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PALLADIUM

“Eric, Leah, Ron and Suzanne have been passionate supporters of our mission, financially and otherwise, since before the Palladium even opened,” McDermott said. “We look for partners who share our values and our commitment to enhancing quality of life in central Indiana, and these folks meet that description perfectly.”

Leah Payne said the Palladium has provided entertainment for multiple generations of her family as well as arts enrichment experiences for her four children.

“It’s just part of the landscape of our family,” she said. “We are honored to continue our relationship with the Center and see art and culture thrive in central Indiana, so that other families, residents and visitors can continue to enjoy these same opportunities.”



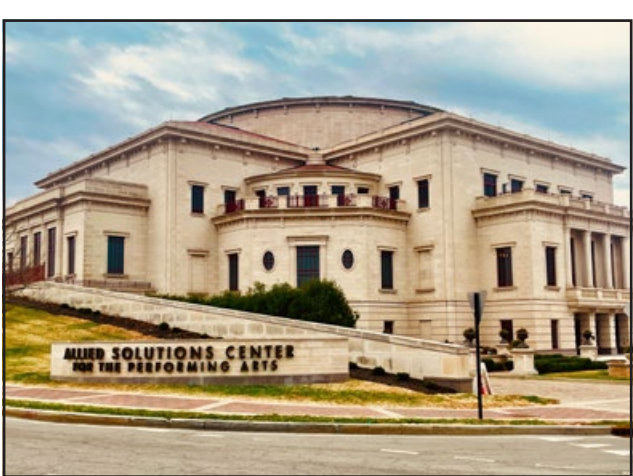
Jeffrey C. McDermott, President and CEO of Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, announces a major Palladium naming gift Thursday on the stage of the elegant concert hall in Carmel. (From left) Leah Payne, Eric Payne, Suzanne Mencias, Ron Mencias, and Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam.

Likewise, Suzanne Mencias said her two daughters have enjoyed theater opportunities on campus, and the entire family has appreciated seeing international artists perform without having to leave Carmel.

“The arts can play such an important role in people’s lives, and particularly in the personal development of young people,” she said. “We’re so fortunate to have these facilities in our community, and that presence is worthy of everyone’s support.”

Ron Mencias serves on the Center’s Board of Directors. Eric Payne was a founding member and former chair of the board, serving for 10 years, and also served on the board of the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. The two are wealth management advisors and managing directors of the Payne & Mencias Group at Merrill Lynch.

The new agreement was announced Thursday at an event in the concert hall. Financial details were not disclosed.



**About Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts**

The mission of Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2026, is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. The nonprofit organization’s campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. Allied Solutions Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the *Center Presents* performance series, featuring the best in classical music, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children’s concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures and music classes. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org).

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FAC

As Hayes steps into the role of President, he looks forward to 2025.

“We’re really hoping to expand our reach in the community by being able to work with the great number of artists who reside here and haven’t had the opportunity,” he said. “Between the Veterans exhibit in November, the Hispanic Heritage Celebration in our second gallery space, to the High School scholarship awards we present in April, and art created by individuals who

identify has having a disability, there is going to be an exhibit that features just about all walks of life.”

If you are interested in learning more about FAC and how to get involved, come to any Second Friday reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Art Gallery at City Hall, inside the Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive.

**About Fishers Arts Council**

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, ad-

vocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center. FAC also maintains its Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out [FishersArtsCouncil.org](http://FishersArtsCouncil.org) or call or text (317) 537-1670 for more information.

ODDS & ENDS

**Our calling in life**

On a more serious note, I just finished a book about our calling in life. I like the definition from the Professional Leadership Institute of our calling as a career or walk of life that a person

feels compelled or meant to do.

So often we think of a calling as something grandiose or saintly. Like a calling to be a missionary, pastor, governor, president, etc. But a calling can be just as simple as being a stay-at-home mom ... a painter ... a custodian ... a writer ... a customer service representative.

We can all touch lives with our calling, no matter what level it may be. I’d love it if we could stop looking down on people in our society who didn’t go to college, who are content to work for a retail store, fast food place, a construction company, etc.

My father-in-law always made a point to look people in the eye and ask for their name and show them respect, no matter what job they had. I try to follow his example. Everyone we come in contact with has a calling and is

shaping lives, whether they realize it or not.

**Yes, I was embracing winter ... but this is ridiculous**

**Remember my lofty column** about embracing winter back in January? I did great. Really. Until mid-February. And I officially kicked winter to the curb the second weekend of March when I put away all the winter decorations and brought out the spring ones.

We had glorious weather with sun and temps in the 70s last week ... and such a beautiful day last Tuesday. And now ... this. I just heard that they had a blizzard in Nebraska Wednesday.

Mother Nature ... you’re not being nice.

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WILLIAMS

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Williams received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Indiana University and her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Butler University. Prior to coming to Guerin Catholic, she served as Principal of Holy Name Catholic School in Beech Grove.

"Being a part of our Guerin Catholic community has been an immeasurable blessing and I am honored to serve as the next principal," Williams said. "Each day I have the gift of being inspired by the faith-filled people I serve alongside, the families who entrust their children to our care, and the students we are privileged to minister to through the gift of Catholic education. I look forward to serving our

community and Mission in this new capacity and ask for your continued prayers throughout this transition. God's will be done!"

Williams, her husband Jon, and their three children are members of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carmel. She will officially assume her duties as Guerin Catholic's principal on June 1. The school will commence the search for Williams' replacement as Assistant Principal/Director of Academics within the next few weeks.

*Saint Theodore Guerin High School, founded in 2004, is a diocesan Catholic school serving diverse learners, forming the whole person through faith development, excellence in academics, and student life to live out the gospel message.*

BEN'S RANCH

from Page 1

BRF is based in Hamilton County and serves young people at numerous locations in Hamilton and Boone counties. In December 2023, Ben's Ranch assumed management of Koteewi Stable and Trails, located in Koteewi Park, Strawtown, just a few miles northeast of Noblesville. At the stable, the public can enjoy trail rides on horseback, pony rides, hold birthday parties, attend special events, and adopt a horse. This unique partnership between BRF and the Hamilton County Parks Department allows BRF interns and small group participants to do chores, take care of the horses and learn skills at the stable.

For more about Ben's Ranch Foundation and Koteewi Stable and Trails, visit [bensranch.org](https://bensranch.org) and [koteewitrails.org](https://koteewitrails.org).



About Ben's Ranch Foundation

Ben's Ranch Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in central Indiana. The organization operates and supports programs designed to connect teens who have mental health challenges to jobs on farms and in stables and equine therapy facilities. Businessman Brose McVey founded the organization in honor of his late son, Ben, who suffered from mental illness before his unexpected death at 24 years old. For more information, visit [bensranch.org](https://bensranch.org).

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 147

At Hamilton Heights, opportunity is the spark that ignites potential and transforms dreams into reality. Ken Poirot, writer, scientist, and financial professional, once said, "Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want." This profound sentiment beautifully captures the essence of what we strive to achieve every day: turning today's opportunities into the foundation for tomorrow's success.

Poirot's insight is beautifully inspiring, and it resonates deeply with the overall mission of public education institutions like Hamilton Heights. Each school day offers an opportunity for students, teachers, and administrators to actively shape a better tomorrow. Inside and outside our classrooms, educators and staff sow seeds of knowledge, inspire critical thinking, and instill core values that prepare students



for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

For students, each lesson mastered, challenge overcome, and effort put forth is a step closer to building the life they envision. For teachers, the lessons they teach and the encouragement they provide have a far-reaching ripple effect – impacting not just their students, but the communities those students will one day shape.

Our public schools stand as a testament to the transformative power of opportunity. Through continued investment, engagement, access, and opportunity, we are building a foundation for progress, innovation, and shaping a brighter, more promising future – one student, one lesson, one opportunity, and one day at a time.

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There has been magic in the air for members of the Hamilton Heights Band of late. All Heights Band members who participated

in the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble earned GOLD! The Jazz Band earned a GOLD rating with members Cole Martin, Maddy Lustig, Nicole Eberhard, Micah White, and Luke Lively, also earning multiple outstanding soloist awards at the ISSMA Jazz Contest in Kokomo. The Hamilton Heights Middle School Jazz Band also performed well at the ISSMA Jazz Contest earning a Silver rating. Luke Allwardt received an outstanding solo award.

The Middle School Concert Bands in the ISSMA Organization Contest struck GOLD and SILVER last weekend. The eighth- and sixth-grade band members earned a GOLD, and the seventh-grade band earned a SILVER! Heights Indoor Percussion (HIP) group placed first overall in Class A "Movement" at the IPA Invitational in Westfield and third at the IPA Noblesville Invitational. They will compete at the IPA State Prelims this weekend! Congratulations!

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Speaking of congratula-

tions, the Hamilton Heights FFA Gold Team, consisting of Madison McLendon, Quentin Derrer, Lauren Happel, and Maddie Shively won the State Meats Evaluation Contest and advance to the Stock show in Denver in May.

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Nominations for individual athletes, coaches, and teams for the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025 are being accepted through March 31. Download your nomination [form](#) today.

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Returning student registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! Information and instructions can be found on our website on our student registration page [here](#). All registrations need to be completed by May 1.

With the start of spring upon us and spring break around the corner, please take some time to step outside, enjoy the fresh air, and recharge to return refreshed and ready to finish the school year strong!

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# Old-world craftsmanship, meet modern technology

## The REPORTER

On the last warm day of this week, the owners of Vintage Adventures, 936 Maple Ave., Noblesville, had the shop's garage door open to the world while owners Chris and Amie Knuckles worked making craft items. The Reporter's publisher wandered in to learn about the business and share a bit with our readers.

Vintage Adventures is a small, family-run business specializing in hand-painted wood wall art.

"Using a unique water-color technique, we create one-of-a-kind pieces that bring depth and character to any space," Chris Knuckles told The Reporter. "In addition to our hand-painted artwork, we use UV printing technology to produce high-quality reproductions of our original designs on wood, allowing us to expand our product line to include coasters, magnets, and jewelry while maintaining the artistic integrity of our work."

Vintage Adventures also offers custom merchandise services, providing personalized wood products for corporate gifts, employee appreciation, and promotional marketing.

"Our journey began in 2015 when we attended a



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**Chris and Amie Knuckles have carved out a unique business niche at their Noblesville shop.**

local auction in search of furniture to repurpose for our home," Chris said. "As we decorated, we realized the need for unique wall art to complement our refinished pieces. This led us to discover a passion for creating wood art, painting, and drawing – something we never expected. What started as a creative outlet quickly evolved into a small side business, selling on social media and at art fairs across the Midwest."

Over the years, their business grew from a part-time passion into a full-time career.

Today, Vintage Adventures blends traditional hand-painted artistry with modern printing techniques to create high-quality, customizable wood products.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of our customers and honored to have our work displayed in homes and businesses across the country," Chris said.

You can stop by Vintage Adventures from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, call Amie and Chris at (317) 649-2950, or visit their Etsy page at [etsy.com/shop/vintageadventuresllc](https://etsy.com/shop/vintageadventuresllc).

# Fishers student at Franklin College explores art's impact in Costa Rica

## The REPORTER

Franklin College's Immersive Term allows students to pursue internships, nontraditional classes, and study-abroad opportunities throughout the month of January. The Global Education Department offers students the opportunity to enroll in faculty-led study-abroad courses focusing on a variety of subjects.

Among the students who traveled to Costa Rica

was Elizabeth Hibbert of Fishers.

The college presented students the opportunity to study abroad in Costa Rica to examine the impacts of art on community engagement and in art therapy. Students led and coordinated after-school sessions, which allowed local children to express themselves through art. Additionally, students were offered opportunities to learn Spanish and explore Costa Rica's rich biodiverse

environment.



Associate Professor of Art Randi Frye, M.F.A., served as the course instructor, and assistant professor of art Barry Barnes assisted as a course coordinator.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of students to travel with," Frye said. "It was amazing to watch them take in everything with wonder and gratitude ... their openness and enthusiasm truly made the trip special."

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**"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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**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  
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**Fishers American Legion Post 470** - 9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In  
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**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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# Spring in Fishers features indoor football, family festivals & more

Experience new entertainment, family traditions, this season

**The REPORTER**

Spring has arrived, and the City of Fishers and Fishers Parks are gearing up for a season of exciting new entertainment, outdoor adventures, and beloved community traditions.

From Fishers Freight’s inaugural season at the Fishers Event Center, to the city’s first-ever sprint triathlon at Geist Waterfront Park, to the return of family favorites like Touch-A-Truck and the Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers, there’s something for everyone this spring around Fishers.

The spring lineup includes:  
**National Vietnam War Veterans Day**  
*Friday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m.*  
*Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive*  
*Free*

Join the City of Fishers, a proud Commemorative Partner of the Vietnam War Commemoration, to celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day with a free public ceremony. The ceremony will feature an address by guest speaker Jill Fewell, executive director of Welcome Home Veterans and president of Gold Star Families Indiana. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/FishersHonors](#).

**Fishers Freight Season Kickoff**  
*Friday, April 4 at 7 p.m.*  
*Fishers Event Center*  
*Ticket prices vary*

Fishers Freight will kick off its inaugural season at the Fishers Event Center on Friday, April 4. The Freight will bring the excitement of the Indoor Football League (IFL) to Fishers, joining 16 IFL teams with regional rivalries anticipated with the Green Bay Blizzards and Quad City Steamwheelers. Get tickets at [FishersEventCenter.com](#).

**Spring Break Camp: Science Wiz with Miss Liz**  
*April 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.*  
*Holland Park*  
*\$50 residents, \$75 non-residents*

Spend your spring break with Fishers Parks and Miss Liz. This S.E.A.M. (science, engineering, art, and math) focused camp is available for ages 5 to 10. Register at [FishersParks.com/Camp](#).

**Fishers Art Center Spring Make It Take Its, Classes & Camps**  
*Fishers Art Center (1 Municipal Drive)*  
*Costs vary*

Registration is now open for spring classes, camps, and workshops at the Fishers Art Center, located in the heart of the downtown Nickel Plate District. With one-

time Make It Take It workshops and multi-week classes available for youth, teens, and adults, there is something for everyone. Visit [FishersArtCenter.org](#) to register.

**Fishers Event Center**  
*11000 Stockdale St.*  
*Tickets at [FishersEventCenter.com](#)*

The new Fishers Event Center has taken center stage as the host of world-class entertainment and local sports teams like Indy Fuel, Indy Ignite, and Fishers Freight. Upcoming events include:

- March 27 | Forrest Frank: Child Of God Tour Part 2
- March 29 | Blake Shelton
- April 4 | Fishers Freight Opening Night
- June 17 | Rick Springfield: I Want My 80s Tour
- July 26 | Leanne Morgan: Just Getting Started
- Aug. 2 | Critical Role Live: Indianapolis
- Oct. 16 | Grace & Glory Tour with Crowder
- Nov. 16 | John Legend: “Get Lifted” 20th Anniversary World Tour

**Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Giveaway**  
*Friday, April 25, 4 to 6 p.m.*  
*Fishers AgriPark, 11171 Florida Road*  
*Free*

Celebrate Arbor Day at the Fishers AgriPark. Pick up a free tree, experience a special Arbor Day StoryWalk, and complete Arbor Day-themed craft activities. Learn more at [FishersAgriPark.com](#).

**Fishers AgriPark Opening**  
*Opens for the season Thursday, May 1*  
*Fishers AgriPark*  
*Free*

A 33-acre urban farm and one of the city’s most unique assets, the Fishers AgriPark is one of the nation’s largest urban farms and pays homage to Fishers’ agricultural roots. Every year, May through October, residents are invited to the AgriPark for u-pick opportunities in the public fields and gardens, animal encounters, and special programming. New additions this year include indoor restrooms and classroom and programming space. Learn more at [FishersAgriPark.com](#).

**Splash Pad Opening Day**  
*Opening Day: Thursday, May 1*  
*Open Daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.*  
*Free*

The free splash pads at Holland Park, 1 Park Drive, and Billerica Park, 12690 Promise Road, and the fountain at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater Pavilion, 10 Municipal Drive, are open daily through

Labor Day. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/Water](#).

**Fishers Farmers Market**  
*Saturdays, May 3 to Sept. 27*  
*8 a.m. to noon*  
*Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive*  
*Free*

Rated one of the top farmers markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers showcases vendors from central Indiana offering fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food items, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Learn more at [FishersParks.com](#).

**Hope for Happiness**  
*Saturday, May 3, 8 a.m. to noon*  
*Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive*  
*Free*

Kick off Mental Health Awareness Month at opening day of the Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers with the annual Hope for Happiness event. Hosted by Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School’s Bring Change to Mind student clubs in partnership with the Fishers Health Department, the event strives to raise awareness about mental health and the city’s Stigma Free initiative. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/MentalHealthMonth](#).

**Free Fishing Day**  
*Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*  
*Flat Fork Creek Park, 16141 E. 101st St.*  
*Free*

Join the Fishers Parks team for free pop-up fishing. Bring your own supplies or borrow equipment on site. Free Fishing Days are designated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Indiana residents do not need a fishing license to fish in the state’s public waters on these dates. Learn more at [FishersParks.com](#).

**Fishers Sprint Triathlon**  
*Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m.*  
*Geist Waterfront Park, 10811 Olio Road*  
*Costs vary*

Tackle the first-ever sprint triathlon powered by FAST at Geist Waterfront Park. Whether you’re a seasoned athlete or first-timer, this race has something for everyone, with both individual and relay options available. Register at [FastTigers.com](#).

**Touch-a-Truck**  
*Monday, May 19, 4 to 7 p.m.*  
*Nickel Plate District Amphitheater*  
*Free*

In honor of National Public Works Week, check out Fishers’ fleet of big rigs, including a firetruck, snowplow, police

car, and more at this family-friendly event around the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/TouchaTruck](#).

**Geist Waterfront Park Opening Day**  
*Opening Day: Saturday, May 24, noon to 8 p.m.*

*Regular Beach Hours: Daily through Labor Day (Sept. 1), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.*

**Geist Waterfront Park, 10811 Olio Road**  
The 70-acre waterfront park in east Fishers features beach and water access to Geist Reservoir, non-motorized boat launch and dock access for kayaks and canoes, walking trails, playground, and public gathering amenities. Beach access is open seasonally from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. Learn more at [FishersParks.com](#).

**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
*Monday, May 26, 10 a.m.*  
*Nickel Plate District Amphitheater*  
*Free*

Join the City of Fishers to honor the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom at this special ceremony. After the ceremony, take a walk around the Central Green and Nickel Plate District Amphitheater to view the light pole banners honoring local veterans and active duty servicemembers in the Fishers community. You can also honor a hero by purchasing an Engraved Brick Paver, which will become a permanent addition to the Liberty Plaza walkway. Learn more at [FishersIN.gov/FishersHonors](#).

**Get outdoors this spring**  
From the wooded trails and wildflowers at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve – one of only two nature preserves in Hamilton County – to bird watching at Geist Waterfront Park and play amenities for the whole family at Holland Park, there’s no shortage of outdoor fun to be had at Fishers’ parks. Take a stroll along the Geist Greenway to the Fishers AgriPark when it opens for the season in May, or walk, run, or bike the Fishers Nickel Plate Trail, stretching five miles from 96th Street to 146th Street. Find a list of local parks and trails at [FishersParks.com](#).

**Get involved**  
Looking for ways to make an impact in the community? Whether you’re volunteering solo or as a group, there are ways to get involved for all ages, interests, and abilities. See current volunteer opportunities for Park and Rain Garden Stewards, Spark!Fishers, the Geist Half Race Series, Fishers Farmers Market, Fishers AgriPark, and more at [VolunteerFishers.com](#).

## Protecting access to care & keeping costs down – Indiana can do both

Ensuring businesses and communities thrive requires smart policies that support growth, stability, and the well-being of Hoosiers. That includes making sure healthcare remains affordable – not just for employers, but for employees and their families.

Providing quality health coverage is one of the most important commitments businesses make to their workforce. Companies of all sizes work hard to offer strong benefits, ensuring that employees can get the care they need without facing unmanageable costs. Prior authorization plays a key role in making that possible.

This safeguard ensures that patients receive the right treatments, prescriptions, and procedures – without unnecessary delays or inflated costs. It prevents wasteful spending that drives up insurance premiums, out-of-pocket costs, and overall healthcare expenses. Without it, both employers and employees would face higher costs and fewer options for coverage.

For example, when a patient experiences severe abdominal pain, prior authorization can help confirm whether an ultrasound – a widely used, effective diagnostic tool – should be the first step before moving to a more expensive and invasive CT scan. This helps ensure patients receive the right care while avoiding unnecessary procedures, leading to faster diagnoses



JACK RUSSELL

and lower costs for families. Yet, state lawmakers are considering a proposal that would weaken or eliminate prior authorization – removing a tool that protects patients from unnecessary treatments and businesses from rising premiums. If this legislation moves forward, healthcare costs will increase statewide, straining businesses, employees, and taxpayers alike.

Indiana has long been a pro-business, pro-growth state, but that doesn’t mean choosing between affordability and access to care. Prior authorization ensures patients get effective, necessary care while preventing skyrocketing costs that hurt families and employees.

Lawmakers should focus on solutions that reduce costs responsibly – without eliminating safeguards that work. Employers want to provide comprehensive, affordable healthcare, and Hoosiers deserve policies that help them do just that.

We must ensure Indiana remains a place where businesses grow, employees thrive, and families have access to the care they need. That means reconsidering [Senate Bill 480](#) and keeping effective cost-saving measures like prior authorization in place.

*Jack Russell is the President and CEO of OneZone Chamber, which serves as a unified voice and advocate for businesses across Hamilton County and the surrounding region.*

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Thanks for reading!

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**Or by appointment only**

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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 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt  
Noblesville, in 46060  
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm  
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su  
12p-8p  
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,  
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-  
930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

**Sheridan Post 67** Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a,  
Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

**Noblesville Post 6246** Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the  
Fishers American Legion. Our website  
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>  
has 40 pages of resources for our Military  
Veteran community

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

**Hamilton County Veteran Service  
Officers**  
317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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[caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

## Hamilton County Military Veteran Apr 2, VA Claims & Veterans Career Day 3-7pm Carmel American Legion Post 155, 852 W Main St

**VA Claims and  
Career Day**  
**ARE YOU CONNECTED?**

•Enroll in VA healthcare  
•File disability claims

HamCo CVSO Onsite  
Indiana Wesleyan  
Indiana Tech  
Military One Source  
WorkOne Central  
VA Vocational Services

•Career Specialists

**Stronger  
Veterans  
Stronger  
Communities**

**JOIN US!**  
**April 2, 2025 from 3-7pm**  
Questions - [kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypphc.org](mailto:kludeker-seibert@hamiltoncountypphc.org)  
**Carmel American Legion Post 155**  
**852 West Main St Carmel, In.**

Representatives will be on-site to answer your questions  
about Federal and State benefits.  
Career professionals will be onsite to assist our Military Veteran  
Community to advance their career and find employment.

## March 26 Suicide Prevention Training in Fishers Talk Saves Lives

**SUICIDE  
PREVENTION  
TRAINING**

**TALK  
SAVES  
LIVES**

Please join us  
Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention is  
a community-based presentation that covers the general  
scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what  
people can do to help save lives.

**Taught by:** Brittany Cheviron Smith LCSW, LSSW  
Fishers Health Department Social Worker

**When:** Wednesday March 26th 5:30-7:00

**Where:** Delaware Township Government Center  
9090 E. 131 St. Fishers IN 46038

Sponsored by:  
Fishers Health Department  
& Delaware Township Trustee

**March 28 Public Service Hiring Event**

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## Activities & Events

### National Vietnam War Veterans Day Mar 29, 2025

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**NATIONAL VIETNAM  
WAR VETERANS DAY**  
**INDIANA**

**WELCOME HOME  
VIETNAM  
VETERANS**  
**WHVV.ORG**  
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**MARCH 29, 2025**  
**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
2:00 pm - Ceremony & Awards  
Indiana National Guard Armory  
325 Minuteman Way - Franklin, IN 46131

**Huey Helicopter Rides**  
Weather Permitting

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

**All event attendees  
receive a copy of  
A Time To Honor -  
Stories of Service,  
Duty and Sacrifice  
1968-1975**

**WE ♥ OUR  
VIETNAM  
VETERANS**  
**Public Welcome  
FREE ADMISSION**  
Join us to thank these heroes!

**WE ♥ OUR  
VIETNAM  
VETERANS**  
**DAR**  
Department of  
Indiana  
American Revolution

**Music, Food, Door Prizes  
and  
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Indiana Veterans  
Service Center

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Contact: Jill Fowell  
317-549-5900 [jillfowell@whvv.org](mailto:jillfowell@whvv.org)  
**INDIANA  
5000 5100**

**We Will Never Forget...**  
**Watch ‘The Journey Home’ Movie Trailer**  
<https://vimeo.com/521654918>

### Volunteer to help Honor, Remember and Welcome Home our Vietnam Veterans

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4CA4AD2BA6F85-55185776-march#/>

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 *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 Sholty, MG Ret. R. Martin Umbarger, Indiana Department of Veterans 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

**SUPPORT  
OUR TROOPS**

**HAMILTON  
COUNTY  
Veterans  
CORP**

**“Christmas in June” Care Package Drive for our  
Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In  
**Noblesville American Legion Post 45** - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, in 46060  
**Noblesville VFW Post 6246** - 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
**Sheridan American Legion Post 67** - 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> 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;**  
Lynn at [treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Tracy at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com)

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and get ready for an evening of  
laughs, suspense, and unforgettable  
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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  
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the first of its kind in Indiana and one  
of the few available in the Midwest!

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# American Structurepoint CEO Rick Conner receives prestigious 2025 Legacy Award from ENR Midwest

The REPORTER

American Structurepoint Chief Executive Officer Rick Conner, PE, SE, has received the prestigious 2025 Legacy Award from ENR Midwest. The annual award honors industry leaders for their lifetime service to the engineering industry and their communities.



Conner

“I am honored and humbled to receive the ENR Midwest Legacy Award. However, no one achieves such an honor alone,” Conner said. “This award is a tribute to the dedicated team at American Structurepoint and their extraordinary contributions to enhancing the quality of life for the clients and communities we’ve proudly served for nearly 60 years.”

Conner was “Employee No. 12” when he began his American Structurepoint career in 1971 as a part-time apprentice drafter. He joined the company full-time in 1976 upon his graduation from Purdue University, working as an engineer in the Bridge Department. Conner progressed through several roles, becoming vice president in 1983 and an owner in 1987. He became company president in 1990 and CEO in 2024.

Since becoming American Structurepoint president in 1990, Conner has transformed American Structurepoint from fewer than 50 employees and \$3 million annual revenue to an award-winning, full-service architecture and engineering firm. In 2025, American Structurepoint has approximately 750 employees offering 11 disciplines across 18 design centers in seven states. With Conner’s leadership, American Structurepoint has consistently achieved 8 to 10 percent annual organic growth, culminating in an impressive annual revenue of \$207 million in 2024.

Conner’s innovative initiatives at American Structurepoint include expanding the firm’s reach beyond Indiana to Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas. He launched

new service lines such as Architecture + Interiors, Information Technology, Investigative, Marketing Services, Planning + Economic Development, and Traffic Engineering.

Conner is deeply committed to community involvement, dedicating significant time to mentoring high school and college students.

For more than 20 years, Conner has volunteered and mentored students at DREAM Alive, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit dedicated to helping urban youth discover career paths. He also mentors engineering students and advises on curriculum needs as an advisory council member at the Purdue University Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering.

Conner endorsed the establishment of American Structurepoint’s community service activities through its Give Back Program. Since becoming year-round in 2012, the Give Back program has donated more than \$1.5 million to nearly 1,000 organizations and families throughout the nation and the world. The employee-led program provides multiple community service opportunities for staff. The program also accepts payroll deductions and hosts fundraisers that the company matches dollar for dollar.

Conner believes in serving the Hamilton County community where he lives. He is a 34-year member of the Noblesville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, promoting and advocating for public housing. He joined the Riverview Health Foundation Board of Directors in 2018 and is the current board chairman, working to improve Hamilton County healthcare.

Conner is passionate about the engineering industry because it offers limitless opportunities to innovate.

“Engineering is the coolest profession there is,” he said. “Engineers design solutions that improve and uplift our communities, transforming them into better places to live. It doesn’t get any better than that.”

# Get a fresh outlook with CSO

Hear from distinguished women leaders as they share their wisdom

The REPORTER

The Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) will present an inspiring panel discussion and chamber music performance from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22 in the Community Room of the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St. This engaging event highlights the experiences of women leaders across industries with a focus on resilience, confidence, and the transformative power of the arts.

“The Next Era of Leadership: Women Rising, Thriving, and Leading” is sponsored by Reis Nichols Jewelers, City of Carmel, The Payne & Mencias Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, and Pedcor Companies.

The event will commence with opening remarks by Jamia Jacobsen, Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee for

CSO, followed by an exceptional chamber music performance by the all-female Carmel Symphony Orchestra Wind Quintet, featuring:

- Monika Spangler, flute
- Emily Cook, clarinet
- Lisa Kozenko, oboe
- Kathleen Moniaci, bassoon
- Sharon Weyser, horn

The musical program features these women composers:

- “Red Clay and Mississippi Delta” by Valerie Colman
- “Choral et Deux Variations” by Germaine Tailleferre
- “Invocation” by Marie Clemence de Grandaval, arr. Emily Cook

Following the musical performance, a distinguished panel of accomplished women leaders will share insights on leadership in historically male-dominated industries, overcoming imposter syndrome,



preventing burnout, and the unique strengths women bring to leadership roles.

Featured panelists

- Janet Holcomb, former First Lady of Indiana and business owner
- Evelyn Magley, CEO of The Basketball League
- Kelly Corcoran, Conductor
- Anne Marie Chastain, Executive Director of CSO (moderator)

This **free but ticketed event** will include an opportunity for audience Q&A following the panel discussion.

“As we enter our second

year of organizing this event, we are thrilled to continue celebrating women's diversity and experiences in business and music,” Chastain said. “This event is not just about leadership – it’s about the power of collaboration, resilience, and the unique perspectives that women bring to every field. We look forward to an enriching discussion and an unforgettable musical performance highlighting the profound connections between leadership and the arts.”

Attendees are encouraged to **reserve their free tickets** in advance.

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## INSPIRATION SESSION

CreateWhatYouCrave.org

## Inspiration Session: Creative Panel

Wednesday, March 26 | 6 – 8 p.m.  
Brown Hound Studios, Carmel

We’re bringing together local creatives and visionaries for an intimate, facilitated conversation with live music, local artists, interactive activities, and meaningful connections in a vibrant, creative space.

Featuring a discussion panel of local creatives:

- **Scott Osborne**, Artist + Owner of Brown Hound Studios + Co-host of No Title Needed Podcast
- **Tori Witter**, Creative Director at TriAD CTV + Executive Director of Indy Design Week
- **Patrick Armstrong**, Host of Conversation Piece Podcast
- **Moderated by Anne O'Brien**, Founder of Create What You Crave

Guests will enjoy activities to reset and fuel their creativity, including:

- Live music featuring **Fred Miller**
- Light bites + drinks

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what you crave.  
*a community for creatives*





# Riley Children’s Foundation launches \$300 million ‘Every Child Deserves Riley’ comprehensive campaign at Red For Our Kids Gala

**The REPORTER**  
**Riley Children’s Foundation** has publicly launched its \$300 million **Every Child Deserves Riley** comprehensive campaign, the largest in its history, on March 8 at the Red For Our Kids Gala, the organization’s annual black tie event celebrating the profound impact of Riley Children’s Health.

The \$300 million comprehensive campaign aims to raise funds to support five key priority areas for Riley Children’s, identified to make a lasting impact on children’s health and on the lives of individual kids and families. The priority areas include:

- Respond to the youth mental health crisis
- Bring the best and brightest to Indiana
- Pioneer research advancements
- Expand access to Riley expertise
- Support the entire family

The fundraising effort has already surpassed the \$215 million milestone thanks to generous donors in the leadership phase of

the campaign, including major gifts toward cancer research, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, mental health, and nutrition research.

Tonight, the Foundation publicly announced three gifts toward the \$300 million goal. Those include \$5 million from the Tom and Julie Wood Family Foundation to establish the Office of Community and Child Health, \$5 million from an anonymous donor toward the greatest needs of the hospital, and \$5 million from another anonymous donor to support the neonatal intensive care unit.

“We are humbled by the donations made to this campaign so far and grateful for the contributions to come, which will advance the life-saving work by the renowned team of pediatric experts at Riley,” said Mike Smith, Every Child Deserves Riley Campaign Chair and Riley Children’s Foundation Life Governor. “From cutting-edge research to supporting the mental health needs of our youth to expanding access to hallmark Riley care, this campaign will have



long-lasting and far-reaching impacts for kids and families across all 92 counties in Indiana – because every child deserves Riley.”

The Red For Our Kids Gala included several Riley families whose children have received life-changing care at Riley, who shared their stories with attendees.

“While no family ever wants to be a ‘Riley family,’ there is no better place to be if your child needs care,” said Stacia and Trae McBride, Riley parents to two-year-old Major. “Without the steadfast warmth and advanced medical care of the Riley team, our son would not be the healthy little boy he is today. Our wish is for every child who needs

Riley to be able to receive their remarkable care.”

In addition to Riley families, the Red For Our Kids Gala welcomed special guests including Lilly King, six-time Olympic medalist; Dr. Russell Ledet, co-founder of The 15 White Coats and Riley Triple Board Resident; Kalyn Melham, Miss Indiana 2024 and Cydney Bridges, RN, Riley Children’s Health and Miss Indiana 2023, and showcased the expertise of pediatric specialists at Riley and pediatric researchers with Riley affiliated research programs.

To learn more about the Every Child Deserves Riley campaign, visit [rileykids.org/everychild](http://rileykids.org/everychild).

## Spring Equinox dance program tickets on sale

### Submitted

Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) returns to The Tarkington at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel for *Spring Equinox* at 7 p.m. Friday, April 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

*Spring Equinox* celebrates the arrival of spring with a contemporary dance program of power, beauty, spirituality, and rebirth.

Tickets are available at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or by calling The Center’s Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

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the Indianapolis area. As a singer, songwriter, and producer, she released several original singles, including “Charade,” “Only Dreams,” and “2,” available on all streaming platforms. In addition, she released a Christmas album, *Holiday*, as well as performed in her self-produced “Holiday and More” Christmas concerts at The Cat in Carmel.



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and More” Christmas concerts at The Cat in Carmel.

She is regularly featured in *Crossover Music Magazine* as well as on the *ClassicalXOver4U* show on Sound Radio Wales 103.1 FM. Additionally, she performed leading opera roles, including Adina in *Elixir of Love* and Rosina in *The Barber of Seville* with Projekt:Opera.

She graduated from Butler University with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance.

*The Lady of Krakow* is inspired by noticing and not noticing beauty that surrounds us every day.

Also featured in the program will be the return of several GHDT classic repertoire pieces that have not been performed for several years. *The Western Wall* draws its inspiration from

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# Carmel native named to Orr Fellowship Leadership Team

The REPORTER

Orr Fellowship, an early career development program for high-achieving post-graduates and future-focused businesses in Indianapolis and Evansville, announced on Thursday its Fellowship Leadership Team (FLT) for the 2025 term.

Candidates for the leadership team are nominated and elected by their peers, while former FLT and executive team members interview each candidate. Composed of eight director roles spanning marketing, diversity, recruitment and more, the Fellowship Leadership Team’s goal is to strengthen ties within the Orr community, engage with current, former and future Fellows, and push the program forward.

“The Fellowship Leadership Team is an important component of our program,” Orr Fellowship President Steven Emch said. “It gives Fellows ownership of the organization and our direction, providing additional opportunities for them to demonstrate their leadership potential and innovative

thinking that ultimately impact partner companies and the greater Indiana business community.”

The full Fellowship Leadership Team for 2025 is below:

- **Chief of Staff:** Mariah Mason, Indiana Wesleyan University, Anderson, Ind.
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- **Director of Community Engagement:** Adeline Hatfield, Miami University, Akron, Ohio
- **Director of Finance:** Nick Logan, Wabash College, Elkhart, Ind.
- **Director of Recruitment:** Xavier Ramirez, Indiana University, Carmel.

“My experience on the Fellowship Leadership Team has truly been transformative and inspiring. I feel even more excited and prepared for my future in marketing and leadership roles,” said Megan Green, outgoing Director of Marketing for FLT. “It is rewarding and fulfilling to help shape the first impressions candidates, universities and community members have of Orr Fellowship. I’m looking forward to seeing the new FLT collaborate with Fellow and Executive Team members to continue the organization’s growth and momentum.”

Since 2001, Orr Fellowship has helped talented college graduates launch their careers and shape them as Indiana business and community leaders. Orr Fellowship expanded from Indianapolis to Evansville in 2024 to give a combined total of 83 Fellows hands-on experience in more than 60 companies in Greater Indianapolis and Southwest Indiana.

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# Feinstein’s in Carmel welcomes award-winning actor & singer Adam Shapiro to the stage – *With a Twist*

Submitted

You have a fantastic opportunity on Saturday, April 5 to see an award-winning actor and singer, one who has performed all over the country and the world, up close and personal in the intimate setting that is Feinstein’s inside The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel.

Adam B. Shapiro presents *With a Twist*. Actor, singer, and Indianapolis native Shapiro (*The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *30 Rock*, HBO’s *The Normal Heart*) returns to Feinstein’s with his newest show, *With a Twist*. Join Shapiro and musical director Brent Marty for an evening of music you know and love in ways you’ve probably never heard it before. Fast becomes slow, serious becomes funny, hip hop becomes jazz, and new lyrics get set to famous melodies for an evening of music that will leave you blissful and bewildered. From Broadway to jazz to rock to pop, there’s something for everyone . . . *With a Twist*.

Most recently, Shapiro was Off-Broadway in the Drama Desk Award-winning production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in Yiddish, directed by Tony and Oscar winner Joel Grey. Shapiro played

the Rabbi and understudied Teyve and Lazer Wolf, going on several times for both roles. In addition to *Fiddler*, Shapiro is a regular performer with the National Yiddish Theatre-Folksbiene, where he has appeared in *The Golden Bride*, *The Megile of Itsik Manger*, and *Gimpel The Fool*. He also became a content creator for them during the pandemic, producing and directing a massive online Chanukah Spectacular in 2020 that featured such performers as Billy Crystal, Carol Burnett, Mandy Patinkin, Mayim Bialik, and others.

Shapiro’s other Off Broadway credits include *Bastard Jones*, *The Mikado-Reimagined*, and the Drama Desk nominated production of *Death of a Salesman* in TV/film, audiences might remember Shapiro as the Cantor in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* or from *FBI: Most Wanted*, *Master of None*, *Friends From College*, *30 Rock*, Adam Sandler’s *The Cobbler*, and as Bella in HBO’s Emmy-winning film, *The Normal Heart*. Most recently, he appeared on AppleTV+ in *Extrapolations* alongside Judd Hirsch, David Schwimmer, Leslie Uggams, and Tony winner Daveed Diggs.

Shapiro is a MAC Award-Winning Cabaret Artist and has performed in most of the top venues in New York City, including the Mabel Mercer Cabaret Convention at Lincoln Center. His debut EP, *Let Love In*, was released in 2021 and is available on all digital music platforms. He was delighted to make his debut at the Hotel Carmichael in 2022 and is always delighted to return to his hometown and perform at such a beautiful venue.

Learn more about Shapiro and take in some of his performances at [adambshapiro.com](http://adambshapiro.com).

This promises to be an amazing and entertaining evening with an extremely talented performer inside an intimate and unique venue. Doors will open for this performance at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner and drinks before you settle in for this fantastic performance at 7:30 p.m. You can get your tickets for this event at [this link](#).

Feinstein’s at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947. If you’re considering having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein’s and need tickets for eight or more, email [sales@hotelcarmichael.com](mailto:sales@hotelcarmichael.com).

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the Western Wall in Jerusalem as the dancers portray prayers spread across the world. *God’s Island* features the talented women of GHDT in a series of tour-de-force solos and ensemble pieces of power and beauty. Company dancer Thomas Mason will present a solo from GHDT’s full-length production of *There’s No Place Like Home*. GHDT is known for its collaborations and involvement with the local and global Indian communities. The program will include *Lagaan*, one of GHDT’s high-octane pieces inspired by music of India. Also in the program is *Contusion*, an athletic and exciting abstract dance set to percussion music of Australia.

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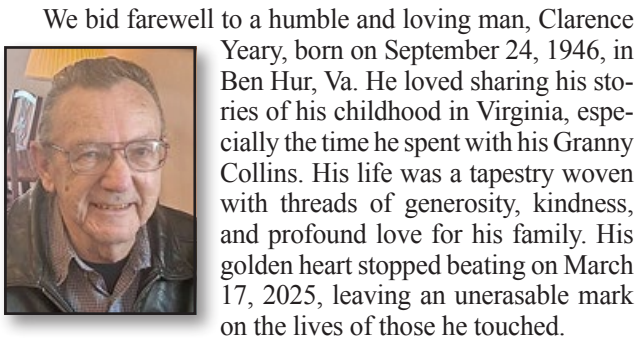
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Clarence was a man of few words, but when he did speak, it was always from the heart. His wisdom and love for life were evident in his everyday actions, as he lived by the teachings of the Good Book. A dedicated worker, Clarence devoted many years to the auto manufacturing industry, retiring from Noblesville Casting Co. In his leisure, he found joy in the simplicity of life – woodworking, hunting, and reminiscing about his youthful adventures. The twinkle in his eye was never brighter than when he was surrounded by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their calls brought him immense joy, and his legendary biscuits and gravy, coupled with tales of “the old days” and “old ways” from his time in Virginia, were a cherished tradition.

Clarence was a man deeply in love. His wife, Beth Yeary, was the light of his life and her passing left him longing for their reunion in the heavens. As poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once said, “The love that lasts the longest is the love that is never returned.” We find solace in knowing that their union in the hereafter was a joyous one, complete with a list of heavenly adventures shared together.

Clarence leaves behind his son, Clarence (Susan) Yeary; daughter, Tamara Franklin; brothers, Rex (Linda) Yeary and Cecil (Joann) Yeary; along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will treasure his memory. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Stella Yeary; his beloved wife, Beth; his siblings, Gladys, Norma, Linda, and Chester Yeary; and his great-grandson, Kendrix James Adams. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, followed by a funeral ceremony at 1 p.m., with Mark Knapp officiating. For those who are unable to attend in person, a live stream will be available at [my.gather.app/remember/clarence-yeary](http://my.gather.app/remember/clarence-yeary).

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE BREASTPIECE

They fashioned the breastpiece—the work of a skilled craftsman. They made it like the ephod: of gold, and of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely twisted linen. It was square—a span long and a span wide—and folded double. Then they mounted four rows of precious stones on it. The first row was carnelian, chrysolite and beryl; the second row was turquoise, lapis lazuli and emerald; the third row was jacinth, agate and amethyst; the fourth row was topaz, onyx and jasper. They were mounted in gold filigree settings. There were twelve stones, one for each of the names of the sons of Israel, each engraved like a seal with the name of one of the twelve tribes.

For the breastpiece they made braided chains of pure gold, like a rope. They made two gold filigree settings and two gold rings, and fastened the rings to two of the corners of the breastpiece. They fastened the two gold chains to the rings at the corners of the breastpiece, and the other ends of the chains to the two settings, attaching them to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front. They made two gold rings and attached them to the other two corners of the breastpiece on the inside edge next to the ephod. Then they made two more gold rings and attached them to the bottom of the shoulder pieces on the front of the ephod, close to the seam just above the waistband of the ephod. They tied the rings of the breastpiece to the rings of the ephod with blue cord, connecting it to the waistband so that the breastpiece would not swing out from the ephod—as the Lord commanded Moses.

Exodus 39:8-21 (NIV)

Meeting Notice

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield. A work session to discuss strategic planning will immediately follow the regular meeting.

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## Boys Basketball

# Semi-state preview, Class 2A at Washington: University Trailblazers

By **CRAIG ADKINS**

For The Reporter

### University Trailblazers (18-9) vs. Linton-Stockton Miners (21-6)

We're down to the Elite 8 in each class for the IHSAA boys basketball state tournament.

Saturday's Class 2A south semi-state will be at the famous Hatchet House at Washington High School. The first game of the day at 10 a.m. features No. 4 Parke Heritage (24-4) vs. Forest Park (19-6), followed by the Blazers and the Miners at 12:15 p.m. The championship game is slated for 7:30 p.m.

This is the first meeting between University and Linton-Stockton.

Potential state finals opponents in the north semi-state at The Wolves' Den at Michigan City has No. 6 Gary 21st Century (20-6) facing top-ranked Wapahani (26-1) at 10 a.m. Central Time (11 a.m. Eastern Time) and the No. 3 Manchester Squires (23-2) battle the Jimtown Jimmies (16-10) in the second semifinal at noon CT (1 p.m. ET). The winners collide at 7:30 p.m. CT (8:30 p.m. ET).

Head coach Justin Blanding seems to be the answer for the University boys basketball team. In just his second season, he's got the Blazers two wins from their first state finals appearance. Saturday's regional 44-43 victory over Triton Central, advancing to the program's first semi-state.

Blanding coached the University girls from 2015-23 and went 154-40, leading them to semi-state twice. They lost in Class 1A to Vincennes Rivet in 2019 and 2A in 2022 to Linton, who ironically is Saturday's opponent.

"Our system and how we do things is fit for everybody," said University head coach Justin Blanding. "They've really done a good job. Guys have bought into their roles and they're ready to step up when they need to."

Triton Central keyed in on leading scorer Max McComb and held him to five points, so it became a 'next man up' mentality and that's when junior Blake Gray found his way to lead the Blazers in scoring.

"I step up whenever I need to because that's what I do," said junior guard Blake Gray. "I'm a team player. I'll put others first."

"We got four or five guys that could really score the ball," said Blanding. "So, we knew somebody was going to do it. We knew they were going to key in on Max, but Blake stepped up."

Gray did just that and led University with 17 points, along with four steals defensively. Josh Henderson had eight points and Faisal Mohamud scored seven points.

The Blazers have won five straight heading into semi-state and are 'playing with house money,' being their first trip this far in the state tournament.

Linton-Stockton has won 31 sectional championships, six regional and three semi-state championships. The Miners have three 2A state runner-up finishes in 2013 to Bowman Academy, 2019 against Andrean and 2023 versus Fort Wayne Blackhawk.

Head coach Matt Britton is 39-11 in his second year at Linton-Stockton and 274-122 overall in 16 seasons at West Washington, Bloomfield and South Spencer. Britton led Bloomfield to the 1A state championship game in 2016, finishing as runner-up to Liberty Christian.

The Miners have quality wins over No. 4 Parke Heritage, Bloomfield, Cascade, Wayne (W. Va), Marshall (Ill.) and Providence.

Last week's regional win over Providence was the sixth in their program history. The Miners are in search of their fourth semi-state title.

There are no statistics available for Linton-Stockton available on [maxpreps.com](http://maxpreps.com).



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University's Blake Gray scored 17 points for the Trailblazers during their regional championship win over Triton Central last week at Lebanon. University travels to Washington Saturday for the Class 2A south semi-state.

## Girls Basketball

# Satterfield among three girls coaches honored by IBCA for 2024-25 season

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball coach Brian Satterfield is among the three Indiana high school girls basketball coaches have been chosen as 2025 Bob King Coaches of the Year by their peers in the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Thursday.

Lenny Krebs of Class 4A state runner-up Warsaw and Hollie Anson-Eaves of Class 2A state champion South Knox have also been selected as honorees for the 2024-25 season through voting that occurred from late January through late February, IBCA executive director Marty Johnson said.

Honors are awarded according to IHSAA district boundaries, and one coach from each district is a recipient – Krebs in District 1; Satterfield in District 2; and Anson-Eaves in District 3. These three coaches will receive plaques as an IBCA District Coach of the Year during the 2025 IBCA Clin-

ic, which is set for April 24 and 25 at Mt. Vernon High School in Fortville.

The Coach of the Year award is named for the late Bob King, the IBCA executive director from 1984-94. King, a Lebanon native, coached at Sacred Heart and Shortridge high schools in Indianapolis before serving as an assistant basketball coach at Purdue University. He later also was an assistant athletic director and associate athletic director at Purdue.

A list of former IBCA/Bob King Coaches of the Year in girls' basketball is below. The 2025 IBCA/Bob King Coaches of the Year for boys' basketball will be announced later.

Satterfield was named the IBCA District 2 Coach of the Year after leading Hamilton Southeastern to a 27-1 campaign where his Royals were ranked No. 1 in Class 4A for much of the season and won Hoosier Crossroads Conference, Noblesville Sectional and

Marion Regional titles.

Satterfield has compiled an 83-16 mark in four seasons as girls' coach at Hamilton Southeastern, including three HCC crowns (2023 co-championship and outright titles in 2024 and 2025). His girls' success comes after 20 seasons guiding the HSE boys, where he amassed a 322-151 record with three sectional titles and mentored Indiana Mr. Basketball hon-



Satterfield

orees Gary Harris in 2012 and Zak Irvin in 2013.

The veteran coach previously was voted an IBCA boys' District Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2012, six times was honored as the Hoosier Crossroads Conference boys' Coach of the Year and twice has been selected HCC girls' Coach of the Year. He served the IBCA as a district representative from 2012-15 and currently is in the first year

of a second three-year term.

Satterfield has been named an assistant coach for the 2025 girls' Indiana All-Stars, and he previously was an All-Star boys' assistant coach in 2015. He also was head coach for the 2010 Indiana Class All-Star Classic and the 2012 North-South Game as well as an assistant coach for the 2012 Nike Global Games in Washington, D.C.

A 1986 graduate of Plainfield High School, Satterfield averaged 8.9 points as a senior for a 20-6 regional champion. He went on to

Wabash College, where he played three seasons for the Little Giants' varsity program and completed his bachelor's degree in business in 1990. After college, he worked for Met Life for three years before earning a teacher's certification through Indiana University in 1995. He then served as a boys' assistant coach at Madison, Triton Central, Avon and HSE before becoming the HSE boys' head coach in 2001-02.

Satterfield and his wife, Deb, are parents to Brooke, Nolan and Blair.

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**The REPORTER**  
The Hoosier Crossroads Conference indoor track and field meet took place Wednesday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum, the site of the Hoosier State Relays next Saturday.

Hamilton Southeastern's boys had the best finish of the Hamilton County schools, placing second as a team. In the individual events, Noblesville's John Libs won the 3200 run, with Fishers' Konrad Hayden tying for first in the high jump. Westfield won the 4x800 and 4x400 relays.

In the girls meet, Southeastern picked up three event victories. Elizabeth Butler won the 3200 run, Elia Blackmore was first in the 60 hurdles and the Royals won the 4x400 relay. Westfield's Alexandra Hamilton was victorious in the pole vault, while Fishers' Macey Miller won the shot put.

**GIRLS MEET**  
**Team scores:** Brownsburg 102, Avon 89, Hamilton Southeastern 87, Noblesville 73, Fishers 61, Franklin Central 60, Zionsville 56, Westfield 55.

**3200 run:** 1. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 10:45.05, 2. Jayde Stamm (N) 11:27.84, 5. Zoe Gebhart (HSE) 11:56.20, 8. Gianna Ferreri (W) 11:59.83, 9. Carly Davis (W) 12:01.84, 10. Ella Wirkner (N) 12:05.64, 11. Melanie Perez (F) 12:10.57, 15. Lorelai Polk (F) 12:32.14.

**60 hurdles - Finals:** 1. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 8.75, 5. Sensear Reynolds (HSE) 9.97, 6. Devyn Day (F) 10.12, 7. Meredith Dyar (N) 10.45.

**Prelims:** 13. Makena Schwerin (W) 10.98, 14. Taylor Tarter (F) 11.10, 15. Lily Sergeant (W) 11.63, 16. Elise Beckner (N) 13.76.

**60 run - Finals:** 6. Ainsley Meinerding (N) 7.93, 7. Mya Baker (N) 7.94, 8. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 7.95. **Prelims:** 9. Zinnia Pineda (F) 7.96, 12. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 8.14, 14. Meredith Mears (W) 8.44, 15. Mia Cardozo Nunez (F) 8.48, 16. Josie Vondersaar (W) 8.64.

**4x800 relay:** 2. Noblesville 9:26.57, 3. Westfield 9:27.32, 4. Southeastern 9:32.48, 7. Fishers 10:17.08.

**4x200 relay:** 4. Southeastern 1:44.58, 5. Fishers 1:45.05, 7. Noblesville 1:45.83, 8. Westfield 1:46.93.

**Distance medley relay:** 3. Noblesville 12:25.76, 4. Southeastern 12:36.26, 5. Fishers 12:45.99, 8. Westfield 13:23.38.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Southeastern 3:56.19, 4. Noblesville 4:03.97, 5. Westfield 4:04.71, 7. Fishers 4:15.28.

**High jump:** 3. Gracie Czubik (W) 5-3, 5. Charlotte Lawrence (F) 5-2, 6. Katelyn Eblen (W) 5-2, 7. Elise Beckner (N) 5-0, 8. Aspen Powers (N) 5-0, T9. Ainsley Powers (F) 4-10, T11. EJ Shults (HSE) 4-6; Avery Francis (HSE) 4-6.

**Pole vault:** 1. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-3, 2. Scarlett Olson (F) 11-3, 4. Paige Lemieux (W) 10-6, 7. Riley Williams (HSE) 9-6, 8. Olivia Maynard (HSE) 9-6, 9. Ava Coy (F) 8-6, 11. Elise Beckner (N) 7-0.

**Long jump:** 3. Czubik (W) 17-1.5, 4. Baker (N) 16-10, 5. Meinerding (N) 16-8.5, 6. Madison Paciorek (F) 16-4, 7. Natalie Arnold (HSE) 16-2.5, 8. Brianna Geren (F) 16-1, 10. Morgan Guerrieri (W) 15-8.

**Shot put:** 1. Macey Miller (F) 43-0.5, 2. Mia Tobias (F) 37-10, 5. Nyla Young (N) 34-2.5, 6. Katie Wooden (HSE) 34-2, 10. Fanta Sall (HSE) 30-3.5, 11. Amelia Kring (N) 29-1.5, 12. Erionna Davis (W) 26-6.

**BOYS MEET**  
**Team scores:** Avon 125.5, 2. Hamilton Southeastern 81, 3. Franklin Central 76, 4. Westfield 71, 5. Noblesville 69, 6. Brownsburg 63, 7. Fishers 61, 8. Zionsville 33.5.

**3200 run:** 1. John Libs (N) 9:17.48, 2. Sam Quagliaroli (F) 9:24.71, 3. Isaiah Vohs (N) 9:29.75, 5. Ty Conner (W) 9:35.15, 6. Zach Swedarsky (HSE) 9:40.44, 7. Nate Thom-

as (F) 9:40.75, 11. Owen Mohler (W) 10:15.01, 16. Nick Vega (HSE) 10:21.49.

**60 hurdles - Finals:** 4. Logan Tuck (W) 8.45, 5. Sam Long (HSE) 8.57. **Prelims:** T8. Rowen McGee (F) 8.73, 12. Khamari Ramsey (N) 9.01, 13. Sam Irish (HSE) 9.33, 14. Zaythen Spears (N) 10.72, 15. Caleb Rasche (W) 11.00.

**60 run - Finals:** 4. Angel Wilson (N) 6.98, 5. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 6.98, 6. Carsen Eloms (F) 7.01. **Prelims:** 10. Paul Stanley Jr. (N) 7.15, 13. Cato June (W) 7.19, 14. Maisson McCray (W) 7.23, 15. Kayden Myers (F) 7.32, 16. Vaughn Johnson (HSE) 7.39.

**4x800 relay:** 1. Westfield 7:55.27, 2. Southeastern 8:05.99, 4. Noblesville 8:11.72, 5. Fishers 8:12.38.

**4x200 relay:** 2. Southeastern 1:28.98, 4. Westfield 1:30.62, 6. Fishers 1:31.15.

**Boys distance medley relay:** 2. Noblesville 10:18.15, 3. Fishers 10:37.54, 4. Southeastern 10:39.43, 6. Westfield 10:50.83.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Westfield 3:21.04, 4. Noblesville 3:27.68, 6. Southeastern 3:28.97, 7. Fishers 3:29.86.

**High jump:** T1. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-9, 3. Robert Campbell (W) 6-4, 6. Chris Beck 6-0, 7. Austin Geesaman (F) 6-0, 9. Max Wambach (N) 5-8.

**Pole vault:** 2. Evan Senefeld (HSE) 13-6, 5. Wambach (N) 12-0, 6. Andrew Krohn (HSE) 11-6, 9. Lux Foster (N) 11-0.

**Long jump:** 2. Dylan James (HSE) 22-0.75, 4. Austin Donahoe (N) 21-10.5, 9. Liam Boyd (HSE) 20-0.5, 11. Will Biondich (N) 19-5.5, 12. Braxton Gardner (F) 19-5, 13. Kaiden Gardner (F) 18-8.5, 14. Lennox Williams (W) 18-4.5.

**Shot put:** 4. Mason Cantwell (F) 48-4.5, 6. Mason McDermott (N) 44-2.5, 7. Charles Slain (F) 43-11, 10. Isaac Cole (W) 41-4, 11. Dryden Moore (HSE) 41-2, 12. Alex Aramboloes (W) 39-0.5, 13. Liam Herbert (N) 37-9.5, 14. Jordan Futch (HSE) 37-4.

Men's Basketball

Indianapolis gets ready to host  
marquee March Madness matchups

**By ANGELA MORYAN**  
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The Madness is on! The NCAA Tournament tips off in Dayton's First Four, but next weekend, Indianapolis will play host to the Midwest Region's Sweet 16 and Elite Eight games in Lucas Oil Stadium.

With the way the bracket's built, the Midwest is one of the most intriguing regions on the bracket.

"We're just thrilled with the teams that we got," said Dan Gliot, the senior director of marketing and communications at Indiana Sports Corp. "You look those top four teams - Houston, Tennessee, Kentucky and then, of course, Purdue - just real powerhouses, great Power 5 schools, but really regional, as well, and Houston travels really well, so we're super excited for the possibilities that could end up that weekend."

Purdue's potential alone is expected to elevate ticket sales.

"Purdue has such a great fan base," Gliot said. "We've seen them for the last couple years. In the first and second rounds last year at Gainbridge, and of course they played in the Indy Classic, and they're such a passionate huge fan base. They travel well."

"Purdue playing in their backyard would be fantastic for our business," said Renny Harrison, CEO of Fanfare Tickets, which is based in Carmel. "Kentucky and Tennessee both travel really well - especially Kentucky. We'd love them to make it through and play here."

This will be the first time in 10 years Lucas Oil Stadium has hosted March Madness without any COVID restrictions. The venue will be sectioned off in half, with the fans and court on the south end of the stadium, similar to how it was when the entire tournament was played in Indy back in 2021.

No matter what teams are playing, the stadium's going to be filled with basketball fans - all while the city of Indianapolis gets ready to host the big one - the Final Four - in 2026.

"It's a really good opportunity to showcase what Indianapolis can do, what Lucas Oil Stadium can do, and really give every one a taste of what it's going to be," Gliot said. "We're going to crown four champions over the same weekend in 2026. Come out for 2025 to really get a preview for that, and then 2026 it's all about celebrating college basketball."

"I've been to other cities for NCAA events, and the spirit and the experience is nothing like it is when it's here," Harrison added.

All the celebrations start next weekend at Lucas Oil Stadium, with the Sweet 16 games on Friday followed by the Elite Eight on Sunday.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 21

BOYS LACROSSE

Westfield at Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.

Carmel at Forest Hills Central (Grand Rapids, Mich.), 7 p.m.

Center Grove at Fishers, 8 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at East Grand Rapids, 8 p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Guerin Catholic at Upper Arlington (Ohio), 7:30 p.m.

Hinsdale Central (Ill.) at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Avon at Noblesville, TBA

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Men's Basketball

Indiana Mad Ants' Harmon flirts with triple-double in Thursday defeat

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Mad Ants traveled to Delaware for an afternoon with the Blue Coats. The Mad Ants fell behind early and attempted to fight back throughout much of the game. In the end, Indiana was defeated by a final score of 113-103. De'Vion Harmon had a standout performance with 25 points, eight rebounds and five assists for Indiana.

The Mad Ants played their second game in 24 hours after taking on Capital City on Wednesday. Jah-lil Okafor scored the first points for the Mad Ants. The former 76er battled through multiple defenders for a close-range hook shot.

With 6:30 left in the first quarter, the Mad Ants had an 11-10 advantage. Coming out of a timeout, Boogie Ellis extended the lead with a floater. On the next possession, Dakota Mathias scored with an off-balance jumper.

After a strong start, the offense stalled a bit for the Mad Ants in the second half of the first quarter. Heading into the second quarter, Delaware led 31-22. De'Vion Harmon led Indiana with seven first quarter points.

Harmon scored the first points of the second quarter for Indiana. In transition from a Delaware miss, the Texas Tech alum scored with a running layup. Next time down the floor, Okafor scored with a finger roll layup through traffic.

The Mad Ants trailed 48-36 halfway through the second quarter. Cameron McGriff cut the deficit back to single digits with a three-point field goal.

With two minutes left in the first half, Stephan Hicks knocked down a corner three. Next time down the floor, Harmon scored with a layup off the glass. At the end of the first half, the Mad Ants trailed 55-48. Harmon led Indiana with 13 points thus far.

In the early part of the third quarter, Indiana

fell behind by 14 points. Mathias ended the scoring drought with a three-point-er. The Purdue alum made four of his first eight shots from long range.

Halfway through the quarter, the Mad Ants continued to fight back. Obadi-ah Noel scored two points with a free throw. Next time down the floor, McGriff drained a three-pointer in the corner. Indiana trailed 64-58 with 5:45 remaining in the quarter.

In the final minutes of the third quarter, McGriff made his third three-pointer of the afternoon. Forty-five seconds later, Mathias worked his way to the rim and scored with a reverse layup. On the next possession, Harmon brought it to a four-point deficit with a layup. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Mad Ants trailed 82-74. Harmon led Indiana with 19 points through three quarters.

McGriff scored the first points for the Mad Ants in the fourth quarter. The Oklahoma State alum battled through defenders to score with a layup. Two possessions later, Mathias scored with a baseline jumper.

The Mad Ants continued to fight back in the fourth quarter. McGriff knocked down a three-pointer to make it a 105-95 ballgame. With 2:30 remaining, Josiah-Jordan James drained a three-pointer to make it a nine-point game.

The comeback effort was ultimately unsuccessful for Indiana as Delaware pulled away in the final minutes of regulation.

The Indiana Mad Ants conclude their road trip on Saturday against the Windy City Bulls. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. The final Mad Ants home game of the regular season comes on Monday against Windy City. Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Indiana wraps up the regular season with two games at Grand Rapids on the 27th and 29th.

McAvoy commits to Calvin

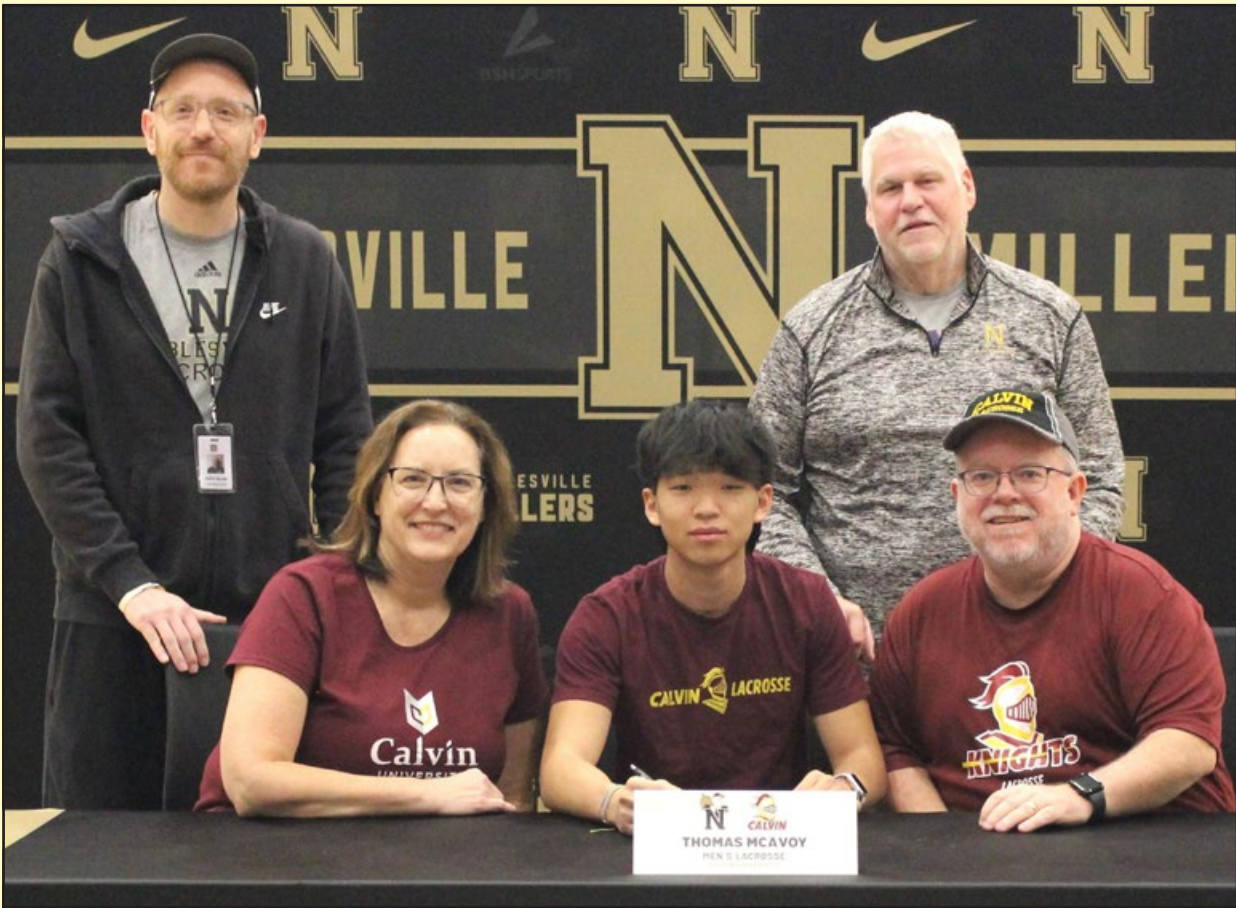


Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Thomas McAvoy has committed to the Calvin University men's lacrosse team. (Front row, from left) Sheryl McAvoy (mother), Thomas McAvoy, and Shawn McAvoy (father). (Back row, from left) Mark Milam (Noblesville Boys Lacrosse Head Coach) and Richard Atkins (Noblesville Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach).

Cebalo commits to Miami (Ohio)



Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics

Carmel senior Olivia Cebalo has committed to the Miami (Ohio) University women's track and field team.

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