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The Reporter works to provide fair, balanced and accurate information to our readers. When there is a particularly sticky issue to cover, we reach out to people on both sides of it and we give you the exact words each said. If we were unable to reach people from both sides, we tell you that we tried and which side chose not to engage with our readers.

Ok, in the interest of transparency, sometimes we edit their grammar a bit or provide a few extra words [in brackets] for clarity.

The owners of The Reporter talk to one another about the goals, direction and standards of this newspaper.

We listen to the feedback we get from our readers. Sometimes we make adjustments because of that. Sometimes we do not. But we listen with open minds,

and we always admit our mistakes.

We believe the media should continue to be the fourth estate.

Without an open and reliable press, it becomes exceptionally difficult to hold our leaders accountable for their words and deeds.

The owners of The Reporter have our individual and collective biases. Everyone does.

We try to strip out as much bias as we can before words hit the page. We choose to reject a great deal of potential news content in which the bias is too heavy to edit out without destroying the intent of the original message.

Now let's get back to that distrust of media issue where this column began.

I have been to more public and private events than I can count where someone stands a few feet away and

talks about how untrustworthy the media is these days. In almost every instance, they follow up with, "I don't mean YOU. I mean the national media."

It reminds of Rodney Dangerfield in *Caddyshack*. "This is the worst looking hat I ever saw. You buy a hat like this, I'll bet you get a free bowl of soup." Rodney turns to see Ted Knight wearing that very hat. "Oh, it looks good on you though!"

The irony that I am widely known for my hats and coats is not lost on me.

I look like exactly what I am: a newsman who belongs in another era.

An era when the occasional snarky headline was a cause for chuckles and a bit of thinking instead of a reactionary and instant taking of offense.

An era when words on paper had weight.

An era when you picked up a newspaper to find facts.

An era when readers trusted their newspaper and the newspaper trusted its readers to read more than the first two paragraphs, then think, then make their own decisions.

Wearing that hat may be long out of fashion, but I'm going to keep wearing it and hoping someday people see the value in it again.

PIANIST

considered one of the finest interpreters of the Romantic and early Twentieth Century Repertoire. He began practicing the piano at the age of six and gave his first concert at 11. He has recorded several CDs and performs regularly in internationally prestigious concert halls all over the world. He has performed about 1,000 concerts in 40 different countries, including the United States.

Attesti has served as Deputy Mayor and Counsellor of Culture and Tourism for the city of Cortona since 2019. Known for its wineries, Cortona is a historic city in the Tuscany area of Italy with landscapes of low mountains

and lakes. In the fourth and fifth centuries B.C. Cortona was one of the 12 Etruscan cities, rich and prosperous, governed by powerful noble families and judges whose names can be found on monuments and other archaeological finds. The city, located in the province of Arezzo, is one of the most popular hilltop towns in Tuscany. The hilltop overlooks the Val di Chiana valley, guarded by the massive Etruscan walls. The picturesque hilltop with its spectacular views was the setting for the book and movie *Under the Tuscan Sun*.

On May 23 of this year, Carmel and Cortona became official Sister Cities,

signing an official agreement designed to promote international goodwill, understanding, student educational exchanges and expanded business relationships between the two cities and their respective nations. Cortona is Carmel's fourth international Sister City. Earlier this year, the city entered into a similar relationship with the city of Jelgava, Zemgale, Latvia. Previously, Carmel established relationships with Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan, and Xiangyang, Hubei, China.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Rotary Club of Carmel and the many local projects they support throughout the year.

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TERM LIMITS

reason I have vetoed this ordinance."

[Click here to watch Tuesday's news conference on YouTube.](#)

City administration not only sought the opinion of city legal staff at Taft Law, but also Co-Chairman of the Indiana Election Division Brad King, who advised that the purview setting of term limits is purely at the discretion of state legislature.

The new limits would take effect in 2024, after next year's election.

Westfield City Council's voting record on term limits ordinance

The council voted 5-2 to override Mayor Cook's veto, thus enacting term limits within the city beginning with the 2024 term.

Voted in favor of overriding veto:

Voted against overriding veto:

• Joe Edwards

• Scott Frei

• Jake Gilbert

• Mike Johns

• Troy Patton

• Cindy Spoljaric

• Scott Willis

Cook, who is serving his fourth term as mayor of Westfield, says he has not made a decision on whether he will seek another term in next year's election.

The limits approved Monday would not include any terms served prior to Jan. 1, 2024.

[Click here to read Ordinance 22-50.](#)

PREVAIL

Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse

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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Suzanne Crouch running for governor

Submitted by Crouch for Indiana
Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's current Lieutenant Governor, has announced her campaign for governor. "I'm a conservative leader that has fought for Indiana, and I've connected with Hoosiers in all 92 counties. I truly understand, and can relate, to what Hoosiers need and want," Crouch said. "I have the leadership and experience to act on what our state needs to be successful."

Crouch has a reputation for advocating for initiatives that positively impact Hoosiers' economy, invest in education, and strengthen communities and families. Hoosiers recognize Crouch as someone who will challenge and innovate government to be more efficient and transparent. Crouch has a clear vi-



Crouch to statewide leadership, Crouch has served as a State Representative, County Commissioner, County Auditor, State Auditor, and has been Indiana's Lieutenant

Governor since 2017. As Lieutenant Governor, Crouch serves as the President of the Indiana Senate. Crouch oversees a portfolio that includes the **Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)**, **Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)**, **Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)**, and **Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC)**. Additionally, she chairs the **Roundtable**

Accomplishments & Distinctions

- Trine University Woman of Distinction (2021)
- Indianapolis Business Journal Woman of Influence (2021)
- Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumna (2018)
- Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (INARF) Lifetime Achievement Award (2015)
- Arc of Indiana Public Policy Award (2012)
- National Coalition of Capital Champion of Small Business Award (2012)
- Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (INARF) Legislator of the Year (2011)

on Mental Health, the **Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force** and the Civics Education Commission.

Crouch is the first Republican woman in Indiana to ever run for Governor. [Click here](#) to watch Crouch's announcement.

Crash Test Dummies to perform March 11 in Carmel

The REPORTER
Canadian rock band the Crash Test Dummies, best known for their 1990s hit "Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm," will perform March 11 at the Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts.
Opening the show will be Carleton Stone, an Americana and pop singer-songwriter from Nova Scotia.
Tickets starting at \$40 will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](#) and by phone at (317) 843-3800. The concert is part of the Faegre Drinker Encore Series and the 2022-2023 Center Presents Season, presented in partnership with Allied Solutions.
Founded in the 1980s

in Winnipeg, Canada, the Crash Test Dummies achieved international success with their multi-Grammy-nominated 1993 album *God Shuffled His Feet*, showcasing lead singer-songwriter Brad Roberts' distinctive baritone voice. The group reformed in 2018 after a long hiatus and has been touring North America and Europe to mark its 30th anniversary. A new original single, "Sacred Alphabet," is set for release in early 2023.
Crash Test Dummies with special guest Carleton Stone
8 p.m. Saturday, March 11
The Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts
Tickets: From \$40 on sale 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16
Purchase and information: [TheCenterPresents.org](#)



org. Call (317) 843-3800 or email Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org.

About the Center for the Performing Arts
The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington pro-

scenium theater and the black box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes

children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](#).

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by Robert Fulghum

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The Carmel Police Department is investigating multiple thefts from Walgreens, 1424 S. Range Line Road, which occurred between April and October 2022. The individual pictured above is suspected of stealing various items from the store, on multiple occasions, during that timeframe. The total value of the stolen merchandise is approximately \$5,000. If you have any information on this person, please call Officer Froelich at the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 2022-60075.

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According to Hamilton County Highway Director Brad Davis, crews are ready for the onset of true winter weather with snowplows, salt trucks, and 4,500 tons of salt to treat the roads of the unincorporated portions of the county. Davis said preparing for winter is a year-long process.

Hamilton County Highway Department is ready for winter

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Highway Department is ready for winter. It spent the past year reviewing snow routes, checking equipment, and stockpiling materials to ensure it's ready when winter rears its ugly head.

"Winter operations are taken very seriously and is nearly a year long process," Highway Director Brad Davis said. "As soon as winter ends, preparations are being made for the next winter."

The county's salt storage barn is nearly full of 4,500 tons of treated salt. It will be used to treat almost 1,200 lane miles of roadway and bridges in the unincorporated areas of the county. The county also uses a salt brine solution on the roadways ahead



Davis

of a storm to prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement and to allow for a much easier post-storm cleanup.

"We're always preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," Davis added. "That includes inspecting all our equipment and repairing anything now to avoid breakdowns later."

The county's snow-fighting fleet includes 14 snow trucks, two brine application trucks, and nine pick-up trucks with plows. Additional CDL certified and non CDL certified drivers have also been hired to help maintain a 24-hour operation if necessary.

If you live on a road outside city limits and not on a state highway and need to request snow removal, you can do so at [this link](#).



Rep. Jim Banks considering run to replace Sen. Braun

The REPORTER

After U.S. Senator Mike Braun announced Monday he will not seek re-election to the U.S. Senate in 2024, Rep. Jim Banks released the following statement:

"Senator Braun has been a reliable and strong conservative in the Senate and I'm grateful for all he has done for our state over the past four years. I am confident that he will continue to champion Hoosier values in



Banks

the next stage of his public service career.

"Indiana deserves a proven conservative to continue Senator Braun's work in the United States Senate."

"I am strongly considering running for the open Indiana Senate seat in 2024, and I will spend the upcoming holidays praying and talking with my wife, family and close friends about how I can best serve Indiana."

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The Cicero Street and Utilities Department has a full-time position opening for a Labor-Class I, II, III. The position will be responsible for a variety of duties involved with operating, repairing/maintaining the street, potable water, and wastewater operations and facilities according to applicable rules, regulations, and laws for the Town of Cicero. For a full job description, please visit the Town of Cicero's website at 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

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Seven nonprofits each awarded \$10K as 2022 Arago Honors recipients

Program of the Meridian Foundation celebrates innovation in Indy-area nonprofit community

The REPORTER

Indianapolis-based **Meridian Foundation** announced Monday that seven nonprofits have been named 2022 Arago Honor recipients. The program awards \$10,000 in unrestricted funds to nonprofits that demonstrate their innovative practices, large or small, are leading to significant community change.

Honorees for this year’s award include:

- **Be Nimble Foundation** for Melon Kitchens, a ghost kitchen for Black chefs, housed at 16 Tech’s AMP Marketplace. The two-year-old training program, allows chefs to scale their enterprises through a delivery-only and take-out

model supported by business resources and supplies, a shared commissary kitchen, and the technology infrastructure needed for growth.

- **Conner Prairie Museum, Inc.** for its deliberate and inclusive new Promised Land as Proving Ground (PLPG) exhibit addressing the origins of African American religious, foodway and ritual traditions. PLPG will cover more than 1,000 years of history from pre-colonial to present day and incorporate new stories alongside existing Prairietown narratives when its phased in opening is complete next year.

- **Joy’s House** for creating an End-of-Life Doula program that demonstrates a willingness to embrace an

overlooked aspect of life – the dying process. The program focuses on how an individual wants to live during their end-of-life transition, offering additional support to family caregivers.

- **Latinas Welding Guild** empowers Latina women to be leaders in the welding industry. By providing barrier-free job training, job placement, ongoing career coaching, workplace consulting for industry employers and community welding education, the Guild offers inclusive wrap-around services for women competing in this traditionally male manufacturing field in central Indiana.

- **Meals on Wheels of Central Indiana** for creating

the EMBRACE Cancer program that provides medically tailored meals (MTM) to vulnerable individuals recently diagnosed with cancer. In 2021, the national cancer survival rate was 57 percent. Clients in the EMBRACE Cancer program had a survival rate of 64 percent, an amazing 7 percent higher.

- **Overdose Lifeline, Inc.** for its Naloxone Harm-Reduction Distribution strategy placing this opiate antidote in strategic Indiana locations, including nineteen repurposed vending machines in correctional facilities, hospitals, health care centers, and visible community locations. In 2021, Indiana reported 2,554 overdose deaths or an aver-



age of seven Hoosiers a day.

- **Patchwork Indy** is working with numerous community, faith and government agencies to increase the awareness and strength of resettled communities in our city. By building bridges between cultures, Patchwork Indy seeks to improve both affordable housing and leadership skills of immigrants influencing their new lives and homes

“The winners of this year’s Arago Honors award have implemented projects involving arts, entrepreneurship, education, food, health and well-being, housing, racial inequity, substance abuse prevention, and workforce development,” Meridian Foundation Founder Donna Oklak said. “They are creatively solving complex challenges in our community. We want to honor them for their resourcefulness and encourage them and all nonprofits to look for new solutions to change the lives of individuals, families, neighborhoods, and ultimately our city.”

For the first time, the Meridian Foundation is using an innovation ranking system as it evaluates creative community solutions. The highest ranking, disruptive or creating significant long-term advantage, is

given to Be Nimble Foundation. Start-up (early concept for change) goes to both Patchwork Indy and Joy’s House. Incremental (to create moderate advantage) innovation is earned by Overdose Lifeline and Meals on Wheels. Catch-up (to reduce disadvantage) goes to Latina’s Welding Guild. Catch-up innovation with potential to be disruptive is Conner Prairie Museum’s ranking.

This year marks the second anniversary of the Arago Honors awards. Unlike many grant programs, funds given through the Arago Honors are unrestricted, which allows the nonprofit organizations to use the award however they see fit, helping carry forward a new cycle of investment and innovation.

To learn more about the innovation selection criteria and last year’s eight nonprofit recipients, visit the Meridian Foundation’s [website](#).

About the Meridian Foundation
Founded in 2019, the Meridian Foundation aims to support, accelerate, and celebrate nonprofit innovation in Central Indiana. For more information about the Meridian Foundation or the Arago Honors program, visit [indymeridianfoundation.org](#).

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Letter to the Editor

United Way gives you the power to *do* something

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of Fall Break, my son and I traveled to Louisiana, and then to Burnside Street in El Dorado, Ark. We were anxious to get to our destination to reunite with my siblings and extended family for a special event.

This wasn’t a typical family reunion, though.

El Dorado was my parents’ home after my dad studied in seminary school in the early 1960s. Prior to moving to Louisiana when I was a child, my seven siblings and I grew up on Burnside Street, playing kickball outside, or the other sports available at the local Boys & Girls Club, attending church together every Sunday, along with helping other families in our community.

Doing.

My father, Rev. Thadis Payne Sr., liked that verb. Until the day he passed away in 2002, he and my mom were passionate about advancing civil and equal rights for underrepresented people. My dad peacefully and passionately advocated for businesses, schools and public places to have more equitable hiring practices and just treatment of all customers. So, on that warm sunny day that my son and I traveled to El Dorado, the city paid tribute to my father’s efforts by hoisting a plaque on Burnside Street that honored “the dedicated pastor who was instrumental in advancing equality and civil rights to those who are underrepresented.”

What can we do together?

This passion for *doing* has driven me through all the chapters of my life. Good thoughts, hopes and prayers are a foundation to helping others. But as my father, who never gave up fighting for the rights of others, would ask me, “What have you *done* today?” What can we *do* about hunger, homelessness, health and wellness, literacy, mental health, safe childcare, accessible education and equity in our communities?

When we are united in purpose, we can *do* a great deal together. My father never walked alone in those picket lines – he inspired people to join in and make the impossible possible.

This holiday season, I humbly ask that you **consider a donation** to United Way of Central Indiana. Think about what you want to do to make an impact in our community as you **click here**. Which cause do you care most about and why?

Thank you for **doing**. Whether it be through volunteering, supporting, advocating or donating, we greatly appreciate your support of United Way.

Fred Payne
United Way of Central Indiana, President & CEO

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Flying south for the winter



Last week Steve and Lori Schwartz decided it was time for them to fly south for the winter, all the way to Mexico. (Top left) The Schwartzes stand with Rebecca and Kevin Kahlo, who generously arranged for transportation. We have no idea who may have arranged for Steve's wardrobe, but our publisher at least likes the hat.

Reporter photos by Nik Roberts

Salvation Army of Central Indiana kicks off five-day Angel Tree distribution

5,000 local children to receive Christmas gifts through annual program

The REPORTER

Tuesday was the first of five distribution days for The Salvation Army's expansive Angel Tree program, which will serve around 5,000 children from across central Indiana this Christmas.

Distribution space through Friday has been generously donated by the Angel Tree title sponsor, MAVPAK, and is located at one of the company's Indianapolis warehouses at 5110 W. 74th St.

The drive-thru model first introduced in 2020 continues to be the most effective way to ensure that parents can quickly collect the gifts without waiting in long lines. This system allows families picking up gifts to remain in their vehicles while volunteers retrieve each Angel's bag from inside and load them into the waiting cars.

On Saturday, Dec. 17 the Carmel United Methodist Church will play host to distribution for 200 Hamilton County families enrolled in the Angel Tree program. These families will also be arriving at appointed times to ensure that they can receive their gifts without long wait times. Carmel UMC is located at 621 S. Range Line Road near Carmel City Center.

Angel Tree of Central

Indiana distribution schedule:

- Dec. 14: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Indy)
- Dec. 15: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Indy)
- Dec. 16: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Indy)
- Dec. 17: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Carmel)

Families must financially qualify for the Angel Tree program. Back in October, The Salvation Army sat down with parents to determine their child's Christmas wishes and create a list of needs, like diapers, winter clothing, or shoes. Angels were then made available for "adoption" online by donors. Angel Tree tags hanging of special trees at local malls, select business locations, and at the Indiana Historical Society's Festival of Trees featured Angel tags with easily scanned QR codes to quickly connect donors with lists of Angels to adopt.

Many local companies, churches, and other organizations also gave back to the community by adopting large numbers of Angels. The top adopter for 2022 was MAVPAK, which adopted and shopped for 500 Angels. Flexware Innovation adopted an additional 360 in Indianapolis and 100 for The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program in Valparaiso. More than half of the Angels available this

year were adopted by organizations excited for an opportunity to make Christmas special for local children in need.

All returned gifts from The Salvation Army's Angel Tree donors have undergone extensive quality checks by volunteers and are now ready to go home and make Christmas special for 5,000 local children. Volunteers also helped to shop for "Forgotten Angels" whose bags were never returned. Thanks to cash donations to the Angel Tree program, toys and clothing donated by the Circle City Toy Run and Pacers, and books given by additional donors, every Angel



will have gifts under the tree on Christmas morning.

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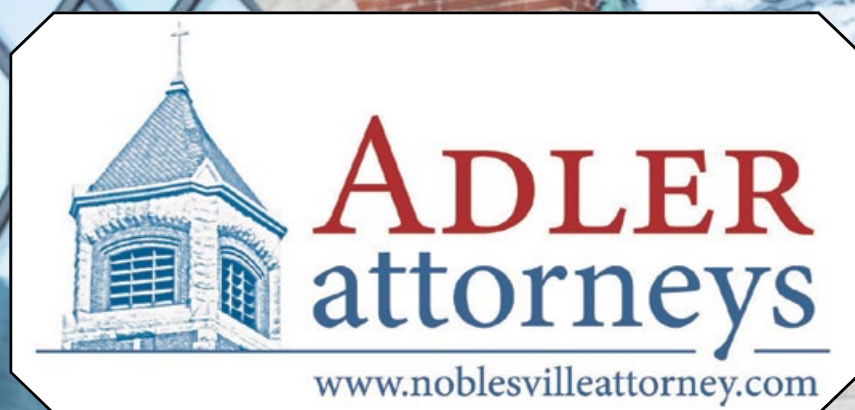
Now through Friday, Dec. 16, kids in Fishers can write their letters to Santa Claus and the city will make sure they get to him before Christmas.

Drop off letters (including a self-addressed letter) in the special Santa mailboxes located on the Nickel Plate Trail near the 116th Street intersection at the



swings, and at the Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St., at the front/east entrance of Hub & Spoke by Friday, Dec. 16, to receive a letter back from the big man.

Letters can be dropped off at either location anytime. Can't drop off in person? Email Santa through Friday, Dec. 23 at santa@fishers.in.us and get an email response.



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Fishers’ own KJ Sawada wins Congressional App Challenge for Indiana’s 5th District

The REPORTER

Last week, Rep. Victoria Spartz announced Fishers High School junior KJ Sawada as a winner for the 2022 Congressional App Challenge (CAC) for Indiana’s 5th Congressional District.

Sawada’s app called the “Class Tracker” tracks each class a student has taken in high school and calculates the credit re-

quirements for graduation for different diplomas. The app also has a filter feature that allows a user to find classes by credit hour(s) or grade received.

“It’s always a pleasure seeing innovative ideas and solutions from our youth,” Rep. Spartz said. “Computer science skills will play an important role in the 21st century economy.”

The Class Tracker app

will be featured on [House.gov](#) as well as a rotating display in the Cannon House Office Building leading to the U.S. Capitol. Sawada will also be invited to attend the CAC’s House of Code winners’ reception on Capitol Hill next spring with other winners from across the country.

[Click here](#) to watch a YouTube video demonstrating the Class Tracker app.

About the Congressional App Challenge

The CAC began in 2014 as a collaboration between the U.S. House of Representatives and the Internet Education Foundation (IEF) and is open to middle and high school students. If you are interested in participating as a judge, or if you know students interested in participating in this competition, please call at (317) 848-0201.

AG Rokita takes more action to protect young Hoosiers from dangerous content on TikTok

The REPORTER

Less than a week after launching two separate lawsuits against TikTok, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita now is calling on Apple and Google to change their age ratings for the app when making it available to consumers.

“Sexual content, profanity and drug references run rampant in TikTok videos,” Rokita said. “This kind of material threatens the mental and physical health of young Hoosiers, and not only TikTok but also vendors must make it clear to families that TikTok is wholly inappropriate for kids.”

Specifically, Rokita is demanding that Apple update the TikTok rating from “12+” to “17+” in its App Store and that Google update the TikTok rating from “Teen” to “Mature” in the Google Play Store.

The current ratings are

misleading and deceptive to consumers, as explained in two multistate letters – one sent to [Apple](#) and the other to [Google](#).



Rokita

On Dec. 7, Rokita [filed two lawsuits against TikTok](#).

One lawsuit alleges that TikTok lures children onto the platform through a variety of misleading representations.

The other asserts that TikTok – which is owned by a Chinese company – has reams of highly sensitive data and personal information about Indiana consumers and has deceived those consumers to believe that this information is protected from the Chinese government and Communist Party.

“We are determined to hold this company accountable,” Rokita said. “And that goes for its enablers as well. We’re ready to pursue further legal actions if necessary.”

Delaware Township needs your help to make sure no one goes hungry

The REPORTER

The [Delaware Township Trustee’s Office](#) invites you to take part in a holiday food drive open to all residents in the Hamilton Southeastern Schools district.

This year, the Trustee’s Office food pantry has seen an unprecedented increase in the need for food – a 66 percent increase from last year. The Trustee’s Office is only able to run its food pantry based on the generosity of donors like you – and you can help fight hunger this holiday season and pack Santa’s sleigh.

You can drop off donations from Dec. 1 to 22 in the lobby at the Trustee’s Office,

9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. For large donations, please call ahead and arrange a time at (317) 842-8595.

Food being collected

The Trustee’s Office is collecting non-perishable food. Check out the [Amazon Wishlist](#) for the most needed items. You can have items mailed directly to the Trustee’s Office at the address listed above. Please ensure to mark your item as “this order contains gift” and include your name and contact information on the gift note so your donation can be attributed to you.

Contest rules

The group or individual who donates the most food

throughout the food drive will receive a commemorative plaque, a shout-out on the township’s social media pages, and 50 percent off a one-day booking of the Community Center. *Availability and restrictions may apply. The Community Center booking date chosen will be approved and confirmed by the trustee. Limit of one-day booking of a date before March 31, 2023.*

Notification of the winner will be Friday, Jan. 13, 2023. The winner will be announced on the township’s [Facebook page](#) and will be called or emailed to be notified.

To ensure your donation

is counted, please notify an office staff member when you leave your donation so it can be weighed and attributed to your group. If you plan to leave a donation after hours, please call ahead to leave contact details and make sure all bags/boxes of your donation are labeled with your group’s name. Receipts will be provided upon request.

Scoreboard

Office staff will post ongoing updates on the township’s [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages with current rankings for the contest. Don’t forget to use the hashtag [#PackSantasSleigh](#) to tag videos, photos, and posts of your donations.

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Vanessa Shumate named Design Champion by Environments for Aging magazine

The REPORTER

American Structurepoint Senior Project Architect Vanessa Shumate has been named a 2022 Design Champion by Environments For Aging (EFA) magazine. The awards program honors senior living design professionals for advancing design solutions that effect change and improve the lives of residents, staff, and the greater community.

EFA chose Shumate for her passion for designing spaces that lead seniors to live with dignity, joy, and grace. The publication also cited her strong commitment to involving residents and staff in the design process and her ability to deliver design goals within her clients' space and budget constraints.

Shumate is American Structurepoint's senior living design expert. She has designed dozens of independent living, assisted living, affordable housing, and memory care facilities for seniors across the country. Some of her more recent projects include Glasswater Creek of Whitestown, Sweet

Galilee at the Wigwam in Anderson, Westminster Village in West Lafayette, Asstral of Franklin, and Cearu Medical Resort in Tulsa, Okla.

"This award is a great personal honor," Shumate said. "I am truly grateful for the opportunity to design communities where seniors can live active, fulfilled, happy lives and feel at home."

Shumate also gives back to the industry by mentoring young people interested in pursuing careers in the architecture, engineering, and construction professions. She has been actively involved with the ACE Mentor Program of Indianapolis for 14 years, holding multiple leadership positions with the organization while mentoring hundreds of high school youth. In 2016, Shumate received an Engineering News Record-ACE National Outstanding Mentor Award for her dedication, creativity and commitment to the ACE Mentor Program. She also volunteers at the Humane Society for Boone County, fostering adoptable cats and assisting in adoption coordination.



Shumate

Consumer alert: Products recalled in November

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in November. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.



Rokita

"The holidays should be a time of togetherness, not a time to worry about defective products," Rokita said. "Hoosiers need to know if purchased items are flawed or have the potential to hurt them or their families. That's why consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, call my office for help."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in November:

- Bolt Foldable Children's Scooters from Anker Play Products
- Tangame Busy Toy Houses from Tangame Toys
- Navy Blue Canvas Shoes from Clarks Americas
- Stashables Children's Ramp from BS Interactive
- MYX I, MYX II and MYX II Plus Exercise Bicycles from Myx
- RadWagon 4 Electric Cargo Bikes from Rad Power Bikes
- FUUL Lamp Oil Products from FHS Retail

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- AirWick Fresh Linen and Fresh Water Aerosol Air Fresheners from Reckitt
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- Lighting Products from Hunter Fan
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- Children's Clothing Sets from Bentex
- Indigo Branded Bear Mugs from Indigo Books & Music

- Toddler's Stainless Steel Bottles and Cups from Green Sprouts

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to November, visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls).

Richard Allen Burns August 29, 1959 – December 9, 2022



Richard Allen Burns, fondly known by his grandchildren as "Po," passed away on December 9, 2022, after a long illness. Rick was born August 29, 1959, in Indianapolis to John and Barbara (Johnson) Burns. He graduated from Ben Davis High School and attended IUPUI.

Rick loved hockey and truly enjoyed his many years working for the Indianapolis Checkers, starting in ticket sales and ending his career with the team as Assistant General Manager. He also spent many years educating businesspeople through his work as an account manager at CIC Enterprises. Next, Rick transitioned to a 27-year career as a Realtor and General Manager with Century 21 Rasmussen until his retirement in 2021.

Rick is survived by his wife of 33 years, Judy; son, Ryan (Aly) Burns of New Castle; daughter, Abby Williams of Carmel; and daughter, Maggie (Eric) Neuburger of Fishers. Rick was a proud and loving Po to his three granddaughters, Lizzy, Hazel, Sawyer; and one grandson, Maverick. Rick's golden retriever, Millie, will miss him dearly.

The family will welcome visitors from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Randall and Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at the funeral home, followed by burial at Oak Lawn Cemetery, 9700 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rick's name to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 ([hamiltonhumane.com](https://www.hamiltonhumane.com)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://www.randallroberts.com)

Marcella Ann (Beard) Compton December 15, 1932 – August 19, 2022



Marcella Ann (Beard) Compton, 89, went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 19, 2022.

Ann was a 1950 graduate of Sheridan High School and a lifelong member of the Sheridan First Christian Church. She loved traveling and most of all, being with family. She was a kind soul who never met a stranger and always saw the good in others.

She is survived by daughters, Cheyenne (Karl) Meenach and Cheree Melahn; stepson, Bill (Becky) Compton; sisters, Paula Beard, Dottie Beard, and Carole (Beard) Christy; grandsons, Dustin and Jason (Katie) Flick; great-grandson, Xavier Flick; great-grandson, Kai Jobe; nephews, Darryl (Janna) Waters and Darren Christy; nieces, Dawn (Dave) Spurgeon and Desiree (Mike) Carroll; step-granddaughters, Misty Compton Berkley (Mike) and Michelle Compton Wood; and several other beloved family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by husband, Leon "Fred" Compton; parents, Paul & Wilmot Beard; nieces, Donna (Waters) Kishbaugh and Autumn Danae (Burks) Passmore; great-nephews, John Paul Waters and Dakotah Spurgeon; and great-grandson, Tyler Jobe.

A Celebration of Ann's Life will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. 3rd St., Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. 3rd St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home of Sheridan.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](https://www.kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

Timothy Calvin Johnson May 7, 1962 – December 11, 2022



Timothy Calvin Johnson, 60, Indianapolis, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 11, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born on May 7, 1962, to Calvin and Darlene (Marquardt) Johnson in Mankato, Minn.

Tim was a research chemist at Dow AgroSciences, retiring after 29 years. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and hiking. Tim could fix anything! Most of all, he enjoyed being with his kids, grandkids, and his two dogs.

Tim is survived by his sons, Andrew (Jennifer) Johnson and Alex (Susan) Johnson; daughter, Kristen Johnson; grandchildren, Mark Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, and Elizabeth Johnson; Jennifer Johnson, with whom he spent 35 years; brother, Peter Johnson; and his sisters, Christine Schaeffer and Beth Lieski.

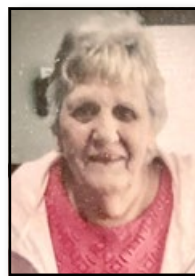
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Johnson.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, with services at 12:00 pm, on Friday, December 16, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ducks Unlimited (ducks.org/indiana).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://www.randallroberts.com)

Donna Marie Hunter July 21, 1938 – December 10, 2022



Donna Marie Hunter, 84, rural Atlanta, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born July 21, 1938, in Lapel, Ind., to Everett and Iva (Welsh) Haskell. After high school she worked as a nurse's aide until she married. She married Wayne Francis Hunter on August 10, 1971 and stepped into her new role as a wife and homemaker. Living in the country, Donna soon became involved with working on a farm, a role she also enjoyed. She tended their chickens and helped her husband with their cattle plus building and repairing fences. She also had a large garden.

She loved being with people and especially enjoyed visiting and joking with her family and friends. Donna and her husband liked to listen to country music and made several trips to Branson with the bus trips hosted by Dr. Harris. They were able to also accomplish their dream trip to Hawaii. In later years her nursing skills were put to good use again as she took care of her mother-in-law, Nettie Hunter, for over 10 years, and later took care of her husband at home until he required more intensive care.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Gerald, Raymond, and Harvey Haskell; and stepson, Ted Hunter.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne Francis Hunter; son, Brian Hunter of Atlanta; and daughter, Cindy (fiancé, Eric Layton Cooper) of Whitestown; grandchildren, Axle, Christian, Teagan, Kade, and Casey; stepdaughters, Bev Poindexter and Bec Hunter-Barnett; stepson, Jerry W. Hunter; and several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034, with burial to follow at Arcadia Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of the services. Pastor Jody Brown will officiate.

You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhome.com](https://www.hartleyfuneralhome.com).

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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet to discuss county finances at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, has been canceled.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James,
To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.
Jude 1:1-4 (NIV)


Laurie M. Coppess

March 18, 1965 – August 17, 2022

Laurie M. Coppess, 57, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on March 18, 1965, to Michael and Brenda (Corrigan) Coppess in Noblesville.
In addition to her mother, she is survived by her sons and daughter, Ashley Foust, Jacob Forrer and Michael Forrer. She was preceded in death by her father.
No services will be held at this time.
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Sandra “Sandy” Dennis


November 23, 1939 – December 11, 2022




Sandra “Sandy” Dennis, 83, Sheridan, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 11, 2022. She was born on November 23, 1939, in Hortonville, Ind., to Guy and Denzle Millikan.
Following her 1957 graduation from Westfield High School, Sandy worked as a medical receptionist at Naab Road Orthopedics and later at Westfield Family Physicians.
Even as Sandy battled Parkinson’s disease for more than 20 years, she always had a smile with a sweet spirit. She loved watching both Westfield High School and Indiana University sports. Sandy enjoyed growing a vegetable garden and taking care of the many different animals.
The highlight of her life and greatest joy was being a wife, mother, and Grandma Sandy. She and her husband, Bill, adopted four children whom they loved dearly. Sandy loved and cared for many children other than her own grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was affectionately known as “Grandma Sandy.”
In addition to her parents, Sandy was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, William “Bill” Dennis; son, Jeff Dennis; and sister, June Cordell.
Survivors include her daughters, Dawn Dennis (Shon) Hyden and Dayna (George) Cancel; son, Erick (Debbie) Dennis; daughter-in-law, Sheri Dennis; grandchildren, Brooke (Eric) Chris, Randa Thurman, Cassandra (Jacob) Theurer, Christopher (Julia) Dennis, Dimitri (Laura) Cancel, and Bryce (Kaylee) Cancel; great-grandchildren, Troy (Maddie) Chris, Alex Chris, Chloe (Dalton) Chris, Ella Montgomery, Lilly Maxwell, Caleb Montgomery, Taylor Thurman, Lindsay Thurman, and Octavia Cancel; sisters, Carol Edwards, Juliann Baldwin, and Sharon (Vern) Thompson; and brother, Kent (Barbara) Millikan.
Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, where the Funeral Service will begin at noon, and where Sandy was a dedicated member.
Burial will follow in Summit Lawn Cemetery.
In memory of Sandy, donations may be made to Witham Hospital Rock Steady Boxing, 2605 N. Lebanon St., Wellness Department, Lebanon, IN 46052 (witham.org/event/rock-steady-boxing) or Six Points Church Children’s Ministry, 1545 W. 226 St., Sheridan, IN 46069 (sixpointschurch.com). Envelopes will also be available at the service.
Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family with arrangements.
Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Michael Bradley Durbin


February 19, 1978 – December 8, 2022



Michael Bradley Durbin, 44, Sheridan, passed away on December 8, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born February 19, 1978, in Noblesville, he was the son of Terry Lee Durbin and Marcie Anne (Nicholson) Durbin.
After graduating from Sheridan High School with the class of 1996, he went on to earn his associate degree in HVAC from Ivy Tech in 1998. Bradley had the wonderful opportunity to work alongside his father in the family business, Durbin Heating and Electric, for 20 years.
Bradley was a creative person, and one of the main outlets for his ideas was the woodshop. He loved woodworking and developed a fascination with home remodeling and design. As the creative one in the family, he also had the added pressure of being the family party and event planner, a title that he enjoyed more than he let on.
When he wasn’t working, Bradley loved hanging out around the house with Maggie, his canine BFF and faithful sidekick. If you saw one of them, the other wasn’t too far away. There was always something to get into around the house, and it usually involved some sort of game. Video games, board games, yard games, outside, inside ... you name it, he’d play it (at least once). He even liked watching games – Colts games. His favorite thing to do at home, or anywhere for that matter, was to just chill out and listen to some Dave Matthews Band.
Family was very important to Bradley, especially when it came to his nephew, Luke. He lovingly helped create Luke’s Lemonade Stand for his nephew. He was the founder, CEO, and CFO, as well. Together they were a winning pair, raising money for a very good cause, the Sheridan Fire Department.
Bradley is survived by his parents, Terry Lee Durbin and Marcie Anne (Nicholson) Durbin of Sheridan; sister, Ashley Durbin of Zionsville; nephew, Luke Cook; paternal grandmother, Wilda “Babe” Durbin; and by his partner in crime, his pug, Maggie.
He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Forest E. Durbin; and his maternal grandmother, Lucille Nicholson.
Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 3 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor Travis Pryor will be officiating. He will be laid to rest at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan, with a graveside committal service being held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 16, 2022.
Bradley’s family is asking that you honor his memory by giving of yourself through the act of donating blood at your local blood bank or next community blood drive.
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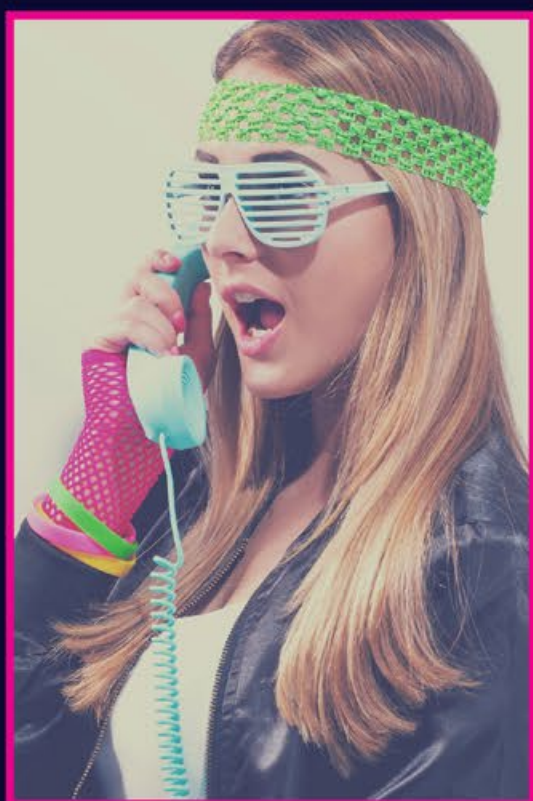
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Girls basketball roundup

Noblesville, Fishers, Westfield & Heights all get decisve wins

The REPORTER

Noblesville put on a show in the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown Monday, beating Oakton (Va.) 65-44.

The Class 4A No. 8 Millers got off to a good start, leading 17-7 after one quarter. Oakton cut that lead to 30-24 by halftime, but Noblesville used a strong third period to pull away, leading 48-32 after three periods.

Meredith Tippner scored 19 points for the Millers, with Reagan Wilson and Dani Mendez both contributing 13 points. Tippner had eight rebounds and Mendez pulled six. Tippner also handed out six assists, while Wilson had six steals and four assists.

Noblesville is 8-3 and hosts Westfield Saturday afternoon in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Fishers went on a road trip to Pendleton Heights on Monday and came home with a 66-51 victory.

The 4A No. 5 Tigers took care of business in the first quarter, leading 18-8 by the end of the period. Hailey Smith scored 10 points in that quarter, including a pair of 3-pointers. Fishers led 31-23 at halftime; Joirdyn Smith added six points, including a 4-of-4 effort from the free-throw line. The Tigers poured in another 18 points in the third quarter to clinch the game.

Hailey Smith scored 20 points, while Joirdyn Smith added 15 and Olivia Smith contributed 13 points.

Fishers is 10-2 and plays

at Hamilton Southeastern Saturday in the Mudsock game.

Westfield scored a 48-38 Hoosier Crossroads Conference over Avon Tuesday at CSI Gymnasium, its first conference win of the season.

The Shamrocks outscored the Orioles in the first three quarters, leading 12-9 after one period and 24-17 at halftime. Westfield took control in the third quarter, outscoring Avon 17-7 for a 41-24 lead. The Orioles tried to make a fourth-quarter comeback, but the Shamrocks' lead was enough to secure the win.

Kiki Loveless scored 13 points for Westfield. Ellie Kelleher and Aubrey Crockett both collected eight rebounds, with Loveless pulling seven. Kelleher also made four steals.

The 'Rocks are 6-5 and play another HCC game Saturday at Noblesville.

Hamilton Heights notched its 10th win of the season Tuesday by beating Kokomo 44-30 in a home game.

The Class 3A No. 8 Huskies led 23-14 at halftime. Camryn Runner led the Heights scoring with 17 points, followed by Ella Hickok with 10 points. Kaylee Rhoton added eight points, Katie Brown scored five and Kassidy Schakel had four points.

The Huskies are 10-1 and play Thursday at West Lafayette.

| NOBLESVILLE 65, OAKTON (VA.) 44 | | | | |
|--|-------|------|----|----|
| Noblesville | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Kaitlyn Shoemaker | 2-5 | 2-2 | 7 | 5 |
| Brooklyn Ely | 3-6 | 0-0 | 9 | 0 |
| Reagan Wilson | 4-14 | 2-2 | 13 | 1 |
| Meredith Tippner | 8-18 | 0-0 | 19 | 4 |
| Dani Mendez | 5-6 | 3-6 | 13 | 0 |
| Brooklyn Grayson | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kate Rollins | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Bri Gray | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2 | 0 |
| C.C. Quigley | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 23-54 | 9-13 | 65 | 11 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Oakton | 7 | 17 | 8 | 12 |
| Noblesville | 17 | 13 | 18 | 17 |
| Noblesville 3-point shooting (10-20) Ely 3-6, Wilson 3-5, Tippner 3-5, Shoemaker 1-3, Rollins 0-1. | | | | |
| Noblesville rebounds (28) Tippner 8, Mendez 6, Wilson 4, Rollins 3, Quigley 2, Shoemaker 1, Grayson 1, team 3. | | | | |

| FISHERS 66, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 51 | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|-------|----|----|
| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Karina Scott | 1 | 2-2 | 4 | 1 |
| Joirdyn Smith | 3 | 9-10 | 15 | 3 |
| Alycia Triplett | 3 | 0-0 | 6 | 2 |
| Hailey Smith | 7 | 4-5 | 20 | 4 |
| Olivia Smith | 6 | 1-3 | 13 | 0 |
| Morgan Roberts | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kate Thomas | 3 | 2-2 | 8 | 2 |
| Allison Scheu | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nevaeh Dickman | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ava Carter | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 23 | 18-22 | 66 | 14 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Fishers | 18 | 13 | 18 | 17 |
| Pendleton Heights | 8 | 15 | 11 | 17 |
| Fishers 3-pointers (2) H. Smith 2. | | | | |

| WESTFIELD 48, AVON 38 | | | | |
|--|-------|------|----|----|
| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Ellie Kelleher | 3-6 | 2-2 | 9 | 2 |
| Aubrey Crockett | 2-4 | 0-2 | 4 | 4 |
| Emmrey Collinsworth | 2-9 | 3-4 | 8 | 4 |
| Kiki Loveless | 5-7 | 2-2 | 13 | 0 |
| Lindsey Van Dyke | 1-2 | 2-2 | 4 | 0 |
| Reagan Lorenzen | 3-6 | 0-2 | 8 | 0 |
| MaKayla Hatcher | 1-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Maren Dee | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 17-39 | 9-14 | 48 | 12 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Avon | 9 | 8 | 7 | 14 |
| Westfield | 12 | 12 | 17 | 7 |
| Westfield 3-pointers (5-14) Lorenzen 2-4, Kelleher 1-2, Collinsworth 1-2, Loveless 1-2, Crockett 0-2, Van Dyke 0-1, Hatcher 0-1. | | | | |
| Westfield rebounds (32) Kelleher 8, Crockett 8, Loveless 7, Lorenzen 2, Van Dyke 2, Collinsworth 1, Hatcher 1, team 3. | | | | |

WRESTLING

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after a pin by Gage Gulley and a decision victory from Aden Widget. But the Royals picked up two falls from Wagner and Lawhead to take an 18-9 lead, then after absorbing a decision victory from Noblesville's Austin Hastings at 220, won four straight matches by pin to pull away.

Carmel's boys team went 3-1 last Saturday at the Perry Meridian Falcon Duals.

The Greyhounds beat Columbus East 31-29, Fort Campbell (Ky.) 71-9 and Greenfield-Central 55-18, falling only to the host Falcons, 38-28.

Fishers placed fourth at the Chris Traicoff Memorial Tournament last Saturday at Calumet.

The Tigers won two dual meets to reach the semi-finals, beating Valparaiso 40-33 in their first dual. Jacob Carroll clinched the meet for Fishers by pinning his opponent in the first round. Other dual winners were Will Hruskoci, Chayce Yant, Griffin Ingalls, Teyon Leonard, Xavier Smith, Zachary Pence and Chris Quarles.

Fishers beat Franklin Community 49-22 in the second round. The Tigers won 10 of the 14 matches, including a win for Anthony Riley at 132 pounds over Luke Bechert, the No. 7 wrestler out of the Evansville semi-state.

Fishers wrestled two state-ranked teams, No. 5 Cathedral, No. 11 Mishawaka and Portage, ranked No. 9 in the East Chicago semi-state, in the semi-finals.

During the Cathedral dual, Smith and Quarles both got victories against New Csatile semi-state ranked opponents.

Four county girls teams competed at the Lebanon Girls Invitational on Saturday.

Hamilton Heights had the top team finish of the local programs, placing seventh. Kendall Moe won the 106-pound division, while Zoe Pugh placed first in the 120-pound division. Other top Huskies finishers were Izzy Bailey (third, 132), Aubrey Baber (fifth, 113), Emilia Rodrigues (sixth, 126A) and Veronica Pruitt (sixth, 132A).

Hamilton Southeastern scored 49 points to place 21st as a team. Emily Anderson finished first in the 120A division. Anderson and Pugh wrestled in the overall 120-pound championship match, with Anderson winning. Also placing for the Royals were Fanta Sall (seventh, 195), Omana Jacob (eighth, 145) and Charlie Parsons (eighth, 152A).

Noblesville finished 24th by scoring 44 points. The Millers had four place winners: Brooke Butler was third at 138, Evangelina Howard took fourth at 138A, Kaylee Arriaga finished fifth at 285 and Kyra Tomlinson placed eighth at 132A.

Carmel placed 30th, totaling 33.5 points. The Greyhounds had three place winners: Zentavia Cole was fifth at 120, Grace Marshall finished sixth at 182 and Alisha Calcuttawala took eighth at 145A.

Thanks for reading!

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Record-holder

Steffen graduated from Carmel in 2009. She set the school career scoring record for the Greyhounds, totaling 1,427 points. During her junior year, she led the Metropolitan Conference in scoring, and would go on to lead the 'Hounds to the state title. In the championship game against South Bend Washington, Steffen scored 31 points, which tied the 4A state title game record. She was named the state tournament MVP.

Steffen was an Indiana All-Star her junior and senior years, a three-time First Team All-MIC and three-time First Team All-County selection. After her senior year, Steffen was

a First Team All-State honoree and was a McDonald's All-American nominee.

Steffen went on to play college at Bowling Green State University, graduating in 2013. She finished her college career with 1,245 points and 184 3-point field goals, placing her fourth on the 3-pointer list. Steffen was named to the All-Mid-American Conference Second team twice and the Academic All-MAC team three times.

While receiving all of those accolades and winning games were fun, Steffen said that some of her best memories come from "the people that were involved. Coaches, teammates, fans, family. Really, at the end of the day, I re-

member the relationships that we had."

Steffen returned to Bowling Green State to work as an Academic Advisor and Planner, after working in Athletic Academic advisor and counselor positions at the University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Tennessee. She said there several transferable skills that she used from basketball.

"A lot of times my job is juggling a lot and figuring out different types of puzzles and how to manage different times," said Steffen. She said that while working in athletics over the past eight years, there were "a lot of challenges," so she learned how to be "resil-

ient and persevere through some of those times."

Drudge was there to watch Steffen's induction ceremony.

"In a lot of way, it's really more fun to watch other people get inducted in the Hall of Fame," said Drudge. "I got to see Chrissy grow as a basketball player from the time she was in elementary school, so when I was coaching at Carmel, Chrissy was coming to our youth basketball camps, and we knew from the time she was in third and fourth grade that she had a chance to be a really good player, and so it's been really awesome to watch her develop as a basketball player and as a person all these years. She's just a fantastic person."

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6:30 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Wrestling | IHCTV Sports

FRIDAY, DEC 16, Basketball
5:40 pm Chatard vs Covenant Christian | Girls Varsity | Indiana SRN
6:00 pm Eastern vs **Sheridan** | Girls/Boys Varsity | Bragg Sports Media
6:00 pm **Noblesville vs Westfield** | Boys Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
6:55 pm **Fishers vs HSE** | Girls Basketball | Southeastern Sports Network
7:10 pm **Guerin Catholic vs Heritage Christian** | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm **Noblesville vs Westfield** | Boys Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Chatard vs Covenant Christian | Boys Varsity | Indiana SRN

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, Basketball
11:40 am Evansville Bosse BB Classic | Boys Basketball | Indiana SRN
12 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
1:30 pm **Westfield vs Noblesville** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:25 pm **HSE vs Fishers** | Boys Varsity | Fishers Sports Network
7:10 pm Scecina vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN

TUESDAY, DEC. 20, Basketball
6:00 pm Franklin Central at **Westfield** | Girls Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm Franklin Central at **Westfield** | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports



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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.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Eastern at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
North Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17
BOYS BASKETBALL
Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 3 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 6:30 p.m.
Bethesda Christian at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Carmel at Kokomo, 7:30 p.m.
Frankfort at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Traders Point Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Westfield at Noblesville, 1:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Greenwood, 2:30 p.m.
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
SWIMMING
Hamilton Southeastern Forum CU Holiday Splash, 9 a.m.
Westfield at Noblesville, 10 a.m.
University at Zionsville Eagle Swimming Invitational, 11 a.m.
WRESTLING
Hamilton Heights at Rochester Tournament, 8:45 a.m.
Carmel girls at Lafayette Jefferson Tournament, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at East Central Super 8, 9 a.m.
Carmel boys, Hamilton Southeastern at Kyle Osborn Memorial Invitational, 9:30 a.m. at McCutcheon
Fishers, Westfield at Penn Invitational, 9 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 19
BOYS BASKETBALL
University at Seton Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20
BOYS BASKETBALL
Marion at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Lebanon at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
SWIMMING
Guerin Catholic and Liberty Christian at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.
WRESTLING
Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 6 p.m.

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IBCA girls basketball poll – Week of Dec. 11

| Rank | School | Points | Record |
|------|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | South Bend Washington (19) | 399 | 12-0 |
| 2 | Zionsville (1) | 376 | 10-0 |
| 3 | Hamilton Southeastern | 365 | 11-0 |
| 4 | Bedford North Lawrence | 334 | 10-1 |
| 5 | Fishers | 313 | 9-2 |
| 6 | Fort Wayne Northrop | 283 | 9-1 |
| 7 | Lake Central | 274 | 7-1 |
| 8 | Noblesville | 238 | 7-3 |
| 9 | Homestead | 215 | 9-2 |
| 10 | Indian Creek | 198 | 10-0 |
| 11 | Northridge | 185 | 10-2 |
| 12 | Twin Lakes | 179 | 12-0 |
| 13 | Columbia City | 133 | 9-1 |
| 14 | Warsaw | 109 | 9-2 |
| 15 | Mishawaka Marian | 100 | 10-2 |
| 16 | Corydon Central | 83 | 11-1 |
| 17 | Ben Davis | 73 | 9-3 |
| 18 | Norwell | 64 | 9-2 |
| 19 | Warren Central | 51 | 8-3 |
| 20 | Valparaiso | 45 | 10-0 |

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Andean (5-1), Blackford (9-0), Danville (10-2), Evansville Memorial (8-0), Fairfield (10-1), Fort Wayne Carroll (7-4), Fort Wayne Snider (9-3), Franklin Community (7-3), **Hamilton Heights (9-1)**, Huntington North (7-2), Jay County (9-1), Jennings County (7-2), Lanesville (10-1), Lawrence Central (5-3), Lawrence North (9-4), Linton-Stockton (9-0), North Knox (11-0).

IBCA boys basketball poll – Week of Dec. 11

| Rank | School | Points | Record |
|------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Ben Davis (17) | 378 | 7-0 |
| 2 | Penn (1) | 352 | 5-0 |
| 3 | Brownsburg | 337 | 6-0 |
| 4 | Cathedral (1) | 336 | 4-1 |
| 5 | Noblesville | 277 | 4-0 |
| 6 | Homestead | 269 | 4-0 |
| 7 | Carmel | 240 | 4-2 |
| 8 | Chesterton | 192 | 3-1 |
| 9 | Anderson | 189 | 4-1 |
| 10 | Kokomo | 150 | 3-2 |
| 11 | Fishers | 148 | 4-3 |
| 12 | Center Grove | 145 | 5-0 |
| 13 | NorthWood | 122 | 5-1 |
| 14 | Mishawaka Marian | 113 | 6-0 |
| 15 | Warren Central | 107 | 3-1 |
| 16 | Zionsville | 86 | 3-3 |
| 17 | Lawrence North | 74 | 3-1 |
| 18 | Linton-Stockton | 63 | 4-1 |
| 19 | Bloomington North | 40 | 3-2 |
| 20 | Northridge | 36 | 5-0 |

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes, with records

Blackhawk Christian (3-0), Brownstown Central (5-1), Carroll (4-0), Crispus Attucks (1-3), Crown Point (4-1), Eastern Hancock (4-1), **Hamilton Southeastern (2-1)**, Hammond (4-0), Harrison (5-0), Jennings County (5-0), Marion (5-0), Munster (5-0), New Albany (4-0), New Palestine (4-0), North Central (5-2), North Daviess (5-0), Norwell (4-1), South Bend Washington (6-0), South Spencer (5-0), Southport (3-2), Tipton (5-0), Valparaiso (2-1), **Westfield (3-1)**, Yorktown (4-0).

Basketball

Carmel girls fight hard, but fall to Lawrence Central

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – No matter what the record is, the Carmel girls basketball team is still fighting.

The Greyhounds probably had their toughest fight of the season Tuesday when they hosted Lawrence Central at the Eric Clark Activity Center. Despite trailing for most of the game, Carmel fought back to take a 47-45 lead with a minute left in the game.

The Bears scored to force the contest to overtime, and then outscored the ‘Hounds 9-2 to win the game 56-49. Carmel dropped to 1-11 for the season, but coach Erin Trimpe preferred to look at the positives.

“You can just see them learning, and you can just see it starting to click and you can see their buy-in,” said Trimpe. “Obviously the win-loss record isn’t something that they’re going to love, but our focus right now is just continuing to be better and be a threat come January and February. Two

weeks ago, I’m not sure we could’ve done that, and so I’m just super proud of the way that they’re buying in and continuing to grow.”

The Greyhounds’ Mackenzie Woods scored the first basket of the game, after which LC went on a 6-0 run to take a 6-2 lead. But Carmel jumped back ahead 8-6 when Izzy Shepherd hit back-to-back 3-pointers. That was only the beginning for her.

Lawrence Central took off on a 12-0 run that extended into the second quarter, leading 18-8. Carmel continued to battle, but the Bears led 24-14 at halftime, then a basket by Lola Lampley opened the third quarter and gave LC its biggest lead of the game at 26-14.

Shepherd nailed another 3, and took over in the quarter. She would make a total of four 3-pointers during the third period, scoring 15 points. Shepherd helped bring Carmel back to within 37-33 by the end of the quarter, and Brooke Thoren’s lay-in to start the fourth made it a two-point game, 37-35.

| LAWRENCE CENTRAL 56, CARMEL 49 (overtime) | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|----|----|
| Carmel | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Izzy Shepherd | 9-15 | 3-4 | 28 | 1 |
| Mackenzie Woods | 3-9 | 0-0 | 7 | 0 |
| Jamie Elliott | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Brooke Thoren | 1-1 | 1-2 | 3 | 1 |
| Hannah Lach | 2-10 | 1-1 | 5 | 4 |
| Taryn Fisher | 1-8 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Mallory Bourquein | 1-7 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Keaton Gatlin | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Totals | 18-53 | 5-7 | 49 | 14 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Lawrence Central | 13 | 11 | 13 | 10 |
| Carmel | 8 | 6 | 19 | 14 |
| Carmel 3-point shooting (8-20) Shepherd 7-12, Woods 1-2, Lach 0-5, Elliott 0-1. | | | | |
| Carmel rebounds (25) Woods 6, Fisher 5, Thoren 4, Shepherd 3, Gatlin 2, Bourquein 2, Lach 2, Elliott 1. | | | | |

Later, Woods drained a 3 to tie the game at 39-39. The Bears would regain the lead and go up 45-41, but Hannah Lach’s three-point play cut that advantage to 45-44, then Shepherd put in her seventh 3 of the game to give Carmel a 47-45 lead.

Lampley tied the game on a layin, and it was on to overtime. Lawrence Central’s Jaylah Lampley scored the first five points in the extra period, and that

would turn out to be enough. Shepherd made two free throws to keep Carmel within 52-49, but Lola Lampley clinched the win for LC by going 4-of-4 from the line in the final 25.2 seconds.

Shepherd finished the game with 28 points. Woods led the rebounds with six, while Taryn Fisher collected five rebounds.

Carmel is back at home Friday, hosting North Central.

Guerin Catholic cruises to certain victory over Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic boys basketball team cruised to a 59-36 win over Pendleton Heights Tuesday at the Eagles Nest.

The Golden Eagles outscored the Arabians in all four quarters, leading 24-17 at halftime. Guerin Catholic sprinted to the finish line, outscoring Pendleton 22-10 in the fourth quarter.

Three GC players reached double figures: Kamea Chandler scored 19 points, followed by Robert Sorensen with 15 and Dylan Murans with 11. Sorensen collected eight rebounds and had four steals, while Jack Cherry dished out six assists.

The Golden Eagles are 3-3 and play Friday at Heritage Christian to open Circle City Conference play.

| GUERIN CATHOLIC 59, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 36 | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----|----|
| Guerin Catholic | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Jack Cherry | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Robert Sorensen | 4-9 | 6-6 | 15 | 1 |
| Kamea Chandler | 7-11 | 4-5 | 19 | 2 |
| Josh Holba | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Dylan Murans | 3-10 | 5-6 | 11 | 2 |
| Ty Sanders | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lucas Parker | 3-4 | 0-0 | 6 | 0 |
| Ryan Zimmerman | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 |
| Kyle Shadoan | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Julian Melendez | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 |
| Ben Grissom | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 21-46 | 15-17 | 59 | 13 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Pendleton Heights | 5 | 12 | 9 | 10 |
| Guerin Catholic | 9 | 15 | 13 | 22 |
| Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (2-12) Sorensen 1-3, Chandler 1-3, Murans 0-4, Parker 0-1, Shadoan 0-1. | | | | |
| Guerin Catholic rebounds (32) Sorensen 8, Murans 4, Cherry 3, Chandler 3, Holba 3, Sanders 2, Shadoan 2, Melendez 2, Zimmerman 2, team 3. | | | | |

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