

# Neighbors unite to clean up after Carmel tornado

By HERNAN GUTIERREZ  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Neighbors were quick to help each other clean up in Carmel following **Wednesday night's tornado**, which tore through the city around 9:30 p.m.

Thursday morning debris started to pile up along the curbs in the Cool Creek subdivision, just across the street from **Badger Memorial Park**.

Katie Vienneau and her husband were among a group of neighbors lending a hand. They were using a chainsaw to break down a tree at a house around the corner.

"These are our friends," Vienneau said. "This is a very tight-knit neighborhood. We know everybody. We're friends with everybody. So it's devastating to see."

Both parents were at home when the tornado warning was issued.

She recalls what she heard the night before.

"Sirens started going off, and we grabbed the three little kids who live upstairs and dragged them down to the basement," Vienneau said. "We just sat down there. It was crazy winds and some hail. It was terrifying ... We're fortunate we live in a neighborhood where everybody has a basement."

Vienneau wasn't aware of



Photo by Tim Spears / WISH-TV

You can see more photos of damage on Page 2 and at [this link](#) at WISHTV.com.

any injuries in her neighborhood.

Those in need of help due to age or medical conditions can call the Street Department for help.

Homes with structural damage should be reported to the Street Department, and the Carmel City Building Inspectors for an assessment.

The Street Department can be reached via email at [street@carmel.in.gov](mailto:street@carmel.in.gov) or by calling (317) 733-2001.

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Photo by Adele Reich / WISH-TV

A man works to clear a storm drain after the tornado.

# Finkam declares emergency

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam issued a **Local Disaster Emergency Declaration** as of Thursday, April 3. This declaration was done to ensure the city has the resources and support for continued necessary public health and safety response due to the impact of the tornado on Wednesday, April 2.

"This declaration allows us to streamline processes, cut red tape and prioritize what truly matters – helping our community rebuild," Finkam said. "My team and your city councilors are working tirelessly to ensure a quick recovery – a special thank you to our city council for expediting appropriations for our recovery efforts."

"**The council held a special meeting** [Thursday] to approve funds to assist with the emergency disaster relief efforts provided by the city," Carmel City Council President Adam Aasen said. "The safety of our community remains our top priority during this time of need. I thank Vice President Matt Snyder for proposing the appropriation and Mayor Sue Finkam for leading the charge to restore our community."

This Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency remains in effect through Thursday, April 10.



Finkam

## NWS confirms EF1 tornado

By PAUL POTEET | [PaulPoteet.com](http://PaulPoteet.com)

The National Weather Service office in Indianapolis has conducted a storm survey in Carmel. The survey is in relation to the severe thunderstorms that moved through the area on Wednesday evening.

Preliminary analysis has confirmed EF1 damage in Carmel. The survey will continue to the northeast into eastern Hamilton County, as well as Madison and Delaware counties on Friday.

## City's active response to storm prioritizes residents' safety alongside cleanup effort

Submitted by  
City of Carmel

The City of Carmel team has been on the job through Wednesday night and Thursday, taking critical steps to ensure the safety of residents as part of the response to the storm's aftermath.

"While the damage to personal property is regrettable, we are grateful that there was no loss of life and, at this point, only one report of physical injury," said Mayor Sue Finkam, expressing gratitude to the swift response from the city team. "From first responders and public services crews to our support staff, they are working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents."

Here is important information for residents to support the response alongside the city's team:

If you live in the highlighted region in the map at right, please place any tree debris



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

According to Carmel city officials, residents within the highlighted area of this map can place debris on the curb and crews will take it away. The red line denotes the unofficial path of Wednesday night's tornado.

next to the roadway, and the Street Department will come by and remove it.

Please ensure all debris is placed properly by the curb for easy pick-up. This service is available only for residents within the highlighted area, so

please check the map for eligibility. When you are ready for pick-up, please notify the Street Department using the contact information below.

Any residents in need of assistance due to age or medical conditions – please contact

the Street Department.

Residents whose homes received structural damage from the storm should report it to the Street Department and our City Building Inspectors will schedule an assessment.

## Let them, part 2

No, Readers, you're not hallucinating – this is still Amy Shankland's column, not Jan Hart Leonard's. However, as some of you have figured out, four Reporter columnists regularly meet as "Word Warriors," with two of them being Jan and me.

When Jan told me she was going to write about *The Let Them Theory*, the incredible book by Mel Robbins, I was thrilled. She had loaned me the book in February, and I read it. Twice. As in, I finished the last sentence, then instantly turned back to the beginning to read the entire thing again.

In fact, I'm buying my own copy and getting my sons copies as well (I understand Chapter Book Lounge carries it ...

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AMY SHANKLAND  
Perfectly Imperfect

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## WISH-TV surveys Carmel tornado damage

Immediately after an EF1 tornado tracked through Carmel Wednesday night, WISH-TV reporter Tim Spears and photographer Kyle Fisher came to the city to survey the damage. More WISH reporters and photographers returned Thursday. Here are just a few of their photos. You can view the rest on [WISHTV.com](http://WISHTV.com).



Photo by Andrew Chernoff / WISH-TV

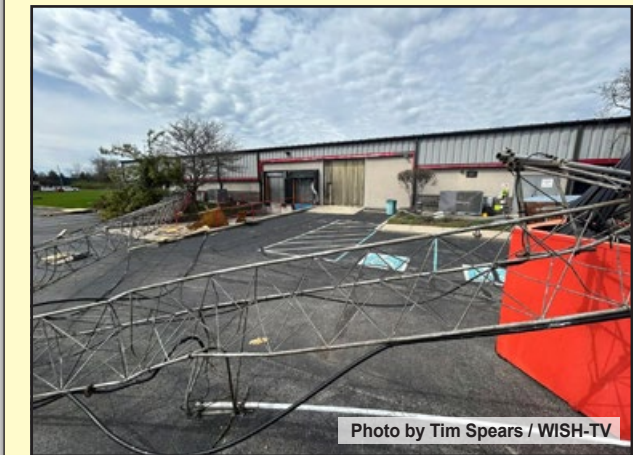


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## Duke Energy working to restore power

### The REPORTER

Duke Energy crews were working to restore power to Hamilton County customers well into the night Thursday after Wednesday night's severe thunderstorms and the EF1 tornado in Carmel. As of 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 25 active outages remained in the county, for a total of 158 customers. [Click here](#) to see the latest version of the outage map and to report an outage. You can also call (800) 343-3525 to make a report. Duke Energy serves a total of 162,123 customers in Hamilton County. Wind gusts of 65 to 80 miles per hour caused bro-

ken poles, trees in power lines, and damage to electric infrastructure. In addition, flooding is also impacting crews' ability to restore power in some areas. "We are bringing in additional crews to supplement our statewide workforce and speed power restoration," said Clint Carnahan, general manager of emergency preparedness at Duke Energy. "Our priority is always to restore service as quickly and safely as possible, and we appreciate our customers' patience while we respond." [Click here](#) for information on how Duke Energy restores power.

## Riding the storm out: be wary of scammers cashing in on chaos

Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers of storm scams

### The REPORTER

With severe storms hitting across Indiana recently, Indian Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to stay vigilant against storm-related scams. As communities deal with storm damage, scammers are poised to exploit the situation, targeting residents with fraudulent repair offers and deceptive schemes. "Storms can be unpredictable and devastating, but the aftermath can be even worse, potentially leaving you vulnerable to financial ruin," AG Rokita said. "Our office stands ready to assist Hoosiers and hold scammers accountable. Together, we can work to prevent fraudsters from derailing recovery efforts." Unfortunately, storms often bring out unscrupulous individuals who prey on homeowners by promising quick fixes, only to disappear with down payments or deliver inferior work. Attorney General Rokita is committed to protecting Hoosiers and offers the following tips to avoid falling victim to storm-chasing scammers:

- **Be skeptical** of anyone offering immediate cleanup or repair services without

proper vetting.

- **Know the facts:** FEMA does not charge application fees. If someone demands payment to help you access FEMA funds, it's likely a scam.
- **Research contractors:** Check reputations through references, online reviews, or the Better Business Bureau before hiring.
- **Verify credentials:** Ask for IDs, licenses, and proof that the contractor is bonded and insured.
- **Get multiple estimates:** Compare offers to ensure fair pricing and scope of work.
- **Insist on written agreements:** Don't trust verbal promises. Get everything in writing.
- **Avoid risky payments:** Never pay with wire transfers, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or cash, and never pay the full amount upfront.

If you suspect a scam, AG Rokita encourages you to file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) or call his office at 1-800-382-5516. The Consumer Protection Division is dedicated to safeguarding Hoosiers from fraudulent schemes year-round. Stay informed and stay safe this storm season with [these helpful hints](#).



Rokita

## LET THEM

although they may now have quite the demand for it!) While Jan talked about how the book helped her with people who didn't like her, or judged her, etc., the book helped me more with giving up trying to control other people's behavior. I'm sure I'm the only one who wants to do this, right? Well, at least that's what it used to feel like. Turns out that most of us want to control others. We want to whoosh in and stop them from, say, unhealthy habits or behaviors ... or from leaving their dishes out on the counter when the empty dishwasher is right there ... or from making poor financial decisions ... or thousands of other examples. And yes, we should certainly guide children, as Mel Robbins points out. But adults? Sure, we can help them - if they ask for help or advice. But otherwise, we need to Let Them. Let them eat two pieces of cake when they're supposed to be watching their sugar.

Let them leave the dishes out, knowing they'll get to it later ... later than you want, but still, later. Let them buy the brand-new car when you know that a gently used one would make more sense. It's difficult in the beginning. I remember the first time I used this theory one weekend morning when someone in my household wasn't doing something the way I would have (gasp!) I had to quietly repeat "let them" to myself 15 times that day - no exaggeration.

But guess what? Instead of each of us getting grumpy with the other, we ended up having a wonderful Sunday morning. I was so thrilled that I drove over to Jan's house and hugged her to thank her for loaning me the book. As Jan also pointed out, the Let Them process doesn't stop with that first step. You have to move on to step two, which is Let Me. Let me take a deep breath and enjoy this moment instead of harping. Let me absorb the conversation around

our dining room table. Let me realize that this person's way still produced the same result. And if it's a bigger issue, where you feel with all your heart and soul that this person needs to change, you're not powerless. You can still work to influence their behavior. It may work. It may not. But it's so much better than fretting and getting anxious/worked up/ready to scream all the time. My world has been so much better these last six weeks. Obviously, Jan

and I are big fans of this life-changing book. We hope you buy a copy, check it out from the library, or give the audio book version a listen. You'll end up NOT trying to control others and instead, enjoy controlling your own emotions and sense of peace. 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](mailto:amys@greenavenue.info).

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# Noblesville native explores nature of mysticism in honors presentation at Virginia Military Institute

**Submitted**  
**LEXINGTON, Va.** – Brooks Freeman ’25, a Noblesville native and an English major at Virginia Military Institute (VMI), sought a common core between the philosophies of Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī, a 13th century Middle Eastern Sufi mystic and poet, and Søren Kierkegaard, a 19th century Danish philosopher, theologian, and poet, in his honors presentation, “Varieties of Mystical Experience: Encountering the Absolute in Rūmī and Kierkegaard.”

Freeman found inspiration for his research after traveling to England and Morocco in the summer of 2023. In England, he studied existential philosophy and comparative religion.

“Going into the existential philosophy class, the first person we read was Kierkegaard, who is regarded as the original existentialist,” Freeman said. “He wrote extensively about faith, and I became interested in his ideas. In my comparative religion class, I learned a little about Sufism and Christian mysticism, and found those to be very interesting.”

Upon returning to VMI the following fall, he decided he wanted to compare the two thinkers for his honors thesis.

Freeman cited Pseudo-Dionysius, an ancient Greek theologian, for his definition of mysticism.

“The experiential encounter with the utterly transcendental reality that God is,” Freeman said.

“Basically, a meeting with God.”

He described some differences between Christian mysticism and Sufism.

“The first and most obvious difference would be their foundations; Sufism founded from Islam, and Christian mysticism from Christianity,” Freeman explained. “They also have different end goals. Christian mysticism is about union with God while keeping one’s individual characteristics, and Sufism is about annihilation of oneself to form a kind of oneness with God.”

Similarities he listed between the two philosophies include the individual taking an internal journey toward divine union, poetry rich in symbolism, and teaching and guidance.

“Then the final thing is this idea of the absurd that you can see in Kierkegaard’s writing,” he said. “It has to do with something that cannot be comprehended logically, but is believed through faith, which Kierkegaard wrote is extremely difficult. It is something that is present in Rūmī’s writing as well.”

Freeman defended the premise of comparing the two authors because they are still relevant, they are widely read outside of their faith tradition, there is a lack of research comparing them, and they both sought a similar mystical path.

Freeman concluded that the paths of Kierkegaard and Rūmī are similar, but warned that the commonal-



Photo provided  
**Upon graduation from the Virginia Military Institute, Brooks Freeman will attend law school.**

ities are steeped in their respective traditions, so context must be appreciated. Studying them in conjunction displays that mystical experiences can at once be common and contextualist.

Freeman’s advisor, Lt. Col. Patrick Eichholz, associate professor in the Department of English, Rhetoric, and Humanistic Studies, has known Freeman for four years.

“I first met Brooks through the adopt-a-rat program, and it’s been a real pleasure to watch him develop as a scholar,” Eichholz said. “I knew there was something different about

Brooks the first time he came over to my house. When the other rats asked for the Netflix password, Brooks asked for book recommendations. After Breakout, I saw a lot less of Brooks, but I was not surprised when I heard all the updates that Brooks was joining the honors program, preparing for the LSAT, and traveling overseas for various study abroad opportunities.”

Freeman is minoring in Arabic. He is an alumnus of Culver Academies and the son of Lee and Rose Freeman. He plans to attend law school following graduation.

## Letter to the Editor

### Shaffer commends Carmel’s first responders

Dear Editor:  
Let’s take a moment to offer heartfelt thanks to the first responders who insured the safety and security of us all during the Great Storm of 2025.

While most of us headed for the basement when the tornado warnings went viral, our police, fire, and city roads and streets crews took to the streets to serve the community.

We take these folks too much for granted.

They are everyday heroes and we’re fortunate to have them with us.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

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## Celebrate spring with wildflower walks

### The REPORTER

Wander the woods and welcome spring. Nature lovers of all ages can join in guided nature walks to view some of the most diverse varieties of wildflowers in Indiana.

Blatchley Nature Study Club, 125 Boulder Drive, Noblesville, and Teter Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville, will hold three different wildflower walks this month.

- The guided tours at Blatchley will take place anytime between 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday April 12 and Saturday, April 26.

- The guided tours at Teter will take place anytime between 1 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 27.

Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Dutchman’s Breeches, Blood Root, and canopies

of May Apples are a few of the varieties you will enjoy while walking the natural and rustic trails.

“The Wildflower Walk is one of our favorite events of the year,” Emma St. Dennis, Blatchley Nature Study Club vice president. “Especially after a cold winter (and spring), spending an afternoon in the woods is an incredible treat.”

Treat yourself to an hour in the woods on any of these dates and locations. All events are free and open to the public. Although the walking paths are moderate, they are not wheelchair accessible. In the event of lightning or downpours, the event will be cancelled.

Please check Facebook for updates for either location.

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APRIL 26 | 12 - 2 P.M.

## WESTFIELD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

MAY 10 | 12 - 3 P.M.

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JUNE 18 | 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

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JULY 4 | 4 - 10:30 P.M.

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JUNE 10 - JULY 29 (TUESDAYS) | 10 - 11:30 A.M.

NO EVENT ON JULY 1

## CREEK STOMPS

JUNE 5 - JULY 31 (THURSDAYS) | 10 - 11 A.M.

NO EVENT ON JULY 3

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YOGA JUNE 11 | 8:30 A.M.

YOGA JUNE 18 | 6 P.M.

JAZZERCISE JUNE 25 | 8:30 A.M.

JAZZERCISE JULY 9 | 6 P.M.



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# HCPR receives \$5K MIBOR grant for communication boards

## The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) has received \$5,000 from MIBOR's Community Impact Initiative. This funding will support the installation of communication boards at the Morse Park and the Beach and the White River Campground playgrounds, assisting individuals with speech impairments or those who are nonverbal.



Stice

to participate more fully in social interactions and activities, promoting a greater sense of inclusion and independence.

"We are incredibly grateful to MIBOR for their support, which will allow us to expand our efforts to make our recreational spaces more inclusive," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "Communication boards provide a valuable resource for those who may otherwise face challenges in expressing themselves. Our goal is to make sure everyone can enjoy and participate in all the wonderful amenities our parks have to offer."

The installation of communication boards is just one part of HCPR's ongoing commitment to improving accessibility across its parks.

# Indiana American Water taking part in annual spring cleaning in Noblesville

Hydrant flushing enhances quality, reliability & fire protection

## The REPORTER

Indiana American Water will start its annual water main flushing in its Noblesville District, beginning overnight Sunday, April 13 and continuing through Wednesday, April 16 in the downtown area from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Flushing of the remaining areas of Noblesville will start on Wednesday, April 16 and run through Friday, June 20 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The company conducts

the annual maintenance program of its water distribution system to continue to provide customers with high-quality, reliable water service. In addition, it provides the opportunity for the company to make sure its fire hydrants are operational. Indiana American Water is responsible for nearly 32,000 fire hydrants in its 50-plus communities across the state.

"Flushing our system helps to clean out any buildup of mineral deposits and

sediment inside the pipes. These deposits can occur when there is a reduced water demand," Kari Brito, Indiana American Water Vice President of Operations said. "We also flush our hydrants to confirm they are operational and to check fire flows in our system."

Customers may experience a slight drop in water pressure or temporary water discoloration while this program is underway. Customers should refrain from

doing laundry during the time the flushing program is taking place in or near their neighborhood.

If tap water is discolored, Indiana American Water recommends allowing several cold-water faucets to run for a short time until the water runs clear. Using more than one faucet allows the water to clear more quickly. Customers who have questions about hydrant flushing may call our Customer Service Center at 800-492-8373.

# "Doing Business with North America" conference will explore opportunities in exporting for Indiana

## Submitted

The Indiana District Export Council (IDEC) will hold a half-day seminar from 11:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 devoted to advancing trade between Indiana's largest trading part-

ners, Mexico and Canada, at Newfields Art Museum, 4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis.

Speakers include the General Consuls for Canada and Mexico, leaders from Eli Lilly, Lafayette Instrument, Wood-Mizer, Cook Medical, Greater Indianapolis Foreign Trade Zone (INzone), Indiana University, Faegre Drinker, Indy Chamber / Hispanic Business Council, DHL, and more.

Indiana is now the eighth largest exporting state in the nation, and seventh in the number of jobs directly tied to exporting at over 173,000. Indiana's export growth is more than twice



that of the state's GDP, reinforcing IDEC's mission to advance export development as one of the most powerful tools to increase jobs and to grow the state's and nation's economy.

The combined GDP of Canada and Mexico is over \$4.3 trillion, making the United States' neighbors jointly the fourth-largest economy on Earth, following the U.S., the European Union, and China.

Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite at the early bird rate of \$55 through April 18. General admission tickets for \$75 will be available through noon on May 7. Due to the event including lunch, reg-

istration will not be available at the door.

Seminar sponsors include the Indiana University Center for International Business Education and Research (IU CIBER), Faegre Drinker, Foreign Targets, Inc., Forvis Mazars, Indiana Manufacturers Association, The International Center, and INzone.

## About the IDEC

The IDEC is a not-for-profit entity operating under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Commerce comprised of volunteer professionals whose mission is to promote Indiana's exports. IDEC's advice is free. To learn more, please visit [indianadec.org](http://indianadec.org)

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Westfield artist Cathy Cozart is ready to show you how to turn clay into sophisticated stoneware.

# Carved in stone(ware)

Submitted by Ros Demaree

Some things ARE carved in stone, including pottery by Cathy Cozart. Meet the Westfield artist as she demonstrates her creative process and then hands you the tools and clay to give it a try. This free, drop-in 2nd SaturDate event is from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery, 22 N. Range Line Road, Carmel. Designs reflect the ce-

ramicist's love for the tactile nature of clay art. "I want the user (of her pieces) to enjoy the feel of each finger curved around a handle or the weight balancing beautifully in his/her hands," Cozart said. Each month, Indiana Arts Gifts & Gallery invites you to engage with an artisan in the store from 1 to 5 p.m. on the second Saturday. A Carmel Arts Grant funds 2nd SaturDate events.

# Civic Theatre to stage *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

## The REPORTER

Here is the latest news from the Civic Theatre, 3 Carter Green, Carmel.

**Opening April 25**  
"Sha la la, Joseph, you're doing fine! You and your dreamcoat, ahead of your time!"

One of the most enduring shows of all time, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers, and the coat of many colors.

Told entirely through song with the help of a main character Narrator, the musical follows preferred son Joseph. After being sold into slavery by his brothers, he ingratiate

ates himself with Egyptian noble Potiphar, but ends up in jail after refusing the amorous advances of Potiphar's wife. While imprisoned, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams, and he soon finds himself in front of the mighty but troubled, Elvis-inspired, Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's right-hand man and reunites him with his family.

The magical musical is full of catchy songs in a variety of styles, from a parody

of French ballads ("Those Canaan Days"), to country-western ("One More Angel in Heaven") and calypso ("Benjamin Calypso"), along with the unforgettable classics "Any Dream Will Do" and "Close Every Door."

Appropriate for all audiences and groups, *Joseph* is performed hundreds of times a year by schools across North America, the U.K., and around the world. (Concord Theatricals)

Civic Theatre thanks Shepherd Insurance for

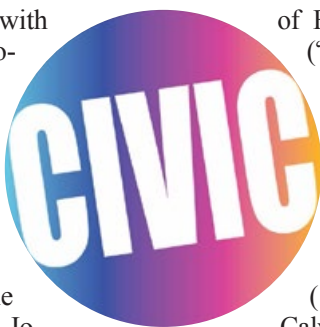
their generous sponsorship of the 2024-25 Season Orchestra.

[Click here](#) to get your tickets to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, staging April 25 to May 10 at The Tarkington in Carmel.

## Ready for another Trivia Night?

Civic Theatre's annual Trivia Night is set for Thursday, May 29 at Half Liter Beer & BBQ Hall, 5301 Winthrop Ave., Suite B., Indianapolis.

Tickets are \$400 per table of six or \$70 per person. Your ticket includes access to the BBQ buffet. This is 21-and-over event. Tickets go on sale March 31. Keep a lookout at [civictheatre.org](#).



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Carmel, In 46032 [Treasure Hunt Fri 7p](#)  
317-846-0001 [Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat](#)  
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**Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

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50 Washington Ave [Treasure Hunt Tues 7p](#)  
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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](#)  
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**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](#)  
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## Christmas In June Care Package Drive



**“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!!!**

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**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  
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**Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops**  
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Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader: all voices must be heard on wildlife management

Dear Editor:

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission’s decision to cut off public testimony at their March 18 meeting was undemocratic. Many concerned citizens had signed up to speak about the bobcat trapping issue, yet their voices were silenced without proper consideration.

Public input is crucial in a democracy, especially on issues that affect wildlife and public safety. The Commission’s actions undermine trust in the process and show a disregard for the public’s right to be heard. Many Hoosiers took time off work, prepared and practiced testimony, and traveled great distances – just to be denied an opportunity to voice their concerns.

If we are to ensure ethical wildlife management, we must insist that all voices be allowed to speak.

A recent poll conducted by Remington Research Group found that 60 percent of Hoosiers believe that the interests of Hoosiers who value the welfare of wild animals should be considered proportionally with the interests of hunters and trappers. Wildlife conservation isn’t about giving trappers the opportunity to kill as many animals as possible. It’s about deciding as a society the kind of environment we want for ourselves and future generations, our moral values, and minimizing the suffering that we inflict on our wild neighbors.

Conservation has always been a public process, and I am disappointed in the Commission’s decision to disenfranchise the public.

Jessica Irvine  
Carmel

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Medicaid users rally against proposed work requirements

By GARRETT BERGQUIST  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Medicaid users and their supporters say **proposed work requirements** and eligibility checks could throw people off of the program even if they’re still eligible on paper.

More than 100 Medicaid advocates rallied at the Indiana Statehouse Tuesday, urging lawmakers and Gov. Mike Braun to reject **legislation to add work requirements** and impose quarterly eligibility checks for the Healthy Indiana Plan, a Medicaid program that covers able-bodied adults without children.

Susan Brackney is a freelance writer who uses the HIP program. She has rheumatoid arthritis and treatment-resistant depression that requires the use of a hard-to-find medication. Brackney told News 8 she would not be able to work at all if the HIP program didn’t allow her to afford her treatments.

“It’s not easy but it’s something I’ve cobbled together to get by and without it, I don’t know where I would be,” she said.

Legislative Republicans, particularly Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka, have been sounding the alarm for years over the **growth of Indiana’s Medicaid program**.

Earlier this session, Mishler said Indiana’s Medicaid program is now growing faster than the state’s tax revenue and, at its current rate, could overtake education as the state’s largest budget item. In addition, budget writers, as well as Medicaid users, are watching to see if Congressional Republicans cut Medicaid funding.

The federal government currently pays for 90 percent of Indiana’s Medicaid budget, with the state covering the remaining 10 percent via tobacco taxes and hospital assessment fees. Mishler has said due to a recent court ruling, Indiana would not be able to change its funding makeup if the federal government reduces spending.

Mishler’s bill would require HIP program users to spent at least 20 hours a week working or volunteering. It has several exceptions, including for pregnant women or parents of children under age 6, people receiving unemployment

benefits and people who have recently been released from prison. It also would require the Family and Social Services Administration to verify eligibility every quarter instead of once a year.

Brackney said that a quarterly check could pose a bigger threat to freelance or seasonal workers than the work requirement. Her income fluctuates depending on how much work she gets, so there might be some months where Brackney’s income shows up as being too high, followed by a period where she doesn’t earn as much. In addition, she’s had instances where the FSSA used the wrong number from her tax return.

“How many other people were they doing that to, and is that a feature or a bug?” Brackney said. “In a way, that’s a way to try

to kick people off and they don’t have the wherewithal or the energy to try to navigate and get back on.”

Hoosier Action Medicaid Organizer Tracey Hutchings-Goetz said the bill’s current form could remove at least 110,000 people from Medicaid coverage and possibly as many as 150,000. She said lawmakers should pressure their federal counterparts not to cut Medicaid spending. Braun has already visited Washington to lobby for continued funding, Hutchings-Goetz said.

The bill has already passed the Senate and is currently in the House Ways and Means Committee, which is scheduled to vote on it on Wednesday.

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## AG Todd Rokita to speak at Westfield GOP meeting

### Submitted

The Westfield GOP Club will welcome Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita to its next meeting, which will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

*This event has been moved to The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.*

Please plan to attend to learn what has happened at the Statehouse during the 2025 Legislative Session as well as what the Office of the Indiana Attorney General has been doing for you.

RSVPs for this and all future Westfield GOP events

are required at [westfieldin-gop@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldin-gop@gmail.com).  
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Rokita

Looking ahead to May, the Westfield GOP Club will welcome Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger as she shares how the organization is helping victims of domestic violence.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the Westfield Washington Township Building, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Keep up with the Westfield GOP at [Facebook.com/WestfieldGOPClub](https://www.facebook.com/WestfieldGOPClub).

# Westfield to launch Mayor's Youth Council for high school students

### The REPORTER

The City of Westfield and Mayor Scott Willis have announced the formation of the Westfield Mayor's Youth Council (WMYC), a leadership development program designed for high school students eager to make a positive impact in their community.

This initiative gives students an opportunity to engage with local leaders and gain hands-on experience in civic engagement while developing critical life and leadership skills.

"I'm thrilled to introduce the Westfield Mayor's Youth Council, as it provides our young people a platform to take initiative, connect with their peers, and learn firsthand about the impacts of local government and how their participation is key," Mayor Willis said. "Investing in our young people is key to shaping a brighter tomorrow for Westfield, and I have no doubt the students who join the WMYC will not only grow as leaders but also leave a lasting mark on the community." WMYC will give high



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school students hands-on experience in local government, community engagement, and project management. To ensure each participant has a meaningful experience, space is limited, and selection will be based on an application and interview process. The online application will open at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 9 and will remain open until 3 p.m. May 9. To be eligible, appli-



Willis

cants must:

- Be a resident of Westfield (at least one parent or legal guardian residing in Westfield)
- Be a current or incoming high school student (public, private, or homeschooled)
- Be self-motivated and committed to fulfilling their responsibilities
- Be able to dedicate approximately five to 10 hours per week to WMYC activities

All submissions will be thoughtfully reviewed by the WYMC advisor and two independent community members after the application deadline closes.

Students from all backgrounds and life experiences are strongly encouraged to apply – a student's grade-point average is not a determining factor in the selection process.

Students can learn more about WYMC or apply for consideration between April 9 and May 9 by visiting [westfieldin.gov/Youth-Council](https://www.westfieldin.gov/Youth-Council).

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## U.S. Sen. Banks tells fired HHS employee he seems 'like a clown,' says 'I won't apologize'

By FARAN FRONCZAK  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

A U.S. senator from Indiana had a message for a former Health and Human Services employee, among up to 10,000 to be fired or laid off.

Some of the laid-off employees were gathered in the basement of Senate chamber of the U.S. Capitol building when they encountered Sen. Jim Banks, a Republican,

on his way to an elevator.

A former HHS employee, Mack Schroeder, shared a video of the encounter with News 8 after it became widely available. Schroeder on Tuesday night spoke with I-Team 8 about the encounter.

In the video, Schroeder said, "Hi, I was a worker at HHS. I was fired illegally on Feb. 14. There are many people who are not getting social service programs, especially people with disabilities. Are you going to do anything to stop what's happening?"

Banks, now in the elevator, said, "You probably deserved it."

Schroeder responded, "I deserved it?"

As the elevator doors closed, Banks replied, "You seem like a clown."

Schroeder told News



Banks

I feel like I didn't approach him in an antagonistic way in any way. I was just asking him what he was going to do to support constituents in his state."

Schroeder added, "It felt like a very childish attack, and it was a bit surprising because he didn't have a response to what I was saying."

Wednesday, **Banks posted a video** saying, "I won't apologize for speaking the truth. I 100% support President Trump and DOGE's mission to cut woke spending and government waste."

**The Associated Press**

8 that he was alarmed and found the senator's answer off-putting. "I was just a bit taken aback. I don't know him personally. I don't know about his work as a senator.

News 8 reached out to Banks' team for comment on the interaction, and received a statement:

"I went to Washington to decrease the size and scope of the federal government. No one is entitled to a taxpayer-funded job, especially in positions that waste those funds. I fully support President Trump and DOGE's mission to eliminate waste."

News 8's Kyla Russell and Gregg Montgomery contributed to this story. This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/us-senator-jim-banks-hhs-employees](https://www.wishtv.com/news/politics/us-senator-jim-banks-hhs-employees).



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# Jamming the line: cutting off crime behind bars

*Attorney General Todd Rokita combats contraband cell phones in prisons*

**Submitted by Office of the Attorney General**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Wednesday a bipartisan coalition effort to address the growing threat of contraband cell phones in prisons by advocating for the use of phone jamming technology.

Joined by 30 attorneys general from across the nation, AG Rokita is calling on the U.S. House and Senate to pass legislation to lift outdated restrictions and allow state and local correctional facilities to deploy jamming devices to halt illegal activities orchestrated from behind bars.

“Hoosiers deserve to feel safe, and that means stopping criminals from running their operations from inside prison walls,” AG Rokita said. “Contraband phones aren’t just a

nuisance. They’re weapons, and we’re fighting to disarm inmates.”

Contraband cell phones have become dangerous tools in the hands of incarcerated individuals, enabling them to coordinate crimes such as drug trafficking, gang violence, and even hits on law enforcement and civilians. In Indiana alone, the Department of Correction seizes hundreds of phones every year, and many more elude detection. Federal restrictions on the use of jamming technology exacerbate this problem.

**The coalition’s letter to Congress** highlights how inmates exploit contraband phones to:

- Direct drug trafficking operations



**Rokita**

- Orchestrate violence inside and outside prison walls
- Run sophisticated fraud schemes preying on vulnerable citizens
- Intimidate witnesses and terrorize victims’ families
- Plot escape attempts endangering law enforcement and the public

By disrupting illicit cell phone signals, jamming technology would sever the lifeline that inmates use to perpetrate crimes while preserving the safety of correctional officers, visitors and the public. A 2020 survey of 20 state corrections departments uncovered 25,840 contraband cell phones in a single year, a stark reminder of the scale of the problem.

# Hamilton County Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance welcomes new agent

**Submitted**

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance has announced that Kenneth Williams joined the company as an agent in the Fishers office at 11876 Olio Road. He has completed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance’s professional insurance training program.

Williams brings a wealth of military and logistics experience to his new career at Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance. He understands

that navigating insurance can be overwhelming and is driven by a passion to build meaningful relationships that help simplify the process for his clients.

A resident of Indianapolis, Williams balances a vibrant family life with his wife, Miranda, and their four children: Alice,



**Williams**

Alexander, Lukas, and Guinevere. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and is a graduate of the Kelley School of Business with a bachelor’s degree in management.

Away from the office, his interests include tabletop and card gaming, reading, and painting miniatures.

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Leviticus 1:10-13 (NIV)

— SHERIDAN —

TOWN OF SHERIDAN  
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
DOCKET NO. AR-2025-0046

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Sheridan Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, 17th day of April, 2025, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 to consider petition(s) filed by Michael A. Lang, Paganelli Law Group, on behalf of Mark Packard. The request pertains to real estate comprising approximately 8 acres and generally located at 1609 W. 236th St., Sheridan, Indiana 46069.

The request is approval of a Special Exception Application to allow Applicant to construct an approximately 6,000 square foot agricultural structure, which includes an 800 square foot accessory dwelling unit (the “ADU”). The portion of the agricultural structure that is not part of the ADU will be used to store equipment, vehicles, and materials used in connection with uses permitted as of right in the AG2 district as well as for two indoor parking spaces for the ADU. The ADU will be used as a secondary dwelling for the owner of the property and is currently intended to facilitate the efficient operations of his business.

Specific details regarding this request, including the application, file, and property legal description, may be obtained from the Sheridan Planning and Zoning Department or by calling 317-758-5293.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the request may be filed with the Sheridan Planning and Zoning Department, at or before the public hearing. Interested persons desiring to present their views upon the request, wither in writing or verbally, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above mentioned time and place. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing [jmiller@sheridan.in.gov](mailto:jmiller@sheridan.in.gov). Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

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Guy Franklin Kirby

November 16, 1952 – March 21, 2025

Guy Franklin Kirby, 72, rural Tipton County, passed away at home on the morning of Friday, March 21, 2025. He was born in Bossier City, La., on November 16, 1952 to Louis D. & Guyla J. (Cunningham) Kirby. Guy’s family moved to Tipton County when he was 10 years old. He married Susan K. Stillabower on June 15, 1974 and they enjoyed 50 years of marriage last summer.

He was a 1970 graduate of Tipton High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society. Guy was extremely active in the FFA and served as the State FFA Reporter from 1970 to 1971. He was able to earn his American Farmer Degree from the FFA.

Guy graduated from Purdue University in 1974 with a degree in Animal Science. He was a member of Farmhouse Fraternity while at Purdue and made many life-long friends. He was a Senator in the Intra-Fraternal Council and a member of the Purdue Livestock Judging Team in 1973.

Giving back to his community was important to Guy and he served many years as a leader of the Blue Ribbon Chasers 4-H club as well as teaching Agriculture at Tipton High School. During his career he coached a number of state and national award-winning Livestock and Horse Judging teams.

Guy was a life-long farmer and was a member of the Tipton County Pork Producers and the Tipton County Livestock Breeders Association. Besides farming and teaching he worked at Reynolds Farm Equipment for 20 years. In 2015 he was honored to be chosen as a Stihl Ambassador.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; their three children, Brent Kirby and wife Dana of Tipton, Lindsay (Jeff Greene, fiancé) Derrer of Arcadia, and Justin Kirby (Stephanie Stepp, fiancée) of Kempton. Guy also has seven grandchildren, Cole Kirby, Wyatt Kirby, Katie Kirby, Zayne Kirby, Bodie Derrer, Kaden Derrer, and Quentin Derrer.

Due to family commitments, Guy’s funeral is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, April 7 at the Kempton Methodist Episcopal Church with Al Schmitz presiding. Burial will follow in Kempton Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 6, also at the church.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences for Guy’s family may be left on his obituary page at [young-nichols.com](http://young-nichols.com).

Memorial donations in Guy’s honor should be made to the Tipton High School FFA, 619 S. Main St., Tipton, IN 46072.

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Fire Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

A regular meeting will follow at 6:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) on the second floor of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.

The Cicero Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.



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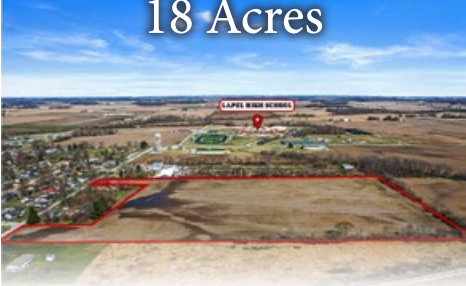
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## Track & Field

# Carmel girls win Hoosier State Relays

### The REPORTER

The Carmel girls track and field team soared to victory last Saturday at the Hoosier State Relays, which took place at the Indiana State Fairgrounds' Fall Creek Pavilion.

The Greyhounds totaled 86 points to win the Girls Large School Division team championship, with the bulk of those points coming from their relay success. Relays count for double points at the meet, and Carmel finished in the top two of all four relays.

The 'Hounds scored a victory in the 4x400 relay, with Gabriela Grande Rosas, Olivia Cebalo, Livi Miller and Emily Norris winning that event in 3 minutes, 50.18 seconds. Carmel then got runner-up finishes in the 4x200, 4x400 and distance medley relays.

Annabel Pollert, one of the DMR runners, placed second in the 3200 run. Norris ran on the 4x200 relay and picked up two more top-five finishes in the long jump (third) and 60-meter dash (fifth).

Hamilton Southeastern was the team runner-up, scoring 52 points. The Royals placed in the top five in all four relays, including a runner-up finish from Ciara Kepner, Addison Smith, Anissa Lammie and Chloe Senefeld in the 4x400 relay. Elia Blackmore placed second in the 60-meter hurdles.

Noblesville placed 10th as a team with 17 points. The Miller's 4x800 relay team of Riley Flynn, Kate Mumaw, Gretchen Graham and Brinkley Cooper placed fifth, while Nyla Young took sixth in the shot put.

Fishers scored 14 points to place 13th as a team. Scarlett Olson led the way with a runner-up finish in

the pole vault. Westfield tied for 15th with 12 points; Alivia Lozier finished fifth in the 3200 run.

In the Girls Small School Division, Guerin Catholic placed fifth as a team by scoring 24 points. The Golden Eagles had an individual champion: Amelia Smith won the pole vault. Her best vault was 13 feet, 3 inches.

Hamilton Heights scored 18.66 points to finish ninth. The Huskies were led by the 4x200 relay team of Norah Reiger, Lizzy Smith, Gracie Bortone and Waverly Woolever, who finished second.

In the boys meet, Hamilton Southeastern was the top county team in the Large School Division, finishing fifth with 34 points. The Royals were led by their 4x200 relay; the team of Tyler Tholen, Jaxson Wanza, Liam Boyd and Christian Ortiz placed second.

Carmel scored 20 points to take 10th place. The Greyhounds also had a relay runner-up: Jack Capes, Kiefer Jay, Lucas Bartlett and Cooper Szotek placed second in the 4x800 relay.

Fishers took 14th with 13.5 points; Konrad Hayden tied for third in the high jump. Noblesville was 15th with 13 points; John Libs led the Millers with a fourth-place result in the 3200 run. Westfield finished 16th with 12 points; the 4x800 relay team of Luke Moulder, Maxim Poirier, Caleb Haney and Will Snedeker finished fifth.

Guerin Catholic finished fifth in the Boys Small School Division by scoring 28 points. The Golden Eagles' 4x200 relay team of James Moody, Nolan Ratcliff, Hayden Cler and Trevor Macey finished second.



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The Carmel girls track and field team won the Large School Division championship at the Hoosier State Relays last Saturday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Fall Creek Pavilion.

## State Relays Results

### LARGE SCHOOL GIRLS MEET

**County team scores:** 1. Carmel 86, 2. Hamilton Southeastern 52, 10. Noblesville 17, 13. Fishers 14, T15. Westfield 12.

**60 dash:** 5. Emily Norris (C) 7.70.

**60 hurdles:** 2. Elia Blackmore (HSE) 8.63.

**3200 run:** 2. Annabel Pollert (C) 10:33.10, 5. Alivia Lozier (W) 10:39.59, 7. Elizabeth Butler (HSE) 10:46.01, 12. Ella Gaddis (C) 11:09.19, 19. Margo Halle (C) 11:22.40.

**4x200 relay:** 2. Carmel (Norris, Rebecca Belanger, Olivia Cebalo, Gabriela Grande Rosas) 1:40.90, 5. Southeastern (Kaleah McCarter, Chloe Senefeld, Micaiah Bullock, Anissa Lammie) 1:41.45, 14. Fishers (Devyn Day, Zinnia Pineda, Rylan David, Mia Cardozo Nunez) 1:45.03, 18. Noblesville (Mya Baker, Alyssa Lahee, Mallory Cahill, Ainsley Meinerding) 1:46.18, 19. Westfield (LeAsia Warren, LeBraya Warren, Gracie Czubik, Katelyn Eblen) 1:46.18.

**4x400 relay:** 1. Carmel (Grande Rosas, Cebalo, Livi Miller, Norris) 3:50.18, 2. Southeastern (Ciara Kepner, Addison Smith, Lammie, Senefeld) 3:50.43, 8. Noblesville (Sophia Shields, Rylan Bell, Brinkley Cooper, Lahee) 4:04.70, 10. Westfield (LeA. Warren, Maggie Naas, Jordyn Landrum, LeB. Warren) 4:05.82.

**4x800 relay:** 2. Carmel (Sadie Foley, Olivia Mundt, Larkin Taylor, Kaitlyn Oshimura) 9:06.43, 4. Southeastern (Catey Campbell, Smith, Kepner, Ava Powers) 9:21.13, 5. Noblesville (Riley Flynn, Kate Mumaw, Gretchen Graham, Cooper) 9:22.57, 6. Westfield (Mackenna Condon, Landrum, Gianna Ferreri, Naas) 9:34.67.

**Distance medley relay:** 2. Carmel (Foley, Oshimura, Taylor, Pollert) 11:57.14, 5. Southeastern (Campbell, Ava Kashani, Kayla Brinley, Butler) 12:14.18, 7. Noblesville (Flynn, Graham,

Cooper, Ansley Applegate) 12:17.01, 10. Fishers (Isabella Murch, Pineda, Abby Lotter, Caitlin Hawkins) 12:28.38, 13. Westfield (Condon, Angelina Abriani, Ella Bozarth, Lozier) 12:45.57.

**High jump:** T11. Czubik (W) 5-2, 19. Eblen (W) 5-0.

**Pole vault:** 2. Scarlett Olson (F) 11-6, 7. Alexandra Hamilton (W) 11-0.

**Long jump:** 3. Norris (C) 18-2.25, 11. Baker (N) 17-2.5, T19. Czubik (W) 15-11.75, 21. Meinerding (N) 15-11.5.

**Shot put:** 3. Macey Miller (F) 41-9.75, 6. Nyla Young (N) 38-11.75, 10. Mia Tobias (F) 36-2, 17. Katie Wooden (HSE) 33-3.

### BOYS LARGE SCHOOL MEET

**County team scores:** 5. Hamilton Southeastern 34, 10. Carmel 20, 14. Fishers 13.5, 15. Noblesville 13, 16. Westfield 12.

**60 dash - Prelims:** 5. Christian Ortiz (HSE) 6.97, 11. Angel Wilson (N) 7.05, 16. Carsen Eloms (F) 7.12.

**60 hurdles - Prelims:** 16. Sam Long (HSE) 8.51, 21. Logan Tuck (W) 8.67.

**3200 run:** 4. John Libs (N) 9:13.96, 7. Banner Barnes (N) 9:15.49, 12. Ty Conner (W) 9:23.06, 15. Lucas Bartlett (C) 9:26.26, 18. Liam Powers (HSE) 9:33.36, 22. Isaiah Vohs (N) 9:50.23.

**4x200 relay:** 2. Southeastern (Tyler Tholen, Jaxson Wanza, Liam Boyd, Ortiz) 1:28.71, 11. Fishers (Eloms, Vincent Rozzi, Emil Lincey, Rocky Duplessis) 1:30.16, 15. Westfield (Mason McCray, Codey Gearheart, Caleb Terril, Robert Campbell) 1:30.73.

**4x400 relay:** 3. Southeastern (Michael Mott, Wanza, Omar Elsayed, Ortiz) 3:20.96, 7. Westfield (Terril, Maxim Poirier, Will Snedeker, Caleb Haney) 3:23.55, 14. Noblesville

(Wilson, Austin Donahoe, Jack Strong, Bradyn Livingston) 3:27.50, 20. Carmel (Garrett Fuller, Michael Delaney, Miles Wiley, Myron Pack) 3:30.48, 23. Fishers (Aiden Brookins, Darian Girtton, Reece Torres, Duplessis) 3:33.13.

**4x800 relay:** 2. Carmel (Jack Capes, Kiefer Jay, Lucas Bartlett, Cooper Szotek) 7:53.57, 5. Westfield (Luke Moulder, Poirier, Haney, Snedeker) 7:57.15, 6. Southeastern (Mason Schmitz, Degan Baker, Elsayed, Liam McNiven) 7:57.92, 9. Noblesville (Ronnie Neal, Jude Naville, Cooper Click, Jack Shinneman) 8:05.32, 12. Fishers (Parker Melling, Torres, Dylan Wolf, Grant Yount) 8:09.51.

**Distance medley relay:** 5. Fishers (Declan Jay, Lucas Bartlett, Cooper Szotek) 7:53.57, 10:19.26, 6. Noblesville (Jack Rush, Livingston, Strong, Barnes) 10:27.57, 7. Carmel (Carter Buhr, Farai Tshililiwa, Cooper Szotek, Jay) 10:28.69, 9. Southeastern (Liam Powers, Sam Long, Will Henning, Isaac Smith) 10:31.01, 18. (Carson Ackley, Braeden Dewes, Conner, Nathan McKeever) 10:41.67.

**High jump:** T3. Konrad Hayden (F) 6-8, 11. Campbell (W) 6-4.

**Long jump:** 10. Dylan James (HSE) 21-2.75, 17. Alim Broadnax (C) 20-4, 21. Austin Donahoe (N) 20-0.75, 22. Gabriel Davis (C) 19-9.5.

### GIRLS SMALL SCHOOL MEET

**County team scores:** 5. Guerin Catholic 24, 9. Hamilton Heights 18.6666.

**60 dash - Prelims:** 10. Norah Reiger (Hamilton Heights) 8.11, 19. Jayda Dawn (University) 8.28, 22. Gracie Bortone (HH) 8.44.

**3200 run:** 10. Allie Bushey (HH) 11:36.01, 18. Laurel McKeown-Hough (U) 11:55.42.

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## Baseball

# Rocks begin season with HCC sweep of Flashes

### The REPORTER

The Westfield baseball team has played and won two games this season, and both of them are Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

The Shamrocks completed a sweep of Franklin Central Thursday at Grand Park, winning the second game 6-3. Westfield scored its first run in the first inning; Beck Jordan batted in Matt Drozlek with a center field hit.

The Flashes tied the game in the top of the fifth inning, but the 'Rocks blasted back in the bottom of the fifth, scoring five runs. Johnny Ewing scored when Anthony Cimini reached on error after a bunt to make the score 2-1.

Caden Lindsey cracked a double to bring in Cimini, then later scored on Jordan's RBI fielder's choice. Ian Wilson singled into left field to score Drozlek, then Jordan got home when Ethan Colling drew a bases-loaded walk.

Owen Swinford pitched four innings for the win, tossing seven strikeouts against three hits.

Westfield is headed to Tennessee next week to play in a tournament. The 'Rocks take on Mt. Juliet

next Thursday for their first game.

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Fishers opened its season Thursday by beating Bloomington South 4-3 at Grand Park.

The Tigers scored two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Luke Cherry led off with a base hit, then Trevor Hall was hit by a pitch. Carter Strole made a sacrifice bunt to advance both runners, then Cherry scored on Jase Ruggles' safety squeeze. Ruggles reached safely when the throw pulled the Panthers' second baseman off the base, and that allowed Hall to score.

Bloomington South scored in the top of the third inning, but Fishers added two more runs in the bottom of the inning. Deagan Repp drew a lead-off walk, then scored after Huston Dunn blasted a triple to center field. Zander Carnahan sent Dunn home with a center field hit.

The Panthers scored one run each in the fourth and fifth innings, but the Tigers held on for the win. Dunn finished the game with two hits. Owen Sanders pitched four and two-thirds innings to get the victory, striking out four.

Fishers plays a double-header with Fort Wayne

Carroll today at Grand Park, with the first game starting at noon.

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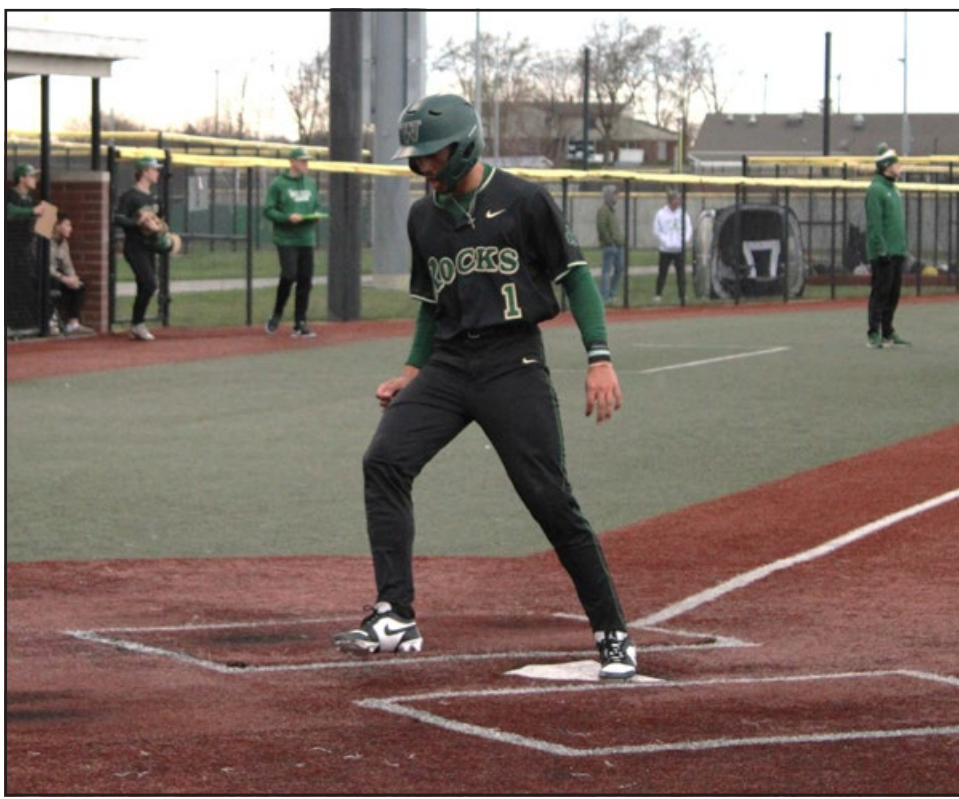
Carmel beat Covenant Christian 13-3 Thursday at Hartman Field.

The Greyhounds scored in six of the seven innings, starting with three runs in the first. Carmel added one run each in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings, then ran away with the game by putting up six runs in the seventh.

Jacob Behm hit a double, while Parker Heaney had three RBIs on two hits. Evan Vogt went three innings for the win, striking out seven.

The 'Hounds are off until next Thursday when they play at Brebeuf Jesuit.

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Westfield's Caden Lindsey hit an RBI double for the Shamrocks' during their Thursday win over Franklin Central.

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Softball

# Newsom homers Millers past WeBo

**The REPORTER**

Two home runs from Reese Newsom helped to power the Noblesville softball team past Western Boone 4-3 in a Thursday home game.

Both teams scored a run in the second inning. Newsom led off the bottom of that inning with a leadoff homer over the left field fence.

The Stars scored a run in the top of the fourth to lead 2-1, but the Millers came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Maggie Kern tied the game after scoring on a wild pitch, then Nevaeh Nash sent a bunt into left field to bring home

Addi Emmerson.

WeBo tied the game with a run in the top of the fifth inning. But Newsom stepped up again, smacking her second home run of the game; this one flying over the center field fence. The Stars got two runners on base in the seventh inning, but Emme Yee got a strikeout for the third out.

Emmerson also had two hits during the game. Yee pitched a complete game, striking out four and allowing four hits.

Noblesville is 2-0 and is scheduled to host Greenfield-Central at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon.

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, April 4

BASEBALL

Fishers vs. Fort Wayne Carroll doubleheader, noon at Grand Park

Guerin Catholic vs. Zionsville, noon at Grand Park

Guerin Catholic vs. Avon, 3 p.m. at Grand Park

ETBCA Tournament, Knoxville

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Lawrence County, 1 p.m.

Noblesville vs. Knoxville Catholic, 3 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Independence, 3:30 p.m.

Noblesville vs. Bearden, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Greenfield-Central at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

BASEBALL

Guerin Catholic at Anderson doubleheader, 10 a.m.

ETBCA Tournament, Knoxville

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Portland, 9 a.m.

Noblesville vs. Christian Academy of Knoxville, 1:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Halls (Tenn.), 2 p.m.

GOLF

Guerin Catholic at Seymour Invitational, 9 a.m. at Shadowood Golf Course

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# Mundt commits to Cincinnati



Photo courtesy Carmel Athletics  
Carmel senior Olivia Mundt has committed to the University of Cincinnati women's cross country and track & field teams.

# RESULTS

**4x200 relay:** 2. Heights (Reiger, Lizzy Smith, Gracie Bortone, Waverly Woolever) 1:45.21, 8. Guerin Catholic (Katie Wendt, Addyson Horvath, Isabella Smock, Claire Flannagan) 1:49.28.

**4x400 relay:** 8. Guerin Catholic (Flannagan, Horvath, Katie Kolb, Brinna Wolf) 4:16.17, 9. Heights (Reiger, Macie Smith, Bortone, Woolever) 4:16.17.

**4x800 relay:** 4. Guerin Catholic (Flannagan, Wolf, Taylor Tragesser, Kolb) 10:04.00.

**Distance medley relay:** 8. Heights (Amira Leer, Hattie Graham, Kendall Moe, Bushey) 13:33.37, 16. Guerin Catholic (Elly Rodgerson, Kara Van Woerkom, Eva Parr, Tragesser) 13:52.73.

**High jump:** T8. Woolever (HH) 5-0; Smith (HH) 5-0.

**Pole vault:** 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 13-3, 9. Zoe Travelsted (GC) 10-0.

**Long jump:** T15. Dawn (U) 15-7.25.

**BOYS SMALL SCHOOL MEET**

**County team score:** 5. Guerin Catholic 28.

**60 dash – Finals:** 7. James Moody (GC) 7.12. Prelims: 15. Nolan Ratcliff (GC) 7.17.

**60 hurdles – Prelims:** 22. Andenet Wolfgang (Hamilton Heights) 9.06.

**3200 run:** 13. Luke Moster (GC) 9:49.96.

**4x200 relay:** 2. Guerin Catholic (James Moody, Ratcliff, Hayden Cler, Trevor Macey) 1:30.20, 19. Heights (Austyn Crail, Cameron Fleming, Wolfgang, Noah Shlater) 1:36.33.

**4x400 relay:** 4. Guerin Catholic (Cler, Moody, Ratcliff, Macey) 3:29.31, 18. Heights (Rudy Bowman, Hudson Holt, Shlater, Ewan Shaffer) 3:42.23.

**4x800 relay:** 19. Heights (Max Bowman, R. Bowman, Holt, Isaiah Heuer) 8:44.86, 24. Guerin Catholic (Brady Linn, John Constantino, AJ Doria, Hunter Kinzie-Gorman) 9:05.63.

**Distance medley relay:** 19. Heights (Heuer, Holt, Charles Wedmore, R. Bowman) 11:20.64, 22. Guerin Catholic (Ashton Sommer, Matthias Hoffman, Austin Rankin, Cole Eckstein) 11:38.18.

**Long jump:** 24. Daniel Ernst (GC) 18-0.75.

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# BASEBALL

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Noblesville began play at the ETBCA Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday with a 16-9 five-inning win over Hardin Valley Academy.

The Millers scored in all five innings, with one run each in the first and second. The Millers poured in nine runs in the fourth inning, including a two-run home run from Trevor Corbett and a three-run double from Luke Hagelskamp. Corbett also hit a solo homer in the first inning; he finished the game with four RBIs and was 4-for-4 at the plate.

McCoy Fulk and Aiden Reynolds both hit one double, while Corbett and Cole Schott both scored three runs. Ethan Kang got the pitching win.

Noblesville is 1-2 and plays Knoxville Catholic and Bearden this afternoon.

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Guerin Catholic took care of Warren Central 8-2 Thursday in a game at Grand Park.

Both teams scored their first run in the second inning. The Golden Eagles got on the board in the bottom of the inning when Ben Canada got home after Brody Cain hit a sacrifice fly.

Guerin Catholic took the lead for good in the third inning. Carson Kail doubled Ian Taylor home, then Tate Troxell's center field base hit brought in Kail. Jayce Cunningham scored on Liam Zonger's RBI fielder's choice.

Taylor scored a fourth-inning run on a wild pitch. The Golden Eagles put up three more runs in the sixth inning: Taylor got his third run on Troxell's RBI groundout, Frankie Ryan singled in Cunningham and Canada scored on an error.

Luke Gremelspacher pitched four and a third innings, striking out four.

Guerin Catholic is 2-0 and will play two games at Grand Park today, taking on Zionsville at noon and Avon at 3 p.m.

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University finished its week at the Legacy Project with a victory Thursday, beating the Louisville CEC Cougars 10-7 in its final game of the tournament in Panama City, Fla.

The Cougars scored the game's first run in the bottom of the first inning. The Trailblazers tied the game in the top of the third; Ryan Castetter hit a two-out tri-

ple, then scored on a wild pitch.

CEC went up 3-1 in the bottom of the third with a two-run double, but University again tied the game in the top of the fourth. Sterling Davis batted in Cooper Cammack with a single, then Charlie Ranek went home after Finn Steiner hit a sacrifice fly.

The Blazers took a 4-3 lead in the top of the fifth inning. Beckett Suh hit a double, then later scored on Davis' left field hit. The Cougars scored runs in the fifth and sixth innings to lead 7-4, but University came roaring back in the top of the seventh with six runs.

Davis batted in the first run, sending Cammack home with a right field double. Ranek scored after Griffin Wright drew a bases-loaded walk, then Davis and Oliver Kingery each got home when Cooper Burnett reached on an error, putting the Trailblazers up 8-7. Castetter then reached on another error to send Wright and Burnett home.

Davis went 3-for-4, batting three runs. Ranek also hit a double. Hunter Canning got the pitching win, throwing two innings and allowing one hit.

University is 3-1 and plays its next game Wednesday at Cascade.

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Fri April 4 - Baseball

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5:00 pm Bearden vs Noblesville | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

Sat. April 5 - Baseball

1:30 pm Christian Academy of Knoxville vs Noblesville | NHS Baseball Tenn. Trip | HCTV Sports

Thurs April 10 - Baseball and Girls Lacrosse

6:00 pm Avon vs Noblesville | Hoosier Crossroads Conference | Baseball | HCTV Sports

7:20 pm Brebeuf vs Center Grove | Girls Lacrosse | Indiana SRN

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- The Westfield Tennis Center will play a key role in developing student-ath-



**Coach Trudy Coler and the girls team cut the ribbon Tuesday on the new Westfield Tennis Center.**

letes and serve as a valuable resource for the community. The Tennis Center is sure to become an essential part of the Westfield community for years to come. [Click here](#) to learn more.



*Milk bottle scavenger hunt with local bike organizations celebrates 50 days*

## Submitted by IMS

The escorted, 5-mile Race Day ride starts at the AMP at 16 Tech. Uniformed officers and ride leaders are on hand to help guide participants of all ages. Riders can choose from two departure times, 7:30 a.m. or 9:30 a.m., allowing the most loyal fans to arrive in time for prerace ceremonies. Bike to the 500 offers hassle-free valet parking near the iconic Gate 1 entry of IMS.

"Bike to the 500 is a fun and unique way for our fans to travel to IMS on Race Day," INDYCAR and IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "When you have more than 350,000 fans heading in the same direction for 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing,' biking is one of the fastest ways to get to the track, and it is a great way to enjoy the commute with fellow fans."

Tickets to participate in Bike to the 500 are available starting Saturday, April 5, which also marks 50 days until the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 day of the event.

"The Indianapolis 500 is steeped in tradition, and for many, this includes biking to IMS," said Tess Woods of CIBA-Bike Indianapolis. "Bike to the 500 provides a safe and fun way for race fans to get to the Indianapolis 500. We encourage race fans to avoid the traffic and congestion on Race Day by participating in this event, the best way to get to 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.'"

To further celebrate 50 days until the Indianapolis 500 and encourage participation in Bike to the 500, three local Indianapolis bicycle organizations – Nine13Sports, Bicycle Garage Indy and Indy Cycle Specialist – are participating in a milk bottle

scavenger hunt.

These three bicycle organizations are giving away a total of 50 milk bottles co-branded with the 2025 Indy 500 and Bike to the 500 logos via their social media accounts and school bike programs. Fans should visit the social media accounts of these organizations to learn more, participate in trivia and potentially locate one of the hidden bottles.

Additional Bike to the 500 information including FAQs, as well as volunteer and ticketing information, can be found at [ims.com/biketothethe500](http://ims.com/biketothethe500).

Bike to the 500 presented by Bike Indianapolis started in 2016 as part of the 100th Running of the Indianapolis 500 celebration and has become a fan-favorite tradition on Race Day.

The 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge is scheduled for Sunday, May 25. Visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) for tickets and more information on all Month of May events and activities at IMS.

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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>

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)  
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