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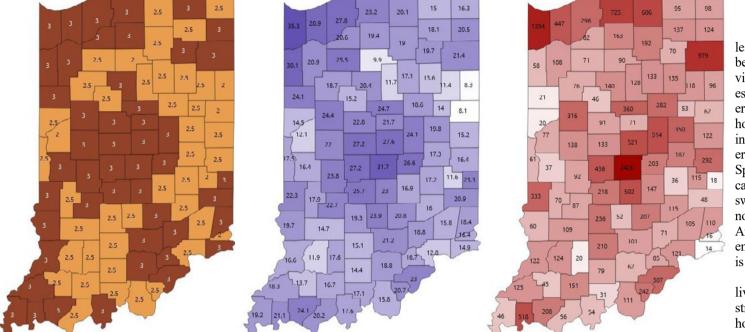
cloudy. Breezy. Spotty late afternoon showers. Tonight: Rainy.

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# Case rates up, death rates down Auto-renewing

Hamilton County's Advisory level back to red due to spike in cases



one man's cyber-naiveté

After seeing countless headlines about cyberattacks, ransomware, viruses, data breaches and other computer- and phone-hacking horror stories, I became increasingly wary of every link I clicked. Every Spam Risk notification call I immediately answered. Every Post-it



note password sheet I stuck to my monitor. And, basically, every suspicious, unsolicited email sent to me that I opened (the consensus is I should "enhance my performance").

Luckily, my online angst was shortlived due to a growing number of concerned strangers alerting me via a frenzy of emails how each one had activated an auto-renewal function linking Norton to my bank account with the noble mission of protecting my computer from cyber-goons.

See Cyber ... Page 2

#### Chris Proffitt to serve as Westfield's new director of communications

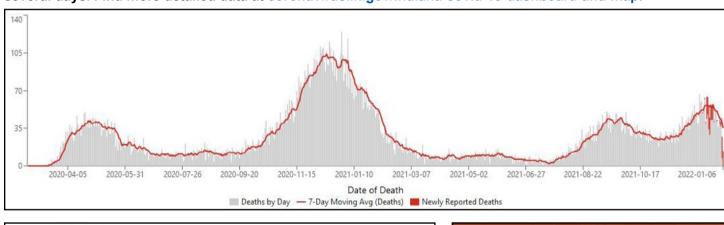
#### The REPORTER

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook announced Friday that Chris Proffitt has been named Director of Communications for the city.

A veteran Indianapolis TV journalist, Proffitt also served in state government as Director of Communications for the Indiana Attorney General's office. In announcing the appointment, Mayor Cook



Graphics provided by Indiana State Department of Health (Above left) The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has placed Hamilton County back in the red following a near doubling of the COVID-19 positivity rate among county residents. (Above center) As of Thursday night, the county's positive test rate stood at 27.6 percent. (Above right) Also as of Thursdsay night, a total of 521 deaths were attributed to COVID-19 in Hamilton County, three of which are classified as "new." (Below) The good news, though, is that despite the increase in positive case rates, deaths in Indiana are on the decline over the past several days. Find more detailed data at coronavirus.in.gov/indiana-covid-19-dashboard-and-map.





COVID-19 COMMUNITY RISK LEVEL 4

Weekly 2-Metric Score: 3 Advisory Level: Red

Hamilton

Weekly Cases Per 100.000 Residents (3):



Graphics provided by Fishers Health Department and Indiana State Department of Health

(Above left) The Fishers Health Department (FHD) released its latest data on Tuesday. At that time, the positive case rate in the city was 27.1 percent, which was 2.5 points greater than the rest of Hamilton County. FHD has the city under a Level 4 community risk, the highest level. (Above right) More details about how the virus has impacted Hamilton County as reported on the state's coronavirus website.

### Indiana GOP lawmaker's bill could repeal law requiring turn signals

#### **By RICHARD ESSEX** WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Getting a ticket for not using a turn signal could be a thing of the past if a Republican state his way.

The legislation could completely eliminate penalties for failing to use turn signals before so that was it." turning or changing lanes.

Jamesson Voiles says he learned the hard way. "I got a ticket before for not turning my turn signal on, so that is why.'

Voiles says he was making lawmaker from Indianapolis has a right-hand turn at a stoplight, and a cop was right behind him. "It said you could turn right on red, and I did. Well, I got pulled,

Using a turn signal is almost sending the wrong message to the Indianapolis City-County

second nature for most drivers; younger drivers. "Because there Council from 2010 to 2016. are a lot of young people growdo better," Voiles said.

ticketed if the legislation proposed by state Sen. Aaron Freeman passes through the General Assembly, which reconvenes on Tuesday, Jan. 11. A lawyer, Voiles says the legislation is Freeman previously served on

According to a draft of Sening up watching it is like genera- ate Bill 124 on the General Astion after generation, we have to sembly's website, drivers would not have to use turn signals Voiles may not have been 200 feet before changing lanes or turning, nor would have to use turn signals 300 feet before changing lanes in a 50-mph zone.

> It wasn't clear on Dec. 29, 2021, what change Freeman is

See *Turn Signals*... Page 2 for the latest updates.

said, "We are pleased to have Chris lead our

Proffitt

communications team. His knowledge of Westfield coupled with his experience and expertise will serve our city well."

Proffitt previously worked as an anchor and reporter for 21 years for WTHR and five years for WRTV. He is a nine-time Emmy Award winner, a National Edward R. Murrow Awards first-place recipient and winner of the prestigious National Headliner Award for excellence in journalism.

"I'm honored to join the City of Westfield and the talented people who work honorably each day to serve its citizens," Proffitt said.

#### Water leak, COVID cases affect libraries in Fishers, Noblesville

#### The **REPORTER**

The Fishers library branch and Ignite Studio will be closed through Sunday, Jan. 9 due to a water leak.

All due dates have been extended and the book drop is temporarily closed. The Noblesville branch and book drop remains open during regular hours.

In addition, all in-person programming at both the Fishers and Noblesville branches has been suspended due to the recent rise in COVID-19 transmission locally. Both branches may have staffing shortages impacting hours of operation.

Closures will be determined for each branch, and while one location may be closed, the other may remain open.

Please continue to visit hepl.lib.in.us

Upgraded underground power lines in east Carmel will mean fewer outages

#### The REPORTER

its electric grid in east Carmel to improve ture. Work is currently underway and is reliability and reduce power outages.

Crews are working to replace old underground power lines that deliver elec- equipment in the area of the underground tricity to homes along North Deer Ridge Drive and South Deer Ridge Drive. Duke trucks and digging and boring equipment. Energy says the new underground cable Crews will dig or bore along the power said Duke Energy Government and Com-

lines will be more reliable and reduce the line easement, and in some cases may ac- munity Relations Manager Mark LaBarr. Duke Energy is strengthening part of risk of prolonged power outages in the fuexpected to conclude by June 2022.

cable line improvements, including utility

cess backyards and other areas of property to work on the line.

"This important work is part of a Customers may see large electric utility smart, multi-layered energy grid improvement strategy to help improve electric reliability and strengthen the electric grid against severe weather and other impacts,"

"Making the right investments today means that the energy grid customers and their families depend on will be more reliable and more responsive in the future."

For more information about Duke Energy's work to provide safer, more reliable, and secure energy for its customers, visit duke-energy.com/our-company/infuture.



#### CYBER

Norton customer showed how much they truly cared. That they chose to not disturb me with such trivial matters as requesting my bank account number said a lot about their customer care philosophy.

That they had apparently accessed my bank account without my assistance told me they were top-notch cyber-sleuths. I took comfort in knowing I could benefit from their cloak of invisibility.

Finally, someone to trust during these distrusting times. In appreciation, I pondered replies to my tive feedback is necessary to know this. God bless.

That I was not even a any important relationship. didn't raise no cyber fool.

Dear Liam Thomas: Thank you so much for your 6-16-21 email letting me know that my Norton subscription has successfully been renewed and updated via the auto-renewal amount of 599.49 USD. It's a relief knowing that someone like you is concerned enough about a total stranger like me to provide protection from I said hello. I'm sure you the cybercriminal element. This favorable customer service experience has inspired me to repeatedly play Ella Fitzgerald's "Someone To Watch Over Me" on Spotify protectors. Providing posi- - but I suspect you already

What more can I say? Mama Thank you so much for that my Norton subscrip- Thank you so much for your 6-11-21 email letting me know that my Norton subscription has been successfully renewed and updated via the auto-renewal amount of 252.52 USD. It's a relief knowing that someone like you is concerned enough about a stranger like me to provide protection from the cybercriminal element. Tell Liam Thomas see each other in the Norton coffee bar. Your auto-charge of \$252.52 is a good deal, especially knowing Liam charged \$599.49 for the same service.

you so much for your 6-10- short of priceless.

Dear Himelton Holton: 21 email letting me know tion has been successfully renewed and updated via the auto-renewal amount of 298.98 USD. It's a comfort knowing someone like you is concerned enough about a total stranger like me to provide protection from the cybercriminal element. Your \$298.98 charge falls between Himelton Holton's \$252.52 and Liam Thomas' \$599.49. It is a fair offer. Despite the escalating costs I am facing for your cybersecurity services, I consider the current "triple wall of protection" provided by you, Liam and Himelton to Dear Dip Avi: Thank be, in the long run, nothing

your 5-19-21 email letting me know that my Norton subscription has been successfully renewed and updated via the auto-renewal amount of 210.29 USD. The cheeky little way you misspelled "Hey" in your email's salutation, "Hay Valuable customer," made me laugh where normally I would groan. It's as if you knew my reputation for being a spelling snob. Beware: My account that Norton is siphoning money from likely, at this point, lacks sufficient funds for added services. But don't you worry, Sammy Dibble, after I send this email, I promise to dial

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Dear Sammy Dibble: the overseas phone number conveniently provided at the bottom of your email and share a second bank account number - plus my Social Security number, my mother's maiden name, and my first pet's name (Target) - as a good-faith measure to assure you that I'm not trying to scam Norton (not that that could be possible). Thank you for protecting me from the bad cyber seeds out there. Please tell Liam, Himelton, Dip, Jitrub, Cyndi, Hung, Anntonu and Porter Mcehorter, "hay" for me.

Contact Scott at scottsaalman@gmail.com, especially if you, too, have cybersecurity products to offer.

#### TURN SIGNAL -

ing to remove any mandatory use of turn signals in Indiana. That evening, Freeman sent I-Team 8 a statement about his proposal, which he says addresses confusion in laws dealing with turn signals. (See below for that statement.) His statement came after the story had al-

p.m. Freeman also shared on Wednesday night the ruling couple weeks ago," Oglesby from an Indiana Court of Appeals case in which the confusion was highlighted.

Avid bicyclist Monte Oglesby lives downtown and rides his bike almost everywhere. He says a driver not using a turn signal can

after or if the senator is try- ready aired on News 8 at 5 mean life or death for him.

"I got bumped by a car a said.

The use of turn signals became a viral topic for Indiana State Police a couple years ago when Sgt. John Perrine recorded a tonguepublic-service in-cheek announcement.

"What if I told you there *a vehicle;* 

is a feature on every car that's standard that not only *a direct course upon a high*will help prevent crashes but way; or will help road rage a little bit? Let me show you. If you look at your steering wheel, to the left side of your steering wheel, there is this stick that comes out. It is pretty incredible. It is called a turn video that went viral.

statement below, which appropriate stop or turn signight of Dec. 29, 2021:

'Below is some background on the turn signal issue. ..

"IC 9-21-8-24 and 9-21-

"'(2) turn a vehicle from

"(3) change from one (1) traffic lane to another;

*'unless the movement'* can be made with reasonable safety. Before making a movement described in this section, a person shall give signal," Perrine said in the a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn if any pedestrian may be affected by Read Sen. Freeman's the movement and give an was sent to WISH-TV the *nal in the manner provided* in sections 27 through 28 of this chapter if any other vehicle may be affected by the movement.

"If that language is suf-8-25 both address turn sig- ficient, it may be easier to nals. IC 9-21-8-24, copied repeal IC 9-21-8-25 which below, already contains a is the statue requiring a spe- it to me this morning that reasonableness standard. cific distance, i.e. 200 feet If you pull out of the lot at "IC 9-21-8-24 Slowing or 300 feet. Just don't want the Statehouse on Ohio with down, turning from a direct to make it more confusing your turn signal on the whole if there are 2 "reasonableness" statutes dealing with turn signals. "Those my were thoughts going into this." Then, on the morning specified in code.'

of Dec. 30, 2021, Charlie Tinkle, who serves as the press secretary for the Indiana Senate Majority Communications Office, sent the following statement to WISH-TV:

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"The LSA (Legislative Services Agency) attorney who drafted the bill gave me this summation of what the legislation does:

"The short explanation is that IC 9-21-8-24 is technically the requirement to give a turn signal, while IC 9-21-8-25 is the requirement to give the turn signal a certain number of feet before the turn. So, there is still a requirement to signal in code, it just no longer has an accompanying distance specification.'

"Sen. Freeman described time before taking a right turn onto Capital [Capitol] you could still technically get pulled over because it is less than footage than currently





*course, and changing lanes;* performance with reasonable safety; signal

*'Sec. 24. A person may'* not:

*"'(1) slow down or stop* 



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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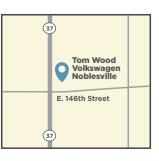


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#### News & Views

# **Ranjit Puthran to serve** as OneZone board chair

#### The REPORTER

Ranjit Puthran with Allstate Insurance has been named Chair of OneZone's 2022 Board of Directors.

- 2022 Executive Committee members are:
- Ranjit Puthran, Allstate Insurance Board

Chair • Doug True, FORUM Credit Union - Chair

- Elect • Patrick Broccolo, Senior1Care – Past Chair
  - · Deborah Wintner, STANLEY Security -
- Secretary
  - Ryan Mooney, First Merchants Bank Treasurer

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- Sam Mishelow, Meyer Najem At Large
- Ann O'Hara, Dale & Eke At Large
- 2022 new board members are:

- Dustin DeNeal, First Internet Bank Amanda Mille, ALO Property Group
- Margaret Johnson, Ascension/St. Vincent
- Brian Henning, Old National Bank
- 2022 existing board members are:

• Dr. Stacy Atkinson, Ivy Tech Hamilton

- Ted Baker, VMWARE
- Séamus Boyce, Kroger Gardis & Regas

• Justin Furr, Sunbeam Development Corpo-

ration

- Michael Hart, J.C. Hart · Kathy Krusie, Community Health Network
- Doug Puckett, IU Health
- Keriann Rich, Honest Digital
- · John Wick, NextGear Capital

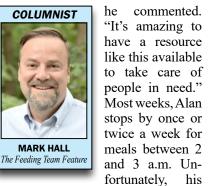
### Responsible food pantry use ensures everyone can get the food they need

Puthran

This month's column is about a neighbor we met recently at a pantry in Carmel. This encounter is a frequent example of what we find to be a face of hunger in Hamilton County.

ago, Alan was well on his and the thousands of other way to a successful career with a local company. His earnings opportunities were strong, and he gave little thought to where future meals would come from. Fast forward 24 months and the corporate career has vanished, thanks in part to the virus. Alan now makes a living driving a delivery van overnight around Hamilton County. Food insecurity which had never been an issue in his life is now a reality he faces regularly. Neighbors like Alan are sometimes forced to make difficult choices between rent, heat, medicine, and food.

in Carmel overnight to carefully pick up the meals he Moore beef stew and a your kids. Would you like needs to get by. "I only take potato for dinner. Surreal to get involved? We are in what I absolutely need," moment. This is why the the process of evaluating



Two-and-a-half years story is common. Alan food challenged neighbors ingteam.org exists - all in Hamilton County are why we do this. Today, he just happened to stop by for breakfast - Pop-Tarts right after daybreak at the same time we arrived to stock that pantry. Alan is a notable example of responsible use of the pantries. He them in times of need. Be takes what he needs, leaving food for other neigh- hunger in Hamilton County bors in need.

Neighbors ask, "Why do this? What's in it for you?" The answer is always the same: Serving on lives, families, and our people feeds my soul. It is communities. Thank you. a calling, not work.

pers when we as a young life. A can of green beans Alan stops by a pantry couple with young kids means so much more when could only afford Dinty you have nothing to feed

FeedingTeam.org Facts 36 pantries 6,500 meals in October 2021 24 volunteer families Festival pantry donations exceeded 7,500 items

pantries exist. As a typical and 3 a.m. Un- young family, we could not always make ends meet. Alan needs food, too.

> This is why feedstarting from a can of beef stew. Thank you for embracing the pantries. We love serving with you.

> In future columns we will share more stories from neighbors about how your generosity served assured that the face of is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this simple way to help neighbors is having real impact A few meals can change There were many sup- the course of a person's our next 10 pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached lisa@feedingteam.org at mark@feedingteam. and org or by calling (317) 832-1104.

#### Who's on my ballot for the May 2022 Primary Election?

Candidate filings current as of Friday, Jan. 7

**Clerk of the Circuit Court** Kathy Kreag Williams (R) **County Sheriff** 

Dennis Quakenbush (R) **County Coroner** 

Jeff Jellison (R) **County Council** District 3 Steve Schwartz (R)

District 4 Ken Alexander (R) Adams Twp. Trustee

Michelle Junkins (R) Clay Twp. Trustee

Paul D. Hensel (R) Clay Twp. Board Matthew J. Snyder (R)

**Delaware Twp. Trustee** Debbie R. Driskell (R)

**Delaware Twp. Board** Rick Fain (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Trustee Doug Allman (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Board Brian Baehl (R)

Noblesville Twp. Trustee Theresa Caldwell (R)

Noblesville Twp. Board Peggy R. Pfister (R) Joe Arrowood (R) Perry Williams (R)

Wayne Twp. Trustee aura McNamara (R)

White River Twp. Trustee Robbie Ping (R)

Edwin Russell **Republican State Convention Delegates** Clay District 1 Danny Niederberger **Clay District 4** Sue Lile Dwight Lile Barry S. Simich **Delaware District 2** Barbara Layton Fall Creek District 2 Jeff Dossett Doug Allman Michele L. Allman **Noblesville District 1** Jason Spartz Dianna Bradley-Lynch Noblesville District 2 Tim Berry Noblesville District 3 Beth Sheller Catherine Carter Laura Alerding Washington District 1 Michael L. Kubacki Rebecca Kubacki

**Cicero Town Council** 

At Large Heidi Wilcox (R)

Eric Hayden (R)

Sheridan Town Council

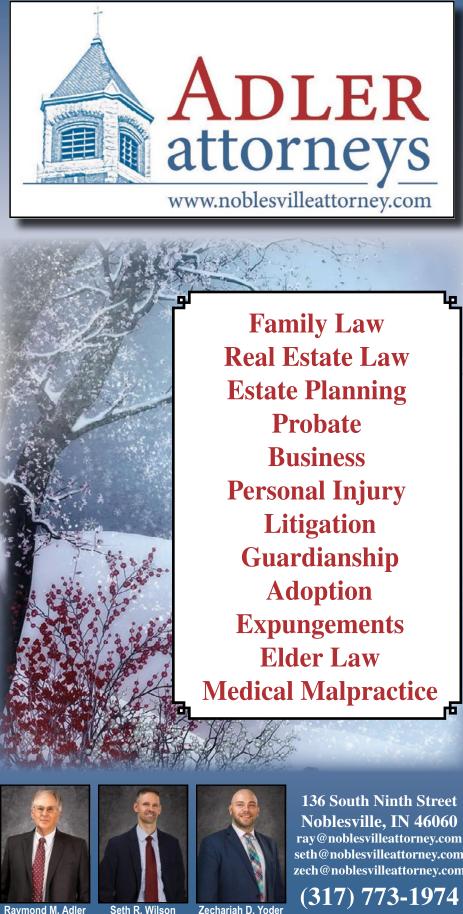
Steve C. Fisher (R)

Eric D. Gifford (R)

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#### Products recalled in December

#### The REPORTER

The Office of Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging all Hoosiers who purchased consumer products that were recalled in December to take advantage of the remedies available to them.

"With ongoing supply chain issues, Hoosiers products that don't work," Rokita said. "If you purchased an item in December Centurian Portable Air Condithat has been recalled, then you should immediately stop using the product and see what forms of reimbursement the company that sold or manufactured the Bed Assist Rail from Drive product fixed, how to disproduct is offering."

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division (CPD) serves to safeguard Hoosiers from predatory business practices and will take legal action in response to violations of the Deceptive Consumer Sales

Act, and other consumer-re- leisle Bay and Honeywell lated statutes.

sumer Commission, the following consumer products were re- Karmas Far called in December:

Electric Fillet Knives from cal Supply American Angler

should not have to tolerate ERAL Recreational Off- Angel Line Road Vehicles from Polaris

tioners from Royal Sovereign

 DEWALT Jobsite Pro Wireless Earphones from notice's instructions, in-DEWALT

**DeVilbiss Healthcare** 

• Children's robes from Mark of Fifth Avenue

 Schwinn Tone Electric Scooters (e-scooters) from placement product. Pacific Cycle

Vehicles from Hisun Motors Consumer Protection Safe-Harbor Breeze Bel- ty Commission website.

Rio Ceiling Fans from Hong According to the Con- Kong China Electric Appli-Product Safety ance Manufacture Company

• Infant Bath Seats from

• Endurance Hand Bed · American Angler Rails from Essential Medi-

• Angel Line Bunk Beds • Polaris RZR and GEN- with angled ladders from

If you believe you re-• Royal Sovereign/Royal cently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice at this link. Then follow the cluding where to return • Bed Assist Handles and the product, how to get the pose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a re-

To view recalls issued • Hisun 250cc Utility prior to December, visit the

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#### News & Views

## Bill to ban Indiana vaccine mandates altered to cover employers' costs for COVID testing

#### WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The sponsor of an Indiana bill on vaccine mandates said Thursday that mandates unless employers bursement from state or COVID relief could cover allow religious and med-federal COVID relief until testing costs for unvaccinated workers.

Representatives committee on Thursday added the provision to House Bill

man that would restrict sion of the bill. Lehman, business, but at the same employer COVID-19 vac- a Republican from Berne, cine mandates. The mea- said the change would let sure would prohibit such employers apply for reimical exemptions or give June 30, 2023. employees the option of An Indiana House of weekly testing in lieu of and that is, we need to prothe vaccine at the employ- tect Hoosier employees," er's expense.

"This bill is very clear Lehman said. "It's that fine Business leaders have line of not interjecting our-

time, there's a line that they don't cross into the employee's rights."

still disagree with the overall concept.

Rep. Ryan Hatfield,

By GARRETT BERGQUIST 1001 from Rep. Matt Leh- criticized this latest provi- selves into the employer's an Evansville Democrat, said the bill unnecessarily intrudes on employers' responsibilities. "What we need to do in the state of In-The bill's opponents diana is allow employers to said the amendment and keep their workplaces safe, other changes made in and they're in the best po- Huston, a Republican from committee make the bill sition to do that," he said. Fishers, on Thursday said somewhat better, but they "This bill basically goes in the bill will come up for and hamstrings those employers." The panel's vote to send

the bill to the full House did not quite break down along party lines. Rep. Cindy Ziemke, a Republican from Batesville, sided with Democrats against the bill.

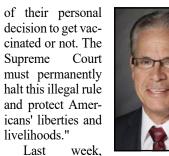
House Speaker Todd debate in the full House next week, but he couldn't provide exact timing.

### Sen. Mike Braun: U.S. Supreme Court "must end Biden vax overreach"

#### Submitted

U.S. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.), ranking member of the Senate HELP Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace safety, on Friday released the following statement as the Supreme Court convened to hear oral arguments on the Biden administration's vaccine mandate for private businesses:

should lose their job because did not give the Occupational



Braun Sen. Braun led 47 other Senators, and Rep. ate Republican Conference "I've led the charge Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.-26) against the unconstitutional led 136 other Representatives federal overreach of Biden's in filing an amicus brief to vaccine mandate for private the Supreme Court on this businesses because no one case, arguing that Congress

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Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) the authority to impose a vaccine mandate and urged the Supreme Court to stay the mandate. In November,

Sen. Braun led the entire Sen-

in filing a formal challenge against the Biden Administration's vaccine mandate under the Congressional Review Act, the official process for Congress to eliminate an executive branch rule. This challenge was passed by a **bipartisan vote** the following month with two Democratic senators joining the Senate Republican Conference.

Rep. Fred Keller (R-Pa.-12) introduced the same resolution in the House of Representatives, which was cosponsored by every House Republican.

#### AG Rokita: Hoosiers' liberty hangs in the balance as U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments on vaccine mandates

Submitted

Indiana Attorney Gen- at the Supreme eral Todd Rokita says he will "continue defending personal freedoms" as the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments Friday on & Medicaid Sertwo of President Joe Biden's vices (CMS) rule COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

"In a free republic, the all Medicare and protection of individual Medicaid providers. Rokiliberty must be a priority," Rokita said. "The federal government's overreach through vaccine mandates threatens our country's foundation. Truly, Hoosiers' liberty hangs in the balance as the Supreme Court delibconstitutional issues."

Friday heard oral arguments date for federal contractors over two separate vaccine and 2) a mandate requiring mandates. One of those is an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) rule requiring vaccination or weekly testing of ing Head Start funds. workers at large employers. Rokita's lawsuit challenging

what was heard Court. The other vaccine mandate heard was a Centers for Medicare requiring vaccination of all staff at

ta filed suit to stop what he calls government overreach.

Rokita has filed four separate lawsuits against the Biden administration over what he calls its "draconian" vaccine mandates. In addition to lawsuits over erates over these important the OSHA and CMS mandates, he also has filed law-The Supreme Court on suits over 1) a vaccine manmasks for children as young as 2 years old and vaccines for staff and volunteers at childcare programs receiv-

> According to Rokita, all these lawsuits have borne



initially prevented the OSHA mandate from going into effect. "Although another federal appeals court subsequently lifted that ruling, the Supreme Court now has the opportunity

to chart the correct course," Rokita said.

In Indiana, the federal vaccine mandates for Mediproviders care/Medicaid and Head Start facilities are not in effect due to the lawsuits filed by Rokita and likeminded attorneys general in other states. Indiana has also secured an injunction against the federal contractor mandate, but the court limited that injunction to the State of Indiana's contracts.

"Hoosiers can rest assured we will keep working to protect their constitutional freedoms," Rokita said. "This fight against gross federal overreach is one we absolutely must win, and we will not rest until we prevail

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this OSHA vaccine mandate what he says are positive was consolidated with other results. A federal appeals court on behalf of liberty." similar suits and is part of





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#### Norman Ralph Strawn April 23, 1939 – January 2, 2022

Norman Ralph Strawn, 82, Sheridan, passed away on



Sunday morning, January 2, 2022, at Hendricks Regional Health in Danville, Ind. Born on April 23, 1939, in Hamilton County, he was the son of the late Ralph Virgil and Joyce Lucille (Biddle) Strawn.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1957, Norman hired on at Biddle Manufac-

turing in Sheridan. Following in his father's footsteps, he began learning the machinist trade. He would eventually retire after 44 ½ years of dedicated service to the company that his father, along with the late Ken Biddle, helped create.

Norman loved spending his life in the small town of Sheridan and sharing in the things that made it a great place to call home. A man of strong faith, he was a life member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, where he rarely missed an opportunity to attend their delicious coal suppers and other church dinners. During the last few years, he couldn't attend as frequently, mostly due to health concerns. (Though it could be, in some small part, that his favorite spot, in his favorite pew, where he has sat every week since he was a child, fell victim to the dreaded "Do Not Sit Here" sticker of social distancing protocol.) He loved celebrating his favorite holiday, the Fourth of July, which is filled with plenty of Sheridan traditions - start with the parade, move immediately to Biddle Park to get a fish dinner before they sell out, follow that with some corn on the cob. and finish the day watching the fireworks show.

Raising his family in the same town he grew up in was by far the best part of living in Sheridan. Family was the most important thing in Norman's life. He absolutely loved family cookouts and celebrating birthdays - piling everybody into the car, year after year, and heading down to the track to take in everything the Month of May could dish out - or teaching his children, usually through a pick-up basketball game, how to gracefully loose to dad, especially against his trademark left-handed hook shot. Norman was an avid sports fan. In addition to the 500, he followed Notre Dame football and the Indianapolis Colts, and he was a diehard, never-miss-a-game Sheridan Blackhawk fan. When it was game time, his standing order was always a pizza and some of Leon's famous iced tea. No matter who tried to make it, Leon seemed to be the only one who could do it the way he liked it. He enjoyed playing a good round of golf as much as just cruising around in his blue (even though red was his favorite color) 1992 Buick Riviera, which he still drove. Norman was also a supporter of the 2nd Amendment and of the NRA.

He loved his children and his grandchildren equally, but Daisy, his son's Great Pyrenees, always seemed to be the favorite.

Norman is survived by his sons, Richard Norman Strawn (Wendy) of Logansport, and Leon Dean Strawn (Brenda) of Sheridan; daughter, Anita Marie Brillenger (Daniel) of Noblesville; seven grandchildren, Caitlyn Strawn of Westfield, Carolyn Sandahl of Westfield, Jacob Wade Strawn of Sheridan, Justin Dean Strawn of Fort Hood, Texas, Cecilia Brillenger of Texas, Clarissa Brillenger of Noblesville, and Serena Brillenger of Noblesville; great-grandchild, Lilly Strawn; brother, Ernie D. Strawn of California; sister, Gloria Young of Angola, Ind.; and former wife, Carol Ann Strawn of Noblesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brotherin-law, Olin Young.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan, with Visitation from noon until the time of Service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be p

### **Centier Bank** recognized as top business lender

#### The REPORTER

The Indiana District Office of the Small Business Administration recently recognized Indiana-based Centier Bank as part of its annual lender awards for outstanding efforts in Indiana business lending. Centier received the Silver Award for Community Lending and the Third-Party Lender Award from the administration.

The U.S. Small Business Administration approved 1,371 loans for Indiana small businesses in the 7(a) and 504 programs in 2021. Stacey Poynter, director of the SBA Indiana District Office said the loans provided a record of \$759 million directly to entrepreneurs and supported over \$910 million that they used to start, grow, and expand their Indiana-based businesses.

Centier Bank is Indiana's largest private, family-owned bank that has locations throughout 11 counties in the state of Indiana, including Lake and Porter counties, extending into Michiana and the Greater South Bend area, as well as Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Greater Indianapolis.

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loan programs ... in addition to all the COVID relief loans and grants," Poynter said. "We couldn't have achieved these record numbers without the hard work and dedication to small business growth from our SBA lending partners. We are grateful for their support and look forward to the continued growth of this collaborative partnership." Christopher Campbell,

Executive Vice President of Centier Bank, said small businesses are the heart and soul of Indiana, and he looks forward to helping the SBA celebrate more record-setting lending years in the future.

"Owning a business is among the most admirable of American dreams," Campbell explained. "When businesses put down roots in communities, their contribution to the quality of life for all who live and there is truly invaluable. As a true community bank, being devoted to the growth of small businesses is part of the fabric of who we are at Centier Bank '

For more information about the SBA Indiana District Office, go to sba.gov/ in. For more information "This record lending about Centier Bank, go to

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. A regular meeting will follow

at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 11, 2022, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th St., Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County ISS Board will meet to discuss ISSD projects at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, via Microsoft Teams. Those wishing to listen to the meeting can call (219) 225-8177 and enter conference ID 545 01 20# when prompted.

The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022 at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel. The meeting will be available to view on Facebook and YouTube.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County GIS Policy Committee will hold a virtual meeting to discuss GIS projects at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. Those wishing to listen to the meeting can call (219) 225-8177 and enter conference ID 161 033 45# when prompted.

#### WESTFIELD

**Meeting Notices** 

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a • 2201-ODP-01 & 2201-SPP-01; Ditch Road Fire Station; 17001 Ditch Road; RQAW Corporation by the Westfield Fire Department requests Overall Development Plan and Primary Plat review of 2 Lots and a 36,530 square foot fire tation on 30.9 acres +/- in the Maple Knoll PUD District • 2201-PUD-01; Osborne Trails PUD Amendment III; 10 E. 191st Street; Holladay Properties by West Fork Real Estate requests an amendment to the Osborne Trails PUD District modifying the signage standards for 12.8 acres +/-. • 2201-PUD-02; Bel Canto PUD; South of and adjacent to David Brown Drive nd east of and adjacent to US Highway 31; Bel Canto Asset Growth Fund. LC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change in zoning for 23 acres /- from the GB-PD: General Business-Planned Development District to the Bel Canto PUD District.

Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with he Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 at or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be eard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during he aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such earing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission Westfield Community Development Departmen 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 www.westfield.in.gov

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#### <u>Sheridan</u>

PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Public notice is given that the Sheridan Town Council will, on the 18th day of anuary, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E. 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, hold a public hearing on Salary Ordinance No. 2022 Amendment No. 03, entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Salary Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of Elected Officials, Officers, Board and Commission Members and Employees of the Town of Sheridan. Public notice is hereby given hat at said public hearing, the Sheridan Town Council, as designating body, will eceive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. After nearing all evidence presented, the Sheridan Town Council shall, at its regular neeting on said date and at said place, take final action on Salary Ordinance 2022 mendment No. 03.

Such action of the Sheridan Town Council shall be final, subject to statutory ights of appeal

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2022 may be hard, but with the Lord, you can fly with eagles, run, walk and face whatever 2022 has in store for you with confidence and optimism. With God beneath your wings lifting you to greater heights you can go into this new year with the power of God behind you. You will be stronger, happier, more contented and peaceful flying under the wings of God.

The good folks at the Stony Creek Church of Christ would delight in helping you find the peace that can only come from our great God.

You are invited to study with us, grow with us and turn to God in 2022. A warm welcome awaits you at the Stony Creek Church of Christ!



\*\*\* If you are unable to attend, we would be happy to study with you at another time and, if necessary, a different place. We can also set up a Zoom Bible study, if desired.

#### *Obituaries*

#### Walter Raymond Tharp September 21, 1932 – January 4, 2022

Walter Raymond Tharp, 89, Arcadia, passed away on



January 4, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Carmel Hospital.

He was born September 21, 1932, in Cicero to George and Grace (Breese) Tharp. He grew up in the Cicero community and attended Jackson Township Schools. He graduated in 1951 from Jackson Central High School. After graduation, with several friends he decided to enlist in the Armed Forces as a part of the group. His enlistment was with the U.S. Navy where he proudly served.

On November 25, 1955, he married the love of his life, Norma Jean (Sid-

ers) Tharp. She survives him. Also surviving is a daughter, Susan Lynn Garrity of Arcadia; sons, Dennis Ray Tharp of Madison, Ind., and Ryan Wayne Tharp of West Terre Haute, Ind.; and grandchildren, Daniel Garrity, Katie Garrity, Kelsey Nighthawk and Abigail Lowery.

After completing his military service, he became a journeyman millwright first working at Public Service Indiana, then working for Stellite International (now known as Haynes International) in Kokomo. He was known as an excellent welder of exotic metals. He also was the sexton of Cicero Cemetery for several years where he compassionately helped people at a very difficult time in their lives with their cemetery needs.

He called himself a "hobby farmer" and greatly enjoyed working with animals, growing and planting trees for himself and others, and growing feed for the livestock. He also tended a fairly large garden that provided food for his family and friends. He enjoyed woodworking and was known for making elaborate canes that he gave to anyone who needed one.

He was an active member of Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church and the Cicero American Legion where he was a participant in the Military Funeral Honor Guard.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Vera, Lula, Paul, Clyde, Robert, George, Allen, Gene, Jed, and Keith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, at Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church with burial to follow at Cicero Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the services.

Seventh Day Adventist Church or the Cicero American Legion Post 341, P.O. Box 256, Cicero, IN 46034. Donation envelopes will be available at the Church.

Mr. Tharp's arrangements. You may send condolences at around her little finger. hartleyfuneralhomes.com.



#### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:14-20 (NIV)

#### **Robert Anthony Bohuk** July 29, 1988 – January 1, 2022

Robert Anthony Bohuk, 33, Nashville, Ind., left this



earth on January 1, 2022, the beginning of the New Year. Robert, referred to as Bob or Bobby by many, was a good person, a great father, the oldest brother and the first son. His friends, all the way back to elementary school, regarded him as a fun, kind, and caring person. He loved to play guitar and have a good time with those around him, which was usually with his brothers and father.

Bob is remembered as a talented musician and fantastic flat picker. He enjoyed writing in his journals, playing games, and doing anything with music. One of his biggest dreams was to be a writer. Anyone that knew him would always see him reading or writing in his journals, frequently. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cicero He believed in hard work and hard play and would've given anything for anyone to join him in those activities. He is also remembered as having both a deep fear and hatred for mustard. Most of all, he loved his 5-year-old daughter, Fio-Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel is entrusted with na Mae, who was the light of his life. She had him wrapped

> Bob is survived by his daughter, Fiona Mae Bohuk; brothers, Alec Bohuk, Sydny Bohuk, Nathan Hoover, Kaleb Luttrell, and William Luttrell; his mother, Rachel Luttrell (Jeremie); his father, Richard Bohuk (Ronda Mc-Clay-Bohuk); his grandfather, Brad Johnson; and by Fiona's mother, Alyssa Thompson.

> A Celebration of Life will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Tipton Moose Lodge, 900 W. Jefferson St., Tipton.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

#### James Michael (Mike) Ducy April 21, 1955 - January 4, 2022

James Michael (Mike) Ducy, 66, Carmel, passed away



on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. He was born on April 21, 1955, in Muncie to James Richard and Vivienne (Bergfalk) Ducy.

Mike attended Blackford High School where he once held multiple records as a freestyle swimmer and graduated in 1973.

While Mike had several jobs early in life, in the 1980s, he found a way to

turn his passion for running into a business. Mike began a small business acting as the official timer in local running races. Because of Mike's customer service and impeccable attention to detail, his business, "The End Result Company" expanded state and nationwide. Before selling his business, Mike and his team were responsible for providing the times and results for many large races such as: The Indianapolis Mini Marathon, Boston Marathon, Chicago Marathon, and the Disney World marathon, to name a few.

While Mike loved the challenge of providing the results for the big races, he never lost sight of the smaller local races around the state of Indiana, many of which were charitable fund-raising events. Mike's other passion was timing high school and college cross country races. Mike and his longtime friend, Marty Day, could be seen many nights and weekends at the finish line of a cross country course.

Whether a race had 50 runners or 20,000, Mike was meticulous in his preparation and planning so that providing the results to the runners looked easy. If you ran or walked in road races between 1985 and 2010, there is a good possibility that Mike provided a race result for you.

Although Mike has crossed the finish line, his many years encouraging the fourth and fifth grade boys and girls involved with the Carmel Pup Running program has ensured that there is another generation that will develop a lifelong passion for running.

Most recently, Mike worked as a courier for American Expediting. His positive attitude, dedication, and attention to detail led him straight into the fight against COVID-19 as he worked directly with the Lilly testing program. Mike developed many treasured friendships, making these challenging and uncertain times just a little more enjoyable.

Mike was a member of Northview Church in Carmel. He found comfort and resolve in his faith taking every opportunity to share his belief in Jesus Christ as his friend and savior.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, James Richard (Dick) Ducy, and mother, Vivienne B. Ducy.

Survivors include his son, Paxton Michael Ducy of Carmel; daughter, Kandace (Charles) Weaver and grandsons Abram, Owen, Emmitt of Clarksville, Tenn.; daughter, Kaylee (Caleb) Johnson; granddaughter, Mackenzie; grandson, Camden of Wahiawa, Hawaii; sister, Kendra (Susan Bass) Ducy of Indianapolis; brother, James Patrick (Susan Anderson) Ducy of Stoughton, Wis.; and Yvonne Ducy of Carmel.

A Celebration of Life service for Mike will be held in the Spring 2022. Mike's final resting place will be in Union Cemetery, Eaton, Ind.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.

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# Boys basketball Carmel powers past Center Grove, Ryan Osborn collects 100th win

Friday night, Greyhounds coach Ryan Osborn discussed how the first month of the New Year can also be the toughest month.

"I think every year, January, it can be challenging," said Osborn. He then listed all the challenges: It's the middle of winter, teams are trying to get back into a routine after the break - "You're in the dark stages of the season," he said.

Carmel, of course, always seems to be up to whatever challenges come its way. The of 18 points and 11 rebounds, also mak-Greyhounds, who have returned to No. 1 in both the Associated Press Class 4A poll and the IBCA one-class poll, proved that Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center by beating the Trojans in a superb defensive effort, 44-20. It was also a big occasion because it season. Carmel travels to Westfield tonight marked the 100th win for Osborn, in only his fifth season coaching the 'Hounds.

Osborn said that this part of the season has been about "challening them to find out what you need to do to get better and not just coast through these two weeks. I think that's really important. And now you have a situation where you have two starters out and Pete's coming back from his injury."

The Greyhounds were playing without two starters, Josh Whack and Charlie Williams, and Peter Suder is the player coming back from injury. As a result, other players had to step up and take on different roles.

"It wasn't filling the people that we were losing, it's just everybody's being a little better," said Osborn.

Carmel jumped out to a 13-1 lead after the first quarter. Sam Orme was a big part of that, as he scored nine points during that period, including a 3-pointer. After a low-scoring second quarter, the Greyhounds poured

After his Carmel team beat Center Grove it on again in the third period, outscoring Center Grove 14-2 to take a 32-9 lead. Orme and Suder each added another five points in the third. Carmel then cruised through the fourth quarter on its way to victory, with Orme and Garwey Dual both scoring four points.

> "I was proud of the way that we competed," said Osborn. "That's what we want to see this time of year is just compete."

> Orme led the way with a double-double ing four steals. Suder was next with eight points, while Jared Bonds had six points and two blocked shots. Dual also made two blocks.

> The Greyhounds improved to 9-2 for the for a 7:30 p.m. game with the Shamrocks, who are ranked No. 3 in the IBCA poll and No. 7 in the AP's 4A rankings.

#### CARMEL 44, CENTER GROVE 20

Jarmel	FG	F1	IP	PF	
Garwey Dual	2-3	2-2	6	4	
Peter Suder	3-6	2-3	8	1	
Sam Orme	7-16	3-3	18	3	
Burke Weldy	1-3	0-0	2	0	
ared Bonds	3-7	0-0	6	1	
Spencer White	0-2	0-0	0	3	
losh Rauh	2-3	0-0	4	2	
Andrew Clevenger	0-0	0-0	0	0	
ake Griffin	0-1	0-0	0	0	
ogan Reinhart	0-0	0-0	0	0	
otals	18-41	7-8	44	14	
Score by Quarters					
Center Grove	16	2	11 - 2	20	
Carmel 1	35	14	12 - 4	14	
Carmel 3-point sho	ooting	(1-13)	Orme	1-7,	
Veldv 0-2 White 0-	2 Griffir	n 0-1. Г	Dual 0-	1.	

Weldy 0-2, White 0-2, Griffin 0-1, Dual 0-1. Carmel rebounds (29) Orme 11, Bonds 6, Dual 3, Weldy 3, White 3, Suder 2, Rauh 1.





Reporter photos by Kirk Green

ABOVE: Carmel's Garwey Dual (3) makes a block during the Greyhounds' 44-20 win over Center Grove Friday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. Dual had blocked shots for Carmel.

BELOW: Ryan Osborn (left) won his 100th game as Carmel's head coach.

# past Yorktown

Westfield sailed to its sixth straight win on Friday, beating Yorktown 68-36 in an el, the No. 1-ranked team in the IBCA and away game.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 2 in the IBCA poll and No. 7 in the Associated Press Class 4A poll, had control of this game early, leading 20-2 after the first quarter. Cam Haffner scored seven points in that period, while Nic Depasquale had five.

Westfield would outscore the Tigers in all four quarters. The 'Rocks led 36-12 at halftime, then poured in another 20 points in the third to lead 56-28. Haffner threw in three 3s during that quarter.

Haffner led the scoring with 18 points, totaling four 3s for the game. Alex Romack added 13 points, while Braden Smith scored 11. Trey Buchanan made three triples, including two in the fourth quarter, for nine W points. Smith, Trey Dorton, Depasquale and Kai Butterworth all made one 3-pointer.

The Shamrocks are 8-2 and host Carm-AP 4A poll, tonight.

WESTFIELD 68, YORKTOWN 37

Westfield	F	G	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	5		0-0	11	1
Cam Heffner	7		0-0	18	0
Trey Dorton	1		0-0	3	1
Nic Depasquale	3		0-0	7	1
Alex Romack	4		5-7	13	0
Trey Buchanan	3		0-0	9	1
Kai Butterworth	3		0-0	7	0
Jonah Spinner	0		0-0	0	1
Sam Bishop	0		0-0	0	0
Alex Wolf	0		0-0	0	0
Totals	2	2	5-7	68	5
Score by Quarters					
Westfield	20	16	20	12 - 6	58
Yorktown	2	10	16	9 - 3	37
Westfield 3-pointer	rs (11	) Ha	ffner 4	1, Buch	anan
3, Smith 1, Dorton 1, Depasquale 1, Butter-					

worth 1

**BIG WIN FOR THE HUSKIES** Hamilton Heights scored an important Hoosier Conference East Division win on Friday. Read about it on Page 8.





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#### Sports

# Huskies pull out win over Tigers



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Hamilton Heights' Braden Kinder scored 17 points for the Huskies during their win over Northwestern on Friday.



#### By RICHIE HALL

**ARCADIA** - The first game of the New Year handed Hamilton Heights some adversity, but the Huskies proved they could handle it.

a Hoosier Conference East Division game. over there late, and that was huge." It was a back-and-forth contest, one where the Huskies were missing one of their starters. But Heights pulled it out, playing solid fourth-quarter defense to get a 45-42 win over the Tigers.

Huskies coach Chad Ballenger noted that it was his team's first game back from the holidays. Heights hadn't played a game since Dec. 22.

"We're tired, just trying to get back at it," said Ballenger. "But I thought we got better over Christmas. We had a really good stepped up," said Ballenger. stretch over Christmas break in practice. It paid off."

The Huskies fell behind 7-4 in the first quarter before making a 7-0 run. Isaac Tuma scored four points, with Braden Kinder hitting a 3-pointer in between. Kinder wound up with nine points during that period, er. which ended with Heights ahead 13-9.

the second quarter. Luke Carroll's triple put Heights ahead 16-11 and Evan Williamson's 3 got the Huskies up 19-13. But Northwestern finished the period with a 10-2 run and led 23-21 at halftime.

Kinder scored all eight of Heights' points in the third period, and the Tigers scored eight as well, so Northwestern led 31-29 going into the fourth. The Tigers made a free throw for the first point of the quarter, but the Huskies blasted off on a 10-0 run to take a 39-29 lead.

Williamson nailed a 3 to tie the game, then Carroll put Heights ahead for good with a layin. Carroll then scored on a putback. Tuma made a free throw, then got a steal which he gave to Carroll, who made another putback to give the Huskies their largest lead of the game.

"I thought Luke Carroll did a great job in the fourth quarter," said Ballenger. "They

did everything they could, doubling in. They took him out of it for a while, but then he stepped up in the fourth, and that's what great players do. He stepped up. We were trying to get the ball in his hands in different Heights hosted Northwestern Friday in spots so they couldn't double him. He took

> Northwestern continued to challenge Heights during the last two minutes of the game, cutting the Huskies' lead to 44-42 with 14 seconds left. Tuma scored the game's final point on a free throw, and Heights' defense held off the Tigers until the buzzer.

> The Huskies were playing without starter Tillman Etchison, so other players had to step up, and they did.

"We were shorthanded tonight, but guys

Kinder led the way with 17 points, including three 3s. Carroll contributed 14 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Tuma had three steals, all of which seemed to come at very good times.

"It was a great team win," said Balleng-

Heights is 2-1 in division play and 4-5 Two more Huskies players made 3s in overall. The Huskies are back home next Friday to host Lapel.

#### HAMILTON HEIGHTS 45, **NORTHWESTERN 42**

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Carroll	5-11	3-4	14	3
Cooper Vondersaar	0-1	0-0	0	1
Isaac Tuma	2-8	2-5	6	2
Maddox Bohland	1-3	0-0	2	0
Braden Kinder	7-13	0-0	17	5
Collin Gilmore	0-0	0-0	0	0
Evan Williamson	2-4	0-0	6	1
Dean Mason	0-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	17-41	5-9	45	14
Score by Quarters				
Heights 13	38	8	16 - 4	15
Northwestern 9	9 14	8	11 - 4	2
Heights 3-point sho	oting (	6-18)	Kinder	3-6,
Williamson 2-4, Carro	oll 1-1, 1	Tuma	0-4, Vo	nder-
saar 0-1, Bohland 0-	1, Masc	on 0-1		
Heights rebounds (13	3) Carro	oll 9, T	uma 1,	Boh-
land 1, Kinder 1, Mas	son 1.			









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**Sports** 

# **Royals edge out** Lawrence Central

Hamilton Southeastern won a tight game at Lawrence Central on Friday, by the score of 59-54.

The Bears led 12-9 after the first quarter, but the Royals came back in the second period to hold a 27-25 advantage at halftime. Southeastern then jumped ahead 31-25 to start the third quarter, ultimately leading 38-35 by the end of the period. The Royals poured in 21 points in the fourth period to clinch the game.

Sam Jacobs scored 17 points for Southeastern, while Caleb Smock made three 3-pointers on his way to 13 points. Donovan Hamilton added 10 points and collected eight rebounds, while Reph Stevenson pulled 12 rebounds to go along with eight points. Jacobs had five rebounds.

The Royals are 4-5 and host Warren Central tonight.

#### HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 59, **LAWRENCE CENTRAL 54**

outheastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
onovan Hamilton	2-7	5-6	10	4
leph Stevenson	4-10	0-2	8	4
aleb Smock	3-10	4-4	13	1
oshua Jones	2-3	1-3	5	2
am Jacobs	7-14	3-4	17	3
lichael Griffith	2-3	0-0	4	2
yler Lacy	0-2	2-2	2	1
eion Miles	0-0	0-0	0	0
asey Ash-Simpson	0-0	0-0	0	0
li Robinson	0-0	0-0	0	0
otals	20-49	15-21	59	17
core by Quarters				
outboastorn 0	10	11	21	50

Southeastern LCHS 12 13 10 19 - 54 Southeastern 3-point shooting (4-14) Smock 3-8, Hamilton 1-2, Lacy 0-2, Jacobs 0-2.

Southeastern rebounds (31) Stevenson 12, Hamilton 8, Jacobs 5, Lacy 2, Griffith 2, Miles 1. team 1.

# **Tigers fall to Pike** in overtime

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Fishers was dealt a tough loss on Friday, had 10 points. as the Tigers fell to Pike 68-64 in overtime at the Tiger Den.

It was a close game throughout between Fishers, ranked No. 2 in both the Associated Press Class 4A poll and the IBCA one-class poll, and the Red Devils, ranked No. 19 in the IBCA poll. Pike led 16-14 after the first quarter before the Tigers pulled ahead 29-27 at halftime. Jalen Haralson scored 11 points in the first half, while Jeffrey Simmons had nine.

The Red Devils led 45-44 after three quarters, but Fishers got back to even, 59-59, by the end of regulation. Haralson added another nine poins in the fourth period. The game was still tied at 64-64 in the closing seconds, but Pike's Ryan Conwell hit a late jumper to get his team ahead to stay.

Simmons and Haralson each scored 22 points for the Tigers, while Bryce Williams

Fishers is 12-2 and hosts Brownsburg Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

#### PIKE 68, FISHERS 64 (overtime)

Fishers		FG	۲T]	Г	TP	PF
Myles Stringer		0	0-	0	0	5
Jalen Haralson		8	6-	9	22	2
Bryce Williams		4	1-	2	10	5
Charlie Smith		3	1-	2	8	2
Jeffrey Simmons		9	4-	8	22	0
Sean Millsaps		1	0-	0	2	0
Aidan Zimmer		0	0-	0	0	5
Matt Brewer		0	0-	0	0	1
Payton Weemer		0	0-	0	0	0
Carter Jones		0	0-	0	0	0
Totals		25	12	2-21	64	23
Score by Quarters						
Pike	16	11	18	14	9 - 6	8
Fishers	14	15	15	15	5 - 6	64
Fishers 3-pointers	(2)	Willia	ams	1, S	mith <sup>·</sup>	1.

# **DRIVERS NEEDED**



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Riley Reed scored eight points for the Blackhawks during their 38-33 Hoosier Heartland Conference win Friday at Tri-Central. Reed saw her first full game action after dealing with an injury this season.

### Sheridan girls beat Trojans, improve to 5-1 in HHC

The Sheridan girls basketball team won its third straight game Friday, beat- 11-3 overall. The 'Hawks play Tuesday at ing Tri-Central 38-33 in an away Hoosier Lapel. Heartland Conference game.

It was a close game throughout, as the Blackhawks led 8-7 after the first quarter. Ashley Webel helped out with two 3-pointers during that period. The Trojans came back to take a 15-14 lead by halftime. Sheridan outscored Tri-Central in each of the next two quarters, with Taylor Bates and Riley Reed each scoring four points in the third period. The 'Hawks led 25-23 after three quarters, then added 13 more points in the fourth to get the win.

Webel finished with 12 points, including three 3s. Bates added nine points while Reed scored eight points.

Sheridan is 5-1 in conference play and

<b>SHERIDAN 38</b>	, TRI-	CENT	RAL	33		
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF		
Ashley Webel	3	3-4	12	2		
Cecilia Timme	1	0-0	2	3		
Chaney Smith	1	1-3	3	1		
Jacquellynne Bates	0	0-0	0	4		
Taylor Bates	3	3-4	9	4		
Lilly Chesney	2	0-0	4	0		
Shelby Shaw	0	0-0	0	0		
Riley Reed	3	1-2	8	1		
Totals	13	8-13	38	15		
Score by Quarters						
Sheridan 8	6	11	13 -	38		
Tri-Central 7	8	8	10 -	33		
Sheridan 3-pointers (4) Webel 3, Reed 1.						

# Fishers boys sweep HCC diving top three



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Fishers scored of the top three in the **GIRLS RESULTS** boys competition at the Hoosier Cross- 2. Hannah Justice (Hamilton Southroads Conference diving meet, which the eastern) 402.60, 3. Gretchen Osmun Tigers hosted on Friday.

Will Jansen won the championship with a score of 505.55 points, followed by Jack Roby in second place and Jacob Schade in third place. Hamilton Southeastern's Gavin Tucker took fifth, while Parker Mutter was sixth for Noblesville. Noah Flynn took 14th for Westfield.

In the girls meet, the Royals' Hannah Justice was the top county finisher, placing second. Gretchen Osmun led Fishers by taking third, followed by Southeastern's Ella Penny in fourth and the Shamrocks' Ellie Lee in fifth. Ava Pavich took 10th for the Millers.

Fishers will host the HCC swim meet today.

A complete list of results for Hamilton County divers now follows.

(Fishers) 386.75, 4. Ella Penny (HSE) 368.75. 5. Ellie Lee (Westfield) 359.45. 8. Ally Doyle (W) 258.05, 10. Ava Pavich (Noblesville) 252.50, 11. Madeline Shell (F) 252.15, 12. Sydney Pitchford (W) 245.15, 14. Aiden Gates (N) 236.45, 17. Kate Jansen (F) 164.70, 18. Ella Miller (N) 160.65, 19, Adriana Salgado (HSE) 154.05.

#### **BOYS RESULTS**

1. Will Jansen (Fishers) 505.55, 2. Jack Roby (F) 458.80, 3. Jacob Schade (F) 417.25, 5. Gavin Tucker (Hamilton Southeastern) 368.35, 6. Parker Mutter (Noblesville) 335.60, 9. Aiden Kless (N) 279.55, 11. Kaegan Johnson (HSE) 247.95, 14. Noah Flynn (Westfield) 213.10, 15. Colten Suhan (N) 209.70, 17. Joey Schlabach (HSE) 116.75.



### **NBA standings**

#### **Eastern Conference**

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	24	13	.649	-
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	2.5
Toronto	19	17	.528	4.5
New York	19	20	.487	6.0
Boston	18	21	.462	7.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	26	10	.722	-
Milwaukee	26	15	.634	2.5
Cleveland	22	17	.564	5.5
Indiana	14	25	.359	13.5
Detroit	7	30	.189	19.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	24	15	.615	-
Charlotte	20	19	.513	4.0
Washington	19	20	.487	5.0
Atlanta	17	21	.447	6.5
Orlando	7	32	.179	17.0



Friday's games Philadelphia 119, San Antonio 100 Milwaukee 121, Brooklyn 109 Toronto 122, Utah 108 Chicago 130, Washington 122

Dallas 130, Houston 106 Minnesota 135, Oklahoma City 105 Denver 121, Sacramento 111 L.A. Lakers 134, Atlanta 118 Cleveland 114, Portland 101

#### Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	28	11	.718	-
Denver	19	18	.514	8.0
Minnesota	19	20	.487	9.0
Portland	14	24	.368	13.5
Oklahoma City	13	25	.342	14.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	30	8	.789	-
Golden State	29	9	.763	1.0
L.A. Lakers	21	19	.525	10.0
L.A. Clippers	19	20	.487	11.5
Sacramento	16	25	.390	15.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	26	14	.650	-
Dallas	21	18	.538	4.5
San Antonio	15	23	.395	10.0
New Orleans	14	25	.359	11.5
Houston	11	29	.275	15.0

# **Carmel girls cruise** at Center Grove

The Carmel girls basketball team cruised to a 48-24 win at Center Grove on Friday.

The Greyhounds led 13-10 after one quarter and 26-15 at halftime. Carmel then pulled away even further in the third period, outscoring the Trojans 15-2 for a 41-17 lead.

Emily Roper led the Greyhounds' scoring with 11 points and also made four steals. Mackenzie Thomas collected seven rebounds, while Laura Valiente handed out five assists.

Carmel is 9-6 and hosts Fort Wayne South Side this afternoon.

**CARMEL 48, CENTER GROVE 24** CarmelFGFTMackenzie Woods1-10-0 **TP PF** 3 1

_aura Valiente		1-1	0-0	2	1
-Iannah Lach		3-7	0-0	8	1
Mackenzie Thoma	S	3-4	1-2	7	2
Emily Roper		4-5	3-4	11	2
Kate Clarke		3-6	0-0	6	0
Sophie Shepherd		1-2	1-2	3	1
Ava Carter		2-3	0-0	6	0
Jamie Elliott		1-1	0-0	2	0
Maya Berglund		0-0	0-0	0	0
Bethany Ducat		0-0	0-0	0	0
Maddy Geary		0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals		19-30	5-8	48	8
Score by Quarters					
Carmel	13	13	15	7 - 48	8
Center Grove	10			7 - 24	
Carmel 3-point sho	ootir	ng (5-1	2) Lao	ch 2-6	, Cai
er 2-3, Woods 1-1					
Carmel rebounds					
Clarke 4, Lach 2, 0	Cart	er 2, R	oper 2	2, Shej	pher
1, Elliott 1.					

### GC boys drop conference game to unbeaten Chatard

Guerin Catholic dropped a Circle City postponed. Conference game at Bishop Chatard 53-41 on Friday.

The Class 3A No. 6 Trojans led 16-8 after the first quarter. The Golden Eagles cut Guerin Catholic that lead to 21-17 by halftime, but Chatard Jack Cherry threw in another 16 points in the third pe- Robert Sorensen riod to hold a 3/-2/ advantage going into the fourth, then added 16 more points in the fourth. The Trojans are undefeated for the season at 11-0.

**BISHOP CHATARD 53**, **GUERIN CATHOLIC 41** PF TP FG 2-4 2-36 3 3-6 0-0 2 Will Grissom

#### Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Caleb Wright (left) listens to Blackhawks coach Chip Flemmer while Evan Grinstead attempts a free throw during Sheridan's game at Tri-Central on Friday.

# **Blackhawks fall** to Tri-Central

Sheridan dropped a 79-58 Hoosier man had two points to complete the scoring. Heartland Conference game at Tri-Central on Friday.

The Trojans led 22-12 after one quarter night. and 42-24 at halftime. Ethan Moistner had a hot shooting night for the Blackhawks, scoring 16 points in the first half, including four 3-pointers.

Moistner continued that performance into the second half, where he threw in four more 3s; Moistner made two triples in each of the four quarters for eight total 3-pointers. He finished the game with 28 points.

Caleb Wright added 13 points, including seven in the third quarter, including a triple. Evan Grinstead added eight points, while Tyler Garner scored seven; both players made a 3 in the fourth period. Carsen Ale-

Sheridan is 0-4 in HHC play and 2-9 overall. The Blackhawks host Rossville to-

TRI-CENTRA	L 79	9. SI	HERI	DAN	58	
Sheridan		Ġ	FT	TP	PF	
Caleb Wright	6		0-0	13	2	
Evan Grinstead	2		3-3	8	1	
Tyler Garner	3		0-1	7	2	
Cole Watts	0		0-0	0	1	
Ethan Moistner	10		0-1	28	2	
Carsen Aleman	1		0-0	2	2	
Nathan Hinshaw	0		0-0	0	2	
Totals	2	2	3-5	58	12	
Score by Quarters	;					
Sheridan	12	12	17	17 - {	58	
Tri-Central	22	20	17	20 - 7	79	
Sheridan 3-pointei	rs (11	) Mo	istner	8, Wrig	ght 1,	
Grinstead 1, Garner 1.						

Will Grissom scored nine points for Guerin Catholic, and also had five rebounds and four assists. Robert Sorensen added eight points, including two 3-pointers.

The Golden Eagles are 0-2 in conference play and 6-6 overall. Guerin Catholic returns to the Eagles Nest next Friday for another CCC game, hosting Covenant Christian.

This Friday's game was to be a girlsboys doubleheader between the Golden Eagles and Chatard, but the girls game was

		5-5	5-5	9	5	
Josh Holba	1-1		0-0	2	1	
Lucas Parker		1-5	1-2	4	0	
Matthew Etchison		0-0	0-1	0	1	
Aden Cannon		2-3	0-0	4	1	
Kamea Chandler		2-4	2-2	6	4	
Patrick Baird		1-1	0-0	2	0	
Ty Sanders		0-0	0-0	0	1	
Totals		15-33	8-13	41	16	
Score by Quarters						
Guerin Catholic	8	9	10	14 - 4	1	
Bishop Chatard	16	5	16	16 - 5	53	
Guerin Catholic 3	-po	int sho	ooting	(3-13)	So-	
rensen 2-4, Parke	r 1-	2, Gris	ssom	0-4, C	herry	
0-2, Chandler 0-1.						
Cuanin Cathalia n	aha	unda	(10)	Criccol	- E	

Guerin Catholic rebounds (19) Grissom 5, Parker 3, Cannon 3, Sorensen 2, Sanders 2, Chandler 2, Etchison 1, Holba 1.

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