

SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 2022

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Cloudy.  
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.



HIGH: 47    LOW: 36

## Fishers Police Major Ryan Jones graduates FBI National Academy

The REPORTER

Fishers Police Department Major Ryan Jones graduated from the 284th Session of the FBI National Academy.

The graduation took place Thursday at the National Academy in Quantico, Va. Major Jones is the 17th officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than 1 percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 284th session consisted of 237 law enforcement officers



Photo provided by City of Fishers

from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included

members of law enforcement agencies from 25 countries, five

military organizations, and five federal civilian organizations.

## Scotty wrote a book (that he couldn't sell)

The most awkward part about publishing a book – other than when no one attends your book signing – is trying to sell copies to family members.

Case in point:

In 2015, one week before actual Christmas, I celebrated the holiest of holidays with my extended family. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with uncles and aunts and cousins, to reunite as a family in commemoration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, and to discover something wonderfully spiritual about myself through the sharing of love and joy with blood relatives.

Who was I kidding?!!! I was there to sell my book, *Will Write For Food*.

The timing seemed perfect, for there was still one week of Christmas shopping left. I figured my book just might be the ideal solution to my family members' last minute shopping needs. The perfect stocking stuffer. It was my opportunity to prey upon their procrastination, to pray for pity purchases for a much-beloved relative (me).

What could be more convenient for them than to walk to my nearby car trunk for a book? Potentially there could be 40 or so books sold on that day at \$15 a whack. God, I love Christmas.

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COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN

Scaramouch

## Natasha Robinson thanked for her 14 years of service at Prevail, Inc.

The REPORTER

Natasha Robinson, former Development & Marketing Specialist at Prevail, Inc., was given a special gift at Thursday's Christmas in the Kitchen event presented by Wallington Asset Management, LLC, which took place at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis.

Christmas in the Kitchen is a fundraiser for Indiana Wish, the organization that grants wishes to Hoosier children aged 3 to 18 who suffer from a life-threatening illnesses.

The gift was from Brian Myers, the longtime Celebration of Hope Committee Chair at Prevail, in recognition of Robinson's tireless work and activism for victims of abuse and domestic violence in Hamilton County. Myers is also the chairman of the Biddle Memorial Foundation.

Robinson served at Prevail for 14 years and received three promotions in that time. She built the marketing initiatives from the ground up and elevated Prevail's presence in the community.

In her time as Prevail's fundraiser, she raised over \$5 million in support of the organization and its mission. She connected countless people to a cause she supported without

wavering and saved lives by making sure Prevail's services were widely known.

Robinson has recently been elected to the Serve Noblesville Board of Directors and is chairing a new event that will help raise funds and increase awareness for suicide prevention and mental health through the Donaide Foundation.

After receiving the gift, Robinson published this post on Facebook:

*Tonight wasn't supposed to be about me...but I am beyond the feels.*

*On the surface I left Prevail quietly, no recognition for the amount of literal blood, sweat, tears, and hours away from loved ones. Returning to the office 4 weeks after birth, because the mission needed me or working until 4 am when I had an event the next day.*

*I can't get that time back, but I can't say I'd want to.*

*I served. I inspired others to serve. We all saved lives.*

*Tonight...I was reminded that I made an impact. I was brought back to a place that made it all make sense. I (capital I) am a force of nature.*

See *Thanks* . . . Page 2



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As expressed in her Facebook post, Natasha Robinson was grateful to Brian Myers for orchestrating the gift of this custom made Prevail T-shirt to thank her for 14 years of service to the organization.

## Fred Glynn attends his final Council meeting



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

Hamilton County Councilman Fred Glynn attended his final council meeting Wednesday night. Glynn was presented with a glass plaque as a token of appreciation for his time spent serving Hamilton County.

## Santa Claus makes stopover in Cicero



Photo provided

Santa Claus made a stop at the Cicero Fire Department on Sunday, Dec. 4 during the town's Christmas festivities. Thanks for coming by to see all the big kids, Santa!

## See you Monday, Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Starting this week, the Hamilton County Reporter will no longer have a Sunday edition. Before you shoot the messenger, let's look at what that really means.

A lot has changed during 2022. One of those things is ownership of Hamilton County's Hometown Newspaper. Another is the amount of news in these pages.

People keep telling us how packed with local content this newspaper always is. Our stats nerds (or stats geeks – they wear either title with pride) did a little research that you may find interesting.

In 2021 the average number of pages in a daily online edition was 9.3. Now we are bringing you an average of 14.25 pages per day.

In 2021 the average print edition was just under 12 pages. Now it averages over 19.

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## No SUNDAYS

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The increase in community support has clearly turned into the increase in pages, and we are deeply grateful for that.

Our stats nerds have also noticed that most readers open the Sunday edition on Monday.

The Monday print and online editions are the same newspaper, just in different formats to suit the preferences of our readers. Since Monday has always been the “Week In Review,” some people read the Sunday edition to have content fresh to their eyes on Monday mornings.

From now on, while the Monday editions will still be “Your Hometown Week In Review,” those print and online Monday editions will

now contain a fair bit of new content to compliment the highlights from the week’s top stories.

Let’s do some math, shall we?

- Five online editions averaging 9.3 pages each plus one print edition averaging 11.8 pages in 2021 was 58.3 pages of local news per week.
- Four online editions per week averaging 14.25 pages plus one print editions averaging 19 pages is 76 pages of local news per week.

We are not bringing you any less news or any less value. We are still giving you far more than we ever did before. Some of us just need a day off.

See you, Monday, Hamilton County!

## THANKS

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*I have the absolute ability to inspire, create, and lead. I love each task full heartedly and grow with the people in the trenches with me.*

*Brian Myers YOU. Without you, I wouldn't be this new version of me. The tears I cried over this gift, were relief and of being seen. A thank you does not encompass what you gave me tonight. I am beyond grateful.*

*My new chapter with STS is so full of amazing people so much growth, and possibilities.*

*They have opened me up to be the best version of me and to still have the capacity to do what my heart was built for...to serve, to create, and to lead.*

*As I look to the future, I am so ready.*

*Thank you to those who have stood with me and continue to show up when I call and ask you to volunteer with me. I promise you, I will always show up with everything I have. And thank you to my family, who knows giving is a part of who I am. Even if all I have to give is time.*

*Let's leave this world a better place with the time we have.*

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Robinson embodies what it means to serve one’s community, and her entire family is profoundly proud of her.

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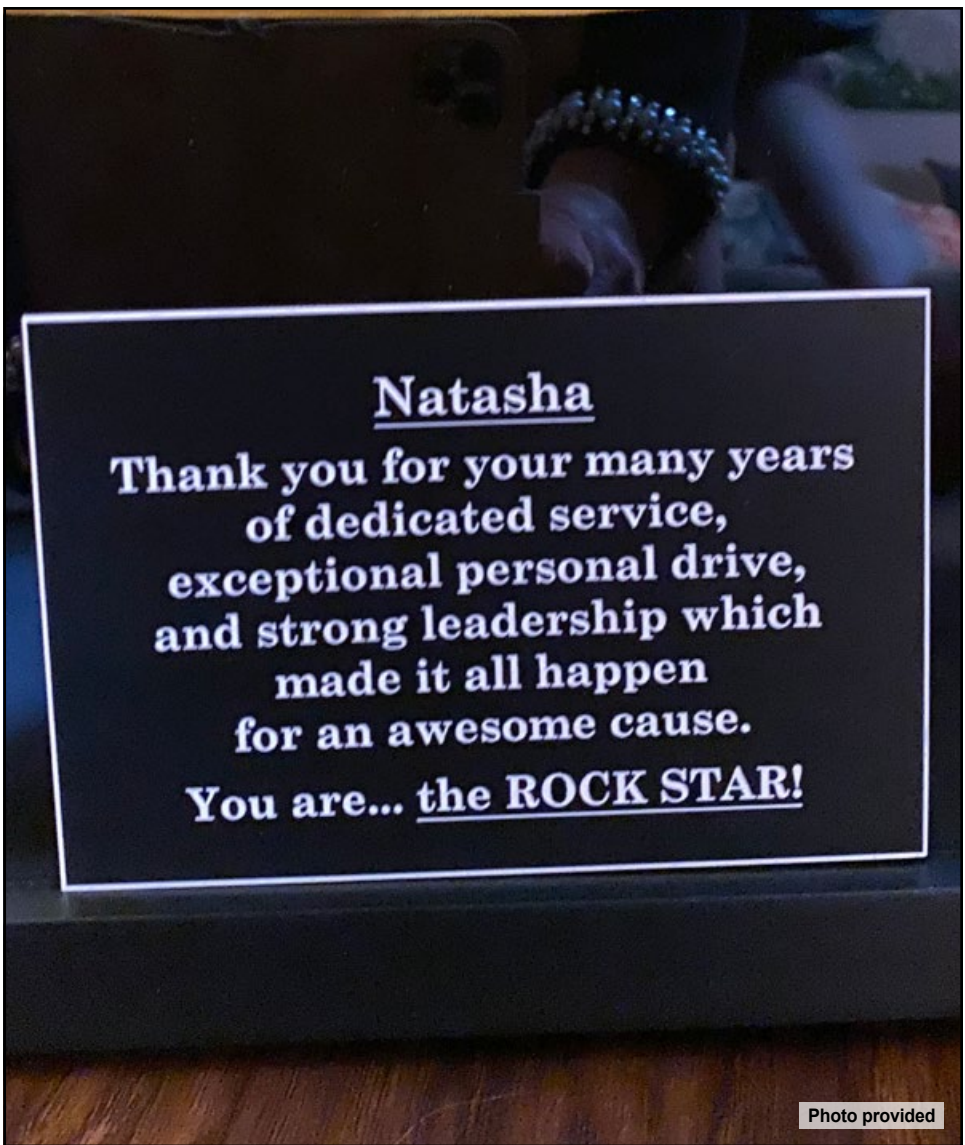


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**About Indiana Wish**

Indiana Wish, established in 1984, grants wishes to Indiana children aged 3 to 18 who suffer from a life-threatening illness. Wishes include trips to Disney, shopping sprees, meeting celebrities, family vacations and home computers. To date, the organization has granted over 3,400 wishes to Indiana children. Learn more at [IndianaWish.org](http://IndianaWish.org).




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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# The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

**Andy Williams said it best:**

Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year.

The lights, the trees, the traditions – anything you can think of. The entire aura that surrounds Christmas is so full of joy. Walking through the snow, shopping all day, I honestly can't think of anything better.

**COLUMNIST**



**BRIANNA CLAUSEN**  
Sheridan High School Student

Christmas is a day where people gather to show gratitude towards one another. People of all ages look to give to those who cannot give themselves. There are so many aspects of the winter season that make Christmas as special as it is.

The music is something I could talk about for hours. The amount of positivity and joy in Christmas songs is unmatched. It's the reminder that such a wonderful time has come and there

is joy to be spread. Christmas music is almost engineered to bring such a positive neurological response. That's why such nostalgic feelings are held every time one of those songs can be heard. Many people who have left home have many feelings about Christmas songs. These songs bring back many homesick memories, as well as many good childhood memories.

The real childhood spirit of Christmas has many names. Saint Nick, Kris Kringle, father of Christmas, and the most obvious, Santa Claus. The legend of the man with the bag has been

told in many ways. Majority believe he originated from a story in fourth-century Turkey. They believed Saint Nicholas was a man who gave gifts to the poor. The story carried on from there. Children and adults all over the world believe in Santa Claus. The excitement in the belief of him makes his legend all the more joyful.

Christmas movies are something everyone enjoys. Well, some people don't, but I think they're wrong. The amount of creativity put into a Christmas movie is remarkable. The Christmas spirit in children can really make the movies

even better if you're going along with it. Children's movies based on Christmas are something I could never be too old to watch. The older I get, Christmas movies still are such a nostalgic factor of the season. Many of these Christmas movies are based on connections with people or with the spirit of Christmas. That's why they bring such positive feelings to mind when watching. These movies are another reminder of great memories.

The 25th of December proves to be such an amazing day of the year. So many traditions fall on

this day. That's what makes it such an amazing gathering: gift-giving to the people you love and receiving from the people you're thankful for. The pretty skies and hopefully, snowy grounds are to live for. Christmas is so unique in so many ways, which makes it so much more different than any other holiday.

Christmas's legacy lifts so many joyful spirits and reinforces the true meaning of Christmas. Thinking of others and making happy memories is what it's all about. Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year.

## Franklin College student from Fishers places first at state vocal competition

**The REPORTER**

Thirteen voice students from Franklin College recently competed against students from Indiana University, Butler, Ball State, Notre Dame, Indiana State University and several other Indiana colleges and universities in the 2022 Indiana National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS)

Competition. The annual contest is open to all students of NATS members.

Students competed in both musical theater and classical categories during the in-person contest. The students were accompanied by Franklin College Music Department Accompanist Chang Shen and Director of Piano Studies and Lecturer

of Music Rachel Jackson.

**Colleen Kincaid**, a senior creative writing major from Fishers and Fourth/Fifth Year Musical Theater Treble category, placed first.

Of the 13 students competing, four placed in their categories. Along with an award certificate, each student received a small cash prize.

## SCOTTY'S BOOK

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**Circa 2015: Scott didn't sell any books that day, but he sure did give away a lot of cookies.**

Not wanting to appear too obvious, I devised the perfect marketing scheme. I gave one to our party's host, my aunt Jane, as a Christmas gift. I squeezed it into a shiny red gift bag, one shallow enough for the title of my book to stick out for passers-by to see.

When I arrived, Jane was in the kitchen, loading the serving platters with roast beast.

"Merry Christmas, Jane. Here's a gift," I said.

I noticed her fingers were glistening with meat stuff. I really didn't want her to pull the book out of the bag with those messy hands, making it less appealing to others. You don't see meat juice on books in Barnes & Noble. No one would buy a meat-juiced book.

Jane removed the book before I could intervene. I hoped relatives were watching, but everyone seemed selfishly involved in listening to the latest news of other's lives around them. I stamped my foot on the floor a few times like an angry horse to draw attention – I also whinnied and snorted.

One person did notice, the neighbor lady standing near Jane in the kitchen.

"What is that?" she asked.

"Scotty wrote a book," Jane said. Though I am in my 50s, my aunts still call me Scotty.

"Oh my," the woman said.

She seemed impressed. The book hook was set. I

started to shove my way through the crowd en route to the car trunk to retrieve a book for my new customer. She was well into her 90s. I knew I needed to act fast. Before I could kick aside a couple of toddler cousins to reach the front door, I heard Jane tell the woman, "You can read my copy when I'm done." The neighbor thought that was a lovely idea. Jane re-gifted my gift in my presence.

Suddenly, not only was my aunt Jane the driving force behind this family gathering, but she was also a living, breathing, lending library. What a Scrooge!

I was down \$30: \$15 for giving Jane a book and \$15 for the blocked book purchase. Merry Christmas, everybody – *but me!!!!!!*

Jane put the book on a counter where it was basically hidden from sight, nowhere near the start of the buffet line – the ideal placement I had in my mind. When her back was turned, I placed the book on the upright piano near the center of the gathering space. I removed the book from the bag and placed it face up so that not only could people see the title, but they could also see my face plastered on the cover, along with my name. One would safely assume the Saalman name on the book cover would draw some interest since, by all accounts, this was a Saalman gathering, thus triggering someone to inquire about its availability – though I didn't

want anyone to ask loud enough for Jane to hear (she might add them to her copy's waiting list).

The piano was a perfect spot for my book. I congratulated myself for having the forethought to load my wallet with \$5 bills to use as change for relatives who carried only \$20 bills.

Before the book-buying frenzy could begin, the worst thing that could possibly happen happened. It was announced that my 10-year-old cousin Alaina, Jane's mega-cute granddaughter, was selling *Girl Scout cookies!!!* Relatives expressed excitement. Wallets and purses were immediately opened, starting a cookie spree – even though there were plenty of desserts in the kitchen.

What? I thought. When did Girl Scouts start selling cookies on Christmas????!! How opportunistic was that? Can you believe how low Jane stooped? I bet this was the real reason she hosted the family Christmas.

The cookie order form was placed atop my book, completely hiding *Will Write For Food*.

I noticed that no one offered to share their cookie boxes with others. Alaina sold enough Thin Mints to create a diabetes pandemic. I sold zero books that day.

Well played, Aunt Jane. Well played.

It wasn't as bad as a book burning, but my book was definitely burnt by a cookie.

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by Robert Fulghum

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# Santa & his deputies bring joy to all children

**Ho, ho, ho!** This week the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HSCO) Community Foundation helped save Christmas for 40 children around Hamilton County. Santa's little helpers shopped for gifts at Target and collected warm winter coats from Old Navy. HCSO staff filled personalized stockings and wrapped the presents. The next step involved the Sheriff's Christmas Express! Santa Claus, Deputy Justice (mascot), patrol deputies, correctional officers, and family members loaded large red bags full of toys into police vehicles. The jolly group hand delivered the gifts on the front doorsteps of the participating families. When the neighbors saw the twinkling red and blue lights, many more children gathered in the streets to receive books and stuffed animals. A special thank you goes out to the Citizens Academy Alumni Association, Synergize 4:30 Meet-Up, Target, Old Navy, Cooper House, Youth Assistance and many contributions from the community for helping to make this event another huge success. (Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office)



## Meet with Santa in Noblesville on Sunday

**Submitted by Rhonda King**  
*Thistle & Thyme*

Santa Claus is coming to Thistle & Thyme Home Store, 29 S. Ninth St., Noblesville. Meet with Santa from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Santa is very excited to see you and he can't wait to read your letters to him. Please bring them along so he can save each one. If you are unable to attend, you can drop off your Letter to Santa at the store and we will forward it to the North Pole. The Hamilton County Reporter will publish Letters to Santa in the Wednesday,

Dec. 14 edition.

Santa asked his friend Timothy J. Ingersoll, an animator at DreamWorks / Disney, to join him, and he agreed. Ingersoll is the only caricaturist and magician in America. At your visit, you will receive a piece of art of yourself to hang on your wall as a memory of your visit.

Tim Ingersoll helped animate *The Little Mermaid*, *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Kung Fu Panda* and over 20 famous animated movies. His website is [magicand-caricatures.com](http://magicand-caricatures.com).

Find out more about Thistle & Thyme at [Thistle-AndThymeHomeStore.com](http://Thistle-AndThymeHomeStore.com).

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For a full job description, please visit the Town of Cicero's website at [www.cicero.in.org](http://www.cicero.in.org) and click on the Government tab, followed by the Job Opportunities tab. From here you will also be able to access the Town's application, which will be required.

**Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 6, 2023.** Please send application, along with any other pertinent documents to Terry Cooper, 1159 Stringtown Pike, P.O. Box 391, Cicero, IN 46034 or [tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:tcooper@townofcicero.in.gov)

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# Health Department to cease COVID testing in Noblesville

**The REPORTER** Dec. 29.  
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# K-LOVE Christmas comes to Carmel



Reporter photos  
The K-LOVE Christmas Tour came to Carmel Thursday night. Natalie Grant and Danny Gokey brought the joy of Christmas to Northview Church, 12900 Hazel Dell Pkwy. The K-LOVE Christmas Tour is traveling all over the east coast this season. [Click here](#) to get tickets.

## Sen. Mike Braun leads 43 Senators & 24 Representatives urging NLRB chairman to reverse inconsistent rule for franchises

Submitted by Sen. Braun's Press Office

U.S. Senator Mike Braun on Thursday led 67 Republican lawmakers in writing a letter to National Labor Relations Board Chairman Lauren M. McFerran to oppose the Board's joint employer proposed rule that they say is inconsistent with the common law, circumvents Congressional authority, and will negatively impact the nation's economy and their constituents.

"The Board's joint-employer proposed rule would have immediate and long-term negative effects on millions of workers and thousands of businesses at a time when the economy is already facing the highest inflation rates in four decades," the lawmakers wrote in the letter. "Franchises in particular would be negatively impacted should the proposed rule go into effect. By moving forward with this misguided proposed rule, the Board would overwhelmingly hurt entrepreneurs who are utilizing the franchise model

to own their own business. Many of these entrepreneurs are women, minorities, and veterans, thirty-two percent of whom say that they would not own a business without franchising. Due to this negative economic impact, the proposed rule's inconsistency with common law, and the NLRB's attempt to use powers reserved to Congress, we urge the Board not to move forward with its proposed rule for determining joint-employer status. Instead, the Board should maintain the 2020 rule, which brought clarity and certainty to the business community."

[Click here](#) to read the full letter.

Senators joining Sen. Braun on this letter include Sens. McConnell, Thune, Barrasso, Cornyn, Risch, Blackburn, Lankford, Inhofe, Collins, Hagerty, Tuberville, Johnson, Paul, Marshall, Daines, Young,



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T. Scott, Cramer, Blunt, Hoeven, Boozman, Fischer, Cotton, R. Scott, Capito, Grassley, Cruz, Lee, Rubio, Tillis, Toomey, Lummis, Graham, Crapo, Kennedy, Moran, Cassidy, Shelby, Romney, Ernst and Rounds.

Representatives on the letter include Foxx, Thompson, Walberg, Grothman, Stefanik, Allen, Banks, Comer, Fulcher, Keller, Miller-Meeks, Owens, Good, McClain, Harshbarger, Miller, Spartz, Fitzgerald, Steel, Jacobs, Finstad, Sempolinski, Crawford and Budd.

### Background

On Sept. 7, 2022, the National Labor Relations Board published its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, entitled: "Standard for Determining Joint-Employer Status" ("proposed rule"), which would replace the 2020 Joint-Employer Rule that focused on "direct and immediate control" and replace it with the "indirect, reserved" control standard.

In the United States, there are nearly 775,000 franchises that employ 8.2 million workers and provide \$800 billion of economic output. This is projected to grow in 2022 to nearly 800,000 franchises. Businesses such as universities, hospitals, home healthcare, agriculture, cleaning services, security services, hospitality, waste management, delivery services, home builders, retailers, and others that contract or subcontract would be negatively affected.

The International Franchise Association (IFA) found that the BFI joint employer standard, nearly identical to the proposed rule, "cost franchise businesses \$33.3 billion per year, resulting in 376,000 lost job opportunities, and led to a 93 percent increase in lawsuits."

The American Action Forum found that the previous BFI joint-employer standard would impact "54.6 million workers or 44 percent of private sector employees."

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# CNO Financial Group announces holiday card competition winner

The REPORTER

CNO Financial Group announced Friday the winner of its fourth annual corporate holiday and New Year's card competition. The winning card features a watercolor snow globe scene from Reed Barton, 12, son of Emily Barton, a paralegal for CNO in its Carmel office.

The winning artwork will be used as the image on CNO's official 2022 corporate holiday card.

"Congratulations to Reed and the 122 children and family members of our associates for their creative and thoughtful artwork," CEO Gary C. Bhojwani said. "We are proud to use Reed's winter scene for our holiday card. Annually this program showcases the talent among our associates' families and celebrates our corporate commitment to giving back to the community."

As the contest winner, Barton received an art kit, a \$500 gift card, and \$500 from CNO to donate to a charity of his choice: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

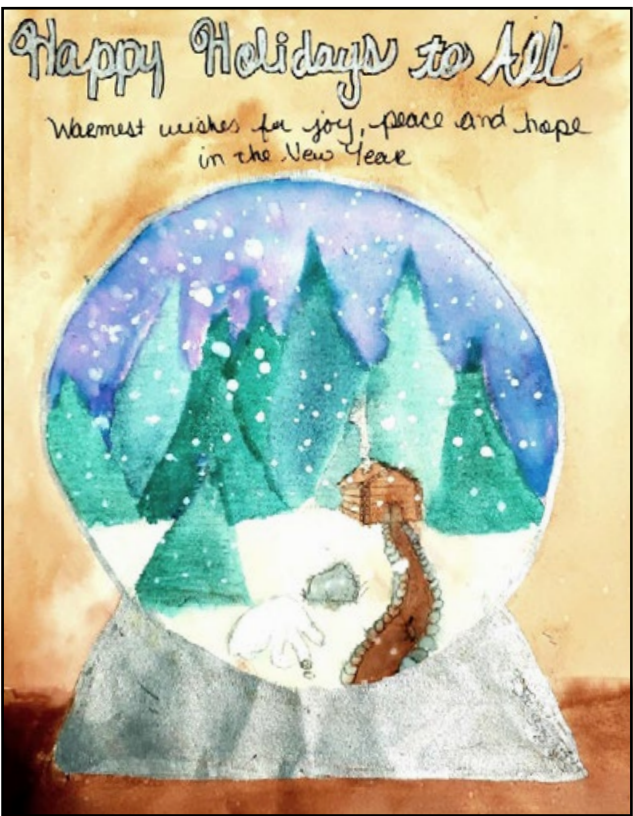
"I love art, being creative, and the opportunity to make people happy with something I created," Barton, a sixth grader, said. "I liked participating, and more importantly, appreciate the ability to choose a charity to give back to. I have never been able to pick who I can help through other charities. It's neat because it's my choice, and that feels a little more special, especially to donate money to during the holiday season."

"The holiday card program is the perfect event to combine the best parts of CNO", said Emily Barton, Reed's mother. "The program highlights CNO's goal to give back to the community and shows how it is invested in its associates and their families. The competition brings out opportunities for happy, cheerful conversations amongst colleagues, leadership, and departments. At a time of the year when everyone is in a bit of a scramble, this program is a happy bright spot where both work and home combine to be fun, creative, and joyful."

During September and October, immediate family members under the age of 18 were invited to submit artwork. Submissions included an array of holiday traditions celebrated by all CNO associates and their families. Associate judges representing most CNO departments chose the finalists.

CNO's corporate holiday card contest began in 2019 providing associates' family members an outlet to get involved with the CNO corporate community during the holiday season while giving back. All contestants received their choice of an art kit or an e-gift card. CNO also donates to the various organizations selected by the winner and runners-up. Beyond the grand prize winner's charity, this year's selections include:

- **Humane Society for Hamilton County**
- **Riley Hospital Children's Foundation**
- **Cheetah Conservation Fund**



Reed Barton, 12, Carmel, won CNO Financial Group's fourth annual corporate holiday and New Year's card competition.

- **Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis**
- **Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation**
- **About CNO Financial Group**

CNO Financial Group, Inc. secures the future of middle-income America. CNO provides life and health insurance, annuities, financial services, and workforce benefits solutions through its family of brands, including Bankers Life, Colonial Penn, Optavise

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Letter to the Editor

## Rep. Spartz will make decision on U.S. Senate run early next year

Fellow Hoosiers,  
It has been an honor serving you for the last two years in Congress. I also look forward to serving the Fifth Congressional District for the next two years in a Republican Majority.

As you know, one of Indiana's U.S. Senate seats will become open in 2024, and I have been asked to consider it. It's a great honor serving the people, but it's also an enormous responsibility and hard work to deliver results.

I have been involved in Republican politics for over a decade now and won a lot of tough battles for the people and our freedoms. I came to Washington, D.C., two years ago and planned to serve for not more than six years – three terms – in the U.S. House of Representatives. I love our Republic dearly and understand how important these times are for our nation, but I need to decide if I am ready to commit at least eight more years to Washington, D.C. As some of you might know, I am not a huge fan of it.

We know the Senate is failing us as an institution that is supposed to represent the interest of the States and provide long-term policy solutions. It definitely could use more real people from the ground, not more D.C. creatures, but it's a huge undertaking to make it better. I have to decide how and where I can bring the most value and will let you know for sure in January or February of next year.

Regardless of what I do next, Indiana already made history electing a girl from a poor, socialist town with no running water to become a U.S. Congresswoman. My life is a testament that the American dream is still alive and well, but no doubt it's under siege.

**Rep. Victoria Spartz**  
**Republican, Indiana's Fifth District**

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## Fishers road construction updates, week of Dec. 12

The REPORTER

**State Road 37**  
To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](http://37Thrives.com).

**Municipal Drive**  
A small section of Municipal Drive is currently closed for utility relocation as part of the City Hall demolition project and Arts & Municipal Complex construction project and is anticipated to reopen on Monday, Dec. 19. View closure map [here](#).

**Lantern Road**  
Daily lane restrictions are currently in place on Lantern Road at Fishers Pointe Boulevard to allow contractors room to work on the path. Flaggers will be in place. Work is anticipated to be completed by Friday, Dec. 16.

**116th Street**  
On Monday, Dec. 12, lane restrictions will be in place on westbound 116th Street at Regency Drive between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for asphalt work.

Beginning on Monday, Dec. 12, lane restrictions will be in place on westbound 116th Street at Hoosier Road between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for ramp work. Work is anticipated to be completed on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

**Development Dashboard**  
The Fishers Planning & Zoning Department has a new Development Dashboard where you can view all development projects that are under construction or in the process of being reviewed. Find it on the Planning & Zoning homepage [here](#).

Meeting Notices	
The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2022, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.	The Hamilton County Airport Authority Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.	The City of Noblesville Fire-fighter Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (6) and (7), with respect to an individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction and regarding records deemed confidential by law. The meeting will be held at the Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 Union Hall, 399 S. 14th St., Noblesville.
The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in a special session at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.	At the conclusion of the executive session, the Firefighter Pension Board will hold a public meeting at the Union Hall to vote on the matter presented in the executive session.
The Hamilton North Public Library Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(9) To discuss the job performance of an individual employee.	

— ATLANTA —	
<b>LEGAL NOTICE</b> <b>Town of Atlanta</b> <b>BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS</b> The Atlanta Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 East Main Street Atlanta, IN 46031 in order to hear the following petition: <b>DOCKET NO. 122222-1</b> A public hearing concerning Section 025 of the Town of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance in order to request special exemption for building placement. Project address: 8190 E. 286th St., Atlanta, IN 46031 Legal Description Attached? (No) The petition may be examined at the office of the Atlanta Building Commissioner, 105 East Main Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031 Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing The Hearing may be continued Tom time to time as may be found necessary Petitioner's Name: Abe & Marie Beechy Date: 12-2-2022 R1761 12/10/22, 12/12/22	
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## HAMILTON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

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# Carmel Parks & Rec to hold annual tree recycling Jan. 2

*Live holiday trees to be turned into mulch*

## The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold a Holiday Tree Recycling event from noon to 3 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2023, at Westermeier Commons in Carmel's Central Park.

To participate in the drive-thru style event, community members can bring their live, decoration-free tree to the Westermeier Commons parking lot. CCPR staff and volunteers will unload the tree, and it will be donated to Tiffany Lawn and Garden to be mulched. Free warm refreshments and treats will be available as a thank you.

"It's an organizational goal of ours to reduce single-use waste," said Caitlin



Photo provided

May, CCPR volunteer coordinator. "As a service to the community, and as an opportunity to educate the

public about sustainability, we hold a Holiday Tree Recycling event each year where donated trees are

later turned into mulch."

Last year, CCPR held its first Holiday Tree Recycling and community members collectively donated 130 trees.

"Recycling holiday trees gives them a second life," May said. "By turning the trees into mulch, we return the organic matter and nutrients directly back into the environment. We are proud to offer this event for the community and appreciate all participation. It benefits us all in the long run."

Have a question or want to volunteer at the event? Email [volunteer@carmel-clayparks.com](mailto:volunteer@carmel-clayparks.com).



## Who was The Gipper?

### The REPORTER

**1816** – President James Madison signed a Congressional resolution admitting Indiana to the Union as the 19th state. The new state government would be centered in the capital city of Corydon. Jonathan Jennings won the election to serve as the state's first governor.

**1909** – Workers placed the last of 3.2 million 10-pound bricks on the 2½-mile oval track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It has been called "The Brickyard" ever since.

**1917** – Thirty Indiana delegates attended the National American Women's Suffrage Association Meeting in Washington, D.C. Women from around the nation met for the three-day event at Poli's Theater. The Hoosier group was led by Mrs. R. E. Edwards of Peru, president of the Indiana Franchise League.

**1920** – Football player

George Gipp died of strep throat in his senior year at Notre Dame. Called "The Gipper" by Coach Knute Rockne, he is considered one of the most versatile athletes ever to play the game.

**1958** – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke to a crowd of 4,000 at Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis. The 29-year-old Baptist pastor was welcomed to the city by Mayor Charles Boswell. King told the crowd, "If democracy is to live, segregation must die."

**1972** – Eugene Cernan, Commander of Apollo 17, walked on the moon, becoming the last (or most recent) person to do so. He graduated with an engineering degree from Purdue University. When he died in 2017, Purdue President Mitch Daniels called him a "pioneer in aviation and one of the greatest Boilermakers of all time."

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## AG Rokita & team secure more than \$15.7 million for Indiana as part of multistate settlement with e-cigarette maker JUUL

### Submitted by AG Rokita's Press Office

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced Tuesday that e-cigarette maker JUUL Labs Inc. will pay Indiana more than \$15.7 million to settle allegations that the company deliberately marketed its products to minors despite the unlawfulness of selling e-cigarettes to children or adolescents.

"My team and I fight daily to protect Hoosiers from improper business practices that put families at risk," Rokita said. "Wrongful actions that jeopardize children are especially repugnant and shameful. Fortunately, the money we have recovered in this settlement can go toward safeguarding the same young people targeted by the unethical marketing strategies employed by JUUL."

Indiana's funds are intended to be used in support of prevention, education, harm reduction and mitigation efforts related to youth using electronic nicotine delivery systems, which include the products commonly known as vapes.

Indiana is one of 32 states participating in a larger agreement under which JUUL will pay out nearly \$435 million.

JUUL has an option to pay over six to 10 years – with the total payout increasing the longer it takes to pay. If JUUL chooses a 10-year option, Indiana's amount would exceed \$17.1 million. JUUL's first payment to Indiana will be \$1,478,665 – due Dec. 31, 2022. All additional payments are due on Dec. 31 each year.

In 2019, Indiana joined a multistate investigation into JUUL's activities. That investigation revealed, among other things, that:

- JUUL directed its marketing at youth by using a hashtag marketing strategy and "influencers" with a large youth following on social media platforms such

as Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

- JUUL conducted ad campaigns using high-profile promotions, sampling opportunities and youthful models in trendy clothes and provocative poses.

- JUUL's physical design of its products, along with its flavor options and less-harsh nicotine salt composition, appealed to youth and addicted a new generation to nicotine.

- JUUL made misleading representations to consumers in the marketing, promotion, and sale of its products, leading consumers to believe that its products did not include nicotine at all or, alternatively, contained a lower concentration of nicotine than they do.

- JUUL failed to adequately verify the age of its buyers and allowed minors to purchase its products.

Indiana alleged that JUUL's misrepresentations and actions were unfair, abusive, deceptive and in violation of Indiana's Deceptive Consumer Sales Act (DCSA).

Under the agreement, JUUL agrees to:

- Refrain from including depictions of persons under the age of 35 in any marketing.

- Do no social media advertising except for using testimonials of persons over age 35.

- Disclose in all advertising the amount of nicotine in their products.

- No longer provide free samples, sponsorships, product placements, or merchandise sales with their brand name.

- Sell no flavored products unless approved by the FDA.

- Follow restrictions on product placement in retail stores.

- Observe quantity purchase limits on in-store and online purchases.

- Participate in specific compliance checks and monitoring for retail stores.



Rokita

### The REPORTER

Carmel Bike Share has more than doubled the number of bikes that can be rented by visitors and residents of Carmel – and the fleet has been replaced with brand new bicycles.

When the Bike Share program was established in 2015, the city offered 22 bikes and two stations. Now there are 50 bikes distributed among seven Bike Share stations throughout the city.

Carmel Bike Share is a great way to provide options for those who like to experience all that Carmel has to offer on two wheels instead of four. Not only is renting a bike more convenient when it comes to getting around and parking, it is also a more sustainable way to experience Carmel

on more than 220 miles of paths and trails.

Cities across the globe were once designed for people who walk and ride a bicycle. Many American cities abandoned this practice and instead focused on automobiles. Carmel has created a more walkable, bikeable central core and expanded trails and paths. These steps, along with programs such as Carmel Bike Share, have allowed the city to better accommodate transportation options that many visitors and residents desire.

To access Carmel Bike Share, download the **Movatic** app from the App Store and Google Play Store. After downloading the app and entering your membership information,

### Carmel Bike Station Locations

Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square (southwest corner of parking lot)  
Central Park on the Monon Greenway  
Carter Green & Monon Greenway (east of 3 Carter Green)  
City Center Drive & Range Line Road (southwest corner)  
Main Street & the Monon Greenway (in front of Bazbeaux Pizza)  
Midtown Plaza, 365 Monon Blvd. (just north of Elm Street)  
37 E. Main St. (in front of Visit Hamilton County offices)

For more information and a map of locations, [click here](#).

bikes can be checked out by scanning the QR code found on the inside of the basket or behind and below the seat.

Users of Bike Share will pay just \$1.50 per half-hour, with a cap of \$24 for up to a 24-hour period. Another option is to pay a \$30 annual fee that includes unlimited rides under one hour. Under that plan, additional half-hours are \$1.50 up to \$24 for up to a 24-hour period.

Due to the increasing popularity and demand for these bikes, city officials expect the program to continue to grow with private business partners adding new stations at their locations you're your company would like to host a station or be a sponsor, please reach out to David Littlejohn at [dlittlejohn@carmel.in.gov](mailto:dlittlejohn@carmel.in.gov) or Kevin Whited at [kwhted@carmel.in.gov](mailto:kwhted@carmel.in.gov) for information.

## Indiana State Police offer these winter driving tips

### Submitted

With colder temperatures in the forecast, it won't be long until winter driving conditions become the norm for many across the state. Unfortunately, many will only think about driving in winter conditions when confronted with the task. However, now is the time to prepare before the snow and ice develop.

There is much that can be said and learned about winter driving. Below are a few commonsense tips, along with information gathered from the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Taking time to educate and prepare yourself now can save you a lot of time, money, and headaches once the inevitable winter weather hits. In 2020, an estimated 25,000 injury crashes occurred in wintry conditions (NHTSA).

### What can you do now?

- **Tires:** As outside temperatures drop, so does the tire's inflation pressure. Ensure your tires are correctly inflated to the recommended pressures. To find the recommended pressure for your vehicle, check the label on the driver's side door jam or in the owner's manual. Don't use the tire pressure listed on the tire's side, as this is generally the maximum pressure, not the recommended pressure. The tread should be at least 2/32 of an inch or greater on all tires. *Remember to check your spare!*

- **Battery:** Your car's battery is also negatively affected by cold temperatures. Now is an excellent time to check your battery and charging system.

- **Wipers:** Worn or damaged wipers are no match for snow and ice. Check and replace them if needed.

- **Wiper fluid:** During heavy snow or on a slushy roadway, it is easy to empty your washer reservoir. Make sure to top it off now with a winter-grade fluid.

- **Emergency kit:** Even for the safest drivers, crashes, breakdowns, and getting stuck on an unplowed road can happen. Don't be caught off-guard; have an emergency kit with a blanket, flashlight, jumper cables, road flares, or emergency lights available. You may also want to pack a small shovel and some kitty litter or sand to help get "unstuck."

### When you hit the road

- Make sure you dress appropriately when headed out – coat, gloves, and a hat. That quick trip to the store could turn into an hour's wait for a wrecker or to dig yourself out.

- Clear your windows and lights of snow and ice, and make sure you can see

and be seen.

- Leave early.
- Slow down.
- Increase your following distance. Instead of your normal three-second distance, increase it to eight or 10 seconds on slick roadways.

- Accelerate and brake slowly and smoothly.

- Turn off your cruise control.

- Buckle up, phone down.

### Be patient and courteous with others

- Don't crowd snowplows or drive beside the truck on two-lane roads. Indiana Department of Transportation employees will work hard to keep the roads moving. Give them the space they need.

- Check on family and neighbors who may not be capable of driving in winter conditions.

- We're all in this together!

## Indiana hospitals noted for excellence in infant & maternal health

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Governor Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, recognized Indiana hospitals with maternity wards for their commitment to infant and maternal health at IHA's third annual INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program.

INspire, funded by the Indiana Department of Health's Safety PIN grant, was developed to implement the delivery of best practice care for Hoosier moms and babies and recognize hospitals for excellence in addressing key drivers of infant and maternal health.

"Infant and maternal mortality are at the top of all of our priority lists," Gov. Holcomb said. "The work of our delivering hospitals makes a huge difference in the lives of mothers and infants in every corner of the state. Together we will continue this important work to save even more lives and give every Hoosier newborn the best opportunity ahead."

"Indiana birthing hospitals continue to be incredible partners in the state's

efforts to improve maternal and infant health outcomes, through both innovation and a commitment to continuous quality improvement," Dr. Box said. "I am grateful for the work of our health care providers across the state who work tirelessly to ensure that mothers and babies are connected to the right care at the right time."

Seventy-two hospitals earned either an INspire Hospital of Distinction or Category of Excellence recognition based on their performance in six key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage, and maternal hypertension. A list of award recipients and their recognition can be found [here](#).

"Our members' dedication to quality improvement in maternal and child health is truly inspirational," said Brittany Waggoner, IHA Maternal and Infant Quality Improvement Advisor. "Despite the challenges our Indiana delivering facilities are facing today, they remain committed to creating a highly-reliable obstetric care system for moms and babies across Indiana."



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Harold I. “Steve” Stevens  
November 21, 1938 – December 8, 2022

Harold I. “Steve” Stevens, 84, Tipton, and formerly of Arcadia, passed away at 5:18 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at home. Steve was born in Tipton County on November 21, 1938, to John F. & Edna M. (Hines) Stevens. On July 5, 1991, he married Faye (Brooks) Ogden and she preceded him in death on January 4, 2018.

Steve had worked at Steel Parts Corporation in Tipton, retiring in 2001. He was an elder and a member at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia. He enjoyed golf, playing whenever he found the time. Steve was a fan of IU basketball and the Cincinnati Reds, and he enjoyed traveling. He was a former member of the Arcadia Lions Club.

Survivors include his four children, Jenny Kronenberg and husband Tim of Noblesville, Dee Shepherd and husband Brian of Aurora, Colo., Randy Stevens and wife Lisa of Cicero, and Elana Stevens of Cicero; three stepchildren, Theresa Louthen and husband Willie of Tipton, Clyde Ogden and wife Sally of Roswell, Ga., and Michael Ogden of Bloomington.

He has six grandchildren, Jacob Shepherd and wife Chloe, Max Shepherd, Joshua Stevens and wife Kayla, Chelsey Stevens, Luke Rhinebarger, and Hank Rhinebarger. Steve also has 12 step-grandchildren, Mick Genereaux, Austin Kane, Sierra Kane and Ian Kane, Laitham Louthen and wife Samantha, Colby Louthen, Alana Ogden, Megan Ogden, Marshall Ogden, Alex Ogden, Drew Ogden, and Ross Ogden. Great-grandchildren include Hadley Shepherd, Henry Stevens, Rylan and Jace Genereaux, Obadiah Kane, Micah Kane, Victoria Cuparencu, and Aliyah Ogden, plus one on the way.

Steve grew up in a large family having. His siblings Keith Stevens and wife Vivian, Mary “Peg” Oetting and husband Bob, Lucy Jones and husband Lowell, Becky Daugherty and husband Bill, Joan Endicott and husband Pat, Shirley Brewer, Jerry Stevens and wife Carolyn, and Ernie Stevens and wife Kay, are all deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 12, 2022, at the Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, with Rev. Thomas Ludwig presiding. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will occur from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 11 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home and on Monday at the church from 10 a.m. until service time.

Memorial donations may be made to: Emanuel Lutheran Church, 355 Shaffer St., Arcadia, IN 46030.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God. Demetrius is well spoken of by everyone—and even by the truth itself. We also speak well of him, and you know that our testimony is true.*

*I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.*

*Peace to you. The friends here send their greetings. Greet the friends there by name.*

*3 John 1:11-14 (NIV)*

Grant Henry Williams  
February 26, 1971 – November 11, 2022

Grant Henry Williams, 51, Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, November 11, 2022, at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. He was born on February 26, 1971, in Terre Haute, Ind.

Grant was my precious, sweet son. He would have had the world at his fingertips. He was naturally intelligent. He was extremely poetically and artistically talented. He had a wonderful personality with a great sense of humor. He never knew a stranger. He was sweet and generous. Everyone loved Grant, especially the girls, since he was also very handsome.

When he was 18, he was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, a devastating mental illness. For 33 years, he suffered from this disorder which robbed him of all his potential for a normal, happy, fulfilling life. It was very heartbreaking!

He is at peace with the Lord now. He is finally free from the prisoner of his mind and from the pain in his body from stage four cancer. I can’t wait to see him again in heaven in his glorified body. He was and is my sweet boy!

*Written by his loving mother, Pamela Jean Commons Williams.*

A Celebration of Life was held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Castleton Community Church, 5825 E. 91st St., Indianapolis. Everyone was welcome to attend.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 921 E. 86th St., Suite 130, Indianapolis, IN 46240 ([namiindiana.org](http://namiindiana.org)).

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Alonzo Edward “Lonnie” Davis  
December 27, 1953 – December 3, 2022

Alonzo Edward “Lonnie” Davis, 68, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday afternoon, December 3, 2022, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born on December 27, 1953, in Frankenmuth, Mich., he was the son of the late Boyden and Cleo (Gregoreoff) Davis.

Lonnie made the decision to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps. In addition to being stationed at Camp Lejeune, he spent time in the Philippines and Japan, allowing him the opportunity to see some beautiful parts of the world. During his 15 years in the Corps, he would serve as a both a mechanics instructor and a Staff Sergeant. It was a true honor for Lonnie to earn the title of United States Marine.

Over the years, Lonnie worked for many different companies, including Boss Hoss Motorcycles, and most recently, Fabcon of Westfield, where he worked in both welding and maintenance.

Lonnie attended the Sheridan Church of God. Becoming part of such a loving church family was both a blessing and a comfort in his life.

Family always came first for Lonnie. Everything that he did was done with his family in mind. Life was never about possessions and accolades, it was about seeing the smile on his kids’ faces, and the eyes of his grandchildren light up whenever they saw him.

Lonnie is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 29 years, Jackie (Smith) Davis. She and Lonnie were married on June 4, 1993. Also surviving are his son, Alonzo Davis, Jr. (Sharon) of South Carolina; daughters, Krysta Davis (John) of Sheridan; Janah Chassereau (Tyler) of Sheridan, Nicole Chassereau (Chris) of South Carolina, and Marianne Crapse of South Carolina; grandchildren, Ava Garrett, Avery Garrett, Baylor Davis, Stevie Grimes, Maddie Grimes, Passion Causey, Tiffany Mosley, Rebekah Mixon, Alyssa Crapse, Zachary McPeak, and Rae Davis; brother, Boyden Davis (Susan) of Michigan; sister, Kathy Davis of Michigan; and by his brothers- and sisters-in-law, Janice York, Henry Smith (Dohna), Bill Smith (Rachel), Brenda Morrison, and Gale Smith; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Boyden and Cleo (Gregoreoff) Davis; mother- and father-in-law, June and Baylor Smith; brothers-in-law, Edward York, Howard Smith, and John Smith; his grandmother, Lillian; and his uncle, Joe.

A celebration of Lonnie’s life will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 2 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor George Cooper will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Basketball

# Millers best Greyhounds after wild fourth quarter

By RICHIE HALL  
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**NOBLESVILLE** — Here’s a lesson for all basketball players: It’s always a good thing to trust your teammates.

Trust became a big intangible for the Noblesville boys team Friday at the end of the Millers’ game with Carmel in front of a large crowd at The Mill. Noblesville had the ball out of a timeout with 4.8 seconds left and the score tied at 42-42.

When play resumed, Luke Almodovar had the ball at the top of the key, but he sent it to Cooper Bean, who was just beyond the 3-point arc to Almodovar’s right. Bean got a 3-point shot off before the buzzer and it went in, giving the Millers a 45-42 victory over the Class 4A No. 8 Greyhounds.

“The play was for me to drive and go downhill,” said Almodovar. “But he told me that he was going to be ready. In the back of my mind, I knew that I had him, pass it to him and trusted him, and he made it.”

Bean was aware of how much time was left on the clock when he got the ball, and saw Carmel’s defense coming at him, “so I just pump-faked and then I let it go,” he said.

“I trust the kid with my



Noblesville’s Cooper Bean (5) takes a 3-point shot at the end of the Millers’ game with Carmel on Friday at The Mill. The ball went into the net, giving Noblesville a 45-42 win over the Greyhounds.

life,” said Almodovar. “The last play, I’m giving him the ball every time.”

“When we knew we were going to have a last-second shot, I said ‘I’m ready’ before the timeout,” said Bean. “And then after the timeout, I told him again. I said, ‘I’m going to be ready, pass me the ball.’ And I was ready.”

Friday’s win marked the

first time Noblesville had beaten Carmel since Dec. 2, 2011 – exactly 11 years and one week ago.

“Proud of our guys,” said Millers coach Scott McClelland. “This is a huge confidence boost. Just a big win for our program.”

Noblesville came out blasting through the first quarter, at one point leading 14-4. Almodovar made a traditional three-point play just 11 seconds into the game, then later nailed two more 3s. Aaron Fine hit a triple as well, and Hunter Walston’s floater gave the Millers a 10-point lead.

The Greyhounds came back, of course. Carmel sailed through a 15-2 stretch that lasted over eight minutes and gave the ‘Hounds a 19-16 lead. Jake Griffin got hot during that time, pouring in nine points, including two 3s.

Almodovar had the last word in the first half, sinking a 3-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game at 19-19. Fine opened the second half by making a floater for a 21-19 Noblesville lead. Carmel took the lead on a Spencer White layin and a triple by Alex Couto, but Bean answered that with a 3. Almodovar got going again with eight points in the quarter, but a putback by Sam Orme at the buzzer tied things up once more at 32-32.

There were five lead changes in the fourth quarter



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Ryan Clevenger came off the bench and hit a 3-pointer for the Greyhounds.

before the final basket. Fine made a layin to start the period, then Griffin drained another 3 to put Carmel up 35-34. Noblesville surged ahead 39-35 with a Bean 3 and two Fine free throws.

The Greyhounds came back to lead 40-39 after Ryan Clevenger hit a 3 and Orme made a layin. Fine then converted an and-1 to put Noblesville on top 42-40, after which Griffin hit two free throws. That tied the game, and the Millers were able to hold on until the final shot.

“In regards to the last play, the idea was to try to

get them to switch, or a misread with Aaron and Almo,” said McClelland. “They played it right, and Almo didn’t force it, made a great play, trusted his teammate. He made a huge shot.”

Almodovar finished the game with 22 points, while Fine scored 12. Both Almodovar and Bean hit three 3s, giving Bean nine points. The Millers were perfect from the line, making all 10 of their free throws.

Griffin led the Greyhounds with 14 points, also making three 3s. Orme scored 13. While it was a tough loss, Carmel coach

Ryan Osborn said he wasn’t discouraged after the game. The past three games the ‘Hounds have played in were all decided by three points or less.

“While there’s a lot of heads down and I feel bad for the outcome, I feel really good about our progress,” said Osborn. The coach said it’s been “an incredible start to the year. I think they’re competing, we watch film, they work hard, they fix it.”

Noblesville is 3-0 and hosts Anderson tonight at The Mill. Carmel is 4-2 and plays next Friday at North Central.

NOBLESVILLE 45, CARMEL 42				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Griffin	4-4	3-4	14	2
Alex Couto	1-1	0-0	3	0
Spencer White	1-2	0-0	2	2
Sam Orme	5-14	2-2	13	2
Jared Bonds	3-6	1-3	7	1
Ryan Clevenger	1-2	0-0	3	2
Owen Huber	0-0	0-0	0	1
Logan Reinhart	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-31	6-9	42	10
Carmel 3-point shooting (6-15) Griffin 3-3, Orme 1-7, Clevenger 1-2, Couto 1-1, White 0-1, Reinhart 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (22) Orme 8, White 7, Bonds 4, Reinhart 2, Griffin 1.				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Almodovar	6-12	7-7	22	1
Aaron Fine	4-11	3-3	12	1
Cooper Bean	3-6	0-0	9	0
Aiden Brewer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Hunter Walston	1-3	0-0	2	4
Will Smits	0-0	0-0	0	1
Justin Curry	0-0	0-0	0	0
Luke Etchison	0-0	0-0	0	1
Preston Roberts	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-32	10-10	45	8
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-14) Almodovar 3-5, Bean 3-4, Fine 1-4, Walston 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (13) Almodovar 3, Bean 3, Walston 3, Roberts 2, Fine 1, Brewer 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	8	11	13	10-42
Noblesville	14	5	13	13-45

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Basketball



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Noblesville's Dani Mendez had four rebounds during the game.

# Tigers trounce Millers in conference matchup

The REPORTER

Fishers won a girls basketball all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game over Noblesville Friday, 55-47 at the Tiger Den.

The Class 4A No. 6 Tigers got off to a fast start, and that helped them to hold a 16-10 lead after one quarter. Talia Harris helped out with seven points in that quarter, including a 3-pointer. Fishers led 26-19 at halftime, with Hailey Smith adding seven points of her own.

The Tigers held a 39-31 lead after three periods. Kaitlyn Shoemaker kept the 4A No. 5 Millers in the game with seven points. Meredith Tippner added 10 points for Noblesville in the fourth quarter, including a pair of 3s. But Harris stepped up for Fishers, also scoring 10 points, and that helped the Tigers

clinch the win.

Harris finished the game with 20 points. Joirdyn Smith drained two 3s on her way to 10 points, with Alycia Triplett adding 10 points as well. Hailey Smith played outstanding, collecting 14 rebounds to go with her nine points and five assists. Olivia Smith dished out four assists.

Tippner scored 19 points for the Millers; she and Dani Mendez both pulled four rebounds. Reagan Wilson added 12 points and made five steals. Shoemaker also had four steals and four assists.

Fishers is 2-1 in the conference and 9-2 overall, and plays Monday at Pendleton Heights. Noblesville is 1-2 in HCC play and 7-3 overall, and takes on Oakton (Va.) Monday at the Hoosier Gym.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Fishers' Talia Harris scored 20 points for the Tigers during their 55-47 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Noblesville on Friday.

FISHERS 55, NOBLESVILLE 47									
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF	Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Joirdyn Smith	3-7	2-2	10	4	Kaitlyn Shoemaker	3-11	1-1	7	0
Talia Harris	7-9	4-6	20	1	Reagan Wilson	4-12	3-4	12	0
Alycia Triplett	5-5	0-0	10	2	Meredith Tippner	7-15	2-2	19	4
Hailey Smith	3-5	3-5	9	1	Kate Rollins	0-0	0-0	0	3
Olivia Smith	0-3	0-0	0	4	Dani Mendez	2-5	1-2	5	3
Karina Scott	0-1	0-0	0	0	C.C. Quigley	2-2	0-0	4	1
Kate Thomas	3-6	0-0	6	1	Brooklyn Ely	0-2	0-0	0	3
Allison Scheu	0-1	0-0	0	0	Totals	18-47	7-9	47	14
Ava Carter	0-0	0-0	0	0	<b>Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-17)</b> Tippner 3-5, Wilson 1-5, Shoemaker 0-6, Ely 0-1.				
Totals	21-37	9-13	55	13	<b>Noblesville rebounds (17)</b> Tippner 4, Mendez 4, Shoemaker 2, Wilson 2, Rollins 1, Quigley 1, team 3.				
<b>Fishers 3-point shooting (4-14)</b> J. Smith 2-5, Harris 2-3, H. Smith 0-2, O. Smith 0-2, Scott 0-1, Scheu 0-1.					<b>Score by Quarters</b>				
<b>Fishers rebounds (28)</b> H. Smith 14, J. Smith 4, Harris 3, O. Smith 2, Carter 2, Thomas 1, Triplett 1, team 1.					Noblesville	10	9	12	16 – 47
					Fishers	16	10	13	16 – 55

## University girls win conference championship for sixth year in a row

The REPORTER

The University girls clinched the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division championship for the sixth consecutive year with a 46-17 win over Muncie Burris at The U Center.

The Trailblazers held Burris scoreless in the first half jumping out to a 33-0 halftime lead. University led 16-0 after the first quarter with seven players scoring. Alex Feeney and Keira Bright had four each in the quarter. Bright added nine more points in the second quarter and finished with a team-high 14 points.

Mack Feeney scored eight in her first career start while Charlotte Conyers added seven off the bench. Alex Feeney had six points, Hannah Grubbs five, Reva Allam four and Anyah Jordan-Turley two to complete

the Trailblazers scoring.

University had 30 steals in the contest. Conyers led with seven steals while Bright, Mack Feeney, Grubbs and Jordan-Turley each had five steals. Grubbs had a game-high seven rebounds.

University will travel to the PAAC South Division champion on Jan. 14 in an attempt to defend its PAAC championship. University has now won 19 consecutive PAAC North games and is 25-2 all time in division play.

The 8-4 Trailblazers are off until Dec. 22 when they travel to the Tiernan Center in Richmond to play in the Casey Pohlenz Memorial Tournament. University plays the Indianapolis Homeschool Wildcats and Bishop Chatard in pool play on Dec. 22. Bracket games will occur Dec. 23.

UNIVERSITY 46, MUNCIE BURRIS 17				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Keira Bright	5-6	2-2	14	0
Anyah Jordan-Turley	1-6	0-0	2	1
Hannah Grubbs	2-6	1-6	5	3
Alex Feeney	3-4	0-0	6	1
Mack Feeney	4-9	0-0	8	2
Leah Norvell	0-4	0-2	0	1
Reva Allam	2-7	0-0	4	0
Charlotte Conyers	3-6	1-2	7	2
Meg Rohloff	0-0	0-0	0	0
Anna Hicks	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-48	4-12	46	10
Score by Quarters				
Muncie Burris	0	0	9	8 – 17
University	16	17	7	6 – 46
<b>University 3-point shooting (2-6)</b> Bright 2-2, Conyers 0-2, Norvell 0-1, Allam 0-1.				
<b>University rebounds (22)</b> Grubbs 7, M. Feeney 5, Bright 3, Jordan-Turley 2, Conyers 2, Rohloff 1, A. Feeney 1, Hicks 1.				

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 10	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Fishers vs. Bloomington North, 5:15 p.m. at Southport	
Anderson at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Heights at Delta, 7:30 p.m.	
Liberty Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Carmel at Fort Wayne Snider, 1:30 p.m.	
Concordia Lutheran at Hamilton Heights, 1:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING	
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights	
Husky Invitational, 9 a.m.	
University at Clinton Central Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield girls at	
Fishers Tiger Claw Diving Invite, 10 a.m.	
WRESTLING	
Sheridan at Frankfort Duals, 8:30 a.m.	
Carmel boys at Falcon Duals, 9 a.m. at Perry Meridian	
Carmel girls at Lebanon Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Columbus North Duals, 9 a.m.	
Hamilton Heights at Union City Super 6, 9 a.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Plainfield Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Noblesville at Roncalli Duals, 9 a.m.	
Fishers at Chris Traicoff Memorial Invitational, 9:30 a.m. at Calumet	
Monday, Dec. 12	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Noblesville vs. Oakton, Va., 7 p.m. at The Hoosier Gym	
Fishers at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING	
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.	
Tuesday, Dec. 13	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Pendleton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Avon at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.	
Lawrence Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.	
WRESTLING	
Guerin Catholic at Sheridan, 6 p.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, Dec. 14	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Tipton at Sheridan, 7 p.m.	
WRESTLING	
Carmel at Center Grove, 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday, Dec. 15	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 7:30 p.m.	
SWIMMING	
University at Clinton Central (with International), 6 p.m.	
WRESTLING	
Westfield at Noblesville, 6:30 p.m.	
Friday, Dec. 16	
BOYS BASKETBALL	
Brebeuf Jesuit at University, 7:30 p.m.	
Carmel at North Central, 7:30 p.m.	
Eastern at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.	
Noblesville at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.	
Western at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.	
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Eastern at Sheridan, 6 p.m.	
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Swimming

Huskies sweep Lewis Cass at dual meet

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights swim teams swept a dual meet at Lewis Cass on Thursday.

The girls team won 94-86. Teegan Madara and Sophia Hulen were double winners; Madara placed first in the 200 freestyle and butterfly, while Hulen paced the 100 free and backstroke.

The Huskies boys team cruised to a 111-66 victory. Aiden Clarke picked up two wins, in the 200 and 100 freestyles.

Nathan Cox won the diving event. Last Saturday, Cox

won the Western Diving Invitational, breaking the Heights 11-dive school record by scoring 525.05 points.

Heights will host its annual Husky Invitational today, with the diving to start at 9 a.m. and the swimming to begin at noon.

**GIRLS MEET**  
**Team score: Hamilton Heights 94, Lewis Cass 86.**

**200 medley relay:** 2. Heights "B" (Teegan Madara, Adalyn Gould, Anna Jozsa, Sophia Hulen) 2:14.02, 3. Heights "A" (Karley Duncan, Mary Ella Bichey, Sarah Toll, Rachel England) 2:19.60.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Madara

2:04.65, 2. Anna Monnin 2:26.54, 4. Lucy Hogg 2:36.54.

**200 individual medley:** 2. Bichey 2:50.55, 3. Duncan 2:51.31.

**50 freestyle:** 3. Jozsa 29.14, 5. England 29.99, 6. Bea Pache 30.81.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Madara 1:06.53, 3. Toll 1:19.37, 5. Shanna Hackett 1:32.91.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Hulen 56.83, 3. Jozsa 1:04.58, 6. Gould 1:10.69.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Monnin 6:41.07, 3. Duncan 7:02.04, 4. England 7:08.10.

**200 freestyle relay:** 2. Heights "B" (Bichey, Toll, Monnin, England) 2:03.88, 4. Heights "A"

(Mary Bowman, Pache, Gould, Duncan) 2:07.86.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Hulen 1:06.68, 3. Pache 1:25.00, 5. Bowman 1:33.19.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Bichey 1:28.77, 3. Toll 1:35.49, 4. Hogg 1:40.47.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Heights "B" (Monnin, Madara, Jozsa, Hulen) 4:14.08, 3. Heights "A" (Gould, Pache, Hogg, Hackett) 4:49.45.

**BOYS MEET**  
**Team score: Hamilton Heights 111, Lewis Cass 66.**

**200 medley relay:** 2. Heights "B" (Gabe Roosa, Alex Knepper, Aiden Clarke, Noah Shlater) 1:53.66, 3. Heights

"A" (Cole Martin, Hudson Holt, Rudy Bowman, Rowan Donald) 2:07.63, 4. Heights "C" (Owen Eshelman, Nick Stumpf, Landon Poland, Charles Wedmore) 2:57.52.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Clarke 2:01.07, 3. Martin 2:11.99, 4. Stumpf 2:57.64.

**200 individual medley:** 2. Roosa 2:28.44, 3. Bowman 2:31.20.

**50 freestyle:** 2. Knepper 26.39, 3. Donald 26.85, 4. Eshelman 32.75.

**One-meter diving:** 1. Nathan Cox 328.45, 2. Ethan Swart 314.80.

**100 butterfly:** 2. Blake Blackhurst 1:03.28, 3. Bowman

1:13.92, 4. Donald 1:16.48.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Clarke 55.07, 2. Shlater 56.83, 4. Wedmore 1:13.46.

**500 freestyle:** 2. Martin 5:51.81, 3. Holt 6:37.66, 4. Poland 8:33.70.

**200 freestyle relay:** 2. Heights "B" (Blackhurst, Holt, Bowman, Shlater) 1:47.24, 3. Heights "A" (Eshelman, Stumpf, Poland, Swart) 2:10.73.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Roosa 1:06.49, 2. Blackhurst 1:13.95.

**100 breaststroke:** 2. Knepper 1:12.71, 3. Holt 1:21.82, 5. Poland 2:00.66.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Heights "B" (Blackhurst, Knepper, Shlater, Clarke) 4:08.68.

Wrestling

Millers crush Frankton at dual meet

The REPORTER

The Noblesville wrestling team cruised to a dual meet win at Frankton on Thursday.

The Millers won 57-24, taking 10 of the 14 matches. Nine of those victories were by fall, including eight first-period pins. Luke Hile at 182 pounds had the fastest pin of the night, in 46 seconds.

"Very proud of how

NOBLESVILLE 57, FRANKTON 24 Meet started at 145 pounds	
145: C.J. Livingston def. Thomas by fall, 1:52	285: Jackson Apple lost to Branham by fall, 1:42
152: Carter Richardson def. Inglis by fall, 1:07	106: Corbin Miller def. Hughes by fall, 1:41
160: Gage Gully def. Oakley by fall, 0:57	113: Lawson McRae def. Eller by fall, 3:17
170: Aiden Widget def. Peters by decision, 6-0	120: Josh Kauzlick def. Brummett by fall, 0:38
182: Luke Hile def. Warren by fall, 0:46	126: Luke Chastain def. Molner by fall, 0:53
195: Corbin Hornickle lost to Martin by fall, 2:36	132: Aiden Howell lost to Ward by fall, 5:19
220: Austin Hastings def. Ellis by fall, 1:46	138: Paxton Cook lost to Alexander by fall, 1:23

our kids competed," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. "Our team is starting to find an identity and

we are starting to see some wrestlers take a leadership role, which we have been missing at the beginning of

the season."

The Millers are back in action tomorrow at the Roncalli Duals.

Racing

Driven2SaveLives BC39 expands to four nights, weekend in September 2023

The REPORTER

The Driven2SaveLives BC39 will celebrate its fifth running in 2023 by moving to a new date as a stand-alone weekend event, Sept. 27-30 at The Dirt Track at IMS, featuring a new format placing the wheel-to-wheel racing of United States Auto Club (USAC) NOS Energy Drink National Midget Championship in an even bigger spotlight.

Action under the lights will start Wednesday, Sept. 27, continuing every night through the 39-lap BC39 feature race Saturday, Sept. 30.

Event format, ticket information and other event details will be announced in the future.

"The BC39 continues to draw fans and competitors from around the country as it has become one of the most prestigious dirt track races in the United States," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "In 2023, fans will see more racing on more nights, which is great news for everyone who shares the passion for this incredibly competitive series and its talented drivers."

"An expanded schedule also will encourage more people to register for organ donation through the Indiana Donor Network, a



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cause that was so important to Bryan Clauson and remains a focus of the Clauson family."

The event on the quarter-mile dirt oval inside Turn 3 at IMS will continue to honor late USAC champion and three-time Indianapolis 500 starter Bryan Clauson and increase awareness of and participation in the Indiana Donor Network and Driven2SaveLives.

"We are excited to see the Driven2SaveLives BC39 return for 2023," said Tim Clauson, Bryan Clauson's father. "We are humbled that Roger Penske and Doug Boles see this event worthy of having a dedicated weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Getting to honor Bryan's

memory, as well as share the story of organ and tissue donation at a place so special to Bryan, is simply amazing. Thank you to Roger, Doug and USAC for continuing to grow this event."

Said Taylor McLean, marketing program specialist for Indiana Donor Network and Bryan Clauson's sister: "Everyone at Indiana Donor Network and Driven2SaveLives is thrilled to see the BC39 return for the fifth year at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2023. It is an honor to be able to be a part of an event that Bryan would be proud of. We are so excited to continue to give drivers and fans a place to honor Bryan and continue building support for organ donation and transplanta-

tion within the racing community through our Driven2SaveLives ambassador program."

Buddy Kofoid won the Driven2SaveLives BC39 in August en route to his second consecutive USAC National Midget Championship. He outdueled Cannon McIntosh in a cushion-riding thriller.

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Basketball

University overcomes & overwhelms Sccecina

The REPORTER

The University boys overcame a sluggish start to overwhelm Sccecina in the first quarter on the way to a dominating 73-39 win over the Crusaders.

Neither team could dent the scoreboard until Robert Russell put the Trailblazers up 2-0 with 5:17 left in the opening quarter. Kahmi Bracey followed with a steal and layin before Bracey found Seth Hogg for a three pointer. Those baskets started a 20-4 run over four minutes to put University in control of the game.

Andre Ozlowski followed with a pair of free throws before converting a traditional three-point play off an assist from Bryce Gray. Sabien Cain hit the first of his six three-pointers on the night and Steven Scott added another traditional three-point play to make it 18-4. Cain followed with a steal and dunk before closing the first quarter with another three-pointer with three seconds left. University led 23-10 after the first quarter.

The Trailblazers turned up the defensive intensity in the second quarter, holding Sccecina to just two free throws with 2:13 left in the quarter. Cain had eight points in the second quarter

and University led 41-12 at halftime. University extended the lead to 54-22 after three quarter behind eight more points from Cain, who had a game-high 24 points.

Coach Brandon Lafferman substituted liberally throughout the second half. Bryce Gray had seven points in the fourth quarter and Eli Facey added six. University shot 61 percent from the field in the game.

Lafferman was excited with his team's performance. "We talked all week about to defend Sccecina. We hadn't played against that much size yet and I thought our guys from the beginning did a really great job of bottling them up and working together on the defensive end. Sabien really got us going offensively making threes early. The chemistry on the offensive end of the floor was fantastic."

"It is our first double-header weekend and we go in to a big conference game tomorrow night. I'm happy with this road win and hopefully we can take of business tomorrow," concluded Lafferman.

University is 3-0 and opens Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference North Division play tomorrow night at The U Center against Liberty Christian.

UNIVERSITY 73, SCECINA 39				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kahmi Bracey	2	2-2	6	3
Robert Russell	4	0-0	9	1
Sabien Cain	9	0-0	24	1
Andre Ozlowski	2	5-5	9	0
Seth Hogg	1	0-0	3	2
Bryce Gray	3	1-1	7	0
Zien Bland	1	0-0	2	2
Steven Scott	2	1-1	5	2
Jackson Bledsoe	1	0-0	2	1
David Walls	0	0-0	0	0
Montgomery Holland	0	0-0	0	0
Eli Facey	1	3-3	6	3
Totals	26	12-12	73	15
Score by Quarters				
University	23	18	13	19 - 73
Sccecina	10	2	13	14 - 39
University 3-pointers (9) Cain 6, Russell 1, Facey 1, Hogg 1.				

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