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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.
Snow and rain showers,
mainly in the morning.
Tonight: Evening showers
mix with and change
to a little snow.
HIGH: 44 LOW: 26



Sheridan takes the plunge

High schoolers raise more than \$8,000 for Special Olympics

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan High School (SHS) had an exciting and memorable experience at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge on Feb. 28 at Eagle Creek Park.

A group of enthusiastic students from Sheridan took part in this event, diving into the chilly waters to show their support for the Special Olympics organization. Their participation was more than just a fun activity; it was a meaningful way to raise awareness and funds.

Collectively, SHS raised more \$8,000 for Special Olympics Indiana. This incredible amount was made possible by the dedication and enthusiasm

of the students, teachers, and supporters who came together to fundraise for this great cause. The school's commitment was evident in the outstanding funds they raised, demonstrating their passion for making a positive impact.

The SHS team, like many others, embraced the excitement of the day. Students, teachers, and supporters came together, displaying their school pride and school spirit as they participated in this annual tradition. The event allowed them to connect with their community

and contribute to a cause that directly benefits Hoosier students.

SHS's involvement is a testament to the school's commitment to giving back and supporting those in need. It's a perfect example of how high school students can make a positive impact, turning a fun and challenging experience like the Polar Plunge into something meaningful and engaging to the community.



Photo provided

The Blue Flu House

Influenza A hit our entire household last week like a freight train.

I woke up a little after midnight Tuesday morning, Feb. 25 thinking, "Huh, my throat's getting scratchy." By 2 a.m. my entire body ached, and I was wracked with terrible chills. And when it was time to start my workday, I could barely function.

My husband John had a scratchy throat the previous Sunday and managed to go to his sales appointments on Monday. By that evening, he was down for the count.

I, like most of us, had been hearing about this evil flu and had been washing my hands, avoiding touching my face, and doing all the usual steps to prevent myself from getting sick. But this sucker is stealthy. Just by having dinner in the same room with John Sunday evening, my sons Jonathon and Jacob were exposed to the flu along with me.

By Wednesday, we all felt absolutely miserable. Most of the time when I'm sick, I can sit on the couch in my pajamas with my laptop and get some work done. Or I miss one day of work, but I'm then back at it the next day without a problem. Not with this flu. I had to tell my team I'd be out of commission for at least a few days.

Thanks to the good folks at Noblesville Urgent Care, we got on Tamiflu, which gave us some hope. I clung to that hope on Thursday morning, when my symptoms were at their absolute worst. My throat was on fire, and I could no longer talk. I turned to my own form of sign language to communicate with John and Jacob (Jonathon lives on his own).

John turned a corner that day, which was a Godsend, as he discovered a leak in our kitchen sink that had left a great deal of water underneath after I had run a dishwasher cycle the day before. As I watched him tackle the mess, I was grateful he was able to handle it. If I had seen what happened, I would have been sobbing on the floor.

Before he left to go buy a new faucet that afternoon, mask in hand, he turned to me and said, "Well, now we can say we've had everything thrown at us including the kitchen sink." I nodded weakly.

Jacob and I began to feel better Friday, although my throat still felt like it was in shreds. I was grateful to upgrade from "now I know why people go to the hospital with this" sickness to just "regular" sickness. I actually put on real clothes – well, yoga pants and a sweatshirt – and worked on the couch that day trying to get as caught up as possible.

Despite feeling better, we still had – and have as I write – lingering coughs. As we sat on the couch Friday evening eating our takeout (hurray for the new Thai place in downtown Noblesville!) we created our own little chorus.

Cough, cough, cough, cough, cough ...
Cough, cough ... cough, cough ...

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Seven Hamilton Heights students earn February Coffee Bean Award

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for February. They include Reece Blanton, Zoey Carmack, Abigail Eaton, Natalie Head, Ty Schultz, and Harley Stetnish, and Addisin Stokes.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objec-



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School February Coffee Bean Award recipients include (from left) Addisin Stokes, Zoey Carmack, Abigail Eaton, Natalie Head, Ty Schultz, Reece Blanton, and Harley Stetnish.

tive is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer

sense of community within the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. You can

send a nomination by visiting the Student Services page at hs.hhschuskies.org.

Westfield DECA brings 106 competitors to state, secures top honors and international qualifiers

The REPORTER

Westfield High School's DECA program made a powerful impact at the 2025 Indiana DECA State Career Development Conference, held March 3 to 5 at the Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

With an impressive 106 students competing – one of the largest delegations at the event – Westfield showcased exceptional business acumen, leadership, and career readiness.

The highly competitive conference brought together 2,500 of Indiana's top high school business students to engage in real-world business challenges, from marketing and finance to entrepreneurship, and hospitality. Through this experience, Westfield students demonstrated critical thinking, professional communication, and problem-solving skills, embodying the district's mission to ensure "All Rocks are Life Ready."

State champions & international qualifiers

Following outstanding performances, several Westfield DECA members qualified for the 2025 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC), which will take place in April in Orlando, Fla.:

- Lauren Pickett – second place, Professional Selling
- Nitya Sachdeva – fourth place, Principles of Business Management
- Avyanth Arun – third place, Principles of Entrepreneurship
- Logan Daggy – fourth place, Principles of Marketing
- Vahishrit Kale – fourth



Photos provided

Westfield High School's DECA cohort comprising 106 students was one of the largest delegation at the DECA State Career Development Conference this week.

place, Entrepreneurship Series

- Charlie Naas – first place, Quick Serve Restaurant Management
- Lindsey Cassady – third place, Retail Merchandising Series

- Otto Drake – second place, Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series

- Cooper Bohn & Pranesh Raghavendran – first place, Financial Team Decision Making

Westfield's leadership in DECA

Westfield students not only competed but also led at the

state level. WHS DECA President Claire Comer helped guide the chapter's success, while Indiana DECA State Officers Cooper Bohn and Ava Britton Heitz played a key role in managing the conference.

Additionally, five Westfield students – Krithik Bolla, Noor Ahmed, Hailey Lamb, Stella Neale, and Vahishrit Kale – ran for state officer positions, continuing Westfield's tradition of leadership in business education. Stella Neale was elected as the 2025-26 Indiana DECA Vice President of Marketing,

ensuring Westfield's continued influence at the state level.

Westfield DECA was also honored with the Thrive Chapter Campaign Award, granting two members exclusive leadership training opportunities.

A testament to Westfield's mission: "All Rocks are Life Ready"

DECA is more than a competition – it reflects Westfield Washington Schools' commitment to preparing students for future success. The skills

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Tickets on sale now for HCSO Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) will present the fourth annual Chaplaincy Prayer Breakfast next month at the Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, 802 Mulberry St., Noblesville.

The breakfast will take place April 23, with doors opening at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:15 a.m., and the program will begin at 8. Tickets options with links to purchase are listed below:

- \$50 for individuals
- \$350 for table of eight

The purpose of the Prayer Breakfast is to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Chaplaincy while looking forward to big things in the future.

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From the desk of Heights Superintendent Arrowood

Update No. 146

The month of March has been set aside to celebrate the important role that the arts (visual arts, music, theater, and dance) play in schools across the nation. March has been designated by the National Dance Education Organization as “Dance in Our Schools Month,” by the National Association for Music Education as “Music in our Schools Month,” by the National Theatre Association as “Theatre in Our Schools Month,” and by the Council for Art Education as “Youth Art Month.”



At Hamilton Heights, the arts are more than an extracurricular activity—they are a cornerstone of our educational mission and an integral component of our students’ overall educational experience. These programs enrich the lives of our students, enhance their academic and personal growth, and help strengthen the bonds within our community. We know that a well-rounded education, including the arts, helps to better prepare our students for success after graduation. Beyond the intrinsic

value of artistic expression, studies have consistently shown that students who participate in arts education demonstrate higher academic achievement, improved attendance, and increased civic engagement. The arts instill discipline and perseverance, teaching students the importance of dedication and practice in the pursuit of excellence. In fact, almost every student at Heights is exposed to art, music, theater, dance, band, and/or choir at some point during their PreK to 12th-grade journey here. Arts educators play a crucial role in shaping the lives of our students, often going above and beyond their teaching duties

to make a positive impact. Our arts programs are thriving with interest and participation thanks in large part to our arts educators and staff (past and present) who inspire, engage, and help provide our students with life-changing and far-reaching experiences throughout their journey at Heights. They include Mark Snelson (Band-HH-HS/HHMS), Billy Cox (Band-HHHS/HHMS), Jill Walker (Choir-HH-HS/HHMS), Tara Mueller (Music-HHES), Carrie VanAlstine (Amber Guard-HHHS), Brooks Myers (Theater-HHHS), Cheri Trachtman (Art-HHES), Erin Goodman (Art-HHMS), and Taylor

Myers (Art-HHHS). The other gift we have that contributes to strong arts programming here is that we live in a community that values the arts and contributes to creating a positive school culture that celebrates creativity and expression. This environment fosters a sense of belonging and encourages students to explore their artistic potential. The collective effort of a supportive community which helps provide our students with extra resources, encouragement, and opportunities they need to thrive creatively. Our students’ involvement in the arts can be seen, heard, and felt in creative, imaginative, and colorful

ways throughout our buildings and community every day. The transformative power of the arts continues to shape the lives of our students, enrich the fabric of our community, and is worthy of celebrations this month and all year long. Thank you for supporting our students’ intellectual development and creativity through the arts at Hamilton Heights. I leave you with this impactful quote from Maxine Greene, American Educational Philosopher: “The arts, it has been said, cannot change the world, but they may change the human beings who might change the world.” #WeAreHuskies

When things look bleak: finding fresh insight about God’s love can lift feelings of hopelessness

Submitted

Alex Fischer, practitioner of Christian Science healing and international speaker, will present his talk, “How Spiritual Perception Brings Healing,” at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at the Hamilton East Public Library, Fishers Branch, 5 Municipal Drive. The talk will focus on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus’ life and teachings, showing how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science. The talk is free, open to the community, and sponsored by First Churches of Christ, Scientist, in Carmel and Indianapolis. “We are not stuck!” en-

courages Fischer. “Understanding more clearly our relationship with God, infinite good, ends fear and leads the way forward.” Sharing examples of healing from his own life and professional practice of Christian Science, Fischer will explain why Christian Science is both Christian and scientific, meaning that people can prove its effectiveness for themselves, as fully described in the book *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, written by the founder of the Christian Science movement, Mary Baker Eddy. Fischer will also touch

on the life of Mary Baker Eddy, who came to understand, confirm, and teach what she felt was original Christian healing. Eddy herself said she was especially inspired by Jesus’ demand, “He that believes on me, the works that I do will he do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go unto my Father” (found in the Gospel of John 14:12 in the Bible). For over 150 years, people around the world have worked to follow Christ Jesus in this practice of Christianity and continue to do so today, experiencing healings of physical ills and personal difficulties. Alex Fischer has been a Christian Science practitioner for many years, helping people on a daily basis through this scientific approach to prayer. He travels from his home base in the southwest of France to speak to audiences around the world as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.



Fischer

CHAPLAINCY

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Last year, Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler oversaw 150 community volunteers and Staff Chaplain Daniel Hester worked hard to build relationships with HCSO employees. They answered 2,895 requests from inmates, provided many educational classes, and administered 39 baptisms. Additionally, the Chaplaincy helped lead the Annual Sheriff’s Chaplaincy Conference. *Hamilton County Sheriff’s Chaplaincy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-denominational faith-based organization serving public safety personnel, those who work or reside in public safety facilities, those housed in the jail facility, as well as all residents of Hamilton County. The mission is to serve as a supportive group of qualified ministers and counselors, assisting in matters of personal, marriage, job, spiritual as needed, and to be available to assist during times of emergency.*



Photos provided (TOP) Staff Chaplain Daniel Hester leads the attendees in prayer at last year’s breakfast. (ABOVE, from left) Chaplain Catherine Durr, Senior Chaplain Mark Fidler, and Chaplain Edie Keesee-Henry.

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BLUE FLU

Slowly but surely, the Blue Flu House, as John has named it, is recovering. Dear readers, please be

careful out there ... don’t hesitate to mask up if you need to, and if anyone has any little symptom, keep your distance. And be sure to reach out to your healthcare professional if you feel like you’ve got the flu. The sooner you get help, the

sooner you’ll recover. Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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DECA

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gained through DECA – entrepreneurial thinking, financial literacy, professional communication, and leadership – are essential for college, careers, and beyond. WHS DECA Advisor Michelle Goudy expressed her pride in the students’ achievements. “Our students performed incredibly well, not only in competition but in their professionalism and team-

work,” Goudy said. “They truly exemplified the Shamrock Way, and I’m excited to see them continue their success on the international stage in Orlando.” As Westfield DECA looks ahead to ICDC in April, its students remain committed to excellence, leadership, and real-world career readiness – proving once again that Westfield DECA is a powerhouse in business education.

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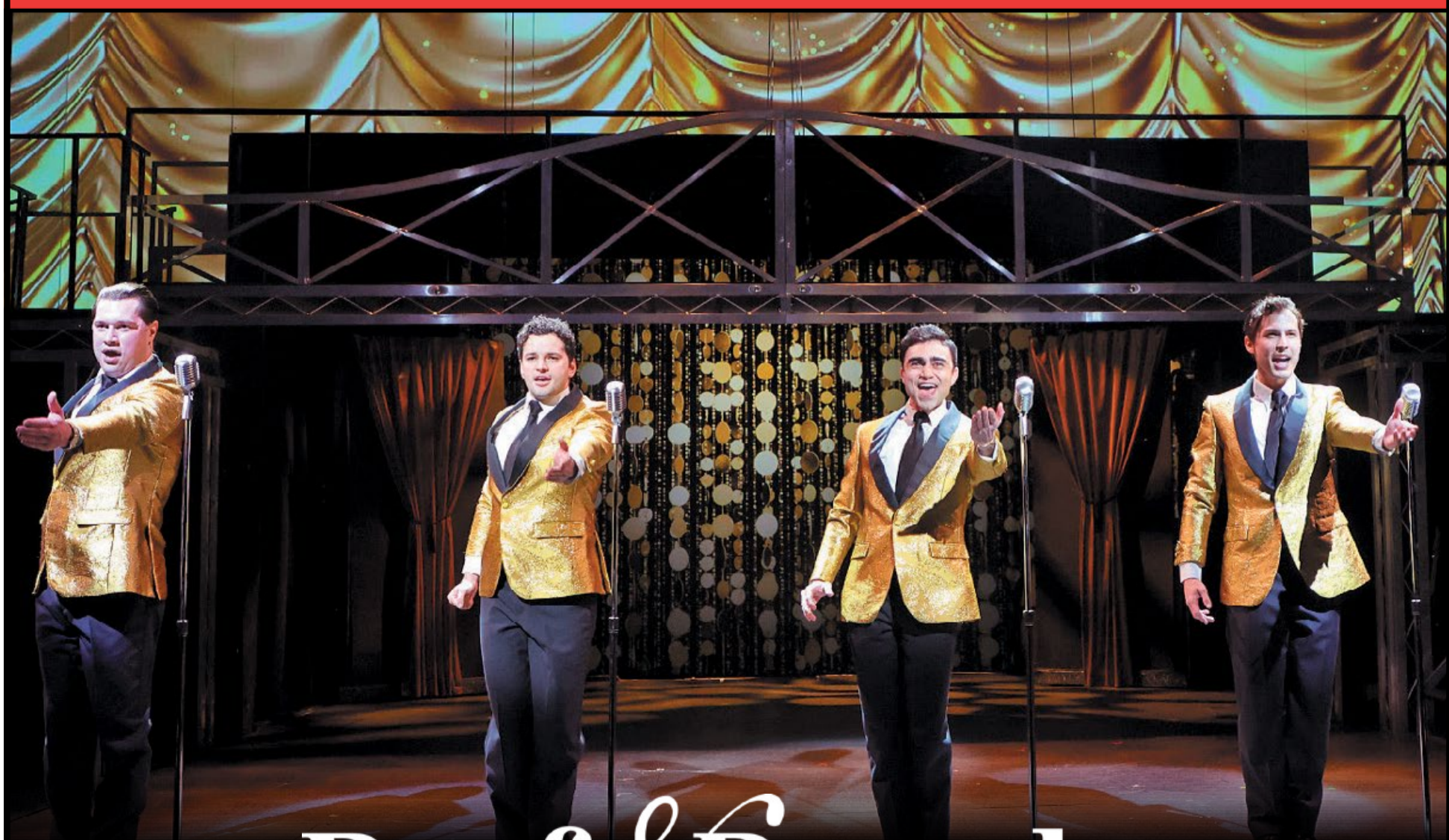
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Herb Alpert returning to Carmel with new Tijuana Brass

The REPORTER

After a sold-out 2022 performance at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Grammy-winning trumpeter and recording artist Herb Alpert is returning with a new incarnation of his legendary brass combo to celebrate his biggest album.

Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Tickets from \$35 go on sale at 10 a.m. today, March 7, at [TheCenterPresents.org](#), by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office. The Dreyry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series event is the first concert to be announced from the 2025-2026 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Alpert is touring this year with his new six-member Tijuana Brass to mark



Photo by Dewey Nicks

The iconic Herb Alpert is coming back to Carmel this August with his new Tijuana Brass, and you can get your tickets at [TheCenterPresents.org](#).

the 60th anniversary of the iconic album *Whipped Cream & Other Delights*. The 90-minute stage production features audience interaction, projections of classic photos and video from throughout Alpert's career, and a parade of hits

including "The Lonely Bull," "Spanish Flea," "A Taste of Honey," "Mexican Shuffle," "Tijuana Taxi," "This Guy's In Love With You," "Zorba the Greek," "Rise," and more.

Alpert's legacy includes five No. 1 hits, nine

Grammy Awards, 15 Gold albums, 14 Platinum albums, and sales of 72 million records worldwide. He also co-founded A&M Records and produced recordings for artists including Sergio Mendes, Stan Getz, and Gato Barbieri.

Onyx+East begins construction on new Nickel Row neighborhood in Fishers

Submitted

Indianapolis-based homebuilder Onyx+East broke ground Wednesday on Nickel Row, its first property in Fishers.

The event featured remarks from Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, VP of Acquisition and Development Jake Dietrich, and Holy Family Episcopal Church Senior Warden Gary Snyder, highlighting the community's role in bringing an urban living experience to Fishers.

Located in one of America's top-ranked places to live, Nickel Row is steps from the thriving Nickel Plate District and offers direct access to the Nickel



Rendering provided by Onyx+East

Plate Trail, a multi-use path through downtown. The community blends suburban

convenience with contemporary urban design, featuring open-concept interiors,

energy-efficient technology, high-end finishes, and two-car garages.

The development includes multiple floorplans ranging from 2,190 to 2,317 square feet, with three or four bedrooms and 2.5 or 3.5 bathrooms. Twelve homes will also feature private elevators, adding a unique luxury element to this new neighborhood.

Thanks for reading!

Former Fishers Fire Chief Steve Orusa joins Build BW as Director of Public Safety Projects

The REPORTER

Build BW announces that former Fishers Fire Chief Steve Orusa has joined the company as the Director of Public Safety Projects.

With more than 40 years of experience, including 13 years as Fire Chief of the Fishers Fire Department, Orusa brings deep expertise in public safety, risk assessment, and public safety infrastructure.

"Fire stations aren't just buildings," Orusa said. "They are mission-critical facilities that keep firefighters safe and communities protected. Too often, they are value-engineered without long-term sustainability in mind. I'm excited to usher fire chiefs and public safety leaders through the process of building these facilities."

As Director of Public Safety Projects, Orusa will work closely with fire chiefs, municipal leaders, and public safety officials to ensure new public safety facilities are built to the highest standards in safety, efficiency, and longevity, and a true reflection of the community needs.

Build BW has built dozens of safety facilities over the last 10 years, a reflection of their expertise and passion for keeping communi-

ties safe.

During his time in Fishers, Orusa was instrumental in modernizing the city's fire service infrastructure, leading the construction of three new fire stations and the renovation of two others. With experience overseeing more than a dozen other fire station construction projects, he is among the most accomplished fire chiefs in Indiana.

Orusa currently serves on the Legislative Committee for the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) and is a past president. He also consults for Aspire, an organization dedicated to helping individuals overcome physical and mental health challenges to improve their quality of life. Previously, he served as president of the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association.

"Steve brings unmatched leadership and insight to public safety facility planning," said Dustin Frye, President of Construction at Build BW. "His experience leading fire departments and understanding the complexities of fire station design will be invaluable as we continue to build the best public safety facilities in Indiana and beyond."

Learn more about Build BW at [buildbw.com](#).



Orusa

Sen. Young introduces bill to protect taxpayer dollars in broadband investment

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) introduced the bicameral Broadband Buildout Accountability Act, which would increase transparency and protect billions of taxpayer dollars in broadband investment.

"Our bill will provide much-needed transparency to ensure that broadband is effectively being deployed to unserved communities, helping to close the digital divide for all Americans," Sen. Young said.

In 2023, the U.S. government invested \$42 billion of

taxpayer dollars in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program grant awarded to the National Technology Information Administration, which is currently exempt from transparency requirements under the Freedom of Information Act. The Broadband Buildout Accountability Act would remove the FOIA exemption and require proof of how the grant program spends the \$42 billion to ensure taxpayer dollars are not misused.

Click here to read the full text of the legislation.



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INDOT announces first round of 2025 Community Crossings grant recipients

Hamilton County receives nearly \$6M for road improvements

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Governor Mike Braun and the Indiana Department of Transportation announced the award of more than \$200 million in Community Crossings matching grants for local road and bridge projects across 245 Indiana cities, towns, and counties.

Locally, Hamilton County and its communities received a total of \$5,967,660.79.

“Improving and maintaining roads and bridges at all levels is crucial for enhancing quality of life and public safety for Hoosiers,” Gov. Braun said. “Communities across the state need investment in their local infrastructure and we are pleased to partner with them to make necessary improvements.”

Words from Hamilton County’s state legislators

“The Community Crossings Matching Grant Program creates new safety avenues for Hoosiers as we look to improve our roads and bridges,” State Senator Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) said. “I look forward to seeing these infrastructure projects completed and the new opportunities for the residents of Senate District 31.”

“I am pleased to see communities in Senate District 20 receive funding to improve local infrastructure,” State Senator Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) said. “Good infrastructure plays a pivotal role in bringing business and economic growth, and I look forward to the opportunities brought by this grant.”

“Maintaining high-quality roads and bridges is critical to support our growing economy and improve quality of life for Hoosiers,” House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said. “Investments like this in our communities are a major reason Indiana is recognized nationally for our infrastructure and roadways.”

“I want to congratulate Hamilton County and the cities of Carmel, Fishers, Indianapolis, and Noblesville for working hard to fund our roads and bridges and seeking out this matching grant funding to do so,” State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) said. “I know that this funding will be put to good use maintaining our current infrastructure and executing new projects where possible. I will continue to support infrastructure funding for our district’s communities so we can continue growing and attracting families and businesses.”

“I was also pleased to vote for [HB 1461](#). If signed into law, this bill would give Marion County the funding it needs to maintain its roads and give Hamilton County new, innovative tools to raise funds for road maintenance. This is vital given the fact that our roads are starting to show their age. I am grateful for my partnerships with our local mayors that also made this bill a joy to support. Finally, I am hopeful that this is a step in the right direction when it comes to fixing Indiana’s broken road funding formula.”



“Indiana remains in a strong place financially and continues to help local communities make strategic investments in road and bridge projects,” State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said. “These projects will help ensure our infrastructure is safe for Hoosiers, visitors and businesses.”

“Vibrant communities need world-class infrastructure to thrive, and investments like this are a big reason cities like Carmel and Westfield are global destinations for talent and jobs,” State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) said.

“Indiana is one of the top states for infrastructure and programs like Community Crossings help make this possible,” State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville) said. “By maintaining our roads and bridges, Hoosiers and travelers can safely get to their destinations, whether that’s to work, the store or to school.”

“Maintaining our transportation infrastructure is essential if we want our communities and state to thrive economically and socially,” State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) said. “These funds can help local communities address their immediate needs, and pre-

Community Crossings Grants Hamilton County & surrounding areas	
Hamilton County	\$1,500,000.00
Carmel	\$1,171,958.29
Cicero	\$295,702.50
Fishers	\$1,500,000.00
Noblesville	\$1,500,000.00
Total:	\$5,967,660.79
Tipton County	
Kempton	\$83,889.32.00
Tipton	\$1,500,000.00
Total:	\$1,583,889.32
Boone County	
Zionsville	\$426,507.50
Total:	\$740,282.50
Madison County	
Anderson	\$1,500,000.00
Country Club Heights	\$29,224.50
Elwood	\$731,746.34
Frankton	\$400,788.00
Total:	\$4,161,758.84
Marion County	
Indianapolis	\$1,500,000.00
Lawrence	\$1,019,853.07
Total:	\$2,519,853.07

serve other roads and bridges without overwhelming their budgets.”

How the program works

Communities submitted applications for funding during a highly competitive call for projects in January. Funding for Community Crossings comes from the state’s local road and bridge matching grant fund. Community Crossings has provided more than \$2 billion for local road improvement projects since its inception in 2016.

Through the program, INDOT matches up to \$1.5 million annually when localities invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations fewer than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations fewer than 10,000 receive a 75 percent/25 percent match, while counties with populations greater than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations greater than 10,000 receive a 50 percent/50 percent match.

State legislators identified long-term funding for Community Crossings as part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed in 2017.

[Click here](#) to see a full list of counties and communities which received funding. You can find out more about the Community Crossings program at [this link](#).

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Young Sheridan scientists shine at school science fair

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) is home to a group of young, budding scientists.

On Friday, Feb. 28, the school’s third graders had the exciting opportunity to show their creativity and curiosity at a Science Fair. Each student shared an experiment they had conducted, offering a glimpse into the fascinating world of science through their eyes. It was clear from the smiles and excitement that filled the room that the students took great pride in their work and were eager to explain the process behind their discoveries.

At Sheridan, hands-on learning experiences like the Science Fair are part of a larger commitment to project-based learning (PBL). PBL is an educational approach that engages students in real-world projects, helping them develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. It encourages a deeper understanding



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Events like science fairs encourage hands-on “project-based learning.”

of the subject matter and fosters a sense of ownership over their learning. Through PBL, students gain self-confidence as they navigate challenges, while also learning how to apply their knowledge in meaningful, practical ways.

One of the greatest benefits of project-based learning is its ability to captivate stu-

dents’ attention. By involving them in projects that are relevant and interesting, it sparks their curiosity and encourages them to engage with the material on a much deeper level. As a result, classroom management becomes less of a concern, and students are more motivated to take an active role in their education.

SES is always seeking

opportunities that extend beyond traditional textbooks and classrooms, pushing students to explore and learn in ways that are both exciting and educational. These experiences not only make learning more enjoyable, but they also help prepare students for a future where creativity, innovation, and problem-solving are key.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt wins two Indiana Tourism Awards

Submitted

Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc. (CCI) won two awards from the Indiana Tourism Association (ITA) during the organization’s 2025 Indiana Tourism Awards on Tuesday. A panel of out-of-state judges appointed by ITA selected winners based on creativity, innovation, and maximization of budget across several categories.

CCI received the Best Event/Festival award in the attraction category based on a wide variety of criteria, including festival goals, execution of the event, and return on investment. The other nominees in this competitive category included the Conner Prairie Headless Horseman Festival and Holiday World & Spalshin’ Safari’s Friday Night Live! event.

CCI also received the Best Digital Marketing Campaign award in the attraction category for the Market’s 2024 season social media campaign. The campaign achieved outstand-

ing metrics, meeting ITA’s award criteria for return on investment for the budget, total overall impact and engagement among digital audiences, execution of campaign goals, visuals, and more. Other nominees in this category were Huber’s Orchard & Winery’s Starlight Distillery digital ad, the Wabash County Museum’s Giving Tuesday campaign, and Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari’s Good Gravy! digital video campaign.

“We are incredibly honored to have received these awards,” CCI President and CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld said. “We could not have done it without our amazing team of staff, volunteers, and other supporters. Thank you to everyone who made this recognition possible. We have come so very far since our humble beginnings in 2017!”

ITA presented both awards based on Carmel Christkindlmarkt’s 2024 season. Opening day for the 2025 season is Nov. 22.



Photo provided

Carmel Christkindlmarkt President and CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld accepts one of the awards.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa
8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.
**Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-
F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.
**Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-
W, F eat in or carry out**

Fishers 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
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty.
**Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 9-12,
Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5
Su**

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

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p
**Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service
till close**

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm
Su-Sa 11a-11p.
**Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a,
Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su
12p-8p
Restaurant M-F 6-9p

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29
Meets 4th Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting
at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10th St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Learn 3 Steps On How To Control Bleeding
at Carmel Fire Dept HQ March 13

Hamilton County Health Department Presents

FREE STOP THE BLEED COURSE

March 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Carmel Fire Department Headquarters
210 Veterans Way
Carmel, IN 46032

Register Here



Stop the Bleed course teaches you 3 steps to control the bleeding before emergency crews arrive - apply pressure with your hands, pack the wound & press and how to apply a tourniquet. This is for anyone interested in learning this lifesaving skill.




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Tuesday March 18th, 2025
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March 21, Raise Your Paddle and Make a Bid

RAISE the PADDLE
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Friday, March 21, 2025

Auction Style Event benefiting
Recovery Café Hamilton County

Delaware Township Community Center
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Coffee Bar and Appetizers at 6:00PM
Paddle begins at 6:30PM



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American Legion Post 155
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Carmel, IN 46032




Activities & Events

National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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The Journey Home
Armory Auditorium Showtimes
11:00am 1:00pm 3:00pm

ALL event attendees
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A Time To Honor - Stories of Service, Duty, and Sacrifice
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Since August 2015, our mission at Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans has been to **FIND, THANK and REPAY** Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. WHVV & community partners have held over 250 special "Welcome Home" events in ALL 92 Indiana Counties with the Indiana Vietnam Veterans Gift Program, *A TIME TO HONOR* book & DVD set. This extremely successful statewide outreach program honors, remembers and preserves the memories of Hoosier Vietnam Era Veterans. A 2021 collaboration with Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution has been a key component to many of these community events taking place ensuring all Indiana public libraries and high schools have a donated copy of *A Time To Honor*. We connect Veterans to earned benefits and resources. We have impacted over 20,000 military families!

Our final "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" appreciation event with this Vietnam Gift Outreach will be on **National Vietnam War Veterans Day, Saturday, March 29th, 2025**. This is the last year for the Department of Defense 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War. The event will take place at the **Johnson County Indiana National Guard Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin, Indiana, 46131**.

Highlights include a luncheon, Huey Helicopter Flights provided by Columbus Indiana Huey, a special viewing of *The Journey Home* documentary. All attendees will receive a copy of *A Time To Honor—Stories of Service, Duty and Sacrifice* book/DVD. Our Honored Guest is Indiana's own Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy L. Davis. Invited special guests include former Vice President Mike Pence, Governor Braun, The Adjunct General of Indiana Larry Muennich, Senator Aaron Freeman, Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett, Indiana State Daughters of the American Revolution Regent Elaine Sholtz, MG Ret. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs Director Jake Adams, and officials from the Department of Indiana American Legion, VFW Department of Indiana, Indiana DAV, AMVETS, Civil Air Patrol, DAR Leadership, IMMVG, and others. It is free and open to the public.

We hope you will consider joining us to make this a very special day for Indiana Vietnam Veterans

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
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

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 5 - 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;

Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Tracy at auxiliarypost470@gmail.com

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Trailer Park Tragedy

Dust off your best trailer park attire and get ready for an evening of laughs, suspense, and unforgettable fun! In this interactive murder mystery, guests are the actors. Enjoy the show plus a BBQ dinner.

March 29 and 30

Easter Express

All aboard for a springtime Easter adventure. Enjoy an interactive story with the Easter Bunny and Farmer Brown, a sweet treat and our special Nickel Plate bunny punch.

April 12, 13 and 19

Spring Field Trip Days

Learn about railroad history, safety and more aboard the historic Nickel Plate Express. Take a 45-minute train ride, talk with the Conductor and Engineer and see history in action. Tickets are just \$12 per person.

April 29 and May 13

Railbike Season

Bike the historic line north and south from Forest Park using unique "railbikes" that operate on the existing railroad tracks. The NPX Railbike is the first of its kind in Indiana and one of the few available in the Midwest!

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Variety of art exhibits featured by Noblesville Creates during March

The REPORTER

In March, Noblesville Creates will showcase artists Bobbi K. Samples and Mark Rouse, along with the *Sporting Inspiration* exhibit at the Judge Stone House and the *From the HeART* exhibit at Four Day Ray. Additionally, Noblesville Creates will present the exhibit *Phocus on Photography* at Noblesville City Hall.

Details on exhibit locations, dates, receptions, and featured artists can be found below.

**Judge Stone House
*Sporting Inspiration***

A woosh of a ball through a net, a crack of a puck, the roar of a crowd. Sports ignite many emotions, from the thrill of victory to the devastating losses.

The exhibit, *Sporting Inspiration*, will feature works that celebrate sports as March Madness kicks off this month.

You can view the full exhibit, *Sporting Inspiration*, through March 29 in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

**Stephenson House
*Mark Rouse***

Mark Rouse’s artistic journey is a reflection of his ability to treat each new day as an opportunity for accomplishment. His upcoming Stephenson House gallery showcase exhibit, *Art for the Man Cave*, will be a celebration of sports, cars, music, and a reflection of his own passions.

In 2015, Rouse was declared legally blind due to Diabetic Retinopathy. Recovery was slow, but possible through revolutionizing techniques and care. He had been painting and taking photographs for decades and needed a new way to create artwork. A digital painting/mixed media method was his solution.

His process has remained largely unchanged since the early days of his recovery. When blind, he discovered that he could hook his computer up to his large television and zoom in to digitally paint. Nowadays, he doesn’t need such



(From left to right, top to bottom) “Norfolk & Western” by Gant Haverstick, part of the *Phocus on Photography* exhibit. “Hardwood Dance” by Duane King part of the *Sporting Inspiration* exhibit. “Moonlight Drive” by Mark Rouse, part of the *Art for the Man Cave* exhibit. “Dwelling Place” by Kathy Wessel, part of the *From the HeART* exhibit.

a large screen, but will still digitally paint. Sometimes a piece is printed on canvas or another material, before he adds further highlights, shadow detail, texture and depth with physical paint and other materials. Other paintings use the digital renderings as a reference for traditionally painted works. Lately, he notes, “I am trying some more abstract type landscapes that have pretty powerful imagery.”

Rouse’s participation in multiple art fairs this past summer gave him the inspiration behind the *Art for the Man Cave* collection. Every fair is different between its layout, artist make up, and audience. When not discussing his work with other artists or potential patrons, he found himself watching, trying to piece together what visitors were innately drawn to. He discovered that couples usually followed a pattern, that a woman might wander up to T-shirts, florals, and that a man might veer toward his artwork featuring sports, cars, and vividly colored images. The thought struck him one day: “My art would be good art for a man cave.”

See the full exhibit, *Art*

for the *Man Cave*, in the Stephenson House Gallery at the Noblesville Creates campus through March 29. Visitors can expect to find a variety of images from landscapes, cars, and more. The full campus is open for exploration from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

You can meet Rouse during his free public open house reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 7.

**Four Day Ray
*From the HeART***

The arts can awaken passions during these cold, dark winter months. Do you yearn for warmer weather, have a beloved pet in your life, or find yourself falling in love with a particular subject?

Selections from the Noblesville Creates exhibit, *From the HeART*, are moving from the Judge Stone House Gallery to Four Day Ray Brewery in Fishers during the month of March. This exhibit features mediums of all kinds that explore matters of the heart.

You can view the *From the HeART* selections through March 29 at Four Day Ray Brewing, 11671

Lantern Road, Fishers, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

**Meyer Najem
*Bobbi K. Samples***

See the full exhibit, *Color in Silence*, through March 28 at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Noblesville City Hall
*Phocus On Photography***

Photographers have an uncanny ability for capturing moments, angles, and beauty that many of us simply miss. The real, the imagined, the joys, and the sorrows of life are shared through the gift of photographs.

Noblesville Creates will present *Phocus on Photography* at Noblesville City Hall throughout the month of March. This exhibit features works devoted to the art of photography.

Visitors can view *Phocus on Photography* at Noblesville City Hall through March 28. Visitors can visit the gallery from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Photo provided

Westfield silk painter Sylvia Gray is ready to help you make your first small silk masterpiece.

Prepare to dye!

Learn fine art of silk painting with Sylvia Gray

Submitted

Dip into dye and create silk art at 2nd SaturDate, a monthly opportunity to engage with artists and learn more about their process at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery. Westfield silk painter Sylvia Gray will provide everything you need – including encouragement – to create a small silk masterpiece using dye.

You don’t need to be an artist to participate in this free make-and-take event, 1 to 5 p.m. March 8. Everyone who visits the gallery at 22 N. Range Line Road in the Carmel Arts & Design District will take home something to treasure. Res-

ervations are not needed. A Carmel Arts grant provides funding for the event.

As you paint, learn how Gray’s scarves, jackets, and framed wall art begin with an idea of color and shape. She lays out the design in paint or dye, and then steps back, looking for patterns and images to appear. “I let the fiber piece tell me what it wants to be, and I work to create that,” Gray said.

Gray will have a wide range of her work at the Indiana Artisan Marketplace, so as part of 2nd SaturDate, guests will be able to buy \$7 Marketplace tickets (\$3 off admission at the door).



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With the right supplies and a little direction, you can create a silk painting like any of these.

**Thanks for reading
The Reporter!**



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Indiana Education Scholarship Account application period now open

Parents of children with disabilities can apply for up to \$20,000

The REPORTER

Now through Sept. 1, Hoosier parents of children with disabilities can apply for the Indiana Education Scholarship Account (INESA) for the 2025-2026 school year. More than 180,000 Hoosier students in Indiana navigate life with disabilities, and many are potentially eligible for funding to help customize their education to meet their individual needs.

“Having walked this journey with my own family, I know how crucial it is for parents to have options and support to meet their children’s unique education

needs that come with disabilities,” Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott said.

Elliott said parents caring for children with disabilities often report feeling intimidated and lost in trying to access the services and support they need to help their children get a well-rounded learning experience.

Schools also attest to the advantage INESA provides to students with disabilities.

“The ESA program has made it possible for many



Elliott

parents to be able to afford the necessary academic intervention programs that Fortune Academy provides,” said Vanessa Coles, Head of School at the Fortune Academy. “Our students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities desperately need this specialized individual support to find success in the classroom, which transforms them into competent and confident lifelong learners.”

INESA scholarship

funding provides eligible students (K-12) access to the educational environment that best meets their learning needs, such as private education, at-home learning, and other non-public educational settings that qualify.

Parents can use INESA dollars for a variety of qualified expenses for educational support, such as tuition and fees, transportation costs, occupational therapy, tutoring, vocational and life-skills courses, extra-curriculum programs, and more.

The INESA application deadline is Sept. 1. Parents learn more about INESA and apply [here](#).

Greg McCauley will speak to Westfield GOP about future of space exploration

Submitted

The Westfield GOP will welcome Grand Universe President and CEO Greg McCauley to its next meeting, which will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Humanity is entering an exciting new era of space exploration, and Grand Universe will be a state-of-the-art destination that brings the cosmos to life. The public is invited to learn more about the cutting-edge technology, interactive

learning, and awe-inspiring experiences being planned for Westfield.

RSVPs are requested at westfieldingop@gmail.com.

Looking ahead to April, the Westfield GOP Club will welcome Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita as he provides a legislative update following the end of the General Assembly’s regular session.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.



McCauley

Sen. Young receives subcommittee chairmanships & assignments

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) announced on Monday his two subcommittee chairmanships and five additional subcommittee assignments for the 119th Congress.

Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

- Chair, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety

- Member, Subcommit-

tee on Telecommunications and Media

- Member, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy

- Member, Subcommittee on Science, Manufacturing, and Competitiveness

Senate Committee on Finance:

- Chair, Subcommittee



Young

Family Policy
“I’m honored to serve as chairman and member of these important subcommittees,” Sen. Young said. “I look forward to continuing my service on the Commerce and Finance Committees this Congress where I will work with my colleagues on issues important

to Hoosiers.”

- Member, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness

- Member, Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and

to Hoosiers.”

The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety has broad jurisdiction over interstate transportation policy issues.

The Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care has broad jurisdiction over Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and the financing and regulation of health care systems.

Sen. Young is also a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Asteroid is topic of free Observatory open house

The REPORTER

What is the risk of the earth being hit by an asteroid?

Learn more about it at Indiana University Kokomo’s free Observatory open house Sunday, March 9.

Patrick Motl, dean of the School of Sciences and professor of physics, will begin the open house at 8 p.m. with a discussion of recent work and the current understanding of risks from the asteroid 2024 YR 4.

“The good news is that it does not appear the object will hit earth,” Motl said.

After the presentation, stargazers may be able to see Mercury, Venus, Mars,

Jupiter, and the moon, as well as highlights from the winter hexagon through the Observatory’s telescopes. They include a six-inch Takahashi refracting telescope and a 16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its larger light-collecting area.

Observation will continue through 10 p.m., weather permitting.

The Observatory is at 2660 S. Washington St., Kokomo. Free parking is available on campus.

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Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis celebrates 20th anniversary

The REPORTER

Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The Heart Center at the Indianapolis campus officially opened on March 1, 2005.

Franciscan’s commitment to excellence, innovation and personalized cardiac care in Central Indiana dates back to the 1970s. The Heart Center is dedicated to providing world-class heart and vascular care 24/7 and is leading the way in award-winning, life-changing heart and vascular care.

“While Franciscan Health has offered specialty heart and vascular care for more than 45 years, we’ve certainly experienced numerous advancements in the past 20,” said Terri Ruff, chief operating officer for Franciscan Health Central Indiana. “Our cardiologists and surgeons have been at the forefront of the innovations, every single time. We embrace new techniques and new technology because we know that’s how we best serve our patients.”

Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis developed the emergency heart attack protocol that enabled an ED physician to activate the cardiac cath (cath-



The Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis as seen in 2005 when it opened.

eterization) lab for quicker treatment of heart attack patients. This protocol has since been adopted worldwide as a standard of care. The Heart Center was also first in world to treat heart valve patients with extra-cellular matrix material.

“During the past 20 years, Franciscan Health’s Indianapolis Heart Center has not only provided excellent care, but we’ve also pioneered it, from lowering door-to-treatment times in the cath lab, performing first-in-the world heart valve repairs and having

the state’s first certified cardio-oncology center to participating in trials for new interventional cardiac devices,” said Ruff.

Among the services that Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis offers are: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocols for cardiac/vascular surgery, minimally invasive techniques for open-heart surgery/interventional procedures, structural heart program addressing heart valve repair/replacement and stroke prevention, 24/7 cardiac provider coverage

and an emergency heart attack protocol to ensure patients get to treatment as quickly as possible.

The Heart Center also offers an electrophysiology program for arrhythmias and atrial fibrillation (AFib), as well as specialty care programs: heart failure, cardio-oncology, cardiometabolic care, cardio-obstetrics, cardio-palliative care, on-site cardiac, pulmonary and vascular rehabilitation and cardiovascular genetic counseling among other programs.

“Franciscan Health has always been committed to providing excellent, compassionate care,” said Ruff. “For the Heart Center team, that approach has been paired with a passion for innovation, for what can make our patients’ lives better.”

The Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis has been No. 1 in the state of Indiana by Healthgrades for cardiology (two years in a row), cardiac care, pulmonary care (two years in a row) and stroke care (two years in a row). The Heart Center has also recognized as being one of America’s 50 Best Hospitals for vascular surgery and among the Top 10% in the Nation for Vascular Surgery for six years in a row (2020-2025).

The Heart Center has been among CareChex Top 100 in the Nation in interventional coronary care for five consecutive years.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Franciscan Health Heart Center Indianapolis.

Meet man behind success of Rotary Club of Carmel’s Leadership Connection’s

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Leadership Connection is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel in partnership with iTeam Think Tank, Carmel Clay Schools, Carmel Fire Department, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, and Pro/Act Indy.

Since its inception in 2021, Leadership Connection has been serving its mission to connect today’s leaders with the next generation. Rotarian Richard M. (Rick) Markoff, PhD has been given official status as Founder and Honorary Steering Committee Member of Leadership Connection.

“The COVID pandemic provided the Rotary Club of Carmel with an opportunity to create a new and meaningful initiative for the students of Carmel and Indianapolis,” Markoff said. “By learning from and interacting with today’s business executives, non-profit leaders, and elected officials, these students – our future – have experienced gratifying results.”

Markoff has spent his life helping the younger generation achieve all that they can. He retired in 2015 as the founding President of the Damar Foundation, which raises funds to support the work of Damar Services. Damar has served children and adults challenged by autism and intellectual, developmental, and behavioral disabilities for nearly 50 years.

Markoff has a history of helping youth find ways to succeed in life. He coordinated the Central Indiana Education Alliance and taught Organizational Leadership graduate courses at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis before coming to Damar Foundation.

His experience of working with youth extends further, as he also served as Executive Vice President of the Simon Youth Foundation (SYF) from 2002 to 2010. A nationally recognized leader in alternative education, SYF was selected 2008 recipient of the Education Commission of the States’ Corporate Award. The National Dropout Prevention Center/Network presented SYF with its Crystal Star Award in 2008 and named SYF an Exemplary Program in 2009. The International Council of Shopping Centers Foundation bestowed upon SYF its U.S. Community Support Award and the prestigious Albert Sussman International Community Support Award. The Mutual of America Foundation made SYF a 2010 recipient of a Community Partnership Award.

Preceding his arrival at SYF, Markoff was in the Office of the CEO, Government, and Community Relations for the American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis, where he initiated and successfully completed the merger of STAR Alliance into the Red Cross. During his presidency, STAR Alliance was responsible for one of the most effective and comprehensive school-based substance abuse prevention programs in the United States.

Prior to moving to Indianapolis in 1995, Markoff was President of the St. Vincent Medical Center Foundation in Toledo, Ohio. While there, he was founding President of the Greater Toledo Chapter of the National Society of Fund-Raising Executives, President of the Sylvania, Ohio, City Schools Board of Education, and President of the Congregation Etz Chayim Board of Directors.

Markoff is the author of *Million-Dollar Moments*

and the *Amazing Professionals Who Helped Make Them Possible*. The book features chapters written by

18 resource development professionals and non-profit executives who describe the circumstances behind their first or most impactful million-dollar gift. Especially important, each contributor describes

lessons learned in these fascinating and inspirational stories.

A native of Fostoria, Ohio, Markoff holds degrees from Western Michigan University, the University of Missouri-Columbia and The University of Toledo. The former Western Michigan University and Adrian College administrator was recognized by The University of Toledo College of Education in 2008 with its Distinguished Achievement Award.

A unique milestone in Markoff’s career was his selection by the Grey Nuns of Montreal as one of five Americans to meet and greet Pope John Paul II at the Vatican during the canonization of St. Marguerite d’Youville in 1990.

Markoff continues to be actively involved in Leadership Connection. For the first time in 2025, the Dr. Rick Markoff Leadership Connection Scholarship – which will include a \$2,000 scholarship along with a laptop – will be awarded to a high school senior who will have attended Leadership Connection events. The scholarship will be awarded with equal emphasis on merit and need.

Although he is responsible for founding Leadership Connection, Markoff recognizes the contributions of fellow Rotarians Tim Flint and Louise Jackson, who have formed such a strong executive team for the organization since 2023.

“I am truly proud of their efforts, especially shining an even greater spotlight on students in program design and decision-making,” Markoff said.

The Rotary Club of Carmel partners with distinguished members of the community to lead workshops and service activities that bring students from both Carmel and Indianapolis together as they explore their futures and learn how they can impact their communities. Since 2021, 522 high school juniors and seniors have participated in Leadership Connection. Seniors are eligible to compete for six \$2,000 scholarships and laptop computers funded by Danny Portee and the Rotary Club of Carmel.

Markoff expressed his thanks to the many people who combined to make this effort succeed.

“I am especially appreciative of One America, Hylant Group, Danny Portee, MISO, Indiana University Indianapolis, Goddard School, Cox Roofing, Flint Analytics, Skillman Corporation, Chick-fil-A, and the Rotary Club of Carmel for their generous support of this branded event,” Markoff said, “as well as the combined efforts of our original partners, the Carmel Fire Department, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, iTeam Think Tank, Hamilton County Leadership Academy, Carmel Clay Schools, and our educational partners for making Leadership Connection so successful.”

For more information about Leadership Connection, what the organization does, how to volunteer, and about upcoming events, visit [RotaryLeadershipConnection.com](#). The 2025 events will take place Oct. 24 for the Day of Service and Nov. 6 for Leadership Connection.



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Patricia Ann Mosbaugh

May 4, 1926 – February 27, 2025



Patricia Ann Mosbaugh, 98, Arcadia, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Grandbrook Memory Care. She was born on May 4, 1926, to Thomas and Inez Fay in Anderson, Ind.

Patricia attended Walnut Grove High School during her freshman and sophomore year. She then transferred to Shortridge High School in Indianapolis where she graduated in the Class of 1945. While attending Walnut Grove for those two years she met her husband, Malcolm Mosbaugh. They married on February 18, 1949.

Patricia spent her early years of marriage as a housewife and mother before taking a position with the Hamilton Heights Schools in 1968 as the bookkeeper and secretary at Cicero Elementary/Hamilton Heights Elementary, retiring in 1984.

Following retirement, Patricia took up the game of golf, becoming a prominent member of the Tipton Women's Golf League. She became an avid player of the game participating in multiple tournaments throughout central Indiana. She was also a cherished member of the Cicero Women's Book Club. After her husband's retirement from farming, they enjoyed RVing with two other close couples finding their way to places in Florida and Texas. Later, they traded RVing for a winter home in McAllen, Texas. While enjoying this time together they also enjoyed the company of their beloved dogs, Gretchen, Mitzy, and Sassy.

She was a cherished mother of two sons, Thomas (Kathy) Mosbaugh of Noblesville and Jeffrey (Angel) Mosbaugh of Arcadia; the proud grandmother of Ryan Mosbaugh (Kelli), Nicole VanSchouwen (Marshall), Aaron Mosbaugh, Chad Mosbaugh, and Nicole Arvin (Zach); and the adoring great-grandmother of four.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Thomas Fay.

Patricia's wishes were to be cremated and to have a private graveside service, surrounded by her loving family when the weather improves. The family has entrusted her wishes and care to Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero.

Patricia's spirit, vibrant and warm, will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. We invite you to celebrate Patricia's life by sharing your memories and photos on the memorial page. Your tributes will serve as a testament to Patricia's beautiful life, her generous spirit, and her loving heart.

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Velma Louise Tishner (Huyck)

July 25, 1928 – March 4, 2025



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Velma Louise Tishner (Huyck), who departed this life on March 4, 2025.

Born on July 25, 1928, in Bradley, Wis., Velma was a charismatic woman who brought joy and light into the lives of those fortunate enough to know her. A longtime resident of Cicero, her thoughtful and generous nature will be dearly missed by all.

Velma was a devoted homemaker, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who entered her home. She had a deep love for nature, often seen working in her yard, planting flowers, feeding her birds, and enjoying the outdoors. In her youth, Velma enjoyed fishing and the family even owned a bait and tackle shop in town, she relished the tranquility and excitement it brought her. She had a passion for dancing and loved taking long walks around Cicero. Velma was also a previous member of the Moose Lodge, a testament to her community spirit and social nature.

Velma is survived by her sons, Michael ("Binny") Tishner and David (Keri) Tishner; her daughter, Linda (Michael) Johnson; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Thomas Tishner; her parents, Robert and Amy Huyck; and her brothers, Robert and Harry Huyck.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. The funeral service will follow at the same venue at 1 p.m. A private graveside will take place at a later date at Cicero Cemetery.

In celebrating Velma's life, we encourage friends and relatives to share their treasured memories and upload photos of Velma to the memorial page. Your stories and images will serve as a comforting reminder of the love and joy Velma brought into our lives.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING

They built the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, three cubits high; it was square, five cubits long and five cubits wide. They made a horn at each of the four corners, so that the horns and the altar were of one piece, and they overlaid the altar with bronze. They made all its utensils of bronze—its pots, shovels, sprinkling bowls, meat forks and firepans. They made a grating for the altar, a bronze network, to be under its ledge, halfway up the altar. They cast bronze rings to hold the poles for the four corners of the bronze grating. They made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze. They inserted the poles into the rings so they would be on the sides of the altar for carrying it. They made it hollow, out of boards.

Exodus 38:1-7 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Capital and Construction Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025, and a Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in Meeting Room A at the library, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular board meeting and public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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Public Notice

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Merit Board has scheduled an executive session for March 11, 2025, at 6:30pm to discuss a personnel matter. The meeting will take place in the main conference room of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 18100 Cumberland Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060.
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Boys Basketball

Girls Lacrosse



Photo by Joshua Herd
Fishers' Jason Gardner Jr. makes a layin during the Tigers' Tuesday sectional win over Westfield.

Fishers looks to make history in state tournament

By JOSH BODE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Fishers won its first state championship in boys basketball program history in 2024, and they're well positioned to go back-to-back. The Tigers are undefeated in the 2024-25 season and have an average margin of victory of over 25 points. They've only played six games all season with a single-digit scoring margin. One of those teams was Westfield, who Fishers played in the first round of the Carmel sectional on Tuesday and won 54-47.

It's a huge matchup between two top five teams in the state. Fishers only beat the Shamrocks by three points at Westfield in early February.

"Our sectional is sold out," Winegar said. "It's loud."

Fishers returns a lot of its team from that state title. Prior to last season, the Tigers had never won the sectional. Now, they're the favorite to win their second straight state title.

"Now we got seven guys who play a lot now who played last year who have experienced that, so have the experience in the big games in the pressure moments," Winegar said. "To have that experience com-

ing back, I think it just gives them a quiet confidence that no matter the situation that they're in the game, that they can make the plays to make it happen."

If Fishers is able to win the state title again this season, they'll be the third school to win state championships in consecutive years in 4A since Indiana implemented classes for high school basketball in the 1997-98 season.

- Lawrence North in 2004-2006
- Carmel in 2012 and 2013
- Carmel in 2019 and 2021 (the 2020 state tournament was canceled due to COVID-19)

Fishers would be the 15th undefeated state champion in IHSAA history. The last team to accomplish the feat was Ben Davis in 2022-23. There have been four teams in Class 4A to finish the season undefeated and win the state championship.

Fishers and Westfield are Zionsville to tip off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at Noblesville in the semifinals of the Carmel sectional.

This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/high-school-the-zone/fishers-boys-basketball-state-title, and has been updated.



Photo by Mike Navarro
Guerin Catholic's Jane Cline scored two goals for the Golden Eagles girls lacrosse team during their 19-1 win Thursday at Roncalli.

Lacrosse teams start season with victories

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic girls lacrosse team opened its season Thursday with a 19-1 win at Roncalli.

Mackenzie Ford and Natalie Boe each scored three goals for the Golden Eagles. Jane Cline and Reagan Kaercher both added two goals. Nine more players scored one goal each: Claire Poe, Gabby

Deer, Lucy Esposito, Natalie Laughon, Claire Flanagan, Ella Capofari, Lydia Smith, Corinne Karlander and Ellie Daly.

Westfield's girls opened their season Tuesday with a 12-9 victory over Brebeuf Jesuit.

Sophia Merriman scored six goals and had eight draw controls, while Nellie Dager

had three goals. Val Tice was strong on defense with 14 saves and four ground balls.

Hamilton Southeastern's boys began their season Wednesday with a 16-2 win at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Senior Max Kemp dominated the offense with six goals, three assists and two ground balls. Junior David Gould had three goals, three

assists and three ground balls. Junior Kyle Kenkins and freshman Kody Loughed both scored two goals.

Two more Royals played strong defense. Sophomore Vince Putnam collected nine ground balls, while Jack Fisher totaled two ground balls and two caused turnovers. Nick Weber went 14-3 on faceoffs.

Girls Basketball

Three county girls players named to IBCA Supreme 15 teams

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls basketball players are among the 15 seniors and 15 underclass girls' basketball players have earned IBCA/Franciscan Health "Supreme 15" All-State honors for 2024-25, it was announced Thursday. The IBCA also named Large School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass) and Small School All-State teams (15 seniors, 15 underclass).

Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky and Noblesville's Meredith Tippner were among the players voted to the 2025 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Senior girls' team. The other players are, listed alphabetically: Laila Abdurraqib, Lawrence Central; Addison

Baxter, Columbia City; Avery Gordon, Brownsburg; Kya Hurt, Lawrence North; Jaylah Lampley, Lawrence Central; Monique Mitchell, South Bend Washington; Kira Reynolds, South Bend Washington; Ellie Richardson, Scottsburg; Aniah Smith, Avon; Gabby Spink, Gibson Southern; Kaycie Warfel, Pendleton Heights; Leah West, Greensburg; Brooke Winchester, Warsaw.

Another Hamilton Southeastern player, junior Kennedy Holman, was voted to the 2024 IBCA/Franciscan Health Supreme 15 Underclass girls' team. She joins the following players, listed alphabetically: Lillian Barnes, Valparaiso; Joslyn Bricker, Warsaw; Myah Epps, Homestead; Gracyn Gilliard, Center Grove; Lill-

ie Graves, McCutcheon; Gabby Helsom, Homestead; Lola Lampley, Lawrence Central; Hannah Menser, Plainfield; Katie Reed, Washington; Brooklynn Renn, Silver Creek; Vanessa Rosswurm, Norwell; Mad-dy Shirley, Evansville Central; Laniah Wills, Lapel; Brooke Zartman, Warsaw.

The "Supreme 15" is the top honor awarded, and players were voted to that group without regard to school size. The Large School and Small School all-state teams are secondary accolades – the Large School group including players from Class 3A and Class 4A schools and the Small School group including players from Class A and Class 2A schools. Players who make the Supreme 15 are not considered for Large School or Small School honors.

Fishers' Nevaeh Dickman was voted to the Large School Senior All-State team, while Sheridan's Kenzie Garner was voted to the Small School All-State team.

In addition, 93 more seniors and 93 more underclass players were selected honorable mention all-state. The honorable mention laurels are awarded without regard to school size. In total, 276 players -- 138 seniors and 138 underclass players -- were recognized on the 2025 IBCA girls' basketball All-State teams. In total, 640 players were nominated (231 seniors, 409 underclass) from 272 schools.

Sheridan's Cecilia Timme and Carmel's Isabelle Shepherd received Senior honorable mention.

Three county players received Underclass honorable mention: Noblesville junior C.C. Quigley, Fishers freshman Riley Schellhammer and Hamilton Southeastern junior Kayla Stidham.

The IBCA/Franciscan Health All-State teams are selected through a process organized by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association and presented by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

All IBCA-member head coaches have the opportunity to nominate players. A panel of 22 IBCA coaches -- 16 from the current regional areas plus six at-large representatives (two each from IHSAA Districts 1, 2 and 3). Doug Springer, coach at Northridge, is the committee chairman and one of the 22 voters.

Franciscan Health Sports Medicine is making a financial contribution to the IBCA Scholarship Fund as the presenting partner of the IBCA All-State Teams. As part of the partnership, Franciscan Health Sports Medicine will provide plaques to Supreme 15 honorees and certificates to players receiving Large School All-State, Small School All-State or Honorable Mention All-State recognition. Those items will be made available to each recipient's coach during April, allowing her coach to present the award to each player prior to the end of the 2024-25 academic year.

The IBCA thanks Franciscan Health Sports Medicine for being a partner in this annual project.

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Girls Basketball

Reporter announces all-county teams

Hamilton Southeastern's Maya Makalusky named Player of the Year

The REPORTER

The 2025 girls basketball season was certainly one for the books for our nine schools in Hamilton County.

Once again, there were two county teams that advanced all the way to the semi-state. No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern (27-1) took a 26-0 record into the 4A Frankfort semi-state. The Royals eliminated Valparaiso in the semifinal, but were outlasted by third-ranked and eventual state runner-up Warsaw, 67-61 in the championship. HSE was 7-0 to win the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

2A No. 11 Sheridan (25-2) made their second consecutive semi-state appearance. The Blackhawks' dream season ended in the Logansport semi-state semifinal to No. 2 and eventual state runner-up Rensselaer Central, 61-36. Sheridan went 8-0 and won the Hoosier Heartland Conference.

Westfield (16-9) fell to the HSE in the Sectional 8 championship, 46-38.

No. 10 Noblesville lost the sectional semifinal to Westfield, 61-52. The Fishers Tigers were knocked out in the first round of Sectional 8 by HSE.

Carmel (10-13) had a pair of three-game winning streaks mid-season. The Greyhounds fell to Noblesville in the first round of Sectional 8, 51-40.

Hamilton Heights (5-17) won four of six in the middle of the season. The Huskies went out in the first round in Sectional 24 at Connersville to Delta, 63-37.

The Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles (10-11) were edged out by Tri-West in Sectional 25 at Lebanon, 42-36.

University (8-14) ended its season with a semifinal loss against Covenant Christian (47-38) in Sectional 42 at Monrovia.

Here's a look at the Reporter's First Team:

Maya Makalusky has committed to Indiana University. Maya averaged 22.1 points, 6.8 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.8 steals this season. In 99 games over four years, Makalusky is now the all-time career points leader at HSE with 1,933 points, breaking the record previously held by current IU standout and 2020 Miss Basketball, Sydney Parrish (1,925). She also grabbed 487 rebounds, had 139 assists and 138 steals to her credit.

Her junior year in 2023-24, Makalusky broke the single-season scoring record for the Royals with 652 points, previously held by Parris (619) in 2019-20. Over her varsity career, Maya helped Hamilton Southeastern to an 83-16 record, including their first sectional and regional titles since 2019, winding up with a Final Four finish.

Meredith Tippner averaged 26 points, 9.9 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 4.0 steals per game in 24 games in her senior season. The University of Miami (Florida) commit scored 1,779 points, starting in all 105 games in her four-year career for the Millers, which is now 2nd all-time, just 90 points behind the late Courtney Cox Cole (1,869). She also grabbed 913 rebounds (2nd all-time), had 337 assists (2nd all-time) and 326 steals (school



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Behold, the players on this year's Girls Basketball First All-County Team: (clockwise from top left) Maya Makalusky, senior, Hamilton Southeastern; Meredith Tippner, senior, Noblesville; Nevaeh Dickman, senior, Fishers; and Kenzie Garner, senior, Sheridan.

record). She also had 40 career double-doubles.

Meredith broke the single-season scoring record with 623 points this season, previously held by Ashlynn Shade (622) in the 2020-21 season. The two-sport phenom guided Noblesville to an 83-22 record while winning two sectionals, two regionals, one semi-state and the 2022 Class 4A state championship. Tippner was the leading scorer during the Millers' 2024 run to the semi-state championship game. She also was named the 2023 and 2024 Gatorade Indiana Soccer Player of the Year and 2024 Miss Soccer.

Kenzie Garner has put Sheridan girls basketball on the map during her four years as a Blackhawk. Ferris State will be her home for the next four years. As a senior, Garner averaged 21.2 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.1 assist, 3.1 steals and 1.7 blocks per game. Kenzie is

second in scoring all-time at Sheridan with 1,699 career points, just behind Audrey Reed's 1,725. She also totaled 816 rebounds, 335 assists, 324 steals and 129 blocked shots in 87 games at Sheridan.

Garner led Sheridan to two straight semi-state semifinal appearances during her junior and senior seasons. In 2024, the Blackhawks lost in the semi-state semifinal to Eastern Hancock and lost in this season's semifinal of the semi-state to eventual state runner-up Rensselaer Central. During her four seasons, Garner helped Sheridan become a prominent program in Class 2A. The Blackhawks went 72-23 over the last four years with two sectional and two regional titles.

Nevaeh Dickman has been pivotal in the recent success of the Fishers Tigers. The University of Buffalo signee had a solid senior campaign, scoring 15.5

per game and grabbing 6.4 rebounds. She also dished out 1.8 assists and had 1.2 steals. Dickman finished two-plus years with 635 points, 303 rebounds, along with 75 assists and 43 steals shot 73 percent at the free throw line and 51 percent on field goals for her career.

The future Buffalo Bull had a role off the bench in the Tigers' 2023 run to the Class 4A state championship game. Over her three varsity seasons, Fishers went 57-19, winning the 2023 sectional, regional and semi-states before falling to Bedford North Lawrence in the state championship, 46-42.

Kennedy Holman is the lone junior on the first team. The junior all-state candidate was one of the key components in the Royals' first sectional and regional titles this season since 2019. Holman averaged 12.2 points, 5.3 rebounds, 5.8 assists and 2.0 steals per contest.

Girls Basketball All-County Teams

FIRST TEAM

Maya Makalusky, senior, Hamilton Southeastern
Meredith Tippner, senior, Noblesville
Kenzie Garner, senior, Sheridan
Kennedy Holman, junior, Hamilton Southeastern
Nevaeh Dickman, senior, Fishers

SECOND TEAM

Kayla Stidham, junior, Hamilton Southeastern
Ava Bills, senior, Guerin Catholic
Izzy Shepherd, senior, Carmel
Cecilia Timme, senior, Sheridan
Samantha Price, senior, Westfield

HONORABLE MENTION

Taylor Seay, senior, University
Katie Brown, senior, Hamilton Heights

Holman already has numerous Division I offers but has yet to determine where she will play collegiately after her senior year next season. Already through three full seasons and 77 games played, Kennedy has scored

780 points, grabbed 377 rebounds, has 409 assists and 152 steals. During her first three years, HSE has gone 69-8 overall. She is also already being mentioned as a top candidate for Miss Basketball in 2026.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

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. Danville, 6 p.m.
Lebanon-Guerin Catholic winner vs. Brebeuf Jesuit, 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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“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
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops
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

Men’s Basketball—
Mad Ants trade Kyle Mangas to Austin in three-team deal

The REPORTER
The Indiana Mad Ants have acquired guard Boogie Ellis from the Stockton Kings as part of a three-team deal including the Austin Spurs. Mad Ants guard Kyle Mangas will be joining the Spurs. This move was made official Thursday night.
Mangas was in his second season with the Mad Ants. The Indiana native appeared in 37 games between the tip-off tournament and regular season.

He averaged 15.2 points per game.
He appeared in 51 games during the 2023-24 season and played in the G League Up Next Game. He averaged 16.9 points for Indiana last year.
Mangas grew up in Warsaw, Indiana and played collegiately at Indiana Wesleyan from 2017-2021. Prior to joining the Mad Ants, he played overseas in the Czech Republic and Lithuania.
Ellis, 24, is in his first season in the G League. The

California native appeared in 19 games for the Kings. He averaged 10.3 points, 3.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists in 21.8 minutes per game.
Boogie began his college career at the University of Memphis and was named AAC Sixth Man of the Year during the 2020-21 season. Ellis transferred to USC ahead of the 2021-22 season and received First-Team All-Pac-12 honors in his first year with the Trojans. He averaged 12.2 points per game across 125 games during his college career.
Ellis went undrafted in the 2024 NBA Draft and joined the Sacramento Kings for Summer League. The Kings signed him in September before waiving him a month later. Stockton signed him on Oct. 27.
The first-year guard will wear #1 with the Mad Ants. Indiana’s next game is on Sunday on the road against the Delaware Blue Coats (76ers affiliate). Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Racing—
Back-to-back winner Newgarden unveils 109th Indianapolis 500 ticket in two-city celebration

Submitted by IMS
Two-time NTT INDY-CAR SERIES champion and back-to-back winner of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge Josef Newgarden celebrated Southwest Airlines’ first nonstop flight from Indianapolis to Nashville when he unveiled the ticket for the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Thursday, March 6 at Indianapolis International Airport (IND).
Newgarden earned his second victory in “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” last May and became



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just the sixth driver to win the Indianapolis 500 in consecutive years. He powered the No. 2 Shell Powering Progress Team Penske Chevrolet to the back-to-back victory with another last-lap pass. One of the many honors bestowed upon the winner is unveiling the ticket for the next year’s race. Featuring the winning driver on the next year’s “500” ticket dates to Mauri Rose’s appearance in 1948.
Nashville native Newgarden pushed a button to unveil a larger-than-life digital rendering of the colorful ticket in Civic Plaza, IND’s community gathering area. From there, Newgarden and INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway President J. Douglas Boles engaged with Southwest passengers and race fans at the gate as they boarded the flight from Indianapolis to Nashville, taking the celebration to Newgarden’s hometown.
Designed in house by Senior Art Director Mandy Walsh, the ticket celebrates the back-to-back wins with full-color images, including Newgarden’s Victory Podium celebrations and his almost identical liveries. Vibrant images from 2024 are shadowed by similar images from 2023.
“It’s very cool to be here in the Indianapolis International Airport,” Newgarden said. “Indiana and Tennessee are my two homes, so the fact we have the Indianapolis 500 in Indiana and the (NTT INDYCAR SERIES) championship finale in Tennessee is a great parallel. To top it all off is seeing this beautiful ticket from the

Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indy 500. It’s an incredible-looking ticket.
“To see my likeness on there, to see our team represented, it’s a very special feeling. You don’t know if that day will ever come when you drive into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The fact we’ve been able to pull it off twice, back to back, and that it’s been celebrated on this ticket, I’m super, super thankful.”
Once arriving in Nashville, Newgarden and Boles will visit Indianapolis 500 ticketholders and media in Nashville and conclude the day with a Fan Event at Big Machine Distillery and Tavern, where the 2025 Indianapolis 500 ticket and the Borg-Warner Trophy will be on display. Newgarden and Boles will be on hand to meet with fans and conduct a brief question-and-answer session.
Newgarden will attempt to become the first driver to win three consecutive Indianapolis 500s on Sunday, May 25 in the 109th Indianapolis presented by Gainbridge at IMS, with live coverage starting at 10 a.m. ET on FOX, FOX Deportes, FOX Sports app and the INDYCAR Radio Network.
Tickets for the Indy 500 and all Month of May activities are on sale at IMS.com, by calling the IMS Ticket Office at 317-492-6700 or by visiting the ticket office.

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