4
20	Mount Vernon	65	17-5

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Blackhawk Christian (21-3), Clay City (21-1), Columbus North (19-3), Evansville Reitz (15-5), Fort Wayne Wayne (16-6), Homestead (19-5), Lafayette Jefferson (20-3), Lawrence Central (12-9), Manchester (20-2), Northview (22-2), NorthWood (19-4), Pike (12-9), Princeton Community (21-2), Silver Creek (20-4), South Bend Riley (18-4), South Ripley (21-1), Southridge (20-2), Terre Haute North Vigo (18-5), Wapahani (22-1).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 5

BOYS BASKETBALL
Sectional 25 at Frankfort
Lebanon vs. Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.
Brebeuf Jesuit vs. Crawfordsville, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

BOYS BASKETBALL
Sectional 8 at Carmel
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Noblesville, 6 p.m.
Zionsville vs. Fishers, 7:45 p.m.
Sectional 25 at Frankfort
Tri-West vs. Frankfort-Danville winner, 6 p.m.
Lebanon-Guerin Catholic winner vs. Brebeuf Jesuit-Crawfordsville winner, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 39 at Frankton
Sheridan vs. Tipton, 6 p.m.
Lapel vs. Frankton, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 42 at Park Tudor
Monrovia vs. University, 6 p.m.
Riverside vs. Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS
Noblesville's Valorey Bittles at Franklin Central regional, 6:30 p.m. at The Gymnastics Company

Saturday, March 8

BOYS BASKETBALL
Sectional 8 at Carmel
Championship, 7 p.m.
Sectional 25 at Frankfort
Championship, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 39 at Frankton
Championship, 7:30 p.m.
Sectional 42 at Park Tudor
Championship, 7 p.m.

GYMNASTICS
Westfield at Portage regional, 1 p.m.

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Dascoli commits to DePauw



Carmel senior Katy Dascoli has committed to the DePauw University women's cross country and track & field team.

Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics

Men’s Basketball — Dennis & Jackson combine for 57 points in Tuesday afternoon defeat

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants hosted the Long Island Nets Tuesday afternoon. It was a back-and-forth nailbiter with 31 lead changes and 14 ties at the Gainbridge Fieldhouse. In the end it was the Nets who prevailed in a 114-109 contest. Quenton Jackson scored 30 points while RayJ Dennis added 27 points for the Mad Ants.

The Mad Ants had RayJ Dennis, Enrique Freeman and Quenton Jackson all active for Tuesday’s game. It was Dakota Mathias who scored the first points of the day. The Purdue alum drained an off-balance three-pointer with time winding down on the shot clock.

The game was 3-0 through the first couple minutes of play. With 6:42 remaining in the first quarter, the Nets had a 13-12 lead. Coming out of the TV timeout, Dennis drained a three-pointer to regain the lead for Indiana.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Mathias knocked down a three-pointer to tie the game at 28. Two possessions later, a steal from Kyle Mangas resulted in a layup on the other end. At the end of the first quarter, the Nets had a 31-30 lead. Dennis led all scorers with 10 points.

Jahlil Okafor scored the first points of the second quarter. After grabbing an offensive rebound, the Duke alum scored with a

layup. Okafor drew a foul on the next possession and converted the one-for-two free throw attempt.

With 6:36 left in the first half, the Mad Ants trailed Long Island 48-45. A minute later, Dennis cut the deficit shorter with a finger roll layup. The two-way guard made five of his first seven field goals.

With under three minutes to go in the second quarter, Jackson threw down a strong two-handed dunk to tie the game at 55. Next time down the floor, he drained a three-pointer giving him 16 points on the day.

Down to a minute to go, Mangas drew a foul and made a free throw worth two points. On the next possession, Jackson absorbed contact while making an off-balance shot close to the rim. The Mad Ants trailed 64-62 heading into halftime. Jackson led the team with 18 first-half points.

Okafor scored the first points of the second half. The veteran center knocked down a mid-range jumper off a pass from Dennis. Next time down the floor, Jackson drew a foul and converted the one-for-two free throw attempt.

Halfway through the third quarter, Dennis scored with a close-range float-er. His field goal made it a 77-76 game with Indiana down one. The Illinois native made eight of his first

12 points.

Long Island finished the quarter on a 20-7 run. The Mad Ants trailed the Nets 97-83 heading into the fourth quarter. Jackson led the team with 22 points through three quarters.

Okafor scored the first points of the fourth quarter for Indiana. Freeman grabbed an offensive rebound and found Okafor who finished with a close-range jumper. Jackson scored on the next possession with a three-pointer.

Trailing 101-90, the Mad Ants got back-to-back threes from Mangas and Jackson to cut the deficit to five points with 6:30 remaining in the quarter.

Dennis and Okafor helped bring the deficit down to two points. Okafor scored with a one-handed dunk while Dennis scored with a layup. Jackson tied the game for the Mad Ants with a reverse layup. The scoring run from Indiana prompted a timeout called by Long Island. The game was tied at 104 with 3:27 left in regulation.

The game remained tied with 1:25 remaining in the quarter. Long Island regained the lead on their next possession with a putback layup from Drew Timme. Next time down the floor for the Mad Ants, Dennis captured the lead with a three-pointer. The Nets, now trailing 109-108, called a timeout with 37 seconds

left on the game clock.

After the timeout, Long Island drew a shooting foul. Tosan Evbuomwan knocked down both free throws to regain the lead for the Nets. The following possession for the Mad Ants yielded no points. With time winding down, Tyson Etienne was fouled and converted both free throws. Long Island had a 112-109 advantage with 13.9 seconds remaining.

Tom Hankins called a timeout following Etienne’s free throws. Indiana turned it over trying to inbound the basketball. The Nets successfully inbounded it, and Etienne was fouled again. The Long Island point guard sank two more free throws making it a 114-109 game with 12.8 seconds remaining.

Hankins used his final timeout with Indiana still alive in the game. Josiah-Jordan James missed from downtown, and Long Island clinched the victory.

The Indiana Mad Ants hit the road for their next five games. This road trip begins on Sunday against the Delaware Blue Coats (76ers affiliate) with tip-off at 2 p.m. This road trip will also include Capital City, two stops in Windy City, and another trip to Delaware. The final Mad Ants home game of the regular season comes on March 24 against the Windy City Bulls. Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

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