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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly cloudy.  
Tonight: Chance of rain and snow showers after midnight.  
HIGH: 44    LOW: 33



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## Sheridan gets new Fire Chief

The REPORTER

On Monday, the Sheridan Town Council appointed Travis Stern as the Sheridan Fire Department Chief. Stern has been the interim Chief since July. Chief Stern has served on the career staff with the

Sheridan Fire Department for 20 years and has been a life-long resident of the town. Chief Stern said, "I am honored and humbled to be officially appointed. I look forward to serving this wonderful community."

## Young Republicans give Christmas to foster kids



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

The Hamilton County Young Republicans held their annual Toy Drive Monday evening at Donatello's Italian Restaurant in Carmel. The drive benefitted The Villages, Indiana's largest not-for-profit child and family services agency. The organization serves more than 1,400 children and their families each day, including children in the foster care system.

## Vets Service officer relieved of duties

By FRED SWIFT  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officer Lynn Epperson has been relieved of her duties, and county commissioners have posted the job seeking a replacement. Epperson served for five years in the office, which exists to offer all county

veterans of military service assistance with their benefits and other needs they may encounter. Commissioner Steve Dillinger said yesterday the commissioners' main concern was a failure of the office "to follow through" with requests for assistance from veterans. He said the situation was brought to his attention by state Veterans

Affairs officials. Epperson was given 30 days to correct operations, but this was not accomplished. She left office Dec. 2. Two part-time assistants are taking care of business until a new officer is hired. The service office is located in the county Government and Judicial Center, first floor, and is open daily to accept calls or vis-

its from veterans or their families who may have any type of questions relating to veterans' needs. Epperson, a Noblesville resident, was appointed by commissioners in 2014 succeeding Wayne Long, who operated the office part-time with the assistance of deputy service officer and commissioners' receptionist Dianna Lynch.

## Lushin donates \$5K to Senior Citizens group



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On Wednesday, the Lushin Foundation presented the Hamilton County Senior Citizens Organization with a \$5,000 donation. Senior Citizens Organization member Billie Caldwell (right) received the donation from Lushin Foundation's Amy Kavicky (left) and Sarah Lushin (center). The Lushin Foundation awards financial assistance in support of public safety agencies and organizations that assist the elderly.



Rendering provided by City of Fishers

An artist's conception for one of the three planned buildings on Sunlight Drive.

## New small business office buildings planned for Sunlight Drive in Fishers

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)

The city of Fishers is on a roll this week in new commercial developments, and Thursday brought yet another announcement. Mattingly Construction plans to construct three office buildings on Sunlight Drive, just south of 106th Street between Kincaid Drive and Lantern Road.

Fishers officials have often said there continues to be a shortage of office space for small businesses in Fishers. This concept will give small business owners to own their own offices, rather than rent space.

The three buildings will range in size from about 8,200 square feet to more than 14,000 square feet of space.

"We're excited to see the continued growth and momentum on the I-69 corridor with the announcement of this development," said Fishers Mayor Scott Faddness in a city news release. "When the team at Mattingly Construction presented this concept to us, it just made sense all around to continue to support our entrepreneurs, while adding to the vibrancy of this corporate corridor."

The first phase of the project will include the

three buildings occupying three of the 12 acres of the joint parcel, according to city officials. Future phases of the project will include similar development of buildings from 5,000 to 20,000 square feet on the balance of nine acres.

The prime location, just off the 106th Street interchange from Interstate 69, allows ease of access directly to the business park

and proximity to the developments along the 96th and 116th streets corridors, including the latest project, Fishers District. The city is recommending a tax abatement for the first phase of the project totaling \$636,898.24. The Fishers City Council will hold a vote on the proposed agreement at the meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 16.

## HSE school board votes to replace Durbin Elementary

By LARRY LANNAN  
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Should Hamilton Southeastern Schools make a preliminary decision to build two new elementary schools? That was the question before the school board Wednesday night.

The board voted to move forward with plans to construct a replacement for Durbin Elementary that can also relieve other elementary buildings with overcrowding issues. Durbin cannot be expanded at the

present site because water and sewer connections are not available. However, the board voted unanimously not to include a possible replacement for Fishers Elementary School in its preliminary action, but in the same unanimous vote, decided to go ahead with plans for the new elementary replacement for Durbin at 156th Street and Boden Road in Noblesville. The board engaged in a long and wide-ranging discussion about whether to include both Durbin's replacement and Fishers Elementary in the same preliminary action. When the discussion ended, all board members voted in favor of only dealing with the Durbin replacement at this time.

## 25 Days of Odle



Have you heard? We're reading books here! We are doing a project as part of our Prevention Initiative called "Our Community Reads." [Click here](#) to watch a video. You may see Odle reading one of his favorite books! Prevail's new program, "Our Community Reads Together," brings together members of our community to share their favorite stories so all young people have a caring adult to read to them. Each video will feature a different community member reading their favorite children's book and will be shared via Prevail's YouTube channel.





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# Imperfectly perfect is fine with me

We had the opportunity to enjoy a lovely afternoon recently at the home of some new friends in Old Town Noblesville. This awesome family just happens to belong to my son’s girlfriend. They were hosting people to watch the Noblesville parade to kick off the holiday season, as they live right on the parade route.

Her family wasn’t just fun, friendly and a joy to be with, but their home was wonderful. I’ve always loved old homes, thanks to growing up in a 1920s bungalow in Mishawaka. I’m also an Old Town Noblesville resident, having lived on South 9th Street now for over 21 years.

I had witnessed the complete transformation of this house when it was featured in the Noblesville Preservation Alliance Home Tour a few years ago. This was long before Jacob met his girlfriend or even thought about having one. It was fun

**COLUMNIST**



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
*Sandwiched*

to see it again and get another private “tour.”

Do you know, though, what I loved most about the house? The fact that it wasn’t perfect.

Please don’t misunderstand me. The house has gorgeous floors, woodwork and windows. The family has decorated it from the heart, with numerous photos and unique artwork throughout, including decorations that can’t help but make you happy. And their renovation of the second floor is still being talked about amongst my Noblesville Preservation Alliance friends.

But it’s also a work in progress – just like my house and so many others in Old Town. I was thrilled to see another family in the midst of some great projects to restore their home. It’s not, however, a house like what you’d see in a magazine, blog, or on Pinterest.

It was great to witness someone hosting a gathering with delicious food, drinks,

conversation and laughter where no one was worried about keeping everything in its place. I watched as kids chased each other throughout the house, occasionally hollering and stomping. I enjoyed seeing everyone simply living and celebrating without any fussiness.

There are some moments where I get nervous about having people over to my house. We’ve been slowly building a garage out back that has left our backyard in rather poor shape. Our deck badly needs refinishing. However, I know I need to push those worries aside.

We face so much pressure in our society to have everything look perfect. But if we all wait to arrive at perfection, we’ll rarely get to grab those chances to enjoy time with beloved family and friends, most of whom don’t give a hoot about whether our house is ready for a magazine.

Our new friends got it just right a few weeks ago. To me, their home – and its contents – is imperfectly perfect. And that will always be just fine with me.

## Sen. Spartz to hold second coffee meeting this Saturday

**The REPORTER**

State Sen. Victoria Spartz (R-Noblesville) will host a “Coffee with your State Senator” event at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at SoHo Café and Gallery, 620 S. Range Line Road, Carmel.

This will be the second in a series of meetings designed to give constituents the opportunity to discuss the issues and challenges facing the community and state of Indiana.

For more information on the upcoming meetings, email [Zackery.Sand@iga.in.gov](mailto:Zackery.Sand@iga.in.gov) or call (317) 234-9441.



**Spartz**



*I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.*

**– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

**To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:**

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
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# Carmel Police play Santa for 40 kids

## The REPORTER

On Dec. 7, the Carmel Police Department (CPD) held its inaugural Holidays with Heroes event. CPD, in partnership with Shamrock Self Storage and Meijer, provided breakfast, a shopping trip to Meijer and other gifts for 40 children from the community.

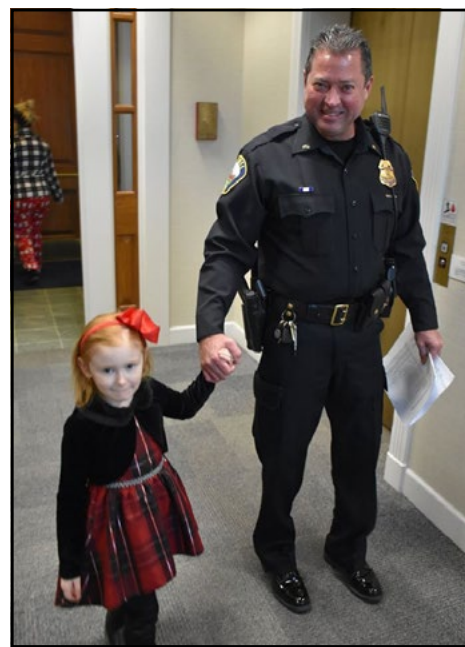
Holidays can sometimes be stressful, and for those families with financial challenges, the stress of not being able to provide gifts for their children can be overwhelming. The Holidays with Heroes event was an opportunity to provide assistance and time for CPD officers to bond and build relationships with participants.

CPD would like to thank Shamrock Self Storage, Meijer, Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185, Current Publishing, Carmel Youth Assistance Program, Carmel Clay Schools, Chick-fil-A, Jack's Donuts, Bolden's Dry Cleaners and the many other organizations and individuals who made donations to make this event possible.



Photos provided

The Carmel Police Department helped make sure that the holiday season would be a bit brighter for 40 children this year. **(Left)** Officer Hunter Rogowski has breakfast with a young boy before the Meijer shopping trip began. **(Below, from left)** Officers Matthew Broadnax, Joe Bickel and Greg Zimmerman enjoyed their time with the kids at Saturday's Holidays with Heroes event.



## Carmel officer graduates from K-9 training school



Photo provided

On Dec. 5, Carmel police officer Jamie Reynolds graduated from the Indiana State Police K-9 Training School. Reynolds was joined by her new K-9 partner, Axl. Reynolds has been a member of the Carmel Police Department for three years. She was selected to join the CPD K-9 Unit after Axl's previous handler, Sergeant Katy Malloy, was promoted. Reynolds and Axl completed 12 weeks of training regarding topics including tracking, building searches, obedience, handler protection and drug recognition.



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# Carmel Arts & Design district welcomes you this holiday season

## The REPORTER

The holiday season is here and there is no better place to be this Saturday than Meet Me on Main with special activities throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District.

Enjoy a day of shopping and dining at the many stores on Main Street, Range Line Road and throughout the District, most of whom are offering holiday specials this weekend.

Ride the Holiday Trolley for a fun and easy trip across the District, including a special stop this Saturday for AAA Insurance Holiday PorchFest from 3 to 6 p.m. in the residential neighborhood north of Main Street and east of Range Line Road. Don't forget the grand opening of the new Carmel Chocolate Café at 45 W. Main St.

If you are looking for that special gift for a loved one or just looking for a night out with family and friends, Meet Me on Main features live music, face painting and caricatures, new exhibits and local art galleries and businesses staying open until 9 p.m. Join the Art Lab for a holiday themed snow globe make and take art project from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The

Art Lab is located at 110 W. Main St., Suite 125, next to Highgarden Real Estate.

Meet Me on Main monthly drawing takes place once again. Each month, three \$100 gift cards to businesses in the Arts & Design District will be given away. To enter, visit participating galleries and businesses to fill out an entry form. Only one can be filled out per location but the more businesses visited, the more you can increase your chances. There is no purchase necessary to participate.

Special gallery exhibits will be featured throughout Meet Me on Main including:

- When you're ready for a break from the cold, stop in the Carmel Clay Historical Society for a reading of 'The Polar Express' from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. This festive evening of storytelling and fun includes cookies, hot cocoa, special gifts and holiday art activities. Holiday attire and pajamas are encouraged. All ages welcome; \$5 per child. (211 1st St. SW)

- Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery will be featuring two talented artists, Joe Krutulis and Kendall Reeves. Krutulis will be there to show you how he uncovers the hidden

beauty in deadwood and creates beautiful wood pendants, earrings and mobiles.

Reeves is a photographer who captures ghost towns, abandoned buildings and old trucks. (22 N. Range Line Road)

- All Things Carmel is set up for holiday shopping with specialty ornaments, candles, wooden wall art, clothing and more. Stop by and check them out for all your holiday needs and enjoy complementary dough balls and Christmas brew from Fork and Ale House. (110 W. Main St., No. 104)

- Carmel Art on Main Gallery is featuring specially priced art work and photography in the front room for gift giving, with many subjects from landscape and travel to abstracts and holiday. Need a gift for a teacher, family, friend or hostess? Art on Main has many options including glassware, pottery, jewelry, note cards, tote bags, zip bags, paintings, mosaics, books featuring artists, coasters, chocolate and more. (111 W. Main St., No. 140)

- CCA Gallery will showcase unique handmade ornaments from 36 artists, just in time to add a little something extra to your tree. The gallery will also feature Tiny Treasures and Mini

Masterpieces collections. (111 W. Main St., No. 135)

- The Carmel Arts Council Children's Art Gallery will showcase an all-school art exhibit from the Towne Meadow Elementary students entitled Making Faces. This exhibit will feature 11 groundbreaking student-created portraits inspired by the great masters of art, including The Girl with the Pearl Earrings by Johannes Vermeer and the Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci. (40 W. Main St.)

- Magdalena Gallery will be featuring a new artist, Mary E Strack. For a unique gift for the holiday season, visit Magdalena Gallery to see the Santa Faces collection on canvas. These are oil on canvas pictures from Barbara Kennedy for \$65 each. (27 E. Main St.)

- The Olive Mill is featuring olive oil, balsamic, olives, serving pieces, salts and spices. Perfect for holiday gifts or stocking stuffers. (10 S. Range Line Road)

- The Art Studio of Carmel will hold an open house featuring the work of the

studio's students, adults and instructors. (30 N. Range Line Road)

- Carmel Chocolate Café by the South Bend Chocolate Company will cut the ribbon on its new café on Friday and celebrate opening weekend. (45 W. Main St.)

Activities taking place during Meet Me on Main include:

- Free caricatures and face painting by Custom Eyes Designs inside of 110 W. Main St., Suite 125, near Highgarden Real Estate. (110 W. Main St., No. 104)

- Free musical entertainment throughout the district. Kassie King will play inside Indiana Artisan, Declan Nelligan will perform inside The Olive Mill and Low Key Jazz will perform inside Holder Mattress Co. at The Indiana Design Center.

- Make and Take Art Project will be located at 110 W. Main St., Suite 125, next to Highgarden Real Estate from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

A map of the gallery locations and more information about Meet Me

on Main activities can be found at [CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](http://CarmelArtsAndDesign.com).

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Avenue NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.

## About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

## Don't miss Carmel's Holiday PorchFest in the Arts & Design District

### The REPORTER

From 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, the City of Carmel and AAA Insurance present the **Carmel Holiday PorchFest**, a musical holiday celebration that will span three hours across two city blocks in the beautiful Arts & Design District neighborhood north of Main Street.

Listen to the sounds of *Another Round*, an Indiana University all-male a cappella group; *Ladies First*, Indiana University's all-female a cappella group, *Purdue Soundtracks*, a co-ed a cappella group from Purdue University and *Freshly Brewed*, an all-female a cappella group from Butler University. Groups will perform on stages in the street every half hour.

Keep warm by the fire pits while strolling through the street, listening to the holiday music performances. Make sure you also enjoy the free treats at a special "S'mores Station" manned by AAA Insurance, a special holiday beer recipe brewed by Union Brewery, a glass of warm mulled wine from Peace Water Winery, hot coffee and sweets from Java House, or hot chocolate and other holiday treats served by Market District.

**Holiday PorchFest** will take place along 2nd Avenue NE from 3rd Street

NE to 5th Street NE. There is plenty of parking nearby, but the Carmel Holiday Trolley will also run that day and will be able to drop you off near the entrance so you and your family can join in the fun. [Click here](#) to see a schedule of stops for the Holiday Trolley.

"The summer version of PorchFest has been extremely popular among music fans and those who just love to hang out in the Arts & Design District," said Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations and Economic Development. "We are excited to offer a similar community celebration of music, with a touch of holiday flair and decoration."

Residents in the neighborhood will compete for

"Best Holiday decorated porch," the winner of which will receive a \$100 gift card to Anthony's Chop House. PorchFest Board members and AAA Insurance representatives will serve as judges and determine the winner.

The timing is perfect, as well, to enjoy Meet Me on Main taking place among the galleries, shops and restaurants through the District from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Thanks to Carmel's rotating Holiday Trolley, it will also be possible to enjoy other destination points, such as Carmel City Center, the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and the Ice at Center Green.

Dress warm, bring your friends and family and make a day of it in beautiful Carmel, where the holidays are celebrated all month long.



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# Rep. Susan Brooks supports lowering prescription drug costs, innovation

## Submitted

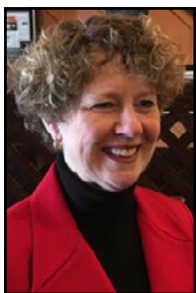
Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks (R-Ind.-05) joined Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee in introducing H.R. 19, *The Lower Costs, More Cures Act*, which uses bipartisan reforms to lower out of pocket spending on prescription drugs, protect access to new medicines and cures, strengthen transparency and promote competition.

"It is clear that Americans pay far too much for drugs at the pharmacy counter. It is our duty to find solutions that lower costs while protecting innovation and future drug development in our country," Brooks said. "I am disappointed Speaker Pelosi is not supporting this bipartisan, bicameral collaboration. I urge House Leadership to consider H.R. 19, *The Lower Costs, More Cures Act*, of

which I am proud to be an original cosponsor. This package of bipartisan provisions previously passed through the House Energy and Commerce committee and achieves our shared goal of lowering drug prices and out-of-pocket costs for Americans, while ensuring the United States will continue to be on the cutting edge of biomedical research, innovation and breakthrough medicines to develop cures."

## Background

H.R.19, *The Lower Costs, More Cures Act*, is a bipartisan alternative to Speaker Pelosi's partisan drug pricing plan. H.R. 19 requires insurance companies to make information about drug costs available in the doctor's office before



Brooks

a prescription is written so doctors and patients know the cost prior to arriving at the pharmacy counter. Equipped with pricing information up front, doctors can prescribe the medicine that is best and most affordable for their patients. This legislation increases low-cost options for patients by bringing more generic and biosimilar competition to the marketplace faster. It establishes a new negotiator at the United States Trade Representative to negotiate and advocate for the American consumer in all international trade agreements with respect to drug prices.

H.R. 19 lowers how much American families pay out-of-pocket for insulin by encouraging insurers to cov-

er their fair share as part of high-deductible health plans; leveraging current policies in Medicaid to get a better deal for patients; adding a \$50 monthly cap on insulin for seniors; and creating new pathways at FDA to allow for lower cost options to come to market sooner.

Speaker Pelosi's drug pricing plan, H.R. 3, will tax a drug manufacturer's revenue – starting at 65 percent and increasing by 10 percent every three months if the manufacturer fails to bend to the government's decree. This large penalty will force the manufacturer to stop selling the drug in America, greatly decreasing access to curative medicines. The bipartisan Congressional Budget Office shows fewer cures to be developed under H.R. 3, due to the harsh penalties and dwindling market incentives.

# State hospital association endorses governor's agenda

## Submitted

*Editor's note: The following press release was submitted to The Reporter on behalf of Brian Tabor, President of the Indiana Hospital Association.*

We applaud Governor Eric Holcomb's leadership in putting forth a legislative agenda with a comprehensive approach to sound health care policy. From saving Hoosier lives, protecting consumers, and increasing transparency, his proposals put Indiana on a path to lower costs and better health outcomes.

We share the Governor's goal to make health care more affordable and make it easier for Hoosiers to better understand cost and quality. We support transparency and agree that the establishment of an all-payer claims data base is a significant step in this direction. Indiana hospitals are committed to transparency having launched [MyCareInsight.org](http://MyCareInsight.org) in 2015, which allows consumers to easily compare hospital charges and quality metrics among hospitals.

We also are pleased to see the Governor tackle surprise medical billing. When patients do their due diligence and seek care at an in-network facility, but encounter an out-of-network provider, or are treated in the emergency room with no option to make sure that every provider is in-network,

they should not receive a "surprise" balance bill. Most factors that influence a person's overall health occur outside of a hospital, and we are grateful for the Governor's continued focus in this area. We are especially excited to see his support for increasing the age from 18 to 21 to purchase tobacco and vaping products. We also appreciate the continued commitment to addressing behavioral health and substance abuse in our hospitals, schools, jails, and beyond.

## About Indiana Hospital Association

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana's General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety and Hoosiers' health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit [IHAconnect.org](http://IHAconnect.org).

# How to estimate your holiday lighting costs

## The REPORTER

Holiday lights are going up all across the country, bringing bright colors and welcome cheer. But if you wonder how much your energy bill will go up, Duke Energy has the solution.

To help customers plan and manage their light displays, Duke Energy offers a holiday lighting energy calculator that estimates holiday lighting costs. Estimate your costs before decorating and incorporate efficient, budget-friendly lighting options.

[Click here](#) to access the holiday lighting calculator.

Users can identify the type of lights, the number of 100-bulb strands and how many hours the lights will be used per day to estimate the energy cost per day and per month. Based on their lighting selections, customers can receive energy-efficient tips and options.

For example, six 100-bulb sets of large, incandescent bulbs (600 bulbs total) plugged in six hours every evening can add about \$75 to a monthly power bill.

By comparison, six 100-bulb sets of similarly styled light-emitting diode (LED)

bulbs would increase a monthly power bill by only about \$5. Using six 100-bulb sets of mini-LED bulbs would increase a monthly power bill by only 72 cents.

## Watts cooking?

Whether you are mixing, roasting or baking your favorite holiday dishes, [use the cooking calculator](#) to see the total cost of preparing everything from appetizers to desserts.

## Money-saving tips to combat the cold

As the holiday season heats up, temperatures will cool down. Help save on your winter energy bills with the following tips:

- The thermostat can be the biggest contributor of high winter bills. Select the lowest comfortable setting on your thermostat when you're home and then lower the temperature a degree or two when you leave.
- Change air filters regularly. A dirty air filter makes a heating system work harder, which uses more energy.
- Inefficient heating can also add to monthly power bills during colder temperatures. Regular service calls from a licensed technician will help to properly main-

tain your heating and cooling system.

- The ceiling fan is a great way to stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Simply set the fans to operate in a clockwise direction, which pushes warm air back down into the room.
- On sunny days, leave your drapes or blinds open to allow the sun's rays to warm the house.
- Wear warm clothing for additional energy savings at home. If you're planning a holiday party this season, consider a holiday sweater theme. That way, you can bump down the thermostat a degree or two while your guests stay warm and toasty.

## A safe, happy holiday season

Having a happy holiday means having a safe holiday. Before your deck the halls, follow these tips

to stay safe and happy this holiday season:

- Before installing lights, check each set – new and old – for damaged sockets, loose connections and frayed or bare wires. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.
- Never use more than three standard-sized sets of lights per extension cord.
- Plug exterior lights into ground-fault interruptible (GFI) outlets only. If the home lacks outside GFI outlets, call an electrician to install them.
- Before climbing a ladder, inspect it to ensure it's in good condition and follow the weight limits specified on the ladder and manufacturer instructions.
- Never use a ladder on or near power lines or poles.

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## Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will not meet as originally scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019, due to lack of an agenda. The next meeting of the Plan Commission is set for Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020.

The Sheridan Economic Development Commission meeting has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, in the Community Room at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

## Public Notices

### NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that Westfield-Washington Schools ("School"), is requesting proposals from responsible offerors to provide construction manager as constructor ("CMC") services for an Early Childhood Center and Central Administration Office. CMC Services will include: (1) Preconstruction phase services, including advice during the preconstruction phase; (2) Consultation, collaboration, project construction management, and other services regarding construction during and after design/construction phases; (3) Development of construction schedule, estimated cost of construction, and analysis of qualifications of 1st tier subcontractors; (4) a guarantee of the cost of the project & the project schedule.

**The proposals will be received until January 6, 2020 by 3:00 PM EST.** Proposals must be delivered to Joe Montalone, Westfield-Washington Schools, 1143 E 181st St, Westfield, IN 46074 and via montalonej@wws.k12.in.us All proposals received after such time will not be considered and returned to the respective submitter unopened.

CMC Services will be performed under a CMC Contract with the Owner. The form of the contract is set forth in the RFP. The offeror must submit a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the CMC Services, and the resources, labor, technology, materials, supplies, and equipment the offeror has available for the performance of CMC Services. The financial statement must be submitted on current SBOA forms (<http://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Form96.pdf>).

Evidence of financial responsibility ("officer security") in the amount of 1% of the offeror's total contract price must be payable to Westfield-Washington Schools in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, certified check, cashier's check, or a bond acquired from an IN DOI registered surety. Should a successful offeror within ten (10) days after written notice of contract award withdraw its proposal, fail to provide required bonds, or execute a satisfactory contract, the Owner may then declare that offeror security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

Discussions may be conducted with, and best and final offers obtained from, responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. If School later determines to proceed with the project, School may enter into negotiations with the offeror whose proposal has been selected by an evaluation committee considering: (1) the responses to the RFP; (2) any interviews with selected offerors; and (3) evaluation of fees.

A CMC Contract may be made with an offeror whose proposals are determined to be advantageous to School, taking into consideration price and other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The RFP includes the criteria, process, and procedures including consideration of qualifications and fees, by which: an offeror will be evaluated; a CMC will be selected; and a CMC contract will be awarded. Three copies of the proposal must be submitted according to the requirements outlined in the RFP and properly executed.

The RFP documents for the CMC Services are on file with School and may also be examined at the following location: <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/Page/1002>. All offerors must comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to the requirements of Ind. Code § 5-16-6; 5-16-13; 5-32; and 36-1-12 and as outlined in the RFP. Offerors must also be able to meet all requirements found in applicable CMC, public contract, and public work project statutes.

Prior to approval and execution of the CMC Contract, the responsible offeror who submits proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award must furnish satisfactory evidence showing evidence of financial responsibility and it can faithfully perform the contract and all obligations arising hereunder.

School expects to award the contract for CMC Services at its January 14, 2020 School board meeting to the responsible offeror(s) whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to School, taking into consideration price and the other evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. School reserves the right to hold proposals, including any alternates, for up to 60 days from the date of the opening. School reserves in its sole discretion the right to cancel the solicitation, reject any and all proposals in whole or part, delay the opening, ask for new proposals, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other proposal, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the request for proposal procedure.

A meeting for discussion of the CMC Services, reviewing the scope of work, project specifications and drawings, RFP documents, qualifying requirements, and other important matters will be held at Westfield-Washington Schools, 1143 E 181st St Westfield, IN on **December 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM EST**. Immediately following the meeting, an opportunity to tour the project site(s) will be offered. All prospective offerors are encouraged and expected to attend this important meeting. Offerors will be responsible for complying with items discussed at the meeting.

Questions regarding the contract(s) or requests for fair and equal treatment, can be directed in writing to: Joe Montalone, Westfield-Washington Schools, 1143 E 181st Street, Westfield, IN 46074 and montalonej@wws.k12.in.us  
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John 18:22-27 (KJV)

### George H. Rhea May 7, 1920 – December 12, 2019

George H. Rhea, 99, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on May 7, 1920 to Benjamin and Amanda (Harris) Rhea in Pennington Gap, Va.



George proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. For many years, he worked for Warner Commercial Body in Noblesville, Monroe Patterson Truck Body in Mount Comfort, Ind., and previously was a coal miner in Virginia. George was a member of Noblesville Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, singing, gardening, bus trips, vacations with his family, and walking with his wife, Georgia.



He is survived by his son, Dale W. (Sandy) Rhea; daughter, Marcia (Ed) Kackley; grandchildren, Cassia (Jon) Allee, Amanda (Dominic) Moes and Jordan (Wendy) Rhea; great-grandchildren, Josiah and Grace Allee, Christian, Olivia and Garrett Moes, and Mason, Chad, Fred, Georgia, Gideon, Reuben and June Rhea; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his son, Tony Allen Rhea. His beloved wife, Georgia, passed away one week prior to George's passing.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Seth Leeman officiating. Visitation will be from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Baptist Church, 1338 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

#### Arrangements

Calling: Noon to 1 p.m., Dec. 14  
Service: 1 p.m., Dec. 14  
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home  
Condolences: randallroberts.com

### William "Bill" McConnell October 25, 1930 – December 11, 2019

William "Bill" McConnell, 89, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at home with family. He was born on October 25, 1930 to Robert and Verna (Robbins) McConnell in Jonesville, Va.



Bill worked as a supervisor for Brockway Glass in Lapel, retiring in 1986. He was a collector of movies and coins.

Bill is survived by his life companion, Eliza McConnell; daughter, LouAnn McConnell; grandchildren, Stephanie McConnell, Andrew Mitchell, Adam Mitchell and Ben Mitchell; and his great-grandchildren, Lexie Redwine and Connor Redwine.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Roberta Shell, Mary Flanary, Stella Presley and Paula Sue Yearly; and his brothers, Alfred McConnell, Bobby Ed McConnell and Andy Joe McConnell.

Memorial calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

#### Arrangements

Memorial calling: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dec. 17  
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## Wrestling

# Millers win Senior Night meet

The Noblesville wrestling team won a hard-fought Senior Night meet against Frankton Thursday at The Mill, 36-33.

The Eagles won the first two matches to take a 9-0 lead, but the Millers stormed back to win the next two with first-period falls. Adam Ricker got the pin at 285 pounds, then Cade Iles, one of Noblesville's seniors, took the 106-pound bout by fall.

The Millers, in fact, won five of their six matches with pins. Keaton Sepiol (126), Tim Alexander (132) and Josh Evans (170) also won their matches by fall. Senior DeWayne Simpson received a forfeit at 160 pounds.

Noblesville will be back in action Saturday at the Roncalli Triple Dual.

### NOBLESVILLE 36, FRANKTON 33 Meet started at 195 pounds

195: Jackson Sloan lost to Martinez by decision, 6-3

220: Jacob Long lost to Martin by fall, 4:53

285: Adam Ricker def. Branham by fall, 1:34

106: Cade Iles def. Trissel by fall, 1:24

113: Will Cash lost to Ellingwood by fall, 3:54

120: Cooper Fraham lost to Slayton by decision, 7-0

126: Keaton Sepiol def. LaPierre by fall, 3:07

132: Tim Alexander def. Doff by fall, 3:05

138: Cesar Sierra lost to Lawson by decision, 6-1

145: Bryce Murray lost to Slayton by decision, 7-5

152: Caleb Dean lost to Alexander by fall, 1:45

160: DeWayne Simpson won by forfeit

170: Josh Evans def. Gardner by fall, 1:05

182: Seth Stone lost to Gardner by decision, 17-15

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a very tough dual meet on Wednesday



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Adam Ricker (right) won the 285-pound match for the Millers with a first-period pin during their dual meet with Frankton Thursday at The Mill.

night, falling to Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival Zionsville 35-31.

The meet began at 113 pounds, and the teams traded pins to start. The Eagles won at 113, but Jacob Simone got a first-period fall at 120. Simone is unbeaten for the year at 7-0.

Freshman Nick Burris won at 126 pounds by decision, 4-2, to put Southeastern on top 9-6. After that, Zionsville won five of the next six matches to lead 29-12. Senior Reece Luhmann was a Royals winner in the middle of that, with a decision victory at 145 pounds.

Sophomore Max Broom broke the Zi-

onsville string with a first-period fall in the 182-pound match; Broom is also undefeated for the season with a 7-0 record. Zionsville won the 195-pound bout with a pin to go up 35-18.

The Royals won out after that. Devin Dudley took the 220-pound match by decision, Andrew Irick (in his season debut) won at 285 by major decision, then Mat

Benson received a forfeit at 106.

"In a night where everything that could have gone wrong did, the Royals were still right there against a great team," said Southeastern coach Nick Brobst. "They'll recover and be back on the mat this weekend at the Plainfield Invitational before making their home debut on Tuesday of next week against Noblesville."

## Girls basketball

# University beats Burris, rolls to 10-0

The Class 2A second ranked University girls rolled to their 10th straight win to open the season with an 86-22 win over Muncie Burris at The U Center on Thursday.

The outcome was never in doubt as Maddi Sears (22), Lindsey Syrek (20) and Payton Seay (18) combined for 60 points as the Trailblazers scored the first 22 points of the contest.

Sears made 10 of 11 field goals in the contest and had five steals. The senior had 15 in the first half. Seay made all eight of her field goal attempts and had 16 first half points including 10 in the first period. Sears and Seay each had five assists.

Syrek had a game-high 14 rebounds and four blocked shots. Sierra Hinds had seven points, a game-high seven assists and four steals.

University is next in action Saturday night at Liberty Christian as part of a

girl-boy doubleheader. Basketball action begins at 4:30 p.m. with the boys junior varsity contest, followed by the girls and boys varsity games.

### UNIVERSITY 86, MUNCIE BURRIS 22

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	1-5	0-0	2	2
Sierra Hinds	3-5	1-2	7	0
Lindsey Syrek	9-15	2-3	20	1
Payton Seay	8-8	1-1	18	0
Maddi Sears	10-11	0-0	22	0
Lilly Fair	1-3	0-1	2	1
Elise Nachlis	1-1	0-0	2	1
Jordan Patterson	3-4	0-0	7	1
Abby Hannon	0-2	0-0	0	0
Anne Gibboney	0-1	0-0	0	0
Arrion Sherrod	3-5	0-0	6	0
Bayan Abdullah	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	39-61	4-7	86	6

Score by Quarters  
Muncie Burris 2 6 7 7 - 22  
University 26 22 28 10 - 86  
University 3-point shooting (4-6) Sears 2-3, Seay 1-1, Patterson 1-1, Hinds 0-1.  
University rebounds (32) Syrek 14, Hannon 6, Sears 5, Hinds 3, Fair 2, Seay 1, Nachlis 1.

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# Noblesville's Mike Brady earns Region Coach of the Year



Brady

Noblesville Girls Soccer head coach Mike Brady was named the United Soccer Coaches' Central Region Girls Coach of the Year for the Fall 2019 season. Coach Brady's Millers posted an undefeated 17-0-3 record and won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference and the Indiana Class 3A State Championship. As a result of the Millers' success, Brady was previously awarded Coach of the Year by both the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association and the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. He is now one of 11 finalists for the National Coach of the Year to be announced later this month.

# Swimming Huskies sweep dual with Lewis Cass

The Hamilton Heights swimming and diving team swept a dual meet with Lewis Cass on Thursday.

The Huskies girls cruised to a 124-59 victory, winning 10 of 12 events. Tara Holder and Cylie Starr were double individual winners, with Holder pacing the 200 and 500 freestyles, and Starr placing first in the 50 free and breaststroke. Also taking individual events were Kennedy Weaver (individual medley), Alexa Williams (diving), Ryleigh Poe (butterfly) and Carlie Flintoff (backstroke). Heights also won the medley and 400 free relays.

In the boys meet, the Huskies won 97-53, taking nine events. Three Heights boys won two events: Joe Ringer (50 and 500 freestyles), Grant Forrer (butterfly and backstroke) and Eli VanHaaren (100 free and breaststroke). Josh Snay was first in the IM and Heights won the medley and 400 free relays.

### GIRLS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Heights 124, Lewis Cass 59.  
200 medley relay: 1. Heights "A" (Tara Holder, Cylie Starr, Ryleigh Poe, Mady Hutcherson) 2:07.56, 2. Heights "B" (Carlie Flintoff, Kat Cox, Kennedy Weaver, Maria Mitchell) 2:12.63.  
200 freestyle: 1. Holder 2:05.37, 3. Poe 2:10.92, 4. Alaina Stohler 2:28.09.  
200 individual medley: 1. Weaver 2:34.24, 3. Cox 2:42.09.  
50 freestyle: 1. Starr 25.85, 2. Hutcherson 28.21, 3. Mitchell 28.37.  
One-meter diving: 1. Alexa Williams 209.85, 2. Katie Smith 107.00, 3. Paige Doucette 97.05.  
100 butterfly: 1. Poe 1:08.53, 2. Weaver 1:09.46, 6. Allyson Dinwiddie 1:49.98.  
100 freestyle: 2. Hutcherson 1:00.39, 3. Jane Pache 1:09.34, 4. Anna Wheat 1:11.35.  
500 freestyle: 1. Holder 5:40.44, 2. Mitchell 6:08.69.  
200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights "A" (Cox, Stohler, Weaver, Flintoff) 1:57.52, 3. Heights "C" (Dinwiddie, Molly Bryson, Kylie Apple, Rachel Poisson) 2:16.92.  
100 backstroke: 1. Flintoff 1:11.57, 2. Pache 1:15.39, 3. Abigail Mayo 1:20.22.  
100 breaststroke: 1. Starr 1:13.86, 4. Cox 1:22.61, 6. Bryson 1:27.29.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights "A" Holder, Poe, Hutcherson, Starr) 4:05.15, 3. Heights "B" (Mitchell, Flintoff, Pache, Stohler) 4:23.48.

### BOYS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Heights 97, Lewis Cass 53.  
200 medley relay: 1. Heights "A" (Eli VanHaaren, Josh Snay, Grant Forrer, Joe Ringer) 1:55.87.  
200 freestyle relay: 2. Drew Monnin 2:26.47, 3. Alex Knepper 2:26.50.  
200 individual medley: 1. Snay 2:30.19.  
50 freestyle: 1. Ringer 25.56, 3. Gabriel Alves 28.98, 5. Preston Pearson 36.33.  
One-meter diving: 2. Manuel Casado 124.45, 3. Marcos Fuentes 98.75.  
100 butterfly: 1. Forrer 1:03.86.  
100 freestyle: 1. VanHaaren 53.34, 4. Monnin 1:04.25, 5. Ethan Hall 1:14.74.  
500 freestyle: 1. Ringer 5:56.21.  
200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights "A" (Hall, Alves, Pearson, Knepper) 2:01.94.  
100 backstroke: 1. Forrer 1:08.98, 3. Alves 1:30.10, 4. Hall 1:34.02.  
100 breaststroke: 1. VanHaaren 1:09.67, 2. Snay 1:13.65, 3. Knepper 1:22.55.  
400 freestyle relay: 1. Heights "A" (Ringer, Forrer, Snay, VanHaaren) 3:58.65, 3. Heights "B" (Pearson, Monnin, Alves, Knepper) 4:39.84.

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L.A. Lakers	22	3	.880	-
L.A. Clippers	19	7	.731	3.5
Phoenix	11	13	.458	10.5
Sacramento	11	13	.458	10.5
Golden State	5	21	.192	17.5
<b>Southwest</b>				
Dallas	17	7	.708	-
Houston	16	8	.667	1.0
San Antonio	9	15	.375	8.0
Memphis	8	16	.333	9.0
New Orleans	6	19	.240	11.5

# Fishers athletic college signings



Courtney James has committed to play softball at Northern Illinois University.

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Eric Fetting has committed to play baseball at John Wood Community College.

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