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## TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning rain. Mid-afternoon showers. WIND ADVISORY with gusts to 45 mph. Temps fall from around 60 to the upper 40s by afternoon.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.  
HIGH: 60 LOW: 29



# Heights raises awareness, money for breast cancer



Reporter photos by Richie Hall  
The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team hosted its second annual Pink Out girls basketball game Tuesday, which raises awareness and funds to help people battling breast cancer. (Top) After beating Bishop Chatard 52-37 to win the game, the Huskies presented a check in the amount of \$2,780 to Debbie Laswell, a representative for the IWIN Foundation, which supports breast cancer patients. (Bottom) Before the game, the Huskies honored breast cancer survivors.

# TONIGHT: Fishers Town Hall focusing on dealing with school threats

## The REPORTER

Join Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and Fishers Chief of Police Ed Gebhart for a special edition of Mayor's Twilight Town Hall in partnership with Hamilton Southeastern Schools tonight at 8 p.m.

During the virtual forum, attendees can learn and ask questions about the protocols, decisions, and actions that take place following an active assailant threat within HSE schools.

Chief Gebhart will be joined by Fishers Police Department Captain Mike Johnson, HSE Assistant Superintendent Kim Lippe, HSE Director of Staff and Student Services Ryan Taylor, and HSE Mental Health and School Counseling Coordinator Brooke Lawson. [Register here.](#)

[Click here](#) to submit your questions or topics for discussion ahead of the event.



Fadness



Gebhart

# It's time to move on recovery funds

What's the holdup? Hamilton County officials have again postponed action on the disbursement of American Recovery Act funds to small businesses and community non-profit charitable organizations. These groups have applied for the federal money designed to compensate for losses during the pandemic.

The county is to receive \$65.5 million, and currently has access to half of that. Local governments have been encouraged to get the funds into the hands of deserving applicants as quickly as possible. It would seem that doing so by holiday-time would be both helpful and welcomed.

Our county officials are trying hard to make certain that applicants meet the qualifications set by federal authorities. This is as it should be, and apparently part of the reason for delaying decisions for several weeks.

However, it appears now that personal commitments of individual officials have resulted in moving the decision date until Jan. 14. In the meantime, there are about 60 small businesses and 40 non-profit organizations waiting to see if they will receive financial help.

Local government agencies are also entitled to share in the huge federal grant. They are not in immediate need, but some of the other applicants may be. It is true that the county has another two years to spend their windfall, but let's hope schedules will permit more timely distribution in the future.



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# Noblesville, Carmel Lions assist Gleaners with food distribution



Photo provided  
On Dec. 4, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions helped distribute food from Gleaners Food Bank. This is done the first Saturday of the month. (From left) Unidentified Carmel Lion, Bob Yunker, Tim Baker, Joe Connerley, Bill Ryan, Christine Woodward, Lane Sims, and Steve Shaw.

# Still time to change lives, donate to Janus

## The REPORTER

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# Hoosiers to receive \$125 tax refund

By KYLE BLOYD  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

All Hoosiers will receive an automatic tax refund, according to the governor.

Gov. Eric Holcomb made the announcement Wednesday. The refund will be applied after filing 2021 taxes.

"Despite a pandemic, Indiana exceeded all expectations and closed the state fiscal year with an unprecedented amount in reserves," Holcomb said in a statement. "We have an obligation to put this money back in the hands of taxpayers instead of leaving it in the hands of government."

The governor's office says around \$545 million will go back to taxpayers. A total of 4.3 million Indiana residents are expected to be eligible.





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# Can your ex-spouse sabotage your retirement?

No. Or rather, he can't prevent you from drawing Social Security benefits off of their work record as long as you qualify.

To qualify, you must have been married for at least 10 years, not have remarried before the age of 60, be at least 62 years old, not be working full time (if you choose to draw before your full retirement age between 66 and 67), your former spouse must be at least 62 years old too, and 50 percent of your ex-

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spouse's benefit must be more than 100 percent of your own benefit. You won't be getting both your own and part of your ex-spouse's benefit. With Social Security, you only draw one benefit, whichever amount is higher.

I've heard from many women that they were told in their divorce that they gave up the right to their former spouse's "retirement." They assumed that this meant they could not draw Social Security retirement

benefits off their ex-spouse. Sometimes their former spouse is the one pushing this idea. It is wrong. It is impossible to give up your Social Security rights. You may have waived your rights to his work pension, but not Social Security.

Nothing gets men madder in the comment sections on my social media platforms (you can find me on TikTok @MedicareMama) than when I explain how to draw spousal benefits. But if your former spouse draws benefits off your work record, it in no way reduces the benefits that you are able to draw, nor does it reduce

what your current spouse is able to draw. It just doesn't matter. Okay, I'd be furious if my ex-spouse drew off my work record, but I was smart enough to divorce him before 10 years were up.

While I am joking (just a bit) this is something you need to consider: If your marriage is falling apart and you were the lower income earner, or a stay-at-home parent who didn't pay into Social Security at all, please consider not finalizing your divorce until you hit the 10-year mark. It's truly sad to explain to my clients that they are not eligible for spousal benefits because they were only married 9 1/2 years. Divorce attorneys should advise on this topic so benefits are not inadvertently lost.

Unlike drawing Social Security off your current spouse (even if you are separated), you can draw benefits off a former spouse as long as you are age 62 and he is age 62. He does not have to be drawing Social Security for you to be able to draw. If you are married, you cannot draw off your spouse, unless your spouse is also drawing benefits. Clearly you can see that this law had to be there so former spouses could not block benefits by refusing to draw Social Security out of spite.

Sylvia Gordon is the president of Gordon Marketing, headquartered in Noblesville, where she trains on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can contact her at [sgordon@gordonmarketing.com](mailto:sgordon@gordonmarketing.com).

Letter to the Editor

## Experienced trucker: Senator Young wrong about driver shortage

Dear Editor:  
U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) continues to be one of the biggest purveyors of the truck driver shortage myth. Don't be fooled for one second; the very same concerns for which Senator Young now "carries water," have been beating the driver shortage drum for 20-plus years.

Long before "COVID" and the supply chain crisis were part of the daily discourse, these large carriers have long had annual driver turnover rates exceeding 100 percent! In fact, it's gotten so bad that the big companies have incorporated the driver "churn" into their business models. They simply invest in technology and surveillance systems as opposed to driver benefits and remuneration.

Senator Young's mega carrier constituency cares little about experience, skills and proven safety records.

There is simply not enough infrastructure to accommodate the existing fleet of over-the-road trucks now, Senator Young! Where does Senator Young think 80,000 newly-minted teenage truckers are going to park and buy fuel?

Perhaps drive instead of fly the 600 miles from D.C. back to your state once in a while and take a look at some of the truck stops after 8:00 at night! Where should they all park, Senator? Truckers routinely shut down early because they know they will not have a place to park even if they have hours available to drive.

A recent MIT study concluded that just 18 minutes per day added to the typical trucker's schedule would completely eliminate your so-called truck driver shortage. But then that would also of course obviate the need for your donors to exploit a new demographic of teenagers.

Senator Young and his ilk claim to be free market advocates until those markets resist their manipulation.

**Mike Nichols**  
**M J Nichols Company, Inc.**  
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*I am an owner operator trucker with approximately 2.5 million accident-free miles operating a class 8 tractor trailer in the lower 48 states.*

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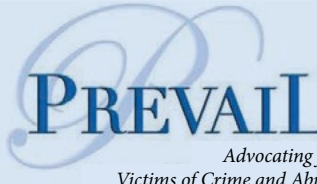
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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals 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

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# DRIVE TODAY TEST



# Republican Party meets mayor for Italian breakfast, chat in Noblesville



Photo provided by Denise Moe  
Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and Hamilton County Republican Party Chair and Carmel City Councilor Laura Campbell took a moment to pose for Reporter events photographer Denise Moe's camera.

Photos provided by Denise Moe  
The Hamilton County Republican Party met for breakfast Wednesday morning at Matteo's Ristorante Italiano, 40 N. Ninth St., Noblesville. Mayor Chris Jensen spoke about his approach to public health and safety, which focuses on treatments for mental health and addictions. He also spoke about workforce development and infrastructure, such as East and West connectivity. (Below) Lisa Everling of Westfield, Reporter events photographer Denise Moe of Carmel, and Jamie Nieves of Fishers looking hometown proud in front of the giant Christmas tree at Matteo's.



## Representative **Victoria Spartz** **Constituent Services**



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# MyndVR to debut virtual reality tech Friday at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers

**The REPORTER**  
**MyndVR**, the leading provider of virtual reality solutions for older adults in the United States, on Monday announced a new partnership with American Senior Communities (ASC) to bring MyndVR's virtual reality program to their residents. MyndVR's immersive VR platform allows seniors to engage in an array of fields including learning, travel, art, music, and nature.

The new partnership is also reflective of MyndVR's continued growth into new markets and highlights the strength behind the growing VR/AR industry. MyndVR will debut the technology at ASC's Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living Community in Fishers this Friday.

"We are so excited to be partnering with American Senior Communities to bring our headsets to their residents," said MyndVR CEO Chris Brickler. "Their team has been incredible to work with and we can't wait to see how the community

responds to the technology on Friday."

ASC is an Indiana-owned and operated senior community that takes pride in incorporating Hoosier hospitality in all of their services. ASC has created an Integrated Care Network with a full range of lifestyle and care options to bring innovative ways to serve their residents. Their latest partnership with MyndVR is one of the ways their team is honoring this commitment.

"ASC is intentional in choosing partnerships that allow us to leverage cutting edge technology to enrich the lives of the residents that we are honored to serve," said ASC Chief Operating Officer David Stordy. "We are truly excited to partner with MyndVR to bring these innovative virtual reality experiences to our residents as part of our mission to serve each customer with quality care and excellence."

**About MyndVR**  
MyndVR is the leading provider of virtual reality solutions for senior living

communities, home health care agencies, state and federal Veteran homes and individual adults aging in their own homes. The company has licensed a vast library of VR content and created MyndVR Studios to produce therapeutic experiences that positively impact the lives of seniors, Veterans, and other groups. The company's technology enables older adults to interact with the outside world in truly innovative ways that foster engagement, cognitive wellness and above all, joy, and happiness.

MyndVR is committed to conducting extensive research to measure the therapeutic effect of VR. These studies will continue to measure the health care outcomes, including cognitive, visual, emotional, and physical effects on older adults.

**About American Senior Communities**  
American Senior Communities offers a variety of senior lifestyle and care options throughout Indiana and Louisville, Ky. To learn more, visit [ASCCare.com](http://ASCCare.com).

# Extra state troopers on patrol this holiday season

**The REPORTER**  
The Indiana State Police (ISP) has announced it will increase patrols during the holiday season as part of a statewide crackdown on impaired driving.

Starting now until Jan. 1, officers will be on high alert for anyone driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Law enforcement will watch for seat belt violations and other forms of dangerous driving.

This is part of the Safe Family Travel campaign aimed at reducing crashes and traffic fatalities around the holidays when statistics show an increased potential for drunk driving. The high-visibility patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"This holiday season, Troopers in the Indianapolis District will increase patrols for aggressive driving as well as impaired driving," said Indiana State Police Indianapolis District Commander Josh Watson. "Our goal is to increase highway safety and prevent crashes through high visibility pa-

trols and targeted enforcement efforts. This effort is a reminder about the dangers of impaired driving, but it also serves as a warning. If you choose to drive impaired on drugs or alcohol, you will be arrested."

Every year, more than 10,000 people die in drunk-driving crashes in the U.S. That's approximately one person every 52 minutes. While driving under the influence is a daily concern, it's more prevalent around certain holidays, with Christmas and New Year among the deadliest.

Last December, 73 people lost their lives in fatal collisions in Indiana. Of those, 11 involved a drunk driver, according to ICJI.

"It's important to remember that these aren't just numbers we're talking about," said ICJI Traffic Safety Director Robert Duckworth. "These are people with loved ones whose lives were cut short due to impaired driving. Your choices behind the wheel matter, and they can have serious consequences."

Throughout the campaign, officers will be working overtime to raise awareness about the dangers of

impaired driving, which includes more than just drugs and alcohol. Certain prescription and over-the-counter medications can also affect a person's ability to drive safely, so it's important to read and follow all warning labels or consult with a doctor before driving.

ISP is asking for the public's help to keep Indiana roads safe this holiday season by designating a sober driver or using a ride service, public transportation, or taxi if alcohol is consumed. Motorists are also encouraged to wear a seat belt, slow down, put down the cell phone and to make sure kids are properly buckled up. In addition to being required by law, wearing a seat belt also reduces the risk of injury or death in a crash.

"If your holiday celebrations include alcohol, make arrangements ahead of time to get home safely – don't wait until after you've had a couple of drinks," said ICJI Executive Director Devon McDonald. "One wrong decision behind the wheel is all it takes to cause a tragedy."

Motorists can report suspected impaired drivers by calling 911 or contacting the Indiana State Police.

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# Acorns on the Run in Westfield

*Students from Oak Trace Elementary School in Westfield didn't let the strong winds and blustery weather stop them from running their 5K last weekend.*

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## Rep. Spartz helps introduce bill meant to hold foreign companies accountable

### The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.), along with Congressman Brad Sherman (D-Calif.), who Chairs the Subcommittee on Investor Protection and Capital Markets, and Congressman Andy Barr (R-Ky.) introduced the Accelerating Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act – legislation that would increase accountability for the auditors of U.S.-listed foreign companies currently not subject to oversight by U.S. regulators.

In 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the Kennedy-Sherman Act (Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act) which prohibits the shares of foreign companies from continuing to be listed on U.S. exchanges if a company's auditor is not overseen by the U.S. Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's (PCAOB) for three years in a row. For over a decade, Chinese authorities have effectively blocked the PCAOB from conducting effective oversight of audit firms based in China and Hong Kong. However, these audit firms currently serve as the primary auditor for 191 companies publicly traded in the U.S. with a combined global market capitalization of \$1.9 trillion. (Source: [pcaobus.org/oversight/international/china-related-access-challenges](https://pcaobus.org/oversight/international/china-related-access-challenges))

The Accelerating Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act would put additional pressure on Chi-

na by requiring foreign auditors to allow PCAOB inspections or risk publicly traded companies being de-listed from U.S. exchanges if inspections do not happen after two consecutive years rather than three. This legislation represents a House companion to S.2184, a bill introduced by Senators John Kennedy (R-La.) and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) which was passed by the Senate on June 22, 2021. Sherman also held a hearing in his subcommittee on this bill on Oct. 26, 2021.

"As someone who spent over a decade in public accounting and auditing, I understand and value the importance of investor protection and proper quality control of audits," Rep. Spartz said. "It's our responsibility to protect the public and I am happy to co-lead



Spartz

Foreign Companies Accountable Act may be the most significant piece of investor protection legislation passed in several years," Rep. Sherman said. "It is designed to assure Financial Statement integrity of 191 U.S.-listed companies with over \$1.9 trillion in market capitalization. The purpose is not to de-list any company, but to persuade China to allow the audit oversight that U.S. investors need, and the U.S. investors get when investing in all U.S. companies as well as companies in over 50 foreign jurisdictions."

"This bill builds off of the bipartisan Holding For-

eign Companies Accountable Act to protect investors, ensure the integrity of financial statements and create a level playing field

for issuers on U.S. exchanges," said Rep. Barr, Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on National Security, International De-

velopment and Monetary Policy. "I am pleased to join Reps. Sherman and Spartz in this effort to hold China accountable."

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

*And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)*

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Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Town Council will hold its final Council Meeting of the year at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

— Atlanta —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Town of Atlanta, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year at the location of the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St. at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the 29th day of December, 2021.

Fund Name: General Fund	
Local Road & Street	
Major Budget Classification:	
Personal Services	\$25,000.00
Supplies	\$
Other Services & Charges	\$
Township Assistance	\$
Debt Service	\$
Capital Outlays	\$
TOTAL for General Fund	\$25,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: 12/15/2021  
Jennifer Farley, Clerk Treasurer  
12/16/21

# Westfield PD still offers ‘safe exchange’ location for buying, selling items online

The REPORTER

Internet services such as Craigslist are an increasingly quick and convenient way to buy and sell items.

However, there are often stories of people who have been victimized after setting up a sale through the website. The item being sold could be fake or broken, the cash being used could be counterfeit, or the check written could be bogus. There have been real estate scams offering fictional rentals, foreign scams offering more than your selling price, fake job scams, and fake ticket scams. Assaults, robberies, and murders have also occurred during these transactions.

The Westfield Police Department (WPD) urges residents to be cautious when buying and selling on Craigslist or similar sites. Trust your instincts and always meet in a public place. Since 2015, WPD has offered a “Safe Place” at the Public Safety building, located at 17535 Dartmouth Road, for transactions. While the lobby is currently not open for walk-ins, the front foyer is open to the public 24/7 or you can ar-

range to meet in the front parking lot.

If you do become a victim of a crime, report it to the police immediately via 911 or dispatch at (317) 773-1300. Also, report all suspected fraudulent ads on whichever online platform you are using. You can also report scams to the FBI at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov).

With this in mind, WPD offers the following safety tips and reminders to help avoid scams and protect yourself when using online platforms such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, OfferUp, etc.

- Always deal locally with the person so you can meet them in person. Many scams begin with a “seller,” “landlord,” or “employer” who is based out of state or out of the country and is unable to deal with you directly.
- Never rent housing without seeing it first; never purchase expensive items sight-unseen.
- Never submit to a credit check or background check for a job or house listed on Craigslist until you have met the interviewer or landlord in person.

- Avoid jobs that ask you to send them money. This is always a scam.

- Never give out your financial information (PayPal, bank account, etc.) or social security number.

- Never wire funds via Western Union, MoneyGram or any other wire service.

- Know that fake cashier’s checks and money orders are common. Banks will cash them and then hold you responsible for the money. Never accept one that is for more money and then give back “change.” This is a common scam.

- Craigslist does not provide “buyer protection” or “seller certification.” Only a scammer will “guarantee” your transaction.

- Be especially careful when buying/selling high-value items.

- Do your research.

Know about the item or vehicle you’re buying, how to tell if it is fake, or if it’s priced correctly. Check whether the pictures included are downloaded from the Internet. Copy the link to the image and search it in Google Images.

- Make sure the landlord really owns the house. If it’s an apartment or condo, you can call the related association or property management company. If it’s a home, you can search property records for the area.

- If you are buying tickets, know what your ticket should look like. Ask for proof of purchase. If you’re buying tickets through the

mail, don’t pay the entire amount up front. Offer to pay half up front, half when received. Put everything in writing, including the seller’s information. Ask that the tickets are sent with a tracking number.

- Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services. Many scammers will use a spoof email that mimics a legitimate site and escrow account but is really fake. If you are buying a high-priced item where an escrow service is suggested, pick it yourself. Never allow the seller to pick and never do business with a company you’ve never heard of.

- Be certain you are on the authentic site or app. For example, spoof sites have been created that look exactly like Craigslist but are only designed to take your money. The official website is [craigslist.org](http://craigslist.org). Anything other than that is not real.

- Insist on a public meeting place, like a restaurant or the Westfield Public Safety Building.

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## Wrestling

# Short-handed 'Hounds fall to Trojans

The Carmel wrestling team is ranked No. 9 in the state, and the Greyhounds hosted another top 10 team on Wednesday.

Fourth-ranked Center Grove came to the Eric Clark Activity Center for what would normally be a big clash between two state powerhouses. But Carmel started the meet down 30 points, as the Greyhounds had to forfeit five weight classes. The Trojans won six of the nine contested matches on their way to a 57-9 victory.

Carmel's three victories were all by decision. Isaac Ward, ranked No. 11 in IndianaMat.com's 126-pound rankings, won his match 11-5. Luke Farling, ranked No. 18 at 138 pounds, was victorious 9-6. Eitan Shay picked up an 8-4 win at 152 pounds.

"Ward is a returning state qualifier," said Carmel coach Ed Pendoski. "He's had a couple of touch matches here in a row, and what's really good for our team, we had three seniors in the lineup tonight. We've got some youth in the lineup."

The Trojans, meanwhile, got two wins by fall and a technical fall. Center Grove won at 170 pounds by major decision, getting their other two victories by regular decision.

"We got exposed in some places that we need to get better," said Carmel coach Ed Pendoski. The coach said the team is "working on an identity, staying together as a group," and making sure the wrestlers fix what needs to be fixed.

"When we get exposed, are we going to go fix them," said Pendoski.

The Greyhounds will travel to McCutcheon Saturday to compete in the Kyle Osborn Memorial Tournament, then compete in the Mooresville Holiday Classic on Dec. 28-29.

### CENTER GROVE 57, CARMEL 9

106 pounds: Carmel forfeited  
 113 pounds: Carmel forfeited  
 120 pounds: Carmel forfeited  
 126 pounds: Isaac Ward def. Thorpe by decision, 11-5



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Carmel's Luke Farling won the 138-pound match by decision during the Greyhounds' dual meet with Center Grove Wednesday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.**

132 pounds: Michael Major lost to Kreja by decision, 6-3  
 138 pounds: Luke Farling def. Stils by decision, 9-6

145 pounds: Nayl Shay lost to Watson by technical fall, 16-1  
 152 pounds: Eitan Shay def. Shoemaker by decision, 8-4

160 pounds: Trevor Gallagher lost to Weems by fall, 1:49  
 170 pounds: Matthew Green lost to Clauser by major decision, 9-0

182 pounds: Joseph DelBusto lost to Buchanan by fall, 3:00  
 195 pounds: Sam Johnson lost to Crump by decision, 5-4

220 pounds: Carmel forfeited

285 pounds: Carmel forfeited

### HAMILTON COUNTY STATE-RANKED WRESTLERS

From IndianaMat.com's rankings

**113 pounds**  
 No. 19 - Mat Benson, Hamilton Southeastern

**120 pounds**  
 No. 6 - Braxton Vest, Westfield

**126 pounds**  
 No. 11 - Isaac Ward, Carmel

**132 pounds**  
 No. 10 - Michael Major, Carmel

**138 pounds**  
 No. 18 - Luke Farling, Carmel

**145 pounds**

No. 13 - Alec McLaren, Westfield

**152 pounds**  
 No. 5 - TJ Barrett, Carmel

**170 pounds**  
 No. 6 - Ryan Cast, Hamilton Southeastern

**182 pounds**  
 No. 17 - Austin McClure, Westfield

**195 pounds**  
 No. 12 - Max Broom, Hamilton Southeastern

No. 17 - Sam Johnson, Carmel

No. 18 - Austin Hastings, Noblesville

**285 pounds**  
 No. 4 - Dom Burgett, Hamilton Southeastern

No. 5 - Mike Platonov, Westfield

## Girls basketball

# 'Rocks beat Avon, win streak now seven

Westfield ran its win streak to seven consecutive games Tuesday night by cruising past Avon 64-38 in an away Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest.

The Shamrocks took care of business early, leading 25-6 after the first quarter. Westfield then held a 41-17 halftime advantage.

Three Shamrocks players reached double figures. Alyssa Crockett scored 24 points, including three 3-pointers, and also had six rebounds, six steals and five assists. Olivia Robey added 12 points, making two 3s, and handed out four assists. Ellie Kelleher contributed 10 points.

Westfield is 2-1 in conference play and 10-2 overall. The Shamrocks return home to CSI Gymnasium Saturday afternoon, when they will play Class 4A No. 3 Noblesville in another conference game.

WESTFIELD 64, AVON 38				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	2-6	5-5	10	1
Alyssa Crockett	9-13	3-3	24	0
Chesney Tebbe	3-6	0-2	6	1
Olivia Robey	3-4	4-6	12	1
Hailey Remaks	2-3	0-0	4	1
Emmrey Collinsworth	1-4	0-0	2	2
Aubrey Crockett	1-3	0-0	2	1
Kiki Loveless	0-3	1-2	1	1
Mikayla Rudolph	0-1	1-2	1	0
Lindsey Van Dyke	1-1	0-0	2	0
Maren Dee	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-44	14-20	64	8
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	25	16	12	11 - 64
Avon	6	11	7	14 - 38
Westfield 3-point shooting (6-16) Al. Crockett 3-6, Robey 2-2, Kelleher 1-3, Au. Crockett 0-1, Collinsworth 0-1, Tebbe 0-1, Rudolph 0-1, Remaks 0-1.				
Westfield rebounds (31) Al. Crockett 6, Remaks 4, Kelleher 3, Collinsworth 3, Loveless 3, Tebbe 2, Rudolph 2, Robey 2, Au. Crockett 1, team 5.				

# Millers cruise past Bruins

Noblesville scored its second big win in two days Wednesday, sailing past Tri-West 68-21 at The Mill.

The Class 4A No. 3 Millers led 21-7 after the first quarter and 43-12 at halftime. The Bruins had come into The Mill with an 8-2 record, but Noblesville didn't allow Tri-West more than seven points in a quarter, and held the Bruins to two points in the third period.

"The kids played really well," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. The coach said the team worked on the things it needed to work on, such as running its offense better in the half court.

"I thought we did that really well tonight," said Buckley.

Ashlynn Shade scored 20 points for Noblesville, also getting six rebounds, five assists and five steals. Meredith Tippner contributed 12 points, eight rebounds and four steals. Reagan Wilson dished out eight assists to go with eight rebounds, and Brooklyn Smitherman had six rebounds and two blocked shots.

"We had a lot of kids play well and contribute one way or another," said Buckley.

Noblesville is 11-1 for the season and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Westfield on Saturday afternoon.

### NOBLESVILLE 68, TRI-WEST 21

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	4-8	0-0	9	1
Ashlynn Shade	9-17	1-1	20	2
Reagan Wilson	1-7	0-0	2	1
Meredith Tippner	5-9	0-0	12	2
Brooklyn Smitherman	2-4	0-0	4	0
Brooklyn Ely	3-6	0-0	8	0
Ava Shoemaker	2-6	0-0	4	1
Dani Mendez	2-3	0-0	4	0
Aubrey Novinger	1-2	0-0	3	0
Kate Rollins	0-3	2-2	2	1
Carly Motz	0-1	0-0	0	0
Bri Gray	0-2	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-68	3-3	68	8

#### Score by Quarters

Tri-West	7	5	2	7 - 21
Noblesville	21	22	16	9 - 68
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-24) Ely 2-5, Tippner 2-3, K. Shoemaker 1-4, Shade 1-3, Novinger 1-2, Wilson 0-3, A. Shoemaker 0-2, Motz 0-1, Gray 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (45) Wilson 8, Tippner 8, Shade 6, Smitherman 6, K. Shoemaker 3, Motz 3, Mendez 2, Gray 2, Novinger 1, A. Shoemaker 1, team 5.				

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# Elks Hoop Shoot crowns champions



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The 50th Elks Hoops Shoot local contest took place Sunday morning at the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club. Six winners were decided from some outstanding shooters. In the girls' divisions, Ellie Miller knocked down 17 of her 25 free throw attempts to run away with the 8-9 age group. Rylie Spurgis hit 8 free throws to win the 11-12 group. The 12-13 year-old winner was Presley White, who made 19 shots. The boys' divisions were even more competitive. Bentley Huber won the 8-9 group by making 19 free throws. In the 10-11 year-old group Austin White drilled 18 free throws and won in a playoff over Talon Tedder. And in the thrilling 12-13 age group division, Adam Yeary and Logan Sumpter both made 24 out of 25 attempts. Yeary earned the victory by making all five of his playoff free throw attempts, while Sumpter made 4 out of 5. Pictured are the Hoop Shoot winners. Left to right: Austin White, Presley White, Rylie Spurgis, Elle Miller, Adam Yeary, and Bentley Huber.

# Noblesville college signings

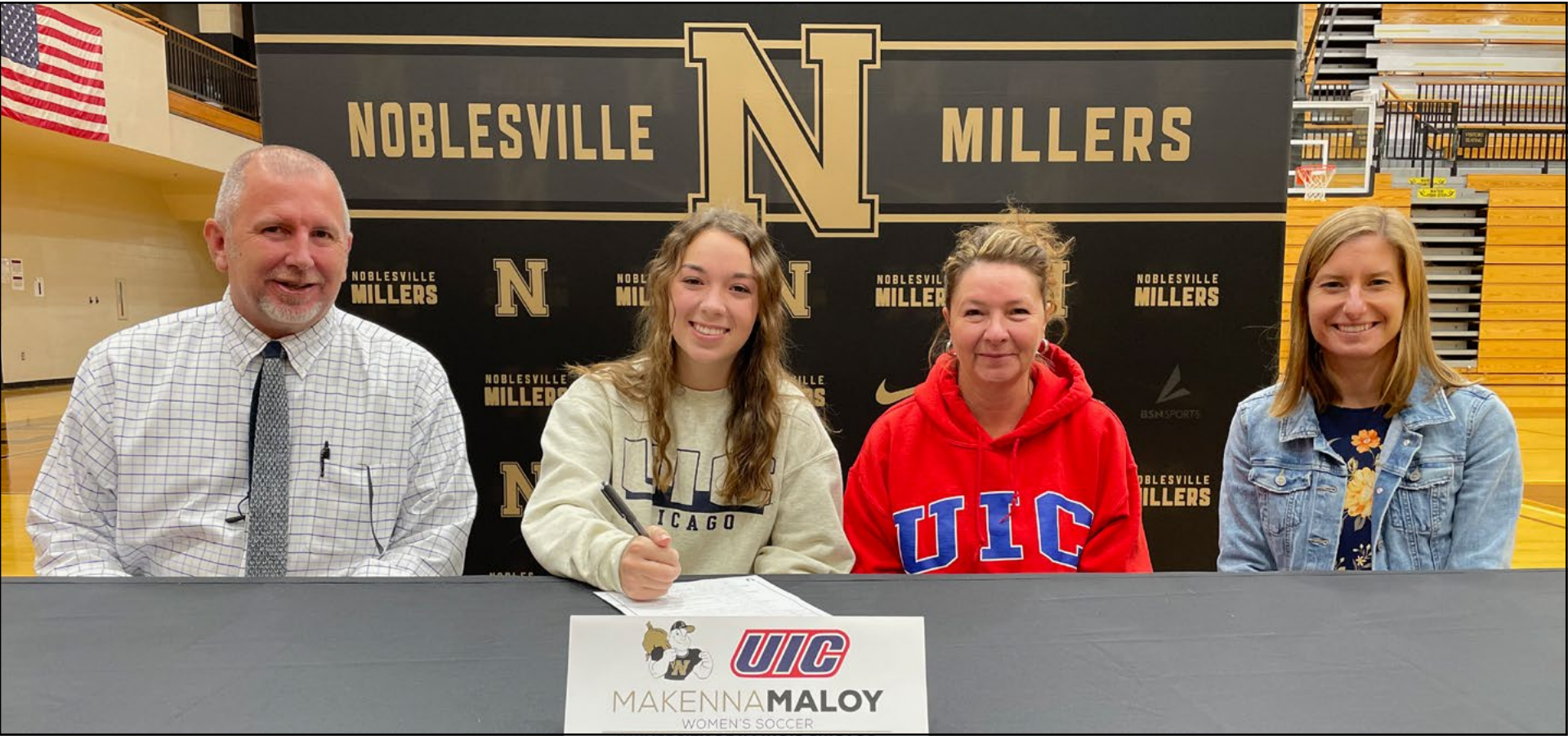


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Makenna Maloy has committed to play soccer at University of Illinois - Chicago. Pictured: Noblesville Girls' Soccer Head Coach Mike Brady, Makenna Maloy, Niki Maloy (Mother), Noblesville Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach Kristin Hetzel.

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Atlanta 111, Orlando 99		Minnesota 124, Denver 107
Miami 101, Philadelphia 96		Utah 124, L.A. Clippers 103
L.A. Lakers 107, Dallas 104, OT		Memphis 113, Portland 103
Milwaukee 114, Indiana 99		Sacramento 119, Washington 105

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	20	8	.714	-
Philadelphia	15	14	.517	5.5
Boston	14	14	.500	6.0
Toronto	13	15	.464	7.0
New York	12	16	.429	8.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	19	11	.633	-
Chicago	17	10	.630	0.5
Cleveland	18	12	.600	1.0
Indiana	12	18	.400	7.0
Detroit	4	22	.154	13.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	17	12	.586	-
Charlotte	16	14	.533	1.5
Washington	15	14	.517	1.0
Atlanta	14	14	.500	2.5
Orlando	5	24	.172	12.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	20	7	.741	-
Denver	14	14	.500	6.5
Minnesota	13	15	.464	7.5
Portland	11	18	.379	10.0
Oklahoma City	8	19	.296	12.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	23	5	.821	-
Phoenix	22	5	.815	0.5
L.A. Clippers	16	13	.552	7.5
L.A. Lakers	16	13	.552	7.5
Sacramento	12	17	.414	11.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	18	11	.621	-
Dallas	14	14	.500	3.5
San Antonio	10	17	.370	7.0
Houston	9	19	.321	8.5
New Orleans	9	21	.300	9.5

# Bucks' fourth-quarter run stuns Pacers

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers and Bucks traded punches for much of Wednesday's Central Division clash in Milwaukee. But the Bucks blew the game open with a 21-0 run in the fourth quarter as the Pacers endured an untimely drought.

In the end, it was a 114-99 victory for the Pacers (19-11), even though the reigning NBA champions had only 10 available players due to injuries and the NBA's health and safety protocols.

It was the seventh straight road loss by double digits for the Pacers (12-18) in Milwaukee. Indiana was playing its first road game in over two weeks after a six-game homestand.

Domantas Sabonis led the Pacers with 16 points, 14 rebounds, and five assists in the loss. Caris LeVert also scored 16 for Indiana, though only two of those points came over the final three quarters.

Playing without All-Star forwards Giannis Antetokounmpo and Khris Middleton, the Bucks got off to a strong start thanks to their third-leading scorer, Jrue

Holiday. Holiday scored the first five points and then added two assists as Milwaukee jumped out to an early 15-6 lead.

But LeVert took over to bring the Pacers back into the game. The Indiana swingman scored 14 of Indiana's first 20 points, hitting his first five shots, including a pair of 3-pointers, the second of which tied the game at 20. A Malcolm Brogdon three and Sabonis hook shot subsequently capped a 19-5 run by the Blue & Gold.

The Bucks retook the lead briefly on Rodney Hood's 3-pointer with 48.6 seconds remaining in the first quarter, but Oshae Brissett's layup on the other end knotted the game at 33 entering the second quarter.

Milwaukee surged back ahead with a 7-0 burst midway through the ensuing frame and remained in front up until half-time, taking a 58-53 lead into the intermission.

The two teams went back-and-forth in a third quarter that featured 13 lead changes and six ties. The quarter was

essentially a duel between Sabonis and Holiday, as each was the catalyst to their respective offenses.

Sabonis tallied 12 points, four rebounds, and three assists in the frame alone, while Holiday scored or assisted on eight of Milwaukee's first 11 field goals before subbing out at the two-minute mark.

Brissett's steal and slam gave Indiana an 87-85 lead in the final minute of the fourth quarter before Rodney Hood's layup ensured the game would be tied once again at the quarter break.

Indiana took a 92-91 lead on Justin Holiday's 3-pointer with 9:41 remaining in the fourth. But that would be their last basket for over seven minutes, as the Blue & Gold missed nine straight shots and committed five turnovers over that span.

The Bucks took full advantage of Indiana's cold spell, reeling off 21 unanswered points to put the game away. Kellan Martin's layup with 1:55 remaining broke a 7:46 scoring drought, but by then

it was too late for any hope of a comeback.

Holiday had 26 points on 12-of-18 shooting and 14 assists to lead Milwaukee to victory. The Bucks were without three players, including Antetokounmpo, due to the NBA's health and safety protocols. Middleton, meanwhile, missed the game after his hyperextending his left knee in Monday's loss in Boston.

Myles Turner had 13 points, five rebounds, and five blocks for the Pacers. Fellow starters Brogdon (12 points, five rebounds, and five assists) and Chris Duarte (10 points) joined him in double figures.

Bobby Portis and Pat Connaughton scored 20 points apiece for Milwaukee, while Jordan Nwora added 15 points and six boards.

The Pacers will return to Indianapolis to host Detroit on Thursday on the second night of a back-to-back. After that contest, the Blue & Gold will have four days off before returning to action next Tuesday in Miami.



Ella Peter has committed to play volleyball at Central Michigan University. Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Dave Peter (Father), Ella Peter, Heather Peter (Mother) Zak Peter (Brother). Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Volleyball Head Coach Annie Phillips.

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