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TODAY'S WEATHER

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## Noblesville students donate over 300 toys to NFD drive



Noblesville Schools students have big hearts for their community. The Noblesville High School Sociology Club donated over 300 toys to the Noblesville Fire Department's 45th annual holiday toy drive.

Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

## More on hay baling

I'm always interested with the feedback I get from some of my columns. Recently I had a column I submitted to the paper concerning baling hooks, items used in baling hay.

One person thought I had a typographical error and thought I should have talked about baling hooks rather than bailing hooks. While the hook is used in baling hay, the procedure is to bail the hay bale from the hay baler with the bailing hook. Or at least, that is how my father explained it to me.

Another person (Gary Green of Cicero) pointed out that I forgot to mention the occasional snakes coming out of the bales of hay. He said black snakes and occasionally rat snakes were surprise visitors every year when he baled hay. What was worse, he said, was finding a piece of one – sort of like finding one half of a worm in your apple.

COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER  
Ask Adler

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## From Sheridan High to the Moon, Macy Mullen may help us get there

Submitted

Space junkies across the nation are excited to see the U.S. space program going back to the moon.

When the Artemis I successfully splashed down on Sunday off the coast of Baja, Calif., it was 50 years to the day after the last Apollo moon mission touched down on the lunar surface. This is a major step for NASA, and it has an exciting local connection. When the Orion spacecraft launched earlier this fall headed to the moon, 2013 Sheridan graduate Macy Mullen was there. In fact, she contributed to the success of the launch.

NASA's Orion spacecraft is built to take humans farther than they've ever gone before. Mullen explained that the overarching program is called the Artemis Program, which is NASA's program to return astronauts to the moon for long-term durations and develop the technological capability to move onto Mars. The Artemis Program

consists of two parts: the Orion Program which is building the Orion spacecraft and the Space Launch System (SLS).

"The Orion spacecraft is the crew module which sits atop the SLS rocket capable of exceeding low Earth orbit to reach the moon, currently the only of its kind," Mullen said. "The recent successful Artemis I launch to the moon was the first test flight of the program, the next launch (Artemis II) will be a manned lunar fly-by mission."

Mullen works in the NASA Investigative Chemistry Laboratory. She explained that when contaminants are discovered in or on the spacecraft or launch vehicle systems, propellants, or ground and launch support equipment such as the crawler transporter, mobile launch tower, or launch pad infrastructure, it is sent to their lab, and they analyze and identify it using various microscopy, spectroscopy, and chemical analysis

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Sheridan graduate Macy Mullen contributed to the success of the Artemis I launch from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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## Giving the gifts they really need

MDA's holiday gift guide has something for everyone

By STU CLAMPITT

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Longtime readers of The Reporter may recall our coverage of Amy Shinneman and her family participating in the New York City Marathon in late 2021 and raising over \$20,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in the process. More recently, Shinneman's Team Humbly Courageous ran in the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon on Saturday, Nov. 5 and raised over \$10,000.

Shinneman is also one of the National Ambassadors for the MDA, and she has contributed to Quest Media's first ever 2022 Quest Holiday Gift and Giving Guide.

The gift guide features product categories for anyone and everyone who either lives with a disability or loves someone who does, with products for any age and level of ability.

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Shinneman

## Crouch talks about her run for governor

In a Reporter exclusive, Crouch focuses on quality of life as Indiana's next chapter

By STU CLAMPITT

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Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch has recently announced that she has launched a campaign for the state's top office. While touring Indiana to talk to voters this week, Crouch was kind enough to spend a few minutes with The Reporter to talk about the upcoming race and why she believes she is the best person for the job.

When asked why she announced now, rather than earlier as many of us in media expected, Crouch joked that her gubernatorial bid was the worst kept secret in Indiana.

"I'm running for governor because I have a plan for Indiana's future that will propel our state forward," Crouch said. "I've traveled the state. I've been here in Hamilton County many times. I've talked to Hoosiers and listened to them and understand what they need and what they want. I have a clear vision for Indiana and will be able to act on what



Crouch

we need to have happen to be successful."

Crouch credits her experience in several levels of government from local to state as one of her more outstanding qualifications.

"We have done a good job and I have been part of the turnaround of the state of Indiana over the last 17 years as a state rep, auditor and Lt. governor," Crouch told The Reporter. "Today we have balanced budgets, we have low taxes, and we have healthy surpluses. The next chapter in Indiana's history is going to be about quality of life."

Crouch said she believes increasing Hoosier quality of life is how we attract talent and grow our population.

"Quality of life is as important to businesses as low taxes and economic incentives because that's how they grow their workforce," Crouch said. "People can live anywhere. They want to live where they have good quality of life."

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## VOICE Club welcomes Purdue Extension ACTS graduates

Six Hamilton County youth join fight for smoke-free air

The REPORTER

Leaders are made, not born. That is exactly what Purdue University Extension in Hamilton County is doing.

"A Chance To Serve" (ACTS) is a community youth leadership program that places youth on local boards and committees after participating in a series of five day-long leadership training sessions. Purdue Extension Hamilton County partners with local community leaders to provide an opportunity for the youth to participate and be active members on boards and committees.

"The A Chance to Serve program is such a great opportunity for youth to engage in their communities and to share their unique perspective," Maggie Herrington said. "Purdue Extension Hamilton County is proud to steward this program with support from local organizations like VOICE/Breathe Easy."

ACTS graduated 29

high school freshmen and sophomores earlier this month. Six of them will join VOICE: Max Palmer, Guerin Catholic High School; Trent Horney, Sheridan High School; Shae Punzel, Guerin Catholic High School; Giselle Effing, Hamilton Heights High School; Sierra Bramel, Hamilton Heights High School; and Mariana Lopez, Sheridan High School.

The VOICE Club is a youth arm of Breathe Easy Hamilton County. The program focuses on advocacy and peer education of the dangers of vaping and tobacco. They routinely bring awareness of the problems with tobacco and nicotine, especially vaping, to their high schools throughout Hamilton County.

"I'm excited to get involved with other teens to educate our peers on the



dangers of vaping and smoking and how uncool it actually is," said Max Palmer, Purdue Extension ACTS graduate.

This group will waste no time in getting started. Look for these future leaders to be down at the Statehouse in January to speak with policy makers on this important issue.

ACTS graduates have consistently been bright stars of the VOICE program at Breathe Easy, including Noblesville High School's Nicole Liu who was invited to speak at this year's Indiana Commercial Tobacco Control State Conference. Other ACTS graduates currently serving VOICE include Suhita Chintalacharuvu and Terryn Green from Hamilton Southeastern and Drew Law from Westfield High School.



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MOON

techniques. She provided an example of her work:

“I recently examined the quick disconnect, liquid hydrogen seal responsible for the leak that scrubbed the second Artemis launch attempt,” Mullen said. “This provided the SLS team with information as to what caused the leak and for them to place preventative measures for the next launch attempt.”

Mullen majored in chemistry at Purdue University and after her sophomore year, she secured a temporary internship (OSSI) with the NASA Commercial Crew Program at Kennedy Space Center (KSC). She supported the Safety Technical Review Board responsible for certifying SpaceX and Boeing/ULA's rockets for human-rated spaceflight. At the same time, her mentor at NASA allowed her to spend part of her time in the Applied Chemistry Laboratory working on an in-situ resource utilization project. There, she learned about a recurring internship (Pathways Program) with the NASA's Analytical Chemistry Laboratory where she began working full-time after graduating.

Since going to NASA full-time, Mullen has accumulated a long list of awards from NASA, including On the Spot Award, Time Off Award, Engineering Excellence Award, Engineering Directorate's Employee of the Month, and NASA Engineering & Safety Center Materials Technical Discipline.

During her time at Sheridan Schools, Mullen said there were many influential people. She specifically mentioned a few.

“Mrs. Jessup, with whom I'm still close, became a second mom to me during my time at SCS,” Mullen said. “She was one of my basketball coaches and biggest supporters who encouraged me to follow my



Macy Mullen next to the Crawler-Transporter 2.

dream. When rocket launches correlated with my study halls, she would let me watch them in her office.”

The admiration with Technology Director Lea Jessup is mutual. Jessup said of Mullen, “Macy is an amazing kid. She knew from third grade what she wanted to do and worked very hard her whole life to reach her goals.”

Mullen added that she had a great chemistry teacher in Mr. Terhune. She also mentioned Mrs. Anderson in the counseling department, as well as Mrs. Hogge, who taught a STEAM class, “was flexible and supportive to students’ interests. It was refreshing to have a teacher nurture and enable our own ideas and creativity.” Mullen added, “Another influential teacher to me was Mr. Hewitt. He would regularly hold

informal debates and discussions in class and play devil’s advocate. It forced us to look at a topic in a different way, understand it even if we didn’t agree with it, and communicate civilly and objectively, which is an incredibly important skill in almost every aspect of life.”

Mullen also credited Sheridan’s smaller student body that allowed teachers and staff to get to know the students.

“My counselors knew about my passion and were able to provide me with the opportunity to participate in the NASA WISH program, which further ignited my interest and was an invaluable learning experience,” Mullen said. “Many wonderful people at SCS supported me during my time there. Some of them are like family to me now and are still some of my biggest cheerleaders.”

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HAY IS FOR RAY

We also had the blue racer snakes on our farm. One time I was walking up the farm lane from the hay field and stumbled across a blue racer. It began going the same direction I was going, and I was sure it was trying to attack me. I ran like the wind to escape. He likely was more scared than I was and was probably just moving forward in his natural direction. I did not know that at the time and could have set a track record for the 200-yard dash.

Another person mentioned the occasional baby rabbit, fledgling killdeer or young quail that would be caught in the baling machine as it picked up the windrow of hay. Typically, the mowing down of the hay had disturbed all the animals living in the hayfield. Mowing occurred a day or two before the baling happened. Animals often then had regathered and hidden in the hay windrows or hid there when they heard the machines coming. Bumblebee ground nests were another story. I don’t recall them ever in bale of hay, but I do recall being stung as the nest was disturbed.

More often, animals merely ran away or played in the area. Foxes were frequently seen chasing the mice that had been stirred up. They never seem to be bothered as long as the machines were moving but would run away when the machine stopped. Quail, pheasants and rabbits were also a common sight.

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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## GIFT GUIDE

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"I was asked to be involved in this because I am an MDA national ambassador," Shinneman said. "It was a group of ambassadors who came together to come up with a first of its kind gift and giving guide tailored to people who live with disability."

Quest Media Editor-In-Chief Mindy Henderson called out to ambassadors to put this guide together.

"The cool thing is that while a lot of these things are helpful for those living with disabilities, they work for everybody," Shinneman told The Reporter. "Who doesn't want a pair of silk pajamas? Having a guide for families to go to and get things for people in their lives is really helpful. I think all the ambassadors would agree that when we find something that makes our lives a little easier, we are eager to share those with others in order to help them out, too."

Even though these are products recommended for people living with neuromuscular disease, they can be helpful for various disabilities.

"A lot of these things just give us more independence," Shinneman said. "I know one of the things that could be helpful for many that is on my list is the Apple Watch. The reason I have it on there and personally have one is because I've had a lot of falls when I haven't had my phone with me, and I've

been kind of stranded until somebody found me. But when I got the Apple Watch I just always have this thing on so I can call someone from that. That gives a lot of peace of mind also."

Many items in the gift guide are for quality of life or for peace of mind.

"The thing that I liked about this gift guide was that it just opened up a whole new conversation," Shinneman said. "Maybe your family members of friends haven't thought about how you even needed these things. Sometimes you don't talk to everybody about that. Hopefully this will spark more things like this, and it will become more widely available as we go forward. I was really honored to be part of this first one."

### About the gift guide

The full guide is available at [mdaquest.org/gift-and-giving-guide](http://mdaquest.org/gift-and-giving-guide). The guide has links to shop for all the listed products.

None of the proceeds from these products go to the MDA, but if you are shopping on Amazon and want to use Amazon Smile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) you can designate MDA as your charity of choice for donations made at no cost to you while you shop.

At the bottom of that page there is a short form to fill out if you would like to receive the Quest email newsletter or the print magazine. There are also links to donate to MDA.

## White Chapel Church in Carmel invites you to live Nativity display



Reporter photo by Nik Roberts

White Chapel Church, 5155 E. 116th St., Carmel, invites you to its live Nativity to be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 and again on Christmas Eve. There will also be a petting zoo, hot drinks, and the singing of Christmas hymns. Following the live Nativity on Dec. 24, the Christmas Eve service will begin at 6 p.m. Learn more at [WhiteChapelCarmel.com](http://WhiteChapelCarmel.com).

## Get crafty with art classes & workshops in Fishers

### The REPORTER

Fishers Parks has announced a wide variety of art-class offerings where you can learn from local and regional makers and artists. With a full slate of hands-on art programming and workshops in the Maker Labs and Maker Playground at the Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St., there's something for anyone – from stained

glass and eco-dyeing to home decor and woodworking and more, for both kids and adults.

[Click here](#) to register for one or more of these classes.

### Stained Glass for Beginners

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 to 5 p.m. Dec. 27, 28, or 29

In this workshop, you'll learn how to cut glass, apply the copper foil, and solder

your piece together, and by the end, you'll have your very own creation ready to take home with you.

### Macraweave Workshop

1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14

The fiber arts workshop in macraweaving teaches both macrame and weaving in this beautiful art form that lends itself nicely to home decor creations that you can

make on your own.

### Punch Needle Workshop

2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12

The punch-needle technique is used to create wall hangings, purses, pillows, throw rugs, and so much more. In this two-day workshop, learn how to make your own punch-needle pillow cover or wall hanging.

## CROUCH

When asked what specific quality of life improvements she believes Indiana needs to work on, Crouch talked about what she calls "four building blocks for the future."

"We have to continue to grow our economy for all Hoosiers," Crouch said. "We have to invest strategically in education. We've got to strengthen our families and our communities. And then we need to transform government. We focus on doing that, and that will result in a better quality of life for Hoosiers."

Crouch said quality of life is about more than destinations and entertainment.

"It's also about the quality of the life that we live," Crouch said. "Two of the areas we need to be focusing on and doing more is in mental health – mental illness and addiction – and also in our public health. One out of five Hoosiers struggles with mental health or addiction. It affects our workforce. It affects our budgets. It affects the lives of Hoosiers. Being able to put more focus and invest more resources in improving the mental health of our citizens, particularly after everything people have gone through during COVID, is going to be extremely important."

Crouch has seen the effects of both addiction and mental illness in her own family.

Her mother suffered from depression. Her sister, Nancy, committed suicide. She also told The Reporter her family buried her alcoholic brother, Larry, in November.

"Those Hoosiers who inherit genes that predispose them to these conditions deserve an opportunity to succeed," Crouch said. "We need to get them that opportunity. It's also about public health. The health that we enjoy as Hoosiers. We know that Indiana is ranked as 48th in the nation for what we spend on public health. We also know that the untreated cost of mental illness in this state is \$4.2 billion. So, it makes sense not just from a quality-of-life standpoint, but it makes sense from an economic standpoint to be investing more in healthier Hoosiers."

She told The Reporter she is the best candidate for governor because her leadership skills, her experience, and the relationships she has built with elected officials at all levels of government.

"I have state and local experience in the executive and legislative branches," Crouch said. "I have the relationship that I built over

the years – particularly the last eight years – when I've been traveling the state in all 92 counties many times over. It's because of that leadership and experience that I won't need on-the-job-training. I'll be able to hit the ground running because I've been serving Hoosiers in multiple capacities for the last 27 years. I understand better than anyone how government works, but I also understand how government can work better for Hoosiers."

Crouch said she spends so much time traveling across the state because she doesn't want any part of Indiana to feel as ignored as she thinks Evansville was when she started in politics.

"When I was in local government down in Vanderburgh County, we always felt very disconnected from the state," Crouch said. "That's not something you feel necessarily in central Indiana because you are right there where the capital is. But for those of us who are in the hinterlands, we felt that disconnect. For our state to be successful, it means we all have to be working together. That's why I travel like I do."

Learn more and get involved in the campaign at [CrouchforIndiana.com](http://CrouchforIndiana.com).

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## UH-OH, HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

by Robert Fulghum

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Saturday, December 10 - 7:30 pm  
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The 16 letters below were written by local children and given to Santa when they visited with him this past Sunday at Thistle & Thyme Home Store in Noblesville.

Love,  
Ellie




Dear Santa,

I have been nice, even trinket  
from conifer prairie approves.

I calm my friend Scarlet + down  
when shes sad.

I always have a helping hand  
so santa can you bring me  
some white leg warmers and  
some clothes with cats on them

From,  
 Spacety finister !!

Dear sara, I would like  
 to get a garbage truck for  
 Christmas. I Love  
 garbage trucks.  
 Sincerely, Jett  
 Zeke's little  
 brother.

dear Santa,  
Please, may I  
have a gift for  
mom and dad.  
love,  
Callie

Dear Santa  
I have been good  
Mostly I have  
Took love & joy

DEAR SANTA  
PLEASE  
I HAVE A Y E L L O W  
BAIL AND PAW  
PATROITATOS  
AND A SLOW  
CLODE LOVE IS

DEAR SAHAB  
I have been good  
may I have  
key blades  
to wheels  
Thank you  
Abram


Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I want  
a spiderman web shooter that  
can shoot water, too. My little  
brother Finn wants a real  
guitar like in Go Go the movie.  
I will leave cookies and milk and  
carrots for you on Christmas eve.

The end  
Love, CAEM  
(Grew)

Dear Santa,

My name is Scarlett. I was born December 8 and this is my first Christmas. I'm very excited for you to come to my house. Merry Christmas!..

Love, Scarlett

A simple line drawing of a teddy bear, sitting and facing forward. It has a bow on its head and a small heart on its chest.

**IDEAS** Santa

I am learning to read and write like to the books called Stick and Stone helping me have a great Christmas. I am also interested in the red pandas from the Amazon. I would love a stuffed animal that looks like a red panda so I can show everyone how cute and special they are and why we should help them. Love you!

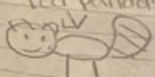
Stick and Stone

Book moose

Gerard and Piggie

Red pandas

Stuffed




Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! This year we have five stockings hanging over our fireplace instead of four. Baby George joined our family in August. For Christmas I would like the Action Bible card game.


Thanks!!

Love,  
Abby

A simple line drawing of a lit candle. The candle is white with a yellow flame. It sits in a yellow, circular holder. To the left of the candle are two green holly leaves and two red berries. To the right of the candle is a yellow ring, possibly a part of a wreath or a decorative element.


Dear Santa I want . . .

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- Life



Dear Santa,


I lost two teeth  
this year. I was  
a good boy. May  
I please have  
Ninja Turtle toys?  
Love Henry



Dear Santa,

My name is George and  
this is my first Christmas. I would  
like a Teddy bear and a toy boat  
please. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
George

A simple line drawing of a brown teddy bear. The bear is standing and facing forward. It has a friendly expression with small eyes and a simple nose. It is wearing a red bow tie around its neck. The drawing is done in a childlike, sketchy style with some cross-hatching for shading on its body.

Dear Santa,

My name is Madeline and I am 4  
four years old. Thank you for making  
cute presents. I would like Polly pockets  
and Elsa toys please. My favorite  
reindeer is Rudolf. Merry Christmas  
to you!

Love,  
MADELINE



# Santa Claus came to town!

The Main Elf himself came to visit youngsters this past Sunday at Thistle & Thyme Home Store, 29 S. Ninth St., Noblesville. The children brought their letters and handed them directly to Santa, and he even read them on the spot. Joining Mr. Claus was his friend Timothy J. Ingersoll, an animator at DreamWorks and Disney. While there, Ingersoll drew caricatures of the kids with Santa Claus. *(Photos provided by Rhonda King)*



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## Carmel celebrates its Sister Cities with unique Christmas tree display

### The REPORTER

Celebrate the culture and holidays of Carmel's Sister Cities with a special display of holiday trees and information about traditions in **Japan, China, Latvia** and **Italy**. The trees are located at the Gazebo on the lawn of Carmel City Hall and will remain there throughout the

holiday season.

The idea came from Andris Berzins of the Carmel-Jelgava Sister City Committee, one of Carmel's newest sister cities, who approached the mayor's office about displaying a Christmas tree to represent Latvian heritage.

Because the location of the city's annual Christmas

tree was changed from the Gazebo to the Christkindlmarkt, this presented a great opportunity to display Christmas trees to include decorations representing the heritage and culture of Carmel's four sister cities – Kawachinagano, Osaka, Japan; Xiangyang, Hubei, China; Jelgava, Zemgale, Latvia; and Cortona, Arez-

zo, Italy. The trees were decorated by each sister city committee and are now on display at the Gazebo by City Hall.

The community is invited to view the festive Christmas trees and learn about each sister city. [Click here](#) to learn more about each of Carmel's Sister Cities.

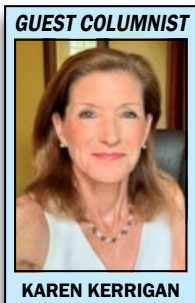
## Congress must fix tax credits for small businesses

Inflation and economic uncertainty continue to bear down on small business America. On top of record high prices, small firms have endured supply chain disruptions, labor shortages and higher labor costs, and an economy teetering on a painful downturn.

That is why Congress must identify practical solutions to help entrepreneurs through this challenging economic period, and beyond. One solution is to restore immediate expensing for research and development (R&D) during the Lame Duck session of Congress.

Small business owners and their employees across industries have had to continuously innovate in order to survive and thrive over the last several years. While the COVID economy imposed significant burdens and restrictions on small businesses, digital tools and changing consumer needs provided opportunities for innovation and new risk-taking. Many entrepreneurs and new startups tapped into the R&D tax credit to support innovative investments and business growth.

For several decades, American businesses of all sizes have expensed R&D investments in the same year they occurred. This tax measure has helped to fuel hundreds of billions of dollars in R&D investments each year, and by extension has powered U.S. innovative leadership in the global marketplace. The tax credit's value to U.S. economic



KAREN KERRIGAN

and technological leadership alone should move Congress to not only restore the credit but improve it so that more startups and new firms can effectively utilize it.

Thankfully, restoring this tax incentive has strong, bipartisan support. Senators Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) and Todd Young (R-Ind.) are working together to ensure R&D expensing is restored. Again, the immediate expensing of R&D investments has remained a long-term policy priority – through Democratic and Republican administrations alike – and right now is an ideal time to restore this effective policy.

The stakes are high for this expensing measure. One report estimates tens of thousands of high-skilled American jobs will be lost each year if immediate expensing of R&D investments is not restored. Failing to restore the tax credits before the end of the year would put all American businesses – but especially small businesses – at a competitive disadvantage. If not restored, the change in R&D tax credits would require companies to amortize their R&D expenses over five years. That extended timeline significantly limits businesses' ability to develop new products, from medical devices to everyday consumer products. For smaller firms operating on thin margins and in a competitive and challenging environment, the inability to expense R&D costs for a given year means they can-

not recover those costs in the same year. This makes it even more difficult for small businesses to effectively compete and take on bigger risks.

Grim economic forecasts on top of enduring challenges that have kept small businesses reeling for several years demand a policy response that will promote investment, certainty, and relief. The Lame Duck session is an opportunity to help small businesses look toward 2023 with hope and optimism. Measures that stand behind and support the innovative practices and investments of American businesses are especially important for boosting the economy and reaffirming

America's role as an innovation powerhouse.

There are many policies Congress disagreed on over the last session, but now is the time for every member to step up and support bipartisan policies that will help our small businesses navigate through more potentially rough economic times. Now that the midterm elections are behind us, it's time for Congress to fix R&D expensing without delay. Small businesses need our leaders to come together this lame duck Congress.

*Karen Kerrigan is president and CEO of the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council. She wrote this for [InsideSources.com](#).*

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# Hamilton County Bicentennial 2023 events calendar released

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission has announced the official 2023 Bicentennial event lineup. Upwards of 45 one-of-a-kind events funded by the Bicentennial’s grant program are set to take place over 12 festive months to celebrate the county’s 200th anniversary. In addition, a traveling exhibit will be available to the public at more than 25 locations around the county.

Access the complete events calendar on the Bicentennial website ([hamcoturns200.com/events](http://hamcoturns200.com/events)). To quickly find events you’ll love, search by date, location, keyword or event type, including the following:

- Signature Township Event
- Arts
- Education
- Diversity/Inclusion
- Historic Preservation
- Parks/Environment
- County Event
- Traveling Exhibit

Most events and programs are free and family friendly. From March to November, the spotlight will shine on each of the nine townships in Hamilton County for a full month.

The lineup includes live music, interactive reenactments, art shows, walking tours, food history, veteran events and more. If a program requires registration, the description will note it.

Check the calendar for new events and listing details



as the year progresses. To stay informed of upcoming happenings during this exceptional year, sign up for the Bicentennial Buzz e-newsletter ([hamcoturns200.com/e-newsletter](http://hamcoturns200.com/e-newsletter)).

**About the Bicentennial**  
The Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission was established by the Hamilton

County Board of Commissioners as the official oversight agency for the upcoming 200th anniversary of the county in 2023. It will do so in partnership with the Hamilton County Historical Society, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc, and lead sponsor Duke Energy. For more information, visit [hamcoturns200.com](http://hamcoturns200.com).



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## Noblesville volunteers send Christmas joy to children overseas

### Submitted

Noblesville-area volunteers are celebrating the collection of gift-filled shoeboxes that will send a message to children around the world: *God loves you, and you're not forgotten!*

Thousands of volunteers contributed to **Operation Christmas Child**, a project of Samaritan’s Purse by packing shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. The global Christmas project will deliver these gifts to children in need.

Although drop-off locations have closed, there is still time to share hope and love with children overseas by packing a gift-filled shoebox online. Shoeboxes **built online** go to some of the hardest-to-reach areas in the world. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse [samaritanspurse.org/](http://samaritanspurse.org/)

**buildonline** to select gifts matched to a child’s specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

### About Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, seeks to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 198 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will collect its 200 millionth shoebox.



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## Letter to the Editor

### Patton: term limits are what’s right for the people

Dear Editor:

By the People and For the People. This week, **Westfield passed** what more than 70 percent of the country expects from their leaders. If we only had people in Washington who were more interested in serving the people instead of their own fame and fortune.

The issue of term limits, although opposed by those who are appointed by those without term limits, or opposed by those who work with or want to be a career politician are legal.

A very smart Indiana municipal attorney stated that, “Code 36-1-3-8(a)(12) does prevent a municipality from ordering or conducting an election, there does not appear to be any explicit restriction on term limits. The Indiana Election Division has advised against it (note who appoints and recommends them), but interprets as a ‘should not,’ but likely still can limit elections by setting term limits.”

The mayor issued his veto this week after initially proclaiming term limits should not be at the “whim” of a city council, until this was seen by many as out of touch. Now he is claiming legally it will not pass the muster and that his reign of mayor may have not been as successful claiming Grand Junction may have not been completed. Any good vision by a leader will be carried on; it does not take a “kingdom” or the “elite” to make that happen. There are developers and citizens who may just have a vision and opportunity to create something that resembles what the public wants.

The mayor discussed legal challenges as his reason this week for **vetoing the ordinance**. He is not new to lawsuits and creating legal challenges. I would not doubt we may now see a legal challenge, but just like in The Wizard of Oz, pay no attention to the little man behind the curtain.

At some point, it takes leadership to stand for what is right for all the people, not just yourself.

**Troy Patton, CPA**  
Westfield City Councilor at Large

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# Hamilton County conducting study on water availability

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is currently conducting a water availability study that will produce new information about how water moves to wells and streams in the area. The county plans to use the findings from the study to make strategic decisions moving forward.

One of the more unique aspects of the study is that all parties involved from residents to the environmental firm to the county are sharing information and have approached the study very collaboratively.

“We wanted to conduct this study and proactively plan for future generations to see what our water availability is,” County Commis-

sioner Mark Heirbrandt said.

The study was led to understand replenishment, conversation, who the top users were, and have a better idea of utility usage.

INTERA Inc., a water resources planning company that has decades of experience working on water availability in the area, is leading the investigation. INTERA’s team of hydrologists and geologists are collecting the data by distributing monitoring devices on wells located throughout the county. Up to 60 monitoring sensors have been located to help



Heirbrandt

determine where the water is and more importantly, where the water is not. This will help Hamilton County decide what to do with its water supply for the decades to come.

The study was originally initiated in 2021 and really hit the ground running in 2022, according to Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton Ward.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was used to pay for the three-year study, which is expected to be completed in December 2024.

Preliminary data is being developed and it’s still

too early to determine any possible results the study may field.

According to INTERA Inc., Hamilton County faces a unique challenge in that it is a rapidly growing county and needs more water. Officials say they have several tools at their disposal and have set up a model to monitor groundwater levels to predict what the water changes may look like in the future.

“Water is one of the most critical components of a thriving community and I’m proud to see this study continue moving forward so we can proactively plan for a better Hamilton County in the decades to come,” Heirbrandt said.

# Freedom at Christmas

Last Thursday morning the news of Brittney Griner’s release broke, sparking a firestorm of debate from all sides of the political spectrum.



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against the Biden Administration’s method in securing Griner’s release, I believe we all can appreciate the tremendous gift given to Brittney Griner on Thursday. Our rights may be endowed by our Creator, but rarely does it come without a heavy price. I am grateful that our government went to such great lengths to secure the release of Brittney Griner because it demonstrates our nation’s ongoing commitment to our founding principles. Indeed, Griner may have been an undeserving candidate for such an extraordinary effort, but would you or I be any more deserving?

Brittney Griner, a WNBA basketball player, had been imprisoned in Russia since February after being arrested on smuggling charges stemming from the possession of a small amount of hash oil, which was prescribed to her but nevertheless illegal in Russia. Griner was later convicted and sentenced to nine years in a Russian prison, leaving little doubt that she was being used as a political pawn.

After months of negotiation, Griner was freed in a one-for-one prisoner exchange in which arms dealer Viktor “The Merchant of Death” Bout was released from U.S. custody. Viktor Bout was a notorious weapons smuggler, which included smuggling weapons to terrorist groups and enemies of the U.S. and its allies. The 2005 thriller, *Lord of War*, was inspired by Bout.

Missing from the prisoner swap was former U.S. Marine, Paul Whelan, who was arrested in 2018 on charges of alleged espionage and later convicted and sentenced to 16 years in prison. In the negotiation and eventual culmination of the prisoner swap, many have been critical of the Biden Administration’s failure to also secure the release of Whelan, especially in light of Griner’s critical opinions about the United States, refusal to stand for the national anthem, and insinuation that America is deeply racist and homophobic. Some believe that Griner was “undeserving” and should not have been prioritized over Whelan given her negative perspective on the United States. Other have expressed that Griner should not have been traded for such an influential international criminal.

The Griner release paints a magnificent portrait of the greatness of our nation. The United States will fight for its citizens, even those citizens who may despise and deride its central principles and values.

The fact that Brittney Griner’s release comes during the Christmas season adds to this beautiful illustration. Like Griner, we have been taken hostage to our own sin and unrighteousness. Although our sentence is just, for “the wages of sin is death.” But God, being rich in mercy because of his love for us, put on human flesh and dwelt among us, coming into this world as a baby born to lowly peasants in a stable. It was that baby, Jesus, who bore our guilt and endured our rightful sentence so that we can be set free. It is that same Jesus who, even in the depths of our foolishness and wickedness, pursues us and offers to free us from the bondage of our sin.

Setting aside for the moment the legitimate arguments that can be made

I empathize with Paul Whelan and his family as it seems that his freedom will not come this Christmas season. However, I will celebrate Ms. Griner’s release as a testament to the ongoing commitment of this nation to protecting its own and as a wonderful illustration of Christ’s love for us.

*Zech Yoder is an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville.*

# Westfield Washington Schools CFO Brian Tomamichel announces run for City Council

Submitted

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Brian Tomamichel announced Wednesday his intent to run for Westfield City Council.

Tomamichel has worked for WWS for over five years and is the recent recipient of IBJ’s CFO of the Year award announced last week. Tomamichel will run for one of two at-large seats on the City Council in the Republican primary in May 2023.

Tomamichel lives in Westfield with his wife Lindsay and their three children: Berkley, Braxton, and Brooks. Brian has an accounting and finance degree from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, and an MBA from the University of Indianapolis.

In his role at WWS, he manages a \$130 million budget and more than

1,300 employees while financially transforming the district over the last five years. Under his leadership, the tax rate of the district has decreased 34.8 percent since 2017 while enrollment has increased by nearly 1,253 students. The district’s Rainy Day fund, nonexistent since 2012, now boasts a reserve of \$6.1 million. During his tenure, the district’s bond rating increased from BBB+ to A-, lowering interest rates on projects.

“In my position at WWS, I have been fortunate to be involved in many community projects and I have seen firsthand all Westfield has to offer,” Tomamichel said. “Unfortunately, I have also watched economic development drastically halt,



Tomamichel

community enhancement projects such as the Monon tunnel under 161st Street be placed on hold, and costly and unnecessary legal battles stall council decisions on what really matters to our residents. I cannot help but think that we can do better, we can expect better, and we can treat people better.”

Tomamichel believes that as the fastest growing city in Indiana, public safety and infrastructure should be top priorities.

“Growth in Westfield is inevitable, and we need to meet it with both firm boundaries and fiscally responsible decision-making,” he said. “This does not mean that we should be anti-growth, but we should be strategic in our planning and

development and with the goal of increasing the level of service for our community.”

Tomamichel’s campaign priorities include:

- Strategic investment in infrastructure and public safety as Westfield continues to grow;
- Fiscally responsible decision-making and investment in quality growth;
- Increase level of communication with council, staff and residents;
- Work with leadership on creating a strategic growth mindset for councilors and staff;
- Attract and shape major commercial development and increasing our tax base;
- Continuing to create a fun and safe community for all.

You can learn more about Tomamichel through his [Facebook page](#).

# Nick Gomillion to run for Noblesville Common Council

Submitted

Sixteen-year resident Nick Gomillion has announced his plans to run for Noblesville Common Council At-Large in 2023.

After serving as vice president of his homeowners’ association and volunteering at several local non-profits addressing hunger, adolescent support, and jobs for veterans, Gomillion says he has decided it’s time to get involved in the leadership of this community that he loves.

In 2005, he married his best friend and love of his life, Jessica (Hendricks) of Noblesville. They chose her hometown, with its family-friendly community and easily accessible amenities, to call “home.” They now have four daughters, many neighbors, friends, and a church family in this city.

Throughout his time living, working, playing, dining, shopping, and worshipping in Noblesville, he says “the people” have always had the greatest impact in his personal and professional life.

“Though I was born and raised in Mississippi, this community welcomed and accepted me as their own,” he said. “A lot of my ‘firsts’ happened because people in this community supported me and my family: my first job out of college, first outdoor concert, first house, first insurance policy, first child. The ‘thank yous’ are too innumerable for these short sentences but we have been truly blessed because

of them.”

At this time of rapid growth for the city, he says he wants to ensure others feel welcome and connected, too.

“As a people-focused leader my goal is connecting the people of Noblesville with the best quality of life,” Gomillion said. “Ensuring public safety, evolving infrastructure, emphasizing community, and encouraging kindness will be the guiding principles of my service to you.”

By day, he is a Senior Human Resources professional for a national healthcare company.

In the evenings you can find him driving his daughters around town to ballet, gymnastics, voice, and art lessons.

Gomillion earned a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from Millsaps College and an Indiana Educator License through Indiana Wesleyan University for Secondary Education – History. Though his work experience has spanned the banking, education, retail sales, and healthcare industries, his career has always been people-focused whether serving customers, students, or employees.

Gomillion will be on the Republican primary ballot for Noblesville Common Council At-Large on or before May 2, 2023. For more information join the “Connecting People” campaign at [NickforNoblesville.com](#), by email [Nick@NickforNoblesville.com](#), or call (317) 378-9229.



Gomillion

Meeting Notice

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.



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# Sen. Young recognizes Hoosier students interning in Washington

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) on Tuesday recognized Hoosier students who participated in the fall session of his internship program in Washington, D.C.

The students assisted legislative and communications staff with daily activities and special projects. The intern class included Mason Pickett, a junior from Fort Wayne attending Indiana University; Jasmeen Saini, a junior from Fishers attending Butler; Mia Schul, a junior from West Lafayette attending Indiana University; and Katelyn Rickert, a junior from Brownsburg attending Georgetown University.

Senator Young’s office offers internship opportunities year-round, in both his Washington and Indianapolis offices. The internship program offers students the opportunity to experience the legislative branch of government and serve Hoosiers.

Students interested in applying can visit Senator Young’s [internship webpage](#) or call (202) 224-5623 to learn more.

Senator Young released [a video](#) to provide more information about the internship program.



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(From left) Mason Pickett, Jasmeen Saini, Sen. Young, Mia Schul, and Katelyn Rickert.

# Rep. Spartz introduces bill to stop hospital anticompetitive behavior

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Representatives Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) and Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.-07) on Tuesday introduced the bipartisan Stop Anticompetitive Healthcare Act.

The bill would amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to expand antitrust enforcement to non-profit hospitals. Currently, the FTC has no ability to stop anticompetitive actions by non-profit hospital systems.

“Hospital consolidation and lack of competition is a major factor driving unsustainable health care prices,” Rep. Spartz said. “More than one of eight Americans and one of six Hoosiers are in collections due to medical debt, which is unacceptable. Non-profit hospital status should not be a loophole to avoid antitrust enforcement.”

“Being able to access quality, affordable health-care is crucial to living well and to thriving. There is no question that hospital consolidation hurts patients by causing healthcare costs to jump and removing choice,” Rep. Jayapal said. “My bipartisan bill with Congress-

woman Spartz would put in important guardrails to prevent corporations from putting profits over patient care without changing anything else about a hospital’s non-profit status. We are saying enough is enough with corporate profiteering off people’s illnesses in our healthcare system.”

A [2020 report](#) by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission found that hospital mergers lead to higher healthcare prices for patients. An [analysis by the New York Times](#) also found that hospital consolidation virtually eliminated competition and caused hospital admission costs to rise. Areas with the highest rate of hospital consolidation had prices go up between 11 percent and 54 percent.

Working Americans bear the brunt of hospital mergers, with higher costs and diminished quality of care. Preventing hospitals from engaging in anticompetitive behavior that stifles choice and the ability to seek affordable, quality care will be crucial to lowering healthcare costs for working families.



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## Darrell E. Morris

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Darrell quickly found that retirement was not for him. He started driving for Carmel Clay Schools and would remain there until his second retirement about 10 years later.

Darrell proudly served six years in the Indiana Air National Guard.

His strong faith served him well throughout the years. Darrell was a member of the Little Eagle Creek Christian Church, where he served as both a deacon and a board member, as well as a youth co-sponsor with his wife. In the early '80s, Darrell, along with a few other like-minded friends, helped start Geist Christian Church. In later years, Venture Christian Church became his new church family.

At 17 years old, Darrell met the love of his life, Sue Reddick, during a summer church camp. They quickly fell in love, and when the time was right, headed down to the discount store, picked out rings, and were married on June 5, 1960.

He and Sue took up square dancing, along with Sue's twin sister Lou and her husband Jim, and immediately fell in love with the activity. Over the next 30 years, Darrell would serve in many capacities within various square-dancing organizations, including Director of the National Square-Dancing Committee, as well as serving, along with Sue, as President, Vice President, and Treasurer for their group, the Do-Si-Squares. Darrell also had a very creative and artistic side. He loved to paint, but his woodworking projects fell a little closer to his heart. He loved making quilt racks for family members, and cradles for the grandkids. There is one special piece that has a story all its own: the rocking horse that he made for the first grandchild, which has been passed down through the family, and enjoyed by each and every grandchild and great-grandchild who followed.

It was no secret that Sue's favorite time of the year was Christmas, but Darrell enjoyed it too. For many years he enjoyed playing Santa Claus for the Wiseman and Randolph families.

His gentle heart and love for his family are only the beginning of the legacy that he leaves behind.

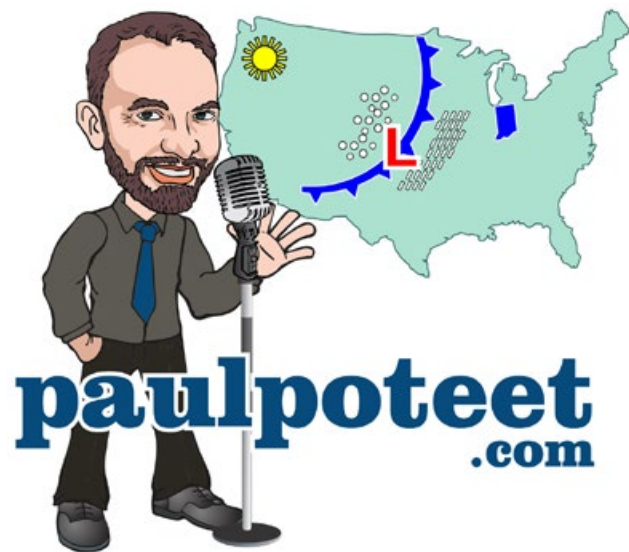
Darrell is survived by his three daughters, Tammy Gray (Don) of Fishers, Sherry Gould of Noblesville, and Sheila Boles (Frank) of Sheridan; four grandchildren, Kevin Gould (Katy) of Sheridan, Katie Sue Osborne of Westfield, Chelsea Lynn Lara of Noblesville, and Austin Gould (Bianca) of Sheridan; three bonus grandchildren, Draya Boles of Indianapolis, Larissa Boles of McCordsville, and Mariah Skirvin (Trevor) of Portland, Ind.; nine great-grandchildren, Alivia Gould, Liam Gould, Lincoln Gould, Waylon Gould, Gabe Lara, Coralyn Lara, Abel Skirvin, Zoey Skirvin, and Eme Skirvin; brother, Richard Morris (Marcella) of Miami, Okla.; brother-in-law, Lyle Richard Reddick (Pat) of Noblesville; sisters-in-law, Mary Rose Martin of Noblesville, Marcella Ann Edwards (John) of New Palestine, Beverly I. Trencher of Kokomo, Sue's twin sister, Linda Lou Lewis (Jim) of Cicero, Maxine Reddick of Noblesville, and Dona Reddick of Greenfield; and by his feline BFF, Gretta.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil Wilbur and Edith N. (Myers) Morris; brothers-in-law, Donald Gene, Alonzo, Carroll, Wayne, Larry, and William Reddick; sisters-in-law, Virginia Miller and Phyllis Manier; his canine furbaby, Buddy Boy; and by the love of his life, his wife, Nancy Sue (Reddick) Morris on November 27, 2022.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Pastor Mike Berry will be officiating. Darrell will be laid to rest at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022, at Little Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the National Kidney Foundation, or to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)



# Ken Klingensteinmeier unveils 2022 Mittys

Time for the 12th annual **Most Impressive Theatre Awards!** The Mittys! Every year for the past 11 I have named the most impressive designs and performances I personally have seen in the past calendar year.

Here are 2022's Mitty Award winners in the Community Theatre Division:

**Most Impressive Costume Design for a Play:** Anthony Sirk – Arts for Lawrence's *Benjamin Harrison Chased a Goat*

**Most Impressive Costume Design for a Musical:** Adrienne Conces for Civic Theatre's YAP production of *42nd Street*

**Most Impressive Newcomer:** Young actor Noah Ebeyer plays Christopher, a teen boy who is somewhere on the autism spectrum in Carmel Community Players' *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*.

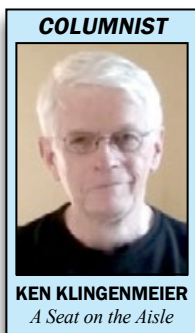
**Most Impressive Male Performer in a Supporting Role in a Drama:** Chris Otterman shines as Candy in Main Street Productions' *Of Mice and Men*.

**Most Impressive Female Performer in a Supporting Role in a Drama:** Audrey Duprey is striking as the tragically misunderstood Curley's Wife in Main Street Productions' *Of Mice and Men*.

**Most Impressive Male Performer in a Supporting Role in a Comedy:** John Johnson is a standout as Master Ford in Bard Fest's offering of one of my favorite Shakespeare plays, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

**Most Impressive Female Performer in a Supporting Role in a Comedy:** Bard Fest's summer production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was highlighted by Kelsey VanVoorst's characterization of Bottom.

**Most Impressive Per-**



**formers in Supporting Roles in a Musical:** In Carmel Community Players' *The Fantasticks*, Kevin Shadle and Kevin Caraher play the two fathers – Hucklebee and Bellomy, respectively – with an energetic comedic approach.

**Most Impressive Ensemble in a Play:** Joe Wagner, Lucar Felix Schooler, and Eva Patton in American Lives Theatre's *The Lifespan of a Fact*

**Most Impressive Duo in Lead Roles:** In Carmel Community Players' *The Fantasticks*, Theodore Curtis and Brook-Glen Gober play the romantic young neighbors.

**Most Impressive Actress in a Lead Role in a Play:** In Westfield's Main Street Productions' *The Curious Savage*, Tanya Haas stars as Ethel Savage.

**Most Impressive Actress in a Lead Role in a Musical:** Olivia Broadwater wows as Maureen in Civic Theatre's production of *RENT*.

**Most Impressive Actor in a Lead Role in a Drama and in a Comedy:** One actor, two awards. Thomas Sebald peopled two very diverse characters with aplomb – Steven, an evil SOB in Theatre Unchained's *Coping with Autumn* and the jolly, lecherous drunkard Sir Flastaff in Bard Fest's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

**Most Impressive Actors in Lead Roles in a Musical:** In Civic Theatre's dynamic production of *RENT*, Joseph Massingale and Austin Stodghill are brilliant in the lead roles of roommates, Roger and Mark, respectively.

**Most Impressive Performers in a Musical Youth Production:** Two young ladies, both from Civic's Young Artists Pro-

gram's *42nd Street*: Mary Kate Tanselle is an inspired Peggy Sawyer. Jilayne Kistner takes the role of Broadway diva Dorothy Brock and makes it her own.

**Most Impressive Direction of a Drama:** The Carmel Community Players' *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* was Larry Adams' dynamic directorial debut.

**Most Impressive Direction of a Drama:** Playwright Megan Jacobs directs her own work, Theatre Unchained's *Coping with Autumn*, with a certain keen edginess.

**Most Impressive Direction, Musical Direction, and Choreography of a Musical:** Three prizes for the same show – Civic Theatre's highly polished *RENT*. Michael Lasley takes the award for his thoughtful direction, Brent Marty for the sublime vocalizations in the piece, and choreographer Anne Beck for her vision of free and blissful movement for her cast.

**Most Impressive Youth Production of a Musical:** Civic Theatre's Young Artists Program (YAP) takes the award for their sparkling production of *42nd Street*.

**Most Impressive Production of a Comedy:** The Carmel Community Players' production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* is likely the best community theatre show I have ever seen.

**Most Impressive Production of a Drama:** Theatre Unchained's *Coping with Autumn* was an amazingly expressive undertaking by all involved.

**Most Impressive Production of a Musical:** It has to be Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre's *RENT*, a record-setting production brim-full of superior performances.

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As is usual, I use a spe-

cial section to honor performers in areas that are not normally covered:

**Most Impressive Original Play:** Local actress and director Megan Jacob's play is an astonishing original work. *Coping with Autumn* conveys the inner story of a sensitive young woman who gets caught up in an abusive relationship with strong images.

Now for some picks from my ASOTA associates. They see and review shows that I cannot cover and I've requested a limited number of choices from each of them:

**Larry Adams: Most Impressive Male Performer in a Supporting Role in a Drama:** Matt Anderson gives an enlightened performance in the relatively small role of the scheming Cardinal Pandolph in Bard Fest's *The Life and Death of King John*.

**Carrie Neal: Most Impressive Newcomer:** from Bard Fest's *Lysistrata*, Missy Waaland was completely captivating in her dual roles of the granddaughter and Ismenia.

**Daniel Shock: Most Impressive Production of a Play:** Southbank Theatre Company's *Natural Shocks* – is simultaneously the funniest and most shocking thing I've seen all year.

**Daniel Shock: Most Impressive Female Performer in a Play:** Carrie Schlatter for her phenomenal performance in *Natural Shocks*.

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That's it for another year. Congrats to all those who were included. Congratulations to all our wonderful theatres for making such an amazing comeback in 2022. I know this has been a better year for all theatre lovers. Please continue to support our wonderfully talented theatre community.

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## LOCAL NEWS & SPORTS COVERAGE IN HAMILTON COUNTY



Richard “Dick” Borst  
June 21, 1933 – December 13, 2022

Richard “Dick” Borst, 89, Fortville, passed away on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. He was born on June 21, 1933, in Indianapolis.

Dick was a graduate of Shortridge High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He retired after 33 years as a Sears appliance salesman. Dick was a member of New Hope Presbyterian Church, the Fortville Masonic Lodge #207, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, Noblesville American Legion, and the Fortville VFW. He loved to fish and hunt.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Borst; daughters, Susan Hinds and Linda (Kip) Lohmiller; sons, James (Kimberly) Borst and Robert (Jaylene) Borst; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dick was preceded in death by his father, Frank Borst; mother, Ionia C. Lee; daughter, Joyce Ann Borst; and grandson, Benjamin Patrick Towle.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., with Masonic Services beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, December 16, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at noon, with an additional visitation beginning at 11 a.m., on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at the funeral home, with Rev. Kemper Huber officiating. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 12550 Brooks School Road, Fishers, IN 46037 ([newhopefishers.org](http://newhopefishers.org)); or Indy Honor Flight, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168 ([indyhonorflight.org](http://indyhonorflight.org)). Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.*  
Jude 1:5-7 (NIV)

Jane L. Cheney  
March 9, 1939 – December 11, 2022

Jane L. Cheney, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at her home. She was born on March 9, 1939, to Kenneth and Vera (Mollenkopf) Kirkpatrick in Noblesville.

Jane was a graduate of Fishers High School and worked in admitting for Riverview Hospital, as well as the Connor House kitchen at Conner Prairie. She enjoyed crafting and bird watching. Jane also loved her pets.

She is survived by her sons, James Cheney (Lora Dorton-Cheney) and Jay Cheney; sister, Martha Rouse; grandchildren, Jay Cheney (Sharalyn) and Kelly Cheney Babcock (Robert); great-grandchildren, Faith Miller, Jay Cheney, Mikayla Cheney, Greyson Cheney, and Emma Cheney Babcock; her dog, Sassy; and her cat, Pumpkin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Cheney.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 16, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 ([diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org)). Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)



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Horizon Bank in Carmel challenges customers to give to Salvation Army

The REPORTER

The Salvation Army has announced that select Horizon Bank locations in eight Indiana counties will host special Red Kettles in their lobbies as part of a \$4,000 match challenge on Friday, Dec. 16.

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"We are proud to support The Salvation Army's kettle

drive again this year," said Josh Shelley, VP and District Manager with Horizon Bank. "With this drive and their other initiatives, they are doing an excellent job serving the most vulnerable populations in our local communities."

Every donation given to The Salvation Army through the annual Red Kettle Campaign provides help and hope to those in need, and all gifts stay right here in Indiana. Visit [SalvationArmyIndiana.org](http://SalvationArmyIndiana.org) to learn more about how you can help The Salvation Army share Love Beyond Christmas in 2023.



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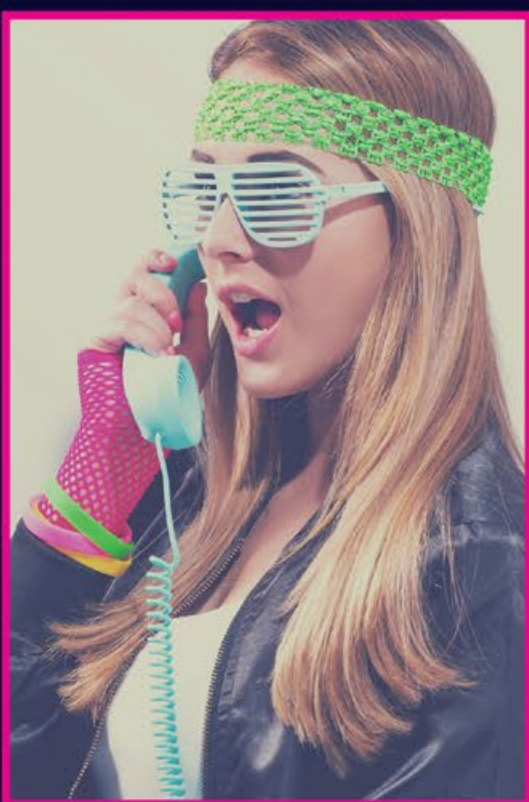
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# Mathison makes winners circle at cross country national finals

## The REPORTER

Carmel senior Kole Mathison captured a first-place title in the boys 5K race at the 43rd Champs Sports Cross Country Championships National Finals on Saturday.

Mathison joined Karrie Baloga of New Windsor, N.Y., the girls 5K winner, in the national championship winners circle. Race conditions at Morley Field at Balboa Park in San Diego were ideal with mostly firm terrain, sunshine and temperatures reaching 57 degrees.

Mathison broke away from his only remaining challenger along the last major uphill stretch to go on and claim victory in 14 minutes, 56.6 seconds. In the girls' 5K race, Baloga took the lead in the final half mile of the race and pulled away to victory, winning in a time of 16:49.2 to become the eighth-fastest girl runner ever on the championship course.

The National Championship Course at Morley Field at Balboa Park is a 1.5-mile loop run twice and covering 5,000 meters with a steep incline featured just after the mile and 2.5-mile marks. Some twists, turns and varied terrain also characterize the classic champi-

onship course situated in the hills of San Diego.

After a fast initial pace set by senior Hunter Jones (Thompsonville, Mich.), who cruised through a one-mile split of 4:37.6, the boys' race for the lead was between four runners as they entered the middle portion of the 5,000-meter race. From there it broke down into a two-man duel between Mathison and senior Rocky Hansen (Hendersonville, N.C.). Mathison came through the two-mile mark at 9:38.9 with Hansen right on his shoulder. But it was on the big incline on the second loop of the race where Mathison finally pulled away, shedding Hansen who faded out of contention in the process. With Mathison surging away to victory, senior Noah Breker (Plymouth, Minn.) kicked home strong to finish second in a time of 15:07.5 edging fellow senior Samuel Hansen (Bountiful, Utah) at the finish line in 15:07.7. Rounding the boys' top five were senior Simeon Birnbaum (Rapid City, S.D.) in a time of 15:11.3 and senior Connor Ackley (Hilliard, Ohio) in a time of 15:11.8. [Click for full boys' results.](#)



Photo by Photorun for Champs Sports Cross Country

Carmel senior Kole Mathison crosses the finish line first during the boys 5K race at the 43rd Champs Sports Cross Country Championships National Finals, which took place Saturday at Morley Field at Balboa Park in San Diego. Mathison broke away from his main challenger late in the race and finished in 14:56.6.

Baloga, a senior from Cornwall Central High School, controlled the early pace across the first loop leading through the mile with a swift 5:17.3 split before yielding the front position to junior Ellie Shea (Belmont, Mass.) at the two-mile mark with a

split time of 10:55.4. Baloga had actually exchanged front-running duties across three runners with both Shea and senior Paityn Noe (Huxley, Iowa) during the threesome's breakaway charge shortly after the halfway point of the race. The trio ran within strides

of each other until the steep uphill/downhill stretch that looms in the final mile. From there it was all Baloga, who pulled away from her main challengers, capping off one of the most competitive girls' races in recent memory. Following Baloga to the finish

line were Shea in a time of 16:55.1 and Noe with an effort of 17:01.5. Rounding out the top five were sophomore Abby Faith Cheeseman (Bell Buckle, Tenn.) in fourth at 17:13.4 and senior Ciara O'Shea (Richmond, Ky.) in fifth at 17:21.5. [Click for full girls' results.](#)

## Basketball

# Sheridan girls fall to Tipton, looking ahead to Friday matchup against Eastern

**By RICHIE HALL**

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**SHERIDAN** — The Sheridan girls basketball team hosted Tipton Wednesday for a game that Blackhawks coach Jaidlin Bradshaw agreed could be called a “lesson game.”

That's not a bad thing. Although the Blue Devils won 53-44, Sheridan held its own against a program that is a consistent winner, and this year features a 6-3 player in Ashlee Schram and three more 5-10 players.

"It was definitely a good lesson game," said Bradshaw. "It made us do a bunch of different things that we haven't done yet. And we really did prepare for them a lot. They're very well-coached and disciplined."

The 'Hawks led 11-10 after one quarter Kenzie Garner, who provides Sheri-

<b>TIPTON 53, SHERIDAN 44</b>				
<b>Sheridan</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>FT</b>	<b>TP</b>	<b>PF</b>
Lilly Chesney	3	0-0	6	1
Ashley Webel	1	0-0	3	1
Kenzie Garner	5	5-6	17	2
Chaney Smith	4	2-2	10	1
Jacquellynne Bates	1	1-1	3	4
Nova Cross	0	0-0	0	5
Shelby Eaton	2	1-2	5	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Score by Quarters</b>				
<b>Tipton</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14 – 53</b>
<b>Sheridan</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7 – 44</b>
<b>Sheridan 3-pointers (3) Garner 2, Webel 1.</b>				

dan with some height at 6-0, scored seven of those points. Tipton jumped ahead during the second quarter, outscoring the Blackhawks 15-9 for a 25-20 lead.

The Blue Devils led by as many as 11 points in the third quarter before Sheridan came back to within 39-37 by the end of the period. Chaney Smith scored six points, while Ashley Webel hit a 3-pointer.

Allie Phillips made a

3 for Tipton to begin the fourth quarter, but Garner answered that with a triple to keep the 'Hawks within 42-40. The Blue Devils took over after that, finishing the game on an 11-4 run.

"We talked about that after the game, about how important it is not to dig ourselves in holes like that, because then it's such a long way to dig yourself out," said Bradshaw.

Garner scored 17 points,



**Reporter photo by Richie Hal**

**Sheridan's Nova Cross looks to make a pass during the Blackhawks' Wednesday game with Tipton.**

while Smith added 10 points.

Sheridan is 3-7 and hosts Eastern Friday as part of Hoosier Heartland Conference girls-boys double-

header.

“You always have a really good crowd, like this Friday, for example, we’re doing Youth Recognition Night,” said Bradshaw. That

“It’ll be fun, it’ll be loud,” said Bradshaw. “It’s exciting and it’s just a really fun atmosphere.”



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Wrestling



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Sheridan's Zach Bales was one of four Blackhawks wrestlers to get pins during the Sheridan-Guerin Catholic dual meet on Tuesday.

Blackhawks ground Golden Eagles

**The REPORTER**  
Sheridan won an all-county wrestling dual meet with Guerin Catholic 45-21 on Tuesday.  
The Blackhawks won four of their matches by pin, with Trai Fitzgerald (at 132 pounds), Zach Bales (at 170), Peyton Cross (at 220) and Owen Whitlow (at 106) all getting falls. Ryker Ream took the 160-pound bout by decision.  
Guerin Catholic had three pins, including a six-second fall by Peter Nguyen at 126 pounds. Jack Hubbard (at 145) and Sam Wagner (at 120) also got pins.

SHERIDAN 45, GUERIN CATHOLIC 21	
Meet started at 126 pounds	
126: Peter Nguyen (GC) def. Pablo Mendez (S) by fall, 0:06	182: Jacob Jones (S) won by forfeit
132: Trai Fitzgerald (S) def. Nolan Schue (GC) by fall, 1:00	195: Jace Warren (S) won by forfeit
138: Brady Hammack (S) won by forfeit	220: Peyton Cross (S) def. Alex Sims (GC) by fall, 5:35
145: Jack Hubbard (GC) def. John Smith (S) by fall, 0:49	285: Double forfeit
152: Isaac Richardson (GC) def. Alex Cravens by decision, 8-4	106: Owen Whitlow (S) def. JP Hoeffin (GC) by fall, 0:39
160: Ryker Ream (S) def. Dominic Moringiello (GC) by decision, 9-5	113: Double forfeit
170: Zach Bales (S) def. Jonathan Sims (GC) by fall, 5:47	120: Sam Wagner (GC) def. Gunner Fergensen (S) by fall, 0:39

Noblesville's Reis Sjoholm commits to University of Toledo



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Noblesville's Reis Sjoholm has committed to play softball at the University of Toledo. (Front row, from left) Taylor Sjoholm, Reis Sjoholm, and April Sjoholm. (Back row, from left) Noblesville softball assistant coach Jen Thompson and Noblesville softball head coach Deke Bullard.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

**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**  
Bethesda Christian at Westfield, 1:30 p.m.  
Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 3 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 6:30 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.

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Carmel at Valparaiso, 3:30 p.m.  
Muncie Burris at Westfield, 6 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
Hamilton Heights at Rensselaer Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
Avon at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.

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Swimming

# Huskies play host to weekend invitational, Carmel sweeps dual meet at Southeastern

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights swim teams hosted the Husky Invitational last Saturday.

In the girls meet, the Huskies placed second, while Guerin Catholic finished third. Heights had two individual winners: Teegan Madara swept the individual medley and 500 freestyle, while Sophia Hulén was first in the 50 free. Bridget Keller led the Golden Eagles with a second-place result in the 500 free.

In the boys meet, Guerin Catholic took second, with the Huskies placing third. The Golden Eagles won eight events, including double wins from Drew Wilhite in the IM and backstroke, Quinn Sweeney in the 50 free and butterfly and Will Ladine in the 200 free and breaststroke. Guerin Catholic also won the 200 and 400 free relays. Aiden Clarke got a victory for Heights in the 500 free.

GIRLS MEET

**Team scores: Tipton 296, Hamilton Heights 233, Guerin Catholic 200, Lebanon 199, Kokomo 189, Anderson 101.**

200 medley relay: 2. Heights (Sophia Hulén, Teegan Madara, Sarah Toll, Anna Jozsa) 2:02.07, 5. Guerin Catholic (Jane Cline, Katie Scott, Cassie Echelmeier, Erin Reynon) 2:10.16.

200 freestyle: 3. Bridget Keller (GC) 2:12.20, 4. Anna Monnin (HH) 2:25.03, 7. Rachel England (HH) 2:32.75, 9. Cline (GC) 2:35.14.

200 individual medley: 1. Madara (HH) 2:12.48, 3. Chris Dunasky (GC) 2:30.10, 6. Karley Duncan (HH) 2:46.71, 9. Molly Deppen (GC) 2:56.67.

50 freestyle: 1. Hulén (HH) 25.68, 5. Reynon (GC) 27.97, 6. Jozsa (HH) 28.52, 9. Echelmeier (GC) 29.97.

100 butterfly: 5. Toll (HH) 1:18.86, 6. Deppen (GC) 1:21.31, 7. Mary Ella Bichey (HH) 1:22.22, 10. Kalen Moe (GC) 1:35.50.

100 freestyle: 2. Hulén (HH) 57.27, 5. Jozsa (HH) 1:02.91, 8. Echelmeier (GC) 1:06.02, 9. Cline (GC) 1:06.92.

500 freestyle: 1. Madara (HH) 5:14.87, 2. Keller (GC) 5:46.03, 6. Adalyn Gould (HH) 6:38.81, 11. Karolina Clarey (GC) 7:21.92.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Heights (Hulén, Madara, England, Jozsa) 1:50.06, 4. Guerin Catholic (Dunasky, Echelmeier, Keller, Reynon) 1:54.38.

100 backstroke: 2. Dunasky (GC) 1:06.50, 6. Jane Pache (HH) 1:12.56, 8. Monnin (HH) 1:17.89, 11.

Reynon (GC) 1:28.81. 100 breaststroke: 5. Scott (GC) 1:22.72, 7. Duncan (HH) 1:24.59, 8. Bichey (HH) 1:27.17, 10. Moe (GC) 1:37.08.

400 freestyle relay: 3. Guerin Catholic (Cline, Reynon, Keller, Dunasky) 4:13.01, 4. Heights (Pache, Monnin, England, Duncan) 4:32.09.

BOYS MEET

**Team scores: Lebanon 262, Guerin Catholic 240, Hamilton Heights 228, Tipton 193, Anderson 148, Kokomo 103.**

200 medley relay: 2. Heights (Gabe Roosa, Owen VanHaaren, Aiden Clarke, Alex Knepper) 1:51.00, 4. Guerin Catholic (Charlie Jurewicz, Trent Turner, Johnny King, Ethan Nimri) 1:57.84.

200 freestyle: 1. Will Ladine (GC) 1:55.42, 5. Rudy Bowman (HH) 2:06.67, 9. Roosa (HH) 2:13.83, 11. Turner (GC) 2:19.31.

200 individual medley: 1. Drew Wilhite (GC) 2:07.18, 2. Clarke (HH) 2:13.50, 7. Blake Blackhurst (HH) 2:26.84, 8. Andrew Swack (GC) 2:34.49.

50 freestyle: 1. Quinn Sweeney (GC) 22.20, 6. King (GC) 25.34, 7. Knepper (HH) 26.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Sweeney (GC) 53.16, 5. Blackhurst (HH) 1:04.67, 8. Rowan Donald (HH) 1:14.06, 10. Joey Kunkel (GC) 1:16.57.

100 freestyle: 4. Jurewicz (GC) 55.40, 6. Cole Martin (HH) 59.41, 9. Hudson Holt (HH) 1:01.09, 10. King (GC) 1:01.64.

500 freestyle: 1. Clarke (HH) 5:18.98, 3. Bowman (HH) 5:45.74, 8. Nimri (GC) 6:32.72, 9. Luke Moster (GC) 7:00.12.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Wilhite, King, Ladine, Sweeney) 1:33.58, 3. Heights (Donald, Blackhurst, VanHaaren, Martin) 1:44.04.

100 backstroke: 1. Wilhite (GC) 56.63, 2. Jurewicz (GC) 1:03.03, 3. Roosa (HH) 1:03.36.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ladine (GC) 1:07.60, 4. VanHaaren 1:11.92, 7. Knepper (HH) 1:12.94, 9. Turner (GC) 1:18.54.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Guerin Catholic (Ladine, Jurewicz, Wilhite, Sweeney) 3:30.47, 4. Heights (Clarke, Blackhurst, VanHaaren, Knepper) 3:52.97.

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Carmel swept a dual meet at Hamilton Southeastern on Monday.

The Greyhounds girls won 117-69, taking 11 of the 12 events. Vivian Wilson was a double winner for Carmel in the individual medley and 100 freestyle. Lauren Bergman got the Royals' lone victory in the butterfly. In the boys meet,



(Top left) Hamilton Heights' Mary Ella Bichey placed eighth in the girls breaststroke at the Husky Invitational. (Above left) Heights' Blake Blackhurst finished fifth in the boys butterfly. (Above right) The Huskies' Hudson Holt placed ninth in the boys 100 freestyle.

Carmel was a 120-66 winner, taking nine events.

GIRLS MEET

**Team score: Carmel 117, Hamilton Southeastern 69.**

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Alex Shackell, Vivian Wilson, Lynsey Bowen, Meghan Christman) 1:44.80, 2. Southeastern "A" (Grace Newton, Katelyn Kertin, Audrey Crawford, Ash Saple) 1:48.62, 3. Carmel "B" (Kayla Barr, Addy Czarniecki, Keira Kask, Grace Dougherty) 1:48.95, 4. Southeastern "B" (Kelsey Graham, Eloise Harrison, Anna Stolle, Mia Henderson) 1:56.67, 5. Carmel "C" (Rachel Dawson, Gracie Benning, Madison Conley, Laura Russo) 2:02.35, 6. Southeastern "C" (Elle Edison, Haylie Hurst, Caroline Saysana, Tellia Gansman) 2:08.96, 7. Carmel "D" (Christine Hu, Ava Justin, Jasmine Zhang, Sophia Pei) 2:09.61, 8. Southeastern "D" (Maddy Page, Brielle Moore, Molly Hultgren, Natalie Donnelly) 2:17.82.

200 freestyle: 1. Erin Cummins (C) 1:56.29, 2. Alyssa Street (C) 1:58.21, 3. Czarniecki (C) 2:01.00, 4. Kiley Zoeller (HSE) 2:02.15, 5. Meghan Voelker (HSE) 2:06.84, 6. Maddy Lathrop (C) 2:07.66, 7. Izzy Waren (HSE) 2:10.03, 8. Saysana (HSE) 2:26.81.

200 individual medley: 1. Wilson (C) 2:06.55, 2. Barr (C) 2:09.60, 3. Lexie Ward (C) 2:09.71, 4. Julia Kiley (HSE) 2:18.67, 5. Harrison (HSE) 2:19.29, 6. Brooke Cummings (C) 2:20.46, 7. Graham (HSE) 2:32.07.

50 freestyle: 1. Shackell (C) 23.17, 2. Crawford (HSE) 24.71, 3. Lauren Bergman (HSE) 25.27, 4. Kertin (HSE) 26.02, 5. Stolle (HSE) 26.50, 6. Sydney Ladine (C) 26.69, 7. Whitney Fung (C) 26.71, 8. Dawson (C) 26.88.

One-meter diving: 1. Melaina Munson (C) 221.00, 2. Ella Penny (HSE) 204.55, 3. Greta Griffin (C) 182.80, 4. Eva Gibson (C) 167.45, 6. Ayla Abbasi (C) 151.50, 6. Adriana Salgado (HSE) 151.20, 7. Helena Gibson (C) 141.55, 8. Sarah Seyferth (HSE) 133.65, 9. Melanie Herzog (HSE) 127.75, 10. Ava Cox (HSE) 124.60, 11. Abigail Clark (C) 112.55, 12. Sophia Estka (HSE) 99.10, 13. Juliet Pearce (HSE) 92.20.

100 butterfly: 1. Bergman (HSE) 59.18, 2. Street (C) 59.19, 3. Newton (HSE) 1:01.53, 4. Ava Olson (HSE) 1:02.19, 5. Ladine (C) 1:03.62, 6. Conley (C) 1:07.03, 7. Juliana Weinrich (C) 1:08.82, 8. Saysana (HSE) 1:12.58.

100 freestyle: 1. Wilson (C) 54.19, 2. Saple (HSE) 56.28, 3. Naomi Haines (HSE) 57.67, 4. Hannah McNally (C) 57.94, 5. Henderson (HSE) 58.13, 6. Olson (HSE) 58.72, 7. Weinrich (C) 1:01.85, 8. Makenna Sura (C) 1:01.83.

500 freestyle: 1. Kask (C) 5:08.96, 2. Parker Kurzawa (C) 5:23.40, 3. Zoeller (HSE) 5:29.38, 4. Voelker (HSE) 5:38.77, 5. Conley (C) 5:42.48, 6. Waren (HSE) 5:48.53, 7. Sophia Croy (HSE) 5:52.39, 8. Hilary Ma (C) 5:55.88.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Cummins, Dougherty, Christman, Ward) 1:38.45, 2. Southeastern "A" (Crawford, Zoeller, Bergman, Saple) 1:39.76, 3. Carmel "B" (Czarniecki, Savannah Irizarry, Kurzawa, Cummings) 1:43.26, 4. Southeastern "B" (Newton, Olson, Stolle, Kertin) 1:43.60, 5. Carmel "C" (Fung, Charlotte Fagin, Lily Clark, Dawson) 1:45.15, 6. Carmel "D" (Laura Russo, Katherine Forsythe, Zoe Baldauf, Emerson Cardona) 1:56.07, 7. Southeastern "C" (Jordan Daugherty, Cami Henderson,



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Tori Vance, Anaya Lammie) 2:00.03, 8. Southeastern "D" (Lauren Mattick, Anika Rastogi, Sophia Listenfelt, Sanika Chakola) 2:12.75.

100 backstroke: 1. Bowen (C) 57.28, 2. Newton (HSE) 59.88, 3. Barr (C) 1:00.86, 4. Haines (HSE) 1:01.41, 5. Lathrop (C) 1:04.67, 6. Graham (HSE) 1:05.23, 7. Ma (C) 1:07.30, 8. Anna Williams (HSE) 1:12.08.

100 breaststroke: 1. Irizarry (C) 1:07.50, 2. Kertin (HSE) 1:09.24, 3. Shackell (C) 1:09.39, 4. Harrison (HSE) 1:09.55, 5. Kiley (HSE) 1:11.24, 6. Dougherty (C) 1:11.62, 7. Daugherty (HSE) 1:17.67, 8. Sura (C) 1:18.49.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Ward, Christman, Kask, Bowen) 3:35.46, 2. Southeastern "A" (Saple, Crawford, Bergman, Zoeller) 3:40.97, 3. Carmel "B" (Lathrop, Kurzawa, Street, Cummins) 3:43.18, 4. Carmel "C" (Fagin, Clark, Cummings, Fung) 3:49.32, 5. Southeastern "B" (Kiley, Voelker, Haines, Waren) 3:57.36, 6. Carmel "D" (Sura, Samantha Powers, Julianna Ng, Hannah McNally) 3:59.70, 7. Southeastern "C" (Henderson, Hultgren, Graham Harrison) 3:59.93, 8. Southeastern "D" (Croy, Daugherty, Herman, Lammie) 4:16.20.

BOYS MEET

**Team score: Carmel 120, Hamilton Southeastern 66.**

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Sean Sullivan, Nicholas Plumb, Andrew Shackell, AJ Robertson) 1:39.74, 2. Southeastern "A" (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Chouchi Ding) 1:40.65, 3. Carmel "D" (Carter Hadley, Tyson Haynes, Luke Feller, Landon Holmes) 1:44.35, 4. Carmel "C" (Drew DuBois, Zach Pettee, Luke Pugh, Brian Qian) 1:44.36, 5. Carmel "B" (Emile Haig, Cory Han, Carson Szotek, Ryan Roop) 1:44.41, 6. Southeastern "B" (Eric Joesten, Nolan Pugh, Jason Hua, Justin Baccam) 1:47.86, 7. Southeastern "C" (Xander Goss, Kasey Bostock, Alden Sealls, Skyler Listenfelt) 1:51.98, 8. Southeastern "D" (Tristan Stivers, Connor Pugh, Aiden Stivers, Alexander Carman) 2:17.89.

200 freestyle: 1. Robertson (C) 1:48.90, 2. Colin Cammack (C) 1:50.65, 3. Jack Waren (HSE) 1:51.54, 4. Shackell (C) 1:54.95, 5. Hadley (C) 1:57.98, 6. Clayton Juffer (HSE) 1:59.26, 7. Camden Bailey (HSE) 1:59.88, 8. Daniel Harter (HSE) 2:00.30.

200 individual medley: 1. Plumb (C) 2:01.23, 2. Haig (C) 2:01.94, 3. Szotek (C) 2:02.43, 4. Holmes (C) 2:02.73, 5. Huston (HSE) 2:10.58, 6. Hua (HSE) 2:12.89, 7. N. Pugh (HSE) 2:15.10, 8. Sealls (HSE) 2:19.07.

50 freestyle: 1. Ding (HSE) 23.10, 2. Roop (C) 23.40, 3.

Derek Robinson (HSE) 23.49, 4. Baccam (HSE) 23.77, 5. Pettee (C) 24.15, 6. Listenfelt (HSE) 24.42, 7. Noah Meroueh (C) 24.47, 8. Milan Srnicek (C) 25.76.

One-meter diving: 1. Keagan Johnson (HSE) 179.35, 2. Henry Summers (C) 174.35, 3. Connor Sweeney (C) 173.40, 4. Ryan Haigh (HSE) 109.10, 5. Joey Justice 84.10.

100 butterfly: 1. Jung (HSE) 52.26, 2. Shackell (C) 53.78, 3. Haig (C) 54.34, 4. Plumb (C) 54.42, 5. Robison (HSE) 55.51, 6. Hua (HSE) 58.78, 7. Feller (C) 1:01.19, 8. Frey (HSE) 1:01.42.

100 freestyle: 1. James Porterfield (C) 50.66, 2. Ding (HSE) 50.85, 3. Cameron Harrell (C) 51.42, 4. Eli Pache (C) 51.51, 5. Reilly Sweeney (C) 52.12, 6. Baccam (HSE) 52.79, 7. DuBois (C) 53.61, 8. Bostock (HSE) 58.61.

500 freestyle: 1. Szotek (C) 4:50.07, 2. William Lathrop (C) 4:57.79, 3. Cammack (C) 5:00.22, 4. Han (C) 5:01.93, 5. Waren (HSE) 5:16.65, 6. Harter (HSE) 5:19.90, 7. Juffer (HSE) 5:28.11, 8. Bailey (HSE) 5:37.80.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "A" (Sullivan, Robertson, Shackell, Qian) 1:29.28, 2. Carmel "B" (Ethan Zhang, Andreson Kopp Meroueh, Roop) 1:32.61, 3. Southeastern "A" (Ding, Waren, Robison, Pache) 1:32.69, 4. Carmel "C" (Porterfield, Srnicek, Haynes, L. Pugh) 1:35.30, 5. Carmel "D" (Pettee, Harrell, Holmes, Sweeney) 1:36.40, 6. Southeastern "B" (Baccam, Listenfelt, Goss, Bailey) 1:38.27, 7. Southeastern "C" (Harter, C. Pugh, Ethan Wahl, A. Stivers) 1:48.91, 8. Southeastern "D" (Ryland Williams, Evan Stolle, Caden Brennan, Adam Warski) 2:02.28.

100 backstroke: 1. Qian (C) 54.43, 2. Jung (HSE) 54.47, 3. Kopp (C) 56.01, 4. Frey (HSE) 58.70, 5. Haynes (C) 1:00.27, 6. Srnicek (C) 1:01.53, 7. Goss (HSE) 1:04.88, 8. Joesten (HSE) 1:05.63.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sullivan (C) 58.36, 2. Huston (HSE) 1:03.83, 3. Pache (HSE) 1:04.82, 4. L. Pugh (C) 1:05.00, 5. Meroueh (C) 1:05.57, 6. N. Pugh (HSE) 1:07.99, 7. Zhang (HSE) 1:08.45, 8. T. Stivers (HSE) 1:11.56.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel "B" (Kopp, L. Pugh, Lathrop, Qian) 3:20.22, 2. Southeastern "A" (Waren, Robison, Pache, Jung) 3:23.73, 3. Carmel "A" (Zhang, Porterfield, Harrell, Cammack) 3:24.73, 4. Carmel "D" (Han, Hadley, DuBois, Aiden Jent) 3:33.96, 5. Carmel "C" (Holmes, Sweeney, Feller, Alvin Hu) 3:39.20, 6. Southeastern "B" (Frey, Huston, N. Pugh, Juffer) 3:42.77, 7. Southeastern "C" (Bostock, Harter, Joesten, Hua) 3:47.42, 8. Southeastern "D" (Wahl, Carman, T. Stivers, Sealls) 3:50.04.

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